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A TRIUMPH FOR ADMIRAL TOGO

A Tremendous Ovation for Japan's Naval Heroes.

UPON ARRIVAL AT THE CAPITAL

Immense Crowds Hail the Victorious Admirals—Welcomed by Members of Diet and Royalty.

Tokio, Dec. 30, 11 a.m. — Admiral Togo and Vice-Admiral Kamimura, with their staffs, arrived at the Shimbassi station at 9:20 o'clock today. Their journey from Kure to Tokio was a continuous ovation. At an early hour today the streets were filled, and the city gaily decorated with flags, lanterns and New Year's decorations. Representatives of the Emperor and Empress, Prince Fushimi, jun., elder statesmen, ministers, prominent Japanese, and thousands of school children, greeted the arrival of the naval heroes at the station. The presidents of both houses of the Diet presented them with the resolutions of commendation passed by their respective branches of Parliament.

The quiet, gray-bearded Admiral Togo, in a blue service uniform, seemed embarrassed at the noisy ovation. Rear-Admiral Shimamura, chief of staff, laughingly elbowed Vice-Admiral Kamimura. The junior officers tried to clear the way, but the crowd closed in on Admiral Togo, and they were frequently forced to push the crowd backward, in an endeavor to clear the reaching hands.

Finally, Admiral Togo and Vice-Admiral Kamimura were freed from their enthusiastic admirers and surrounded by officers, they reached the carriage sent by the Emperor to the station to convey the distinguished party to the palace. As Admiral Togo appeared, a great shout arose, hats were thrown in the air, arms were raised, and "Banzai" followed "Banzai." Preceded by gendarmes, the party drove under triumphal arches, waving flags and discharging fireworks, through the cheering crowds to the navy department, where a brief stop was made, during which the congratulations of the ministers were received, and future victories were toasted. Admiral Togo and Vice-Admiral Kamimura then proceeded to the palace to report to the Emperor. They will probably remain in Tokio about one week for the purpose of consulting with the general staff and perfecting plans for future operations.

OLD RESIDENT GONE

J. A. Askin, of Essex County, Passes Away at Windsor.

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 30.—John Alexander Askin, aged 88 years, one of the oldest residents of Essex County, is dead. He is survived by a widow, aged 78 years, and five children. Mr. Askin was born near Sandwich. His father, the late Col. Askin, was registrar of deeds, and his position after his death was taken up by the late Mr. Askin, who held the office for 30 years, when he was succeeded by his son, J. W. Askin, the present registrar. Mr. Askin took a prominent part in militia circles during the Fenian Raid, being a captain in the old Sandwich Rifles.

PUMP WAS CHARGED

Stratford Man Has Narrow Escape From Electrocution.

Stratford, Dec. 30. — W. R. Davis, editor of the Mitchell Advertiser, narrowly escaped death by electrocution Wednesday evening. Returning from his office in the evening, he found everything of a metallic nature in the house charged with electricity, an iron pump in the kitchen especially so. The engineer from the powerhouse said to him that there was no danger, however. Later Mr. Davis went to pump water, but had no sooner touched the pump than he was almost twisted out of human shape. Fortunately, his son was at hand, and extricated his father from his unpleasant predicament. Mr. Davis immediately collapsed, and his sons, assisted by Dr. Smith, worked over him for hours, injecting antiseptics. Mr. Davis has revived temporarily, but there are fears that there will be serious permanent effects from the shock.

FROZEN TO DEATH

Chinese Boy Imprisoned in a Refrigerator Car.

Chicago, Dec. 29. — Beating against the deadened walls of the ice bunker in a refrigerator car into which he had been placed in an attempt to smuggle him into the United States from Windsor, Canada, Leong Dick, a Chinese boy, cried in vain for release from his prison until the numbing cold reached his heart, and then he sank back on the cakes of ice.

When the car was opened at St. Louis the body was frozen stiff. Some trainhand had locked the door of the bunker, from which the boy intended to make his escape.

