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DO YOUR.... SHOPPING on Thursday and Friday

You will be better served on Thursday or Friday than you will on Saturday. Christmas shopping this year is made easy by our Sale prices. Just the things you want to buy for useful and acceptable gifts at much smaller prices than you have been accustomed to pay.

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52 Pieces of Black and Colored Dress Goods at 25c a Yard

On Thursday morning we will place on sale 52 pieces of Black and Colored Dress Goods, worth from 50c to \$1 a yd. for 25c. This lot includes plain Cashmeres, Serges, Canvases, Cloths, dark and light Fancies, all double width goods, none worth less than 50c a yard. This is the greatest offering since our sale began, and affords you an exceptional opportunity of securing a dress length for immediate or for next season's wear.

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Men's Silk Neck Scarfs, in Scotch Plaids, Black and Polka Dots, special..... 69c
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Men's Black, all-wool, fine Mitts per pair..... 46c
Men's fine White Shirts, Laundered or Unlaundered, open front or back, exceptional values at our sale prices, 46c, 69c, 89c and..... \$1.12

Less than 50c a yard, for goods worth \$2.00,

15 Dress Lengths of 7 yards each, worth from \$7.50 to \$15 the dress—will be placed on sale Thursday morning for

\$3.00 each

This is without doubt the greatest dress opportunity we ever offered. These dresses are all good colors and very suitable at the present time for house dresses. There is nothing you could get for the price that would make a richer or more desirable gift.

Floor Pictures

Nothing is more acceptable than a good, useful, pretty rug. We have all sorts and sizes, and the prices are the most surprising feature about them:

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Sale of Boys' Underwear

We have about 10 dozen Boys' Flannel Shirts and Drawers, nearly every size, worth from 25c to 30c a garment, these will all be placed on sale Thursday morning for

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Sale of Ribbons

12 pieces of heavy Gros-grain and Double faced Satin Ribbons, in only cream color, widths No. 16 x 22, (2 and 2 1/2 in.) worth 18c, 20c and 25c a yard, will be placed on sale Thursday morning for

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MASTERLY INACTIVITY

Characterizes the Situation in South Africa--Britain on the Defensive.

London, Thursday, Dec. 21, 4.30 a.m.—The gravity of the military situation is again becoming accentuated in the public mind owing to the complete absence of news. Nothing has been heard from Lord Methuen since Sunday, and it is feared that his communications have been cut. A correspondent of the Daily News, telegraphing from Modder River last Saturday, says:—The Boer position, already formidable, on December 11, has since been greatly strengthened, extending for an area of 12 miles. It is entrenched according to the most modern methods through its entire length; wire fences have been placed before the trenches at every point; guns have been brought into position and there is every indication that the Boers are well supplied with ammunition. A determined attack in force can expect to make a successful attack.

The Times, in an editorial, lamenting the position of the British troops, quotes the maxim of Napoleon in concentrating and regrets that Lord Methuen did not retire to Orange River a week ago. The latest despatches seem to show that the British forces are standing on the defensive at all points. Gen. Buller is ordering the troops now arriving at Cape Town to proceed to Durban to reinforce the regular column. Absence of news from him leads to the surmise that he is trying to join Gen. White by a flank movement. The Daily News this morning has the following despatch from Cape Town, dated Dec. 16:—The Boers intend to make a big stand at Stormberg and are massing a great force at the abandoned British camp. One commando of 2,000 consists chiefly of rebel Dutch.

VERY BAD TONGUE ALL MOUNTED MEN

Secured Paul Deroche a Sentence of Two Years.

He Reviled His Judges and Denounced the President of France.

Paris, Dec. 21.—In the Senate yesterday, sitting as a high court of justice, M. Deroche, who, though ill, was present, virulently denounced the senators and law officers for being "subservient to the government's orders." Amidst immense uproar, M. Deroche added:—"I wish to be condemned. I will say what I think of these scoundrels. This assembly is infamous and dishonors France and the Republic." During increasing din M. Deroche continued:—"I include in my denunciation both the Senate and the president of the Republic." The prosecutor with difficulty made himself heard in the tumult which ensued, and demanded the prompt punishment of M. Deroche, who continued to hurl insults at the high court, coupled with the assertion that he desired punishment. The session was eventually suspended and the court retired to consider the situation. They decided to impose a sentence of two years imprisonment on Deroche for libelling senators.

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ficers and men. They will be mobilized and recruited at the headquarters of the different batteries. London is the headquarters of the Sixth Field Battery. Nothing has yet been done about the command. Meantime the Department of Militia is busily engaged in getting everything ready for outfitting and equipping the contingent. It is feared that there may be some delay in securing transports. The Aliens have offered the Laurentian and Parisian for transport purposes. The Northwest companies may have half-breed scouts attached to them.

HARD SIDE OF LIFE

Three Little Boys Left to Shift For Themselves

By Heartless Parents—Taken Charge of by the Children's Aid Society.

"Say, please sir, will you tell me where I can find Chief Young?"

The enquiry was put to a representative of The Planet on Thames street yesterday from a little lad, lily clothed and of pinched and stunted appearance, who shivered as the brisk December breeze whistled through non-regulation rents of his well-worn clothing. He was accompanied by a midged brother, perhaps a little more comfortably though erratically clothed.

The reporter was on his way to the police court and the two youngsters accompanied him to the Chief's office, where they immediately huddled by the heater register, while the elder briefly told the officer his story.

He was 17 years of age, he said, although he did not look more than 12 or 13 and his name was George Comer. He was born in Chatham, but had resided nearly all his life near Thamesville. His father had left them nine years ago and they did not know where he was, while their mother had deserted the family some three months ago and had gone to the States with another man. There were three children, himself George, and his brothers Lou, aged 11, whom he had domiciled with George McKenzie, of Mull, and Ed., 9, for whom to find a home was his mission to the Chief.

"I've been a workin' fall ploughin' and sawin' wood," he told the Chief, "an' keepin' him just as well as I could till now. I paid my way in on the freight from Kent Bridge this mornin'. They let him ride free, you know. He's such a little un."

The boy said he had work farming with Albert Aikens, near Petrolia, at \$10 a month and he wanted to get his little brother a home.

On learning his story Chief of Police Young referred the lads to Dr. R. V. Bray, executive officer of the Children's Aid Society.

Dr. Bray at once busied himself in their interests. He knew the case, having investigated it as early as last February, when the mother refused to give the lads up to the society, and told The Planet that the lad's story was perfectly true. The doctor had a photograph taken of the two lads, just as they were when they visited him, yesterday morning, and told George he would see that his little brother got a good home.

"And you will write him sometimes, sir," was the anxious enquiry.

"Oh, yes, certainly," was the doctor's prompt response.

"And I can leave for Petrolia right away?"

"How are you going to go?"

"Oh, walk," was the cheerful reply.

Dr. Bray told the lad to remain and he would secure him railroad transportation, whereat the youngster was in great spirits.

"He's just all right," he told The Planet describing the kindly executive officer. "Just the right sort, you know. I'd like to do somethin' for him."

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The Planet.

DAILY AND WEEKLY

A PROVINCE RUN IN THE INTEREST OF PRIVATE CORPORATIONS.

Fault is being found with the opposition in the local legislature for not making a more aggressive campaign against the trusts, combines, corporations and monopolies which have been dictating the policy of the Ontario Government for years past. The point is well taken. It is quite true in most cases the Conservatives voted against the monstrous measures which were designed to make speculators rich at the expense of the public. But they should have done more. They should have fought them, not only in the legislative chamber but on the stump, and forced the electors to say whether they would vote for Hardy, Ross and the sharks who own them, or for government of, by and for the people.

Take as an instance the Connaught act relating to electric light companies. Could a more scandalous measure in the interest of private corporations have possibly been devised? Yet it was put through with the sanction of the Hardy-Ross Government. The opposition voted against the measure and they deserve credit for so doing, but they have since neglected to make the province ring with the iniquity of a measure which should properly have been entitled "An act for the robbery of municipalities desiring to operate their own electric light plants."

To-morrow is municipal nomination day; get your candidates ready.

One thing can be said for this year's council: Whether it did little or much, it did it in a business-like way.

We are glad to see our friend, the Banner, backing us up in the agitation for good roads. Every little influence helps, no matter how small.

The Transvaal constitution specifically forbids civil rights of any description to illegals, Roman Catholics and negroes or persons of color. Is this the reason these specimens of idiocy like Davitt, Redmond, and the rest of the Fenian gang are so much harrassing over the Boer successes?

Fighting on the defensive won't win wars, and the failure of the Boers to take either Kimberley, Ladysmith or Mafeking shows that they are not much good in offensive operations. The moral of all this is that if Buller lets them alone in their defensive positions until they all die of old age he can safely relieve the beleaguered garrisons and bring the war to a glorious termination.

If the duty is removed from coal oil out of the oil fields of Bothwell and Wipeout. If it is not removed the retail price will undoubtedly go to 25 cents a gallon. That means that it will pay the residents of cities and towns to use gas and electricity in place of oil. But the farmers have no such alternative. Is this retribution? It was the rural vote that elected Archie Campbell.

The hitch in calling for recruits for the second contingent, the Mail says, is again due to Mr. Tarte and a small minority in the cabinet who are kicking over the traces. Sir Wilfrid, declares the Mail, has made two trips to Montreal to try and secure Israel's consent to go ahead. The premier and the minister of militia are honestly endeavoring to push matters but are thwarted by Tarte's obstinate opposition. Had they taken the advice of this great family journal and fired the troublesome little minister out of the cabinet when the first difficulty arose all would now be clear sailing. It can't be pleasant for a prime minister to be bullied with threats of a governmental wreck every time he doesn't fall in line with the views of a masterful subordinate.

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We now know the worst. It is always darkest before dawn. Possibly brains are more needed just now than men. However that may be we are going to supply both.—Windsor Record.

That is very patriotic of you, dear boy, but really you must not rob yourself. Send only what you can spare, in the way of men. Let Joe Chamberlain bustle for the brains where they are more plentiful.

The war of "fads" in Detroit schools has resulted, the reformers think, in an almost complete purification of the system from fancy frills. Corsets as an article of female apparel have not been classed exactly as a fad, but war is nevertheless being made upon them in a quiet but insistent way. The school matrons have been asked to doff them and it remains to be seen how many will obey. Should the teachers submit, there is no telling where reform may stop, and this reflection is causing a deal of alarm.

POETIC DESCRIPTION OF THE WAR

Toronto Star.

Each day I read the bulletins, Quoth little Peterkin, And I am much perplexed by them.

To guess I can't begin How many British troops were slain; How many Boers they slew; I really couldn't reckon up, Nor gaffer, dear, could you.

A mule stampeded once, I'm told— We lost the Ninth Hussars; And Winston Churchill got the jail For running armored cars; At Mafeking we had a check, The British lost a dog, And somewhere else, I saw we left A battery in a bog.

And gaffer mine, the eyes are filled With patriotic tears, When I reflect how we misspent Our Dublin Fusiliers.

There's Gattene, the heartless brute, Who walks his tired force For thirty hours at a stretch, While he rides on a horse.

There's Methuen, that gallant soul, Who leads his leguared men Unto the weary River Banks, Then leads them back again; And doubtless Buller hovers round Just where, I haven't heard, I hope he may be sawing wood, He never says a word.

And Clery, the tactician, where? Pray, tell me, where is he? What part is in the sea? They say we have in Africa Five seasoned army corps, Then why in thunder don't they pot The fifty thousand Boers?

Still, gaffer, when I read about The weary soldiers fight, I cannot help believing that The war will come out right. We might have better generals, But there are no better men alive, Than Britain's gallant sons.

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A FAMOUS BEAUTY DEAD.

Exchange.

One of the famous beauties of the Second Empire, the Countess de Castiglione, died recently in Paris. She came from Italy and at court attracted the attentions of Napoleon III. and the jealousy of Eugenie. At a costume ball in the Tuilleries, she outdid anything that Paris had seen in scantiness of dress by appearing as Salammbo, clad in her hair, which reached her feet, her jewels and very little else. When she came before the Emperor, Eugenie declared that she must feel cold, insisted on her wrapping herself in a mantle, and never invited her again. At that time, Paul Vaudry painted her full-length nude portrait. This she tore to pieces when her beauty began to fade. She then shut herself up for more than twenty years in her house in the Rue de la Paix, near the Place Vendôme, where the shutters were closed to exclude daylight, and where her meals were brought from a restaurant, preparations being taken that the waiter should not see her. There she has just died, alone.

PRAYERS FOR A RACE HORSE.

According to a London correspondent, the Very Rev. Dean Hoel, of Rochester cathedral, in a recent address, told the following story: A very nice and gentle curate went to a Yorkshire parish, where the parishioners bred horses and sometimes raced them. He was asked to invite the prayers of the congregation for Lucy Grey. He did so. They prayed three Sundays for Lucy Grey. On the fourth the clerk told the curate he need not do it any more. "Why?" said the curate. "Is she dead?" "No," said the clerk. "She's won the steeplechase." The curate became quite a power in the parish.

A Kite Regatta.

The kite season is almost here, and there is an old time sport which is still carried on by the boys who live in the little town of Shawano, in Northern Wisconsin, that may be interesting to boys who live in the East. In this town there is held each spring a kite regatta and prizes are offered for the winners. There are several races, and this is the way they are carried out.

There are two things necessary in this kind of sport. One is a light kite or canoe, and the other is a lake or body of water large enough to sail in. Each contestant in the race takes five kites, all of large size, and these are the only motor power used. First one kite is flown in the air, and after some fifty yards of twine has been paid out the end of the string is tied to one of the other kites. This is repeated until all of the kites and string are paid out the end of the string is tied to one of the other kites. This is repeated until all of the kites and string are paid out the end of the string is tied to one of the other kites. This is repeated until all of the kites and string are paid out the end of the string is tied to one of the other kites.

This may read like very tame sport on paper, but the real thing is exciting enough to require the best kind of nerve and a cool head. If there is a heavy wind blowing it will be found necessary to have two boys in the boat—one to look after the kites and one to do the steering. Of course, it goes without saying that the strongest kind of twine must be used. In Shawano, where the sport has obtained a strong foothold, fish line is used, and for the last two or three kites three, four and five lines are twisted together. This sport is not without danger, and is no kind of amusement for a boy not accustomed to the handling of a boat or to the use of a fishing line. It is an uncertain sport, for, of course, it is necessary to have the wind favorable, but given the requirements, and there are all kinds of opportunity for skill and enjoyment.



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Teacher, Louisville.

Dear Sir,—At the close of five years of busy, profitable, and very happy labor amongst us, the time has come when the ties which have bound us must be severed.

We rejoice in the fact that we can look back with great satisfaction on the years. We were doubtless full of anxious thought and sometimes, mayhaps of severe trial on your part; but patient, earnest, and conscientious effort, such as we know yours to have been, can never fail of its reward. We assure you that the recollections of your work amongst us in the school, in the church, and in the many other places in our hearts. Perfill a form of social life, will always permit us to express the hope that your future life may be happy and prosperous and that wherever your lot may be cast, you and your family may continue to have pleasant remembrances of the years spent in Louisville. As a slight token of the esteem in which you and Mrs. Rouse are held in this community, we ask you to accept of this purse of money. May Plenty's smiling horn add liberally to it, and may Happy Fortune in your pathway strew, Not only wealth, but rank and honors, too.

No need to dim the lustre of your eye, Except when others' woes may claim the sigh.

Signed on behalf of the community, LENA M. MERRITT, LENA M. MERRITT.

Mr. Rouse, although taken by surprise, made a very suitable and feeling reply, but the surprise did not end here, for as soon as he had concluded his remarks, Messrs. Frank Traxler and Frank Bedford on behalf of Arkwood Lodge, of Canadian Order of Oddfellows, of which lodge Mr. Rouse had been secretary for nearly five years, stepped forward and made him the recipient of a beautiful writing desk and fountain pen, accompanied by the following address:

Dear Bro. Rouse,—We, the members of Loyal Arkwood Lodge, learning of your departure from us, to better yourself, take this opportunity of expressing our deep regret at this separation, and to wish you that success to which your ability and fidelity justly entitles you.