Papers and Canadian coins found in his pockets, led to Lam Chee, No. 321 Clark street, who has been placed under arrest, charged with violation of the Chinese immigration law, and to Leong Man, of Joliet, Ill., an uncle of the dead boy.

Lam Chee was ordered to appear for trial before Judge Humphrey, but he pleaded illness. An examination was made by a federal physician, who declared that Lam Chee was shamming.

The case has become so involved in branching phrases that it promises to become one of the most complicated ever heard in Chicago. To add to the bewilderment of those connected with it, it has not been decided whether the United Stats or Canada has jurisdiction.

Neither is it known whether the boy died in Canada or the United States.

HARRYETT BAILED

Ten Thousand Dollars Security Furnished by Four Bondsmen.

Belleville, Dec. 30.—Samuel Harryett was liberated on bail last night. The bondsmen are Charles Stanyer, John Keluskey, Henry Harris, James Harryett, $2,500 each.

FELL 70 FEET—UNHURT

Montreal Man Plunges From Elevator Top Into a Snowbank.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 30. — William Donaven, an employe of the Canadian Bridge Company, which is erecting a grain elevator at Windmill Point, fell from the top of the structure this morning, a distance of 70 feet, to the ground. He landed in a pile of snow and strange to say when he was taken to a hospital and examined by doctors he was found to be practically uninjured. He turned four somersaults in his descent.

CZAR'S LIFE THREATENED

Thousands of Pounds Paid Insurance Underwriters for Royal Risk.

London, Dec. 30.—The St. James' Gazette published a story, for which it has been impossible to secure any confirmation, that thousands of pounds have been paid London underwriters for the last two days for policies on the life of the Czar. The story says that the rate of insurance on the Czar's life, which was five guineas per cent. a week ago, was fifteen guineas this morning, with underwriters standing out for more. The applications are said to be in behalf of holders of Russian bonds, and the St. James' Gazette suggests their alarm was based on the fear of an attack of Nihilists or on information that the Czar's health is bad.

O'BRIEN IN TROUBLE

Bartender Accosts a Woman on the Street and Is Locked Up.

Thomas O'Brien, a local bartender, appeared in police court this morning on a charge of being drunk and disorderly. He was taken in by P. C. Greene early in the morning, and was sufficiently sobered up to appear in court. The officer alleged that O'Brien had molested a woman on the street. O'Brien stated that she was a friend of his and that he had only stopped her to inquire about a position. The magistrate decided to remand him until tomorrow.

Frank Harris was ordered to appear in the morning to answer to the charge of damaging the property of Jacob Obernesser.

An assault case was adjourned for a day.

Three local merchants appeared for not cleaning the snow off their sidewalks. They were ordered to comply with the bylaw in future.

PREMIER DENIES PARENT STORY

Says Report of Quebec Leader's Retirement Is Without Foundation.

(Special to The Advertiser.)

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 30.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier was seen this morning in regard to a dispatch from Quebec which said that as a result of his visit Premier Parent would retire and Hon. Mr. Goudin would succeed him. The premier denied absolutely the truth of the dispatch. He declared that he had nothing to do with the affairs of the local legislatures, but he authorized the statement that he strongly disapproved of attacks on Mr. Parent and said so to all whom he had met in Quebec.

GOES TO CENTRAL VERMONT

Mr. G. C. Jones Made Manager of the American Road.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 30.—The management of the Grand Trunk makes the following announcement: Mr. G. C. Jones, having resigned to accept the position as general manager of the Central Vermont Railway Company, Mr. W. G. Brownlee is appointed superintendent of the middle division with offices at Toronto, Mr. E. W. Egan is appointed superintendent of the western division with offices at Detroit, vice Mr. Brownlee transferred. Effective January 1, 1905.

STRATFORD AND THE C. P. R.

Negotiations for New Connections Practically Completed.