As a secretary, you have shown exceptional ability, and have been apparently but one object in view, the advancement and prosperity of Arkwood Lodge; and this concentration of purpose, added to the practical methods you have adopted, accounts to a great extent to the phenomenal and unprecedented success, of which the rapid growth of our lodge in the past five years is an evidence. Your gentlemanly and candid bearing, earnestness of purpose, and faithful performance of every duty towards us, have formed a bond of friendship which shall not be severed by your departure but will ever continue with us as one of those pleasant memories of our lodge meetings.

We ask you to accept this desk and pen, as a token of our esteem, and as a pledge that the members of our lodge are your life-long friends.

In conclusion we wish to express the hope that the remainder of your voyage on the ocean of life may be a calm and prosperous one and wherever you may cast your lot, you will always find as warm, sympathetic and loyal friends as the members of Loyal Arkwood Lodge.

Signed on behalf of the Lodge, F. M. BEDFORD, L. W. ARNOLD, JAS. A. MERRITT, J. F. L. TRAXLER.

Mr. Rouse was for a time overcome by the emotions which this further expression of friendship had evoked, but afterwards, in a few earnest words thanked the brethren for their kindness, and for the truly fraternal spirit that had been evoked towards him by the members at all times.

The ladies then took matters in hand, and for a time all were occupied in doing justice to the ample refreshments that had been provided.

Shortly after midnight the friends dispersed to their various homes, feeling that they had enjoyed a very pleasant evening. We might add that the address in behalf of the community was read in a very acceptable manner, by Miss Olive Arnold.

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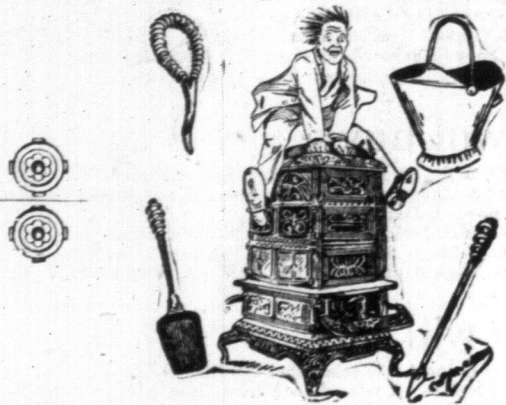
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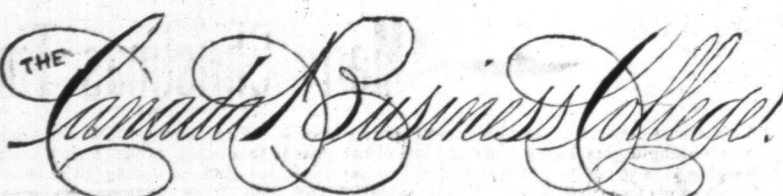
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Walter C. Swingle, of the Division of Botany, has returned from a visit to the Mediterranean countries, where he studied the agriculture of southern Europe and of northern Africa, and gained much valuable information. Before leaving for home he made arrangements with nursery men to send to the United States such seeds and plants as might be of value for studying grape culture, fig cultivation, date growing, etc. He came across a number of new vegetables which it is hoped will prove acceptable to American tastes. Of these he says:

"The crose or crosbe is a Chinese and Japanese vegetable. It has white tubers two to four inches long and the size of one's finger, but looking like a crowded string of large beads. They were imported into France, where their value was discovered by the late M. Paillieux, a gentleman of leisure, who devoted his grounds at Crosne, near Paris, to the culture of strange and new vegetables from all parts of the world. He was so pleased with this one that he did everything possible to bring it into the country. After several years he succeeded and the vegetable is now well-known in Paris. It is called Crosne after the name of M. Paillieux's place. Boiled or fried and served with meat it is delicious. The plant is perfectly hardy and grows in all soils yielding as much as five tons to the acre. Two other tubers of delicate flavor, much esteemed in Paris, are the tuberous-rooted cherville and tuberous-rooted nasturtium (the mayna of Chile)."

"In the Mediterranean countries much use is made of the vegetable marrow, of which many species are known. It is a sort of summer squash and is eaten before fully ripe, when it much resembles a large green cucumber. Cooked and served with meat it is excellent, and no food is considered more easily digested. Many varieties are known in Italy, Greece, and Turkey as well as in Germany and England. Among other vegetables of great merit might be mentioned two species of asparagus kale, is said to be the most delicious of the cabbage family. The cos lettuce of Italy and Turkey are exceptionally fine."

Mr. Swingle also brought specimens of the pistachio nut, which he thinks likely will prove of great value to California and Arizona. Large quantities of these nuts are imported for use in flavoring ice cream, etc. In the Mediterranean regions they are eaten like the splendid almonds and walnuts other nuts and considered even finer produced there. Mr. Swingle thinks there is a great future for this nut when it becomes known to Americans. The choice varieties are propagated by grafting, and arrangements have been made to secure a quantity of slips for use in this country next spring.

Among novelty obtained by the department is a large-fruited ever-bearing strawberry, which has been brought out in France within recent years. The ordinary varieties of strawberry yield only a few weeks, while this one produces for months on the same stems. The two best varieties of the new plant are called the St. Joseph and the St. Anthony, and were originated not by professional growers, but by a modest country priest, the Abbe Thevolet, residing in one of the central districts of France. Lovers of cantelopes will be interested in the introduction of the kirk asche muskmelon, which has a great reputation for flavor and sweetness in the country around Smyrna. An American missionary who returned home on a visit a year or two ago informed Mr. Swingle that he had been unable to eat the American cantelope on account of its inferiority to the Turkish, to which he had become accustomed. Mr. Swingle visited Smyrna and obtained some of the seed of the noted melon, and it will be cultivated here.

Speaking of the artichoke, Mr. Swingle says:

"This vegetable is highly prized by rich and poor alike in Europe and is cultivated extensively in France and Italy. The plant is a perennial, and the fine varieties are propagated by suckers from the roots of the old plant in the same manner as pineapples. In order to introduce the culture of this much-neglected vegetable we have imported a quantity of carefully potted suckers. In spite of all precautions many died. Enough survived, however, to produce a stock which can soon be multiplied indefinitely. The New York market is now supplied from France and Italy. Naples being a heavy exporter. The absurdity of shipping a delicate vegetable 6,000 miles when it can be grown with perfect success at home is evident. Artichokes have long been grown extensively around New Orleans, where there is a good local market for them, but their use as a vegetable is practically unknown in the South elsewhere."



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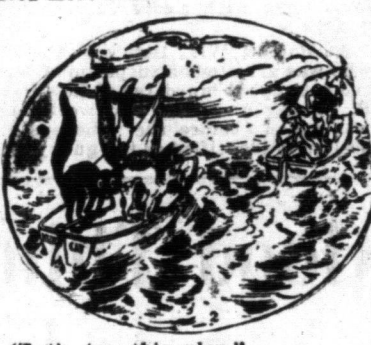
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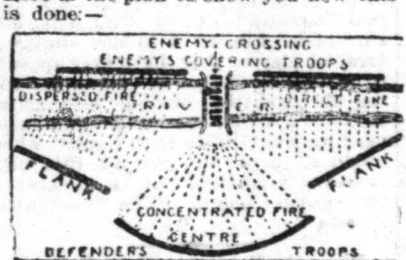
Bridges and Fords are Easily Defended—The Tugela Should Have Been Held by the British at Any Cost.

The following by Lieut. G. F. H. McDonald, Third V. B. Essex Regiment, written before the wrecking of the Tugela bridge by the Boers, shows the great loss sustained by the British in the destruction of the bridge and the loss of control of the river. It applies equally to the fords which Gen. Buller is now trying to retake:

Everybody knows by this time that the Tugela bridge is of supreme strategic importance in the Transvaal war, since it is the chief connecting link with the south—England. A bridge, in tactics, is a defile. A defile in military language means any place that can only be passed by troops on a narrow front.

A road between two lakes or impassable marshes, a mountain pass with accessible or inaccessible heights on both sides, a railway tunnel, a road between precipitous ravines, a street—all these are defiles. The vulnerability of a defile is that if you try to get through to the enemy's side, he will pulverize you piecemeal as you debouch; if you are compelled to retreat through a defile, he will make things hot for you as you enter it. It is obvious therefore that the Boers should have been kept in check as many miles from Tugela bridge as possible, and sufficiently long to allow of the army corps crossing in safety.

Should the unexpected happen, and the troops be driven back and compelled to retire across Tugela bridge before a victorious enemy, then they will have to accomplish a feat which Captain Gall in his fine work on "Modern Tactics" describes as the "most difficult an army can be called upon to perform." The best way to defend a bridge is from the rear—that is, from the end farthest from the enemy. Here is the plan to show you how this is done:

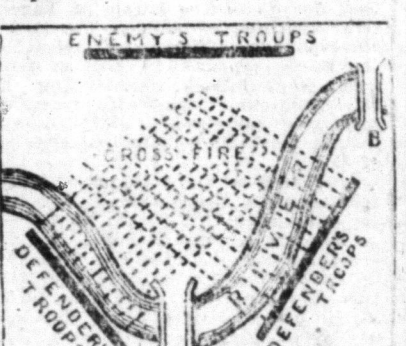


The advantage of this position is that you can concentrate on the bridge the fire of your centre, while your flanks can engage the enemy's covering troops, on whose fire he depends to get him across. His covering troops could only use dispersed or direct fire. If they concentrated their fire on your centre, they would run the risk of shooting their own troops. Your centre would therefore be left unmolested to destroy the enemy in detail as he debouched on your side. Now observe the difference if you tried to defend the bridge in front, thus:



Here the enemy has the advantage of concentrated fire, while you have to use dispersed fire, which is the least harmful kind. You also have the pleasure of knowing that if defeated you have to retire across the bridge and submit to the pulverizing process before mentioned.

You would have to defend a bridge in front at all costs if you were covering the retirement or advance of your main body across it. This last is practically what the garrison at Ladysmith is called upon to do. Supposing, however, the river was this shape:



and there were two bridges, one at A and the other at B, you would select the bridge at A to cross by, because you could place your defending troops as shown in the sketch and deliver a nasty cross-fire, which would effectively prevent the enemy approaching the bridge. Similarly, if there were no bridges, you would select A as the place for your engineers to bridge over, because you could cover their operations, as shown above, by practically getting between them and the enemy. It is quite obvious that in both these cases the selection of B would give the enemy the advantages you would have at A. In military language, the bump at the river at B is called a salient and the dent at A is called a re-entrant.

IN MASSACHUSETTS. Tramp (at the kitchen door)—Miss, what you are so sudden. Wife—What a lot of grammatical errors you make. "What of it? Aren't they as good as Minard's Liniment—Lumberman's Friend."



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Just at the back of the children's garden there is a white heart cherry tree that they look on as their own. Not that they have much to do with it. The gardener does all that is required in the way of training and pruning, and father decides when the cherries are ready to eat. They were just ripening when he left home for ten days. The children stood longingly by the tree.

"What a pity father didn't say we might pick some!" sighed Mabel.

"He wouldn't mind," said Jack.

"At first."

"He told Mabel was very doubtful, but, letting herself be persuaded, she joined Jack in a raid on the tree."

"Let's take them out in the meadow to eat," suggested Jack, who, now that he had picked the fruit, seemed rather frightened.

"Oh, how sour!" cried Mabel. "Jack, we ought to have tried them first."

"It's too late now," said Jack, his face puckering from the acid cherries.

"What shall we do, Mabel? Dig a hole and bury them?"

But, seeing the baker's boy, they asked whether he would find the cherries too sour.

"Bless you, no, Master Jack!" he said, grinning. "Nothing in the fruit line will hurt me, thank you kindly!" And off he went.

"What's become of Alfred?" asked Mabel of cook a few days later, noting that the bread was brought by another boy.

"He was turned off for stealing, and served him right!" said cook. "The gardener had his doubts for some time whether things wasn't going, but he didn't say anything, and he caught them Alfred with his cap full of our cherries, why, he went straight to his master and got him turned off."

Jack and Mabel felt very foolish when they had to own up, but they went through it bravely and put Alfred right.

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Funeral from the residence of C. R. Atkinson, C. C., Park Ave., to Maple Leaf Cemetery, on Friday, the 22nd instant, at half past two p. m.

THE PROBABILITY.
G. N. W. Special.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—10 a. m.—Lakes and Georgian Bay.—South to west winds, fine and mild to-day and tomorrow.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Santa Claus Slippers for children, at White Shoe Store.

A marriage license was issued in Detroit for Arnold Wilson, 24, Tilbury, Ont., and Nellie McLeod, 27, same.

Selling out all Gents' Christmas Slippers at cost, at White Shoe Store.

Evangelist Ranton, well known in Chatham, will hold evangelistic services in Kingsville during the month of January.

First Presbyterian Sunday school entertainment will be held on Friday evening, commencing at eight o'clock.

Ladies' Slippers at cut prices, at White Shoe Store.

The Rond Eau service on the L. E. & D. R. R. will be discontinued after to-day, only occasional trips being made for car-ferry freight.

Gente Fine Shoes at reduced prices, at White Shoe Store.

Holly Wreaths, Holly, Evergreen Wreaths, Rosettes, Pumpkins, Plumes, and everything for Christmas decorations at Victoria Avenue Greenhouses. Phone 181.

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Hemingway's extra standard and extra select Oysters very fine and fresh. A large number of Holly and Evergreen Wreaths at low prices. With all orders left on Friday we will if desired give English Holly for your table.

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\$7.50, \$10, \$12, and \$15 are the prices at the 2 T's for the New Method Suits and overcoats.

Miss Elsie Manning leaves to-day for Jackson, Mich., where she will visit her sister, Mrs. E. Alger.

A. I. McCall & Co. are advertising Gold-rimmed Spectacles and Eyeglasses for Xmas presents. These certainly make fine gifts.

Mrs. L. J. Atwater and children left for Bergen, N. Y., to-day, on a month's visit.

Comfortable shoes for old ladies; a nice line for the Christmas trade at Cowan's.

Miss Lizzie Broughton, employed by Miss Johanna McNaughton, has returned from Windsor, where she has been visiting a sick relative for several days.

Brian pipes, with and without cases, cigar and cigarette cases and tobacco pouches, at Bennett's, opp. new Odd-fellow's block.

The Christmas services will be held in Christ church Sunday next. The members of the Young People's Society are busily engaged decorating the church with evergreens and flowers and the church will look very pretty.

The choir under the management of Mr. Forsythe will render bright and appropriate music. Miss Jessie Taylor and Miss Ida Colles will sing solos. On Monday there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion in the morning at half past ten. Strangers are cordially invited to all the services.

Cigars, 10 in box and up, put up expressly for Xmas trade, and a full line of smokers' sundries, at Bennett's, King street, opposite new Odd-fellow's block.

"If your eyes could talk," what a story of suffering and of abuse they could tell. How we strained them; how we taxed them with overwork; and then, because they were tired we rubbed them to make irritation worse. And to think that they were asking us, in their quiet way, was a rest, a little help in the shape of a good pair of glasses, properly fitted. I can help yours. Examination free. E. J. MacIntyre, leading optician, opposite Grand Opera House, Chatham.

Young men's patent leather and fine kid dress shoes at Cowan's, from \$1.50 up.

NECKWEAR MAGNIFICENCE.
More fresh fancies in neckwear will be thrown upon the counter to-day. Such delights in neckwear have never before been shown; neither have such splendid values ever before been given.

Great big English squares of rich satin, in elaborate patterns, 50c, and on up, to the heavy rich silk importations from Paris, 75c.—The 2 T's. Open until ten o'clock to-night.

THE DEADLY SLING-SHOT.
An Emma St. lad was before Judge Houston yesterday and remained till Saturday. It seems that Tuesday fired a missile from a sling-shot, which struck Stanley Lowe, another lad just below the eye, inflicting a very ugly wound. As a result the police court information was preferred.

HAS FALLEN BACK.
After the Battle of the Tugela Buller Retreated

To His Old Camp at Frere—Anxiety About Ladysmith and Kimberley.