Stratford, Dec. 30.—Negotiations between the city and the C. P. R. were practically closed at a meeting here Thursday evening, and work will be commenced in the spring on a branch from the Guelph-Goderich extension from a point near where the road crosses the Conestogo River, to Stratford. Options have been secured on nearly all property required for the right of way within the city, and also for a station site. This line will give connection with Toronto by a route but little longer than the G. T. R. A branch from here to meet the main line of the C. P. R. at Thamesford is also projected.

New Battleships.

London, Dec. 30.—According to the Daily Mail, the Admiralty is preparing designs for new battleships of 17,000 to 18,000 tons, and carrying ten 12-inch guns. It has not been decided whether the keels will be laid down in 1905. These battleships will be the most powerful in existence, as the biggest in the United States navy carry but four 12-inch guns and ten 10-inch guns.

HALF OF GARRISON WAS ANNIHILATED

Heavy Russian Losses in Fight for Rihlung Fort.

SAPPED THROUGH SOLID ROCK

Several Japanese Warships Sighted Off Batavia, Westward Bound.

Tokio, Dec. 30.—10:30 a.m.—The headquarters of the army besieging Port Arthur telegraphs that on the night of Dec. 28, after the occupation of Rihlung Fort a small body of Russians still offered resistance in the passage between the siege gun line and the gorge.

At 5 o'clock they were dislodged entirely and the occupation of the fort became secured. According to the statement of three prisoners the defenders of Fort Rihlung numbered about 500, besides some sailors. A majority of the defenders were killed.

The trophies captured with Fort Rihlung include four large caliber guns, seven small caliber guns, thirty-seven millimeter guns, two machine guns and much property as yet unenumerated.

Batavia, Island of Java, Dutch East Indies, Dec. 29.—Some warships showing the Japanese colors, passed Anjer, 60 miles west of Batavia, today.

Headquarters of the Japanese Army before Port Arthur, via Fusan, Dec. 30.—Rihlung Fort, captured yesterday, is the largest and strongest of the eastern fort ridge. Tunnels for mines were cut through solid rock and two tons of dynamite were used to blow up the walls. The spectacle was magnificent, and the work of the assaulters was splendid. Half the garrison was killed by the explosion of the first charge. The remainder of the Russians made a stubborn resistance. Four heavy guns, seven rapid firing guns and two machine guns were captured, as well as 30 quick-firing guns which were stored in the fort.

Moscow, Dec. 30.—M. Danchenko, the well-known newspaper correspondent, telegraphs an account of an interview which he had with Gen. Kuropatkin. He declares the commander-in-chief is in fine physical condition, always sanguine, and now absolutely convinced of ultimate victory. Kuropatkin, Danchenko says, looks and acts as he did before Plevna.

"Let them send me good soldiers," the general is quoted as saying, "and I will accomplish the task. Examine the positions of the troops. You will see a great change since the autumn. Write the facts. It is better that the people at home should know the truth than hear praise on one side and slander on the other. The troops are in good spirits and well sheltered and clothed. There are some deficiencies, but I am more than satisfied. The health of the men is splendid. The percentage of sick is less than in time of peace, which is attributed to good air and absence of the evils of barrack life."

Danchenko says Kuropatkin is the hardest worked man in the army.

ROUND-UP OF COUNTERFEITERS

London Police Capture Gang That Preyed On Bank of England.

London, Dec. 30.—The city police this morning arrested two important members of an international gang who for two or three years are alleged to have been conducting extensive forgeries in five-pound Bank of England notes, large quantities of which, it is said, have been circulated in America, and on the continent. One of the men arrested is an engraver. He is charged with being the manufacturer of the notes, and lived in the east end. The police are shadowing a number of foreigners who are believed to be in London with the object of obtaining fresh supplies of the counterfeits.

COAXING MULLAH TO BE GOOD

Britain and Italy Will Offer Him Settled Sphere for His Grazing.

London, Dec. 30.—A dispatch to the Standard from Rome says that Italy and Great Britain have agreed with each other to offer the "Mad" Mullah in Somaliland a settled sphere, with grazing rights in certain parts of English and Italian territory, on condition that the Mullah will undertake to keep the peace. No money will be offered to him. Agents are trying to communicate with the Mullah, who has not yet been located.