New York, Dec. 21.—A despatch to the Herald from Chiefly Camp, Dec. 16, says: There is an armistice till midnight to bury the dead and remove the wounded. Meanwhile the enemy is placing fresh guns so they may cover our ambulance parties. They express themselves satisfied with yesterday's battle and boast that they cannot be turned out of their present position. The Dutch stripped our dead.

During the fighting some heroic deeds were performed, the irregulars vying with the regulars for distinction. Lieut. Ponsonby, of Thornycroft's Mounted Infantry, and Private Farmer, of the Natal Carbineers, attempted to save some of their comrades at imminent peril to their own lives. An injured man carried by Lieut. Ponsonby was mortally wounded while in the arms of that officer.

Another despatch, dated Dec. 17, says: Gen. Buller's camp moved back five miles to-day, the march beginning at 1 o'clock this morning, two brigades going to Frere; in order to defeat a possible attempt on the part of the Boers to execute a flanking movement to destroy the railroad on the British rear.

CAPTURED THE BRIDGE.
New York, Dec. 21.—A despatch to the Tribune from London says: "Further details of the battle of Tugela river continue to dribble. The Post's correspondent affirms positively that the Boers captured 10 British field guns. Col. Bullock, commanding the Devon regiment with 3 officers and 40 men, was surrounded and all were looking for wounded men under a flag of truce.

According to the Chronicle's correspondent, the British mounted infantry and irregular corps, with two batteries of artillery, unopposed to take the Colenso road bridge, and eventually crossed the river, but the Boer rifle fire prevented them from pushing on and the battery was abandoned. Seemingly, the guns were lost on the north side of the Tugela, and if so, there is little doubt that they were captured.

Boy's house slippers, 25c. a pair, at Cowan's.

Stone the Hatter has a large range of ladies and gentlemen's fur garments of every description, which he is selling at a sacrifice price.

A CLEVER WRITER.
Mrs. George E. Young (Eva Hamilton Young) is to be congratulated upon having one of her pretty stories accepted and published in the Christmas Globe. Few of our townpeople know that we have in our midst a lady who is so rapidly establishing herself as a popular and successful writer. The January number of the Canadian Magazine will contain another story from her pen.

Gentlemen's slippers, best value, and biggest lot to choose from at Cowan's.

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MISS IDA TICKNER DEAD.
A very sad death took place last evening, when Ida, second daughter of Clark Tickner, Van Allen Ave., was suddenly called away. Miss Tickner was taken ill only about five days ago with peritonitis. Her death, however, was so unexpected that all the members of the family could not be summoned before she had passed away. Besides the father and mother, a family of nine children survive. They are, of this city, Albert, of Walkerville; Frank, Clarence, Wesley and Morley at home; Miss Alice, of Tilbury, and Ethel and Laura at home. For some time past the deceased had been employed at William Somerville's confectionery, where she was very popular.

Stamp your Books and Xmas Presents. It only costs 25 cents to have this done at The Planet Office.

"THE THREE MUSKETEERS."
To-night at the Grand Mr. John Griffith will produce for the first time in this city "The Three Musketeers." Of this "The Three Musketeers." Of this the fascinating romantic novel of the age, this book has taken deserved rank among the best. John Griffith, the best of our romantic actors, impressed by the charm of the book had it dramatized. The new version is highly approved of by the critics, and regarded by them as the most powerful, picturesque drama of the period.

scenic and costume play, but also the best dramatic company attainable, has surrounded himself with the strongest array of players that have ever appeared in support of this fine actor, including the beautiful leading lady, Miss Kathryn Purnell. The electrical effects used by Mr. Griffith in "Faust" when produced here by him in this city caused a sensation, but he promises still greater ones in "The Three Musketeers."

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FOR SOUTH AFRICA.
Major Rankin, of this city, has received quite a number of applications for positions on the Canadian contingent. The applications have been forwarded by the major, but as none of the applicants have had training in the cavalry it is barely probable that any of them will get positions on the Canadian force. The prospective recruits are: Leroy Clifford Shepley, Charing Cross; C. F. Gibson, Blenheim; Andrew Fox, good shot, can ride; Thos. Collins, good shot, can ride; Ernest Leart, good shot, can ride; Robert Shore, good shot, can ride; William Douglas Turner, good shot, can ride; Timothy James Sullivan, good shot, can ride; Chas. William Ryall, shot, can ride. The application of C. F. Gibson was sent in by P. M. Gossnell, of Blenheim. Mr. Gossnell speaks highly of Gibson, who ought to stand a good show. Shore is a big six-footer and formerly lived in Montreal, but lately has been working here. It is also understood that Wm. Campbell, formerly of the Bank, South St., of the Imperial Bank, South St., is a graduate of the Toronto University. He is likely to be accepted. The Agricultural Society will meet on Saturday at 2 o'clock, in the old town hall, to wind up the business for the year.

France is reinforcing her colonies in the West Indies with 5000 men.

Premier Greenway and his colleagues are clearing up affairs preparatory to resigning.

H. M. Winter, of Berlin, Ont., who was found guilty of attempting to defraud his creditors, has been sentenced to eleven months in the Central Prison and fined \$800.

Mgr. Falconio, the papal delegate, has just received from the sacred congregation of propaganda the official documents, fixing the Dominion capital as his permanent headquarters.

Walter Cook, of Arkona, was fined \$10 and costs or 30 days for offering bad meat for sale on the London market, and \$10 and costs more for driving a horse with a sore on its shoulder.

At Racine, Wis., Henry F. Corbett, who was arrested on suspicion of being the attempted murderer of Rev. David B. Cheney and wife two weeks ago, was taken before the Cheneya and positively identified as the guilty man.

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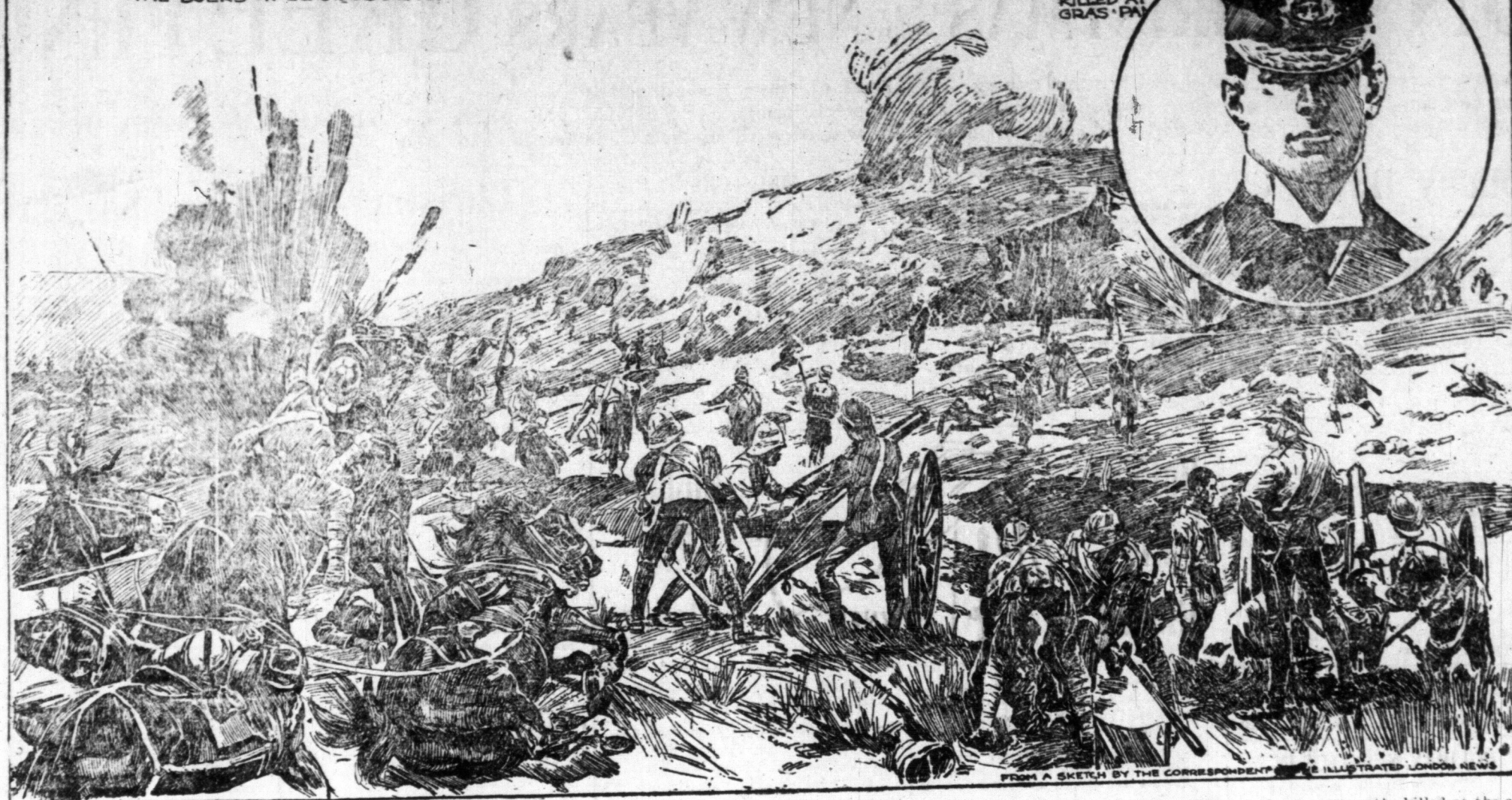
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As a midnight entertainer the aver-
age cat is a howling success.