The "Mad" Mullah has been for a long time a thorn in the side of the British. He has fought several pitched battles with the British forces, and, although he has been frequently defeated, he would only disappear to appear again, seemingly as strong as ever.

BLAIR'S NEW POSITION

Managing Director of the Toronto Roller Bearing Company.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—Hon. A. G. Blair has, after negotiations extending over a period of nearly twelve months, accepted the post of managing director and chief counsel of the Toronto Roller Bearing Company. The contracts were signed yesterday, and it is probable that he will make his headquarters in the city of Ottawa.

BRIDE FOR ALFONSO

Semi-Official Report of Betrothal to Connaught's Daughter.

Madrid, Dec. 30.—The Epoca, which is sometimes used by the Government for making semi-official announcements, prints conspicuously a report of the projected betrothals of King Alfonso and Princess Victoria, younger daughter of the Duke of Connaught, brother of King Edward, and of Luiz Philippe, Crown Prince of Portugal, and Princess Margaret, eldest daughter of the Duke of Connaught.

Rumors of these betrothals have been current for a long time, but have been generally discredited, owing to the fact that the princesses are Protestants, and the king and prince Catholics.

DECLARES YOUNG SHOT HIMSELF

Sensational Turn to the Hansom Cab Case.

SOUTHERNER WITNESSED AFFAIR

Related It to a United States Judge Who Is Moving in Nan Patterson's Behalf.

New York, Dec. 30.—Another man who claims to have witnessed the tragic death of Caesar Young, the wealthy bookmaker, with whose murder Nan Patterson is charged, has been found in Jacksonville, Fla., according to information received in this city today. The alleged witness is W. B. Meyers, who is said to be a wealthy naval stores dealer in the Florida city. According to the story which came here today in a letter from Judge H. D. D. Twiggs, of Savannah, Ga., to the counsel for the prisoner, Meyers claims to have seen the tragedy in the cab and declares that Young fired the shot which ended his life.

Judge Twiggs writes that Meyers came to him on consultation on a legal matter soon after the Young tragedy, and casually mentioned that while in New York a few days before he had witnessed a most remarkable affair. In reply to questions, Judge Twiggs writes, Meyers said that he had seen a man shoot himself in a cab, giving at the same time the exact location of the spot where the Patterson-Young affair took place. He said that he had learned that the man's name was Young, but beyond that he knew nothing. When informed that Nan Patterson had been arrested, charged with the murder of Young, Judge Twiggs says Meyers declared that he knew the girl to be innocent, and said that he would send her his name and that he would go to New York to testify if she were put on trial.

Continuing Judge Twiggs says that he followed the proceedings in the Patterson trial carefully, watching eagerly for the testimony of Myers, and was greatly surprised when it did not appear. Finally concluding that Meyers had not written to the girl or her counsel he decided to do so himself, and forwarded the letter.

New York, Dec. 30.—May Irwin, the actress, has offered to furnish bail in any amount up to $50,000 for the release of Nan Patterson from the Tombs prison, where she is now held, charged with the murder of Caesar Young, according to an announcement made by Miss Patterson's counsel. Miss Irwin called personally at the Tombs prison today, and left a letter addressed to the former show girl, and the announcement followed a few minutes after Miss Irwin went away. When District Attorney Jerome's attention was called to the offer of bail, he said he had no statement to make and was not prepared to say what course the prosecution would take. Miss Patterson's bail before the recent mistrial was $20,000, but after the jury's disagreement she was remanded without bail.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Fair and Mild.

London, Friday, Dec. 30.
Sun rises..7:51 a.m. Moon rises..12:59 a.m.
Sun sets...4:59 p.m. Moon sets...12:49 p.m.
Toronto, Dec. 29—8 p.m.

The weather has been cold from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, and much milder in Manitoba and the Territories. The outlook is for milder conditions in Ontario, and later in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.