There is an end to all things—except
one's desire for new things.

ADVANCE OF THE GORDONS AGAINST THE BOERS AT ELANDSLANGTE



That of the advance of the Gordons at Elandslangte, on October 21, when the Boer camp was taken, with two guns, is drawn from a sketch and photographs supplied by Mr. G. Lynch,

special correspondent of the Illustrated London News. The Gordons and Manchester Regiment were employed to turn the Boer left flank, while the Devonshires held the enemy in front.

The Boer position was one of great strength, on a rocky hill. After an artillery duel the British infantry advanced to the attack, and after severe firing carried the position, "the ene-

my" in the words of Sir George White, "standing his ground to the last with courage and tenacity." Commander A. P. Ethelston, whose portrait is sketch-
ed from the Navy and Army Illustrat-

ed, was among the killed at the action fought at Graspan by Lord Methuen's column on Saturday last. He was in command of the Naval Brigade landed from the Powerful and the Doris.

THE FAT STOCK SHOW.

Animals too Fat are not Always Desirable
for Market.

THE BLOCK TEST APPLIED TO SHEEP—PIGS WHICH WON WHEN
ALIVE HAD TO TAKE A LOWER PLACE WHEN DRESSED—
THE DISPLAY OF CATTLE.

The Sixteenth Annual Provincial Fat Stock, Dairy and Dressed Poultry Show, which was held in the Live Stock and Machinery Buildings of the West-
ern Fair, London, Ontario, from De-
cember 11th to 15th, was a memorable
one in many respects. The depart-
ments were all generally above the
average, both as regards numbers and
quality, and the only weak feature was
the attendance, which was very un-
satisfactory, and quite unworthy of
such a city as London and the excel-
lent agricultural district around it.
In attendance, both Bradford and
Guelph can put London to shame.

Sheep in the Block Test.
But while the attendance was poor,
the show itself contained so many in-
teresting features that it proved a
wonderful educational medium to
the attendance, which was very in-
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The experts who judged the carcasses
and who gave addresses, which they
illustrated by some of the carcasses,
were explicit on this point. Of the
four sheep hung up they preferred the
Shropshire lamb, which won first in
its class in the block test. It was
a revelation to many to see on some
carcasses a mass of useless fat, which
lowered the price obtainable for such
even though the quality and conform-
ance of the carcass were otherwise
unimpeachable. Consumers call for
lean interspersed with fat, and it is
a simple waste of feed to use it for put-
ting fat on a carcass and thus spoiling it.

The dressed hogs were also very in-
structive and were consequently sur-
rounded by a large crowd, which lis-
tened to the addresses of experts on
the various carcasses, or drew out in-
formation from the owners as to their
methods of feeding to produce such
carcasses. In several cases pigs which
had won alive had to take lower place
when dressed. Some carcasses showed
that they were overdone; some were
too heavy to raise as bacon; and of first
quality others had been underdone by
their owners in the hopes of this
method of treatment enabling them
to rank as "baconers," with the re-
sult that the bacon would be soft when

cured; some were of a prime quality
of meat, in others the texture was
coarse. It did not follow that be-
cause a pig was of a breed considered
as an ideal one for the packers' trade
it ranked as A 1 when dressed. Some
of the representatives of these "bar-
con pigs" ranked lowest as regards
the proper amount of fat on back,
thickness of shoulder, width of back,
quality of flesh and thickness of flank.
Breed is not everything; feed is just
as important, and it is evident that
the proper method of feeding has yet
to be acquired by many. Next year's
show will probably see a great im-
provement in the dressed hogs, as it
was evident that this year's show has
set feeders thinking. Among the car-
casses exhibited were some capital
Yorkshires, Tamworths, Berkshires,
and grades of the Tamworth-Berk-
shire cross. To a pair of Yorkshires
shown by J. E. Brethour, Burford, fell
the grand championship for hogs.
The average per centage of dressed
carcasses to live weight of the 73 hogs
slaughtered was a trifle over 76 per
cent. The highest percentage of
dressed carcasses of any single pig was
85 per cent. This was attained by a
Tamworth-Berkshire cross shown by
Andrew Elliott, Galt, which won sec-
ond in the block test for grades.

Fat Cattle.
The Shorthorn classes were moder-
ately well filled, with fair representa-
tive animals. Outstanding winners
were Harry Smith's white two-
year-old steer, Free Trade, which has
been a first prize winner from a calf,
having won first at Guelph the week
previous to London, and Capt. T. E.
Robson's four-year-old cow, Rosina
H. Grades were better than the
Shorthorns, the exhibitors being
more on a par with more numerous.
Polled Angus were very good. Walter
Hall's grand two-year-old steer being
especially worthy of notice, while
Galloways were above the average, the
mossy coats of the latter and their
round appearance attracting favor-
able comment. Devons were only a
few in number, and there were no
Herefords entered. The sweepstakes
prize in the cattle classes was one by
Harry Smith's Free Trade, with Hall's
Angus a good second.

Jairy Cattle.
There was a good number of Hol-
steins entered in the sections for that
breed. Prominent among these, as
not only winning first in her class,
and first in the milk test over all
breeds, but as establishing a new
record for butter production on a fair
ground, viz., 8.48 pounds of butter in
two days, was Ailie Posch, IV, own-
ed by James Rettle, Norwich. Ayr-
shires were good though not numer-
ous. Jerseys had only one representa-
tive, while there were some very
credible representatives of Dairy
Shorthorns and a few Grades.

Sheep.
The display of sheep was splendid,
and a most notable feature in this
department was the number of sweep-
stake prizes won by ewe lambs of the
various breeds. Costwolds and Lin-
colns were good; the Leicester ewe
lamb section was said by competent
judges to be better than anything ever
seen at the Royal, Shropshire ewe
lambs and yearling wethers were

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cellent display. Dorsets, Suffolks and
Hampshires were fairly well repre-
sented. Grades were numerous and
well up to the average. The grand
sweepstakes for sheep went to a year-
ling Southdown weaver shown by Jno.
Jackson & Sons, Abingdon, and the
Prince of Wales' prize for five pure
sheep to John Campbell, Woodville.

Swine.
All the swine breeds except Suff-
olks were fully represented, and the
exhibits were well fitted, and as a
rule, typical pigs. There were more
Chester Whites out than any other
breed. The grade class was rather
weak but the quality was good. The
classes for bacon hogs were well filled.
The sweepstakes for two best
carcasses of any breed went to J. E.
Brethour's pair of Yorkshires.

Dressed Poultry.
Though not large, this department
was fairly filled. Bronze turkeys
were strong. Among the chickens a
great many of the birds on exhibi-
tion would have shown to much bet-
ter advantage had they been properly
dressed. One interesting feature of
this department was a coop of Barred
Plymouth Rock chickens (grades) in
charge of Mr. and Mrs. Yull, of
Carleton Place, that were fed every
day by the cramming process and killed
on the last day of the show and
dressed in the manner required for the
export trade. The process was fully
charged of Mr. and Mrs. Yull, of
these proceedings were watched with
great interest by a large number of
people. Another was a case of birds
from the Ontario Agricultural Col-
lege, Guelph, which showed a couple
of chickens bought on the Guelph mar-
ket in the condition that the average



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Came to Death under the Wheels.

"Gulch Bill, the once notorious train
robber had been raising Cain with the
night express of the Air Line, before I
took the run some years ago," remark-
ed Steve Williams, a retired western
engineer, "but somehow after I was
put on the train his hold-ups ceased.
He had made several successful at-
tempts at the game though and had
succeeded in taking the nerve out of
most of the engineers before he stop-
ped operations. None of them wanted
the train after Jack Leach got scared
out but I was young and looking for
excitement so I said I'd try my hand
on her. After Bill's last appearance
the company gave the crew of the train
strict orders to go armed and be on the
alert always, which had a sort of a
lock-the-horn-after-the-horse-stolen
twang to me. But as everything went
along swimmingly, and no train rob-
bers appeared for a month or so we
began to fall back into the old rut of
things and leave our ordinance depart-
ments home.

"The night express was generally
made up of twelve or thirteen blind,
or sealed, baggage and express cars
with a couple of coaches on the rear
for the accommodation of the crew
and the few passengers the train car-
ried. All the crew had to do in times
of peace was to sleep, as the train
made only a couple of stops on the di-
vision for water. The Way Gulch Bill
and his two pals usually operated was
to secrete themselves in some way on
the head of the train at one of the
water plugs and at an out of the way
place they'd surprise the engineer and
firemen, cut off the head car, which
usually was the through San Francisco
car, and make the engineer haul it
down to some obscure spot where they
would crack it open and take out what
express packages they thought valu-
able and make the engineer get the car
back to the train as fast as he could.

"After I had been on the run about
six months and no robbers appeared,
the older men on the road began to get
sorry at being so chicken-hearted and
made kicks for the train, as it was a
snap-few hours on the road and big
money. But the Superintendent said
that as I had taken the train in trou-
blesome times when all the rest were
afraid, I could stay on there and he'd
stick by me. One night as we were
leaving 'St. Loo,' Sam McCracken, my
fireman, says to me:

"It feels kinder like train robbers
to me, to-night. Shouldn't wonder if
we'd have a visit from Gulch Bill
somewhere on the division. He must
have blown in about all the swag he
got from his last haul by this time."

"Ah, gowan," I says, "he's far out of
this country by this time. I heard the
other day that he'd been seen in Chi-
cago."

"You just mark my words," says
Sam, "he's jest layin' low to throw us
off the scent. He'll show up soon."

"Sam's guess didn't come true that
night, but a couple of nights later I
felt a crawly feeling down my spine a
few minutes after we had pulled away
from Stony Hollow water plug, and
turned to see three tough looking cus-
tomers drop over the coal boards in
the front end of the tank and cover
Sam and me quicker'n a wink.

"Whos, there, Leach, or I'll make
you look like the top of your mother's
pepper box," said an unpleasant voice
that I knew right away belonged to
Gulch Bill.

"Don't happen to be Leach," I said,
sparring for time with him.

"Makes no difference. You just
shook off that steam and stop. I've
been appointed chapman of this train.
Halt, I say."

"There was nothing to do but halt,
so I brought her to gradually and while
doing so Bill continued talking.

"Now Hank," he said to one of his
pals, "you just cover this gent here and
his pard, so they don't run away with
us, and Gin and I'll go out the swag car
off. Now look here, young feller," ad-
dressing me, "don't you try any funny
diddle business, or your family will
be pricing funeral layouts to-morrow.
When you get the word to go ahead,
you just teter right down to Hankin's
Swamp and stop there. Hank, if he
don't obey orders, or goes throwing
any hot milk into you, you just get
your thirteen-pounders into action
See?" With that he and his other
chum dropped off the running board.

"All the while he had been shooting
off his mouth I had been forming a
plan of battle.

"I figured out of the tall of my eye
that Bill's pardner, Hank, stood just
so that a stream of water from the
lower stopcock would catch him be-
tween the eyes. I could get my hand
on the stopcock without Hank's seeing
me as I leaned up against the boiler.
So, when I thought I had given Bill
about time enough to reach the end of
the first express car I turned the lower
stopcock on full tilt and Hank caught
it between the eyes. At the same time
I pulled the throttle wide open and the
train gave a lurch and began to move.

"The hot water striking Hank so
suddenly in the face keeled him right
over out of range of the jet of hot wa-
ter and with a jump I landed on top
of him. Then I heard a screech like
the cry of a dying man followed by
a couple of pistol shots and some cur-
ing. We were moving rapidly now,
and Sam and I bound Hank with some
bell-rope after taking his pistols away
from him. When we got to the end
of the division and the galvanizers
were looking the train over they found
a man's leg and lot of blood on the
front truck of the second express car
and Sam first train in after daylight
brought the rest of the man's body
which was identified as that of Gulch
Bill. My plan had worked better than
I expected. Hank got a long sentence
but the third man escaped."

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gives to women and the first it takes
away—Mrs

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A GOOD SHOWING.

Financial History of the Waterworks Dept. For This Year.

Considerable Increase in Revenue—Saving in the Cost of Services Put in.

The following statements show how well the finances and general affairs of the waterworks department have been looked after during the year just closing:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.
Statement of receipts and expenditure for years ending 30th Nov.

| Receipts | 1898 | 1899 |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Water sales | \$10,142 54 | \$ 9,581 05 |
| City of Chatham | | |
| Coal for electric lighting | 1,249 55 | 1,275 95 |
| County of Kent | | |
| Pipe line, House of Refuge | 40 88 | 349 76 |
| Sundries | 403 50 | 1,188 35 |
| Bank of Montreal, overdraft | 1,930 34 | 2,307 77 |
| Total receipts | 13,756 79 | 14,003 49 |
| Expenditure— | | |
| Operating | 8,220 43 | 7,970 25 |
| Maintenance | 500 00 | 216 35 |
| Extension of works | 1,300 07 | 4,139 43 |
| Extension of house services | 1,493 99 | 1,251 85 |
| Re funds and sundries | 33 93 | 379 96 |
| Bank of Montreal | 2,307 77 | 651 65 |
| Total | \$13,756 79 | \$14,003 49 |

By reason of all the cost consumed by both the waterworks and electric light departments being purchased and paid for by the waterworks, the operating expenses shown above exceed the actual, as follows:

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Operating expenses, 1899 | 8,220 43 |
| Less coal for electric lighting department | 1,249 55 |
| Coal to other parties | 221 49 |
| Net operating expenses, 1899 | \$ 6,749 39 |
| Operating expenses, 1898 | 7,970 25 |
| Less coal for electric lighting department | 1,275 95 |
| Coal to other parties | 167 23 |
| Net operating expenses, 1898 | \$ 6,527 07 |

JAS. C. WEIR,
Secy. Treas. Waterworks.

COST OF SERVICE.
Report for the year ending Nov. 30, 1899.

From Nov. 30th, 1898, to Nov. 30, 1899, 157 house services have been laid.

The plumbers put in 21 services during the first part of the year. As material of all kinds was advancing in price the plumbers submitted to the board an increased scale of prices for putting in house services. In former years they received for a service on the long side of the street \$3, and for the short side \$2.50, the new scale submitted was as follows:

Long side of street \$11.50.
Short side of street \$8.75.

At a full meeting of the board the matter was fully considered, and it was decided to have the services put in by the employees of the waterworks, and the results have fully justified the wisdom of this course.

Cost of services as put in by waterworks—

Average cost of services, long side, \$7.50.
Average cost of services, short side, \$5.39.

Eighty long services \$607.60.
Fifty-six short services \$302.72.
Total \$910.32.

At the prices proposed by plumbers—
Eighty long services \$920.
Fifty-six short services \$490.
Total \$1,410.

One hundred and thirty-six services as put in by waterworks \$910.32, making a saving up to Nov. 30, 1899, \$499.68.

The total number of services put in from Nov. 30, 1898, to Dec. 14, 1899, 21 put in by plumbers, 136 put in by waterworks since Nov. 30, 1899, to Dec. 14, 1899.

Total 157
Total number of services put in during 1898, 125.
Increase in 1899, 41.

Total cost of 125 services in 1898, \$692.92.
Total cost of 136 services in 1899, \$910.32.

The price of pipes in 1899 was from 70 to 80 per cent. higher than in 1898.

Extension of Mains.
Length of ft. Cost.

3 1/2 inch 572 \$ 50 23
1 1/2 " 2101 211 87
1 1/2 " 2480 6 in. 400 94
1 1/2 " 424 6 in. 92 97
4 " 74 00 00
6 " 50 94 61

Total 5762 964 62
A new fence was put around the basin, cost \$303.56.
A new fence was put around the lot, cost \$30.

A new furnace was put in No 2 boiler and many other minor improvements have been made.

INCREASE IN REVENUE.
The increase of revenue for the year due to new services is as follows:—
Rates on services \$976 03
Rates on services by meter 186 00
C. P. R. tank service 350 00

Total 1,512 03
The number of meters put in during the year was 29.
E. B. JONES,
Supt. Chatham Waterworks.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS.
Two per cent. will be added to all taxes unpaid up to 31st inst., after which date 5 per cent. will be added.
Wm. Rennie, collector.

Where Santa Lurks

Continued from Seventh Page.

J. L. CAMPBELL.

The proprietor of this large and well equipped boot and shoe establishment reports trade as very good generally, and fully as good as last season and the stock is now filled up with Christmas novelties. Mr. Campbell is the sole agent for the Florsheim men's fine shoes, and also handles the Laidlaw Watson Co. and Whitcomb shoes. In ladies' goods a specialty is made of the Krohn, Fiedelmeier make. Mr. Campbell also makes an especial bid for patronage in his fine stock of trunks and valises, handling the best American Goods.

MR. MORLEY'S SUITS SUIT.

"Yes," said W. N. Morley, "business has been brisk this fall, owing, I think, in part to the good roads and excellent weather. Business at present is lively and prospects point to a good trade even during the dull months."

A nice line of suitings is always kept and a great many of them are displayed so that purchasers can tell what they will look like made up. Mr. Morley takes considerable pride in his range of handsome and durable suits which are such as you will find sold for double the money in any place but Chatham. The overcoatings, worsteds, Scotch tweeds and homespun are the cheapest and best to be found in the west. The material, workmanship and coloring of these goods is greatly to be admired. Mr. Morley takes special pains to please all customers, and he cuts the suits to suit the tailor, and will even press his suit for the self-same tailor. Christmas shoppers might possibly learn something to their advantage by giving Mr. Morley a call.

THE BARGAIN CENTRE.

One of the busiest business centres in the city just now is the large establishment of C. A. Austin & Co. The store has been handsomely decorated and presents a bright and lively appearance every day. There is on display a nice line of fancy linens, consisting of five o'clock tea sets, centre pieces, sideboard covers, and fancy scarfs.

The beautiful bobbinette goods, consisting of spreads, pillow shams, etc., are the recipients of all who inspect them. The stock of curtains, lace wraps and chenille, are especially suited for Xmas presents and are adapted to all purchasers. They sell at from \$1 to \$10, in value and prices to suit all purchasers.

The smallware department certainly is coming in for a well-merited share of attention. A glance through this quarter of the store at once reveals the fact that this department well deserves the attention it receives, the chief seat of interest being centered in the hands of gloves.

There are beautiful and the best. The Trefousse kid glove is already a favorite in Chatham, and it well deserves its popularity being the best glove imported into Canada.

The ladies' wrappers shown by this firm make excellent gifts. They are complete in style and finish and can be purchased at from \$1.25 to \$2.08.

A nice range of ladies' black skirts. These are complete in style and finish and can be purchased at from \$1.25 to \$2.08.

In the same counter is also a display of small furs, warm and soft capes, capes, muffs in Astrakhan, Persian lamb, and combinations of electric seal and sable. The dress goods department is elaborately stocked with a beautiful range of dress novelties.

Some very neat and natty camel hair plaids are attracting a good deal of attention. These are sold in skirt lengths and are much in demand.

The fancy silks for waists and evening wear are exceedingly pretty and tasteful. These silks are much admired by all the Christmas shoppers.

In the second story is a fine range of carpets, tapestry, curtains, and fancy rugs. A nice rug is always appreciated as they make a fine present.

In the clothing department, presided over by Geo. Gray, assisted by Messrs. Griffith and Briscoe, is to be found everything that a well-dressed man requires, shirts, underclothes, socks, coats, pants, hats and caps in all the latest and best styles. A call at the Austin store will well repay you, when you are doing your Xmas shopping.

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FILBURY.

Dec. 31.—Mrs. W. P. Welsh, late of Filbury, died suddenly on Tuesday evening at her home in Windsor.

Miss Tucker, dressmaker in J. S. Richardson's establishment, was summoned to Chatham yesterday owing to the serious illness of her sister there. Miss Carrie Scribner leaves today on a visit with relatives in Tilsonburg.

Miss Nellie McLeod and Arnold Wilson, both of Filbury, were married in Detroit on Tuesday last.

A Cassidy is moving his harness shop to the Bon Marche old stand.

The Chatham Daily Planet is on sale at Johnson's Drug Store.

WALLACEBURG.

Dec. 21.—The L. O. T. M. gave a supper to the members of the same lodge; also to the K. O. T. M. last evening.

Don't miss the separate school concert to-morrow evening.

Christmas night the Methodist S. S. give their annual entertainment in the church.

A large inquest has been held in front of W. D. McRae's residence on Elgin St.

Geo. Jenner has returned from Brandon, Manitoba, where he has been during the harvest months.

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A SUCCESSFUL SALE.

The sale which was conducted by the ladies of St. Joseph's church in their room, corner of Queen and Cross Sts., was well attended and was a decided success. The walls were prettily decorated with red and white bunting and hung around with all the pretty articles that were for sale. Refreshment tables were placed here and there and the whole presented a very attractive appearance. In the evening, commencing at 8 o'clock, a concert was given, the different parts being taken by the mandolin club, six young ladies from the convent and girls from the Separate school together with Master Alphonse Thibodeau. Miss Stamenin presided at the piano throughout the afternoon. A complete financial statement will be made at the end of the week.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—The run on the western cattle market was heavy—70 loads; made up of 850 cattle, 1,000 sheep and lambs and 3,000 hogs.

Export cattle—Trade was fairly good at steady prices; choice cattle sold at \$1.50 to \$5 per cwt. and probably a trifle higher for a few loads; light cattle sold at \$1 to \$1.50 per cwt.

Bulls—Feeding bulls sold steady at \$1.25 to \$1.50 for bulls weighing 1600 lbs. or more; lighter bulls sold at \$3.25 to \$4 per cwt.

Butchers' cattle not wanted, local market being well stocked for Christmas trade; quotations, choice, \$3.50 to \$4; good, \$3.25 to \$3.50; mixed, \$2.75 to \$3; common, \$2.50 to \$2.75.

Feeders—Good demand for heavy, short-keep steers, \$3.00 to \$3.80 was the average range, but a few lots equal to light exporters, sold higher; light feeders ranged from \$3.25 to per cwt.

Stockers—Trade was fair and prices steady, at \$2.25 and 2.70 for cattle weighing from 500 to 700 lbs., and \$3 to \$3.40 for heavier weights.

Bulls—Feeding bulls sold steady at \$2.25 to \$2.75 per cwt; light stock bulls at \$2 to \$2.25 per cwt.; and light bulls for Buffalo at \$1.75 to \$2 per cwt.

Sheep and lambs—Market steady at \$3.50 to \$4 per cwt. for lambs, and export ewes \$3 to \$3.25 per cwt.

Lambs—Picked ewes and wethers sold at \$4 to \$4.25 per cwt.

Hogs advanced 12-12c per cwt. to \$4.50 per cwt. for picked lots of 100 to 200 lbs., natural weight; \$4.12-1.2 per cwt. for light fats; thick fats sold at \$4 per cwt.

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