Minimum and max mum temperatures. Victoria, 46—56; Calgary, 24—34; Prince Albert, 4—38; Winnipeg, 2 below—34; Port Arthur, 2 below—18; Toronto, 18—26; Ottawa, zero—12; Montreal, 2—16; Quebec, 2—4; St. John, 12—34; Halifax, 20—30.

FORECASTS.

Friday, Dec. 30—8 a.m.

Today—Southwesterly winds; fair and milder.

Saturday—Fair and mild.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	Sa.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	38	28	Clear
Winnipeg	32	26	Cloudy
Parry Sound	32	4	Cloudy
Toronto	30	24	Fair
Ottawa	6	4	Snow
Montreal	4	2	Cloudy
Quebec	— 6	— 8	Clear
Father Point	2	— 2	Clear

WEATHER NOTES.

The weather continues cold from the Ottawa Valley to the Maritime Provinces, but has turned much milder in Western Ontario. Unseasonably mild weather prevails in Manitoba and the west, with no indication of a change to cold.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Thursday were: Highest, 21.5°; lowest, 15°.

DESPERATE BATTLE WITH CONVICTS

Inmates in States Prison Made Break for Liberty.

SEVEN RIDDLED WITH BULLETS

Guards Seized by Prisoners and Hacked With Knives—Three Dead and Others May Die.

Folsom, Cal., Dec. 30.—Of the nine convicts who yesterday made a break for liberty from the State prison seven were riddled with bullets, Three of these are now dead and three are in a critical condition. Captain R. J. Murphy, a prison official, is wounded in the leg by a shot and has also two knife wounds, caused by dirks with which the convicts were armed.

The convicts who engaged in the break were all employed in the rock crusher, where 325 of the most desperate prisoners were at work.

Captain Murphy was acting as general overseer about the crusher, and four other prison attaches, L. Daly, A. Hogen, Charles L. Taylor and Charles Jolly, were employed as pushers to keep the men at work. A large sledge-hammer was thrown into the crusher, causing the ponderous machine to come to a standstill. This attracted Captain Murphy, Charles Jolly and Taylor to the place. Thereupon the desperate convicts rushed to seize Murphy and his two assistants. They succeeded in catching Murphy and Jolly. The other guards escaped them. During this time the scene of trouble was under cover, and the guards on the outside could not see the struggling men although they soon had an intimation that something was wrong. The convicts, with their captives, made their way toward a small post commanded by Guard W. H. Harris, who was armed with a rifle. Five of the gang surrounded Capt. Murphy and two of the men had Jolly. The convicts had knives in position for immediate execution should the guards attempt to free themselves. They had no sooner stepped into the open than the seven guards commenced firing and within twenty seconds fully one hundred shots had been fired and seven convicts were upon the ground helpless. At the time the first shot was fired Warden Yell was in his office. He rushed to the bluff overlooking the prison and thence down near the scene. He signaled the guards to continue shooting and put his revolver into operation also, at the same time giving orders to the remaining convicts who were crouching behind rocks and in other safe places, to line up and march in. This they did in quick order. During the trouble a gatling gun was brought into position, but was not put into action.

A CONSERVATIVE SCRAP

Bitter Battle Over the Nominee for North Toronto.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—The Conservatives of North, South and West Toronto tonight renominated the old members of the Legislature—Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, J. J. Foy, K.C., and Thomas Crawford.

The whole interest was centered around North Toronto, where a determined effort was made to deprive Dr. Nesbitt of the nomination. Edmund Bristol, Dr. S. G. Ryerson and Dr. Nesbitt were the three names voted on, and Dr. Nesbitt got the nomination on the first ballot by a large majority. The meeting was exciting throughout, lasting until a late hour.

BANDITS BESIEGE MOROCCAN TOWN

Demand Big Sum or the Surrender of European Residents.

New York, Dec. 30.—A Tangier, Morocco, dispatch to the Herald says: The town of Alcazar is again menaced by a large number of mountaineers, belonging to the Kabyles. They are the same tribesmen who recently besieged the town in consequence of a dispute between a Moor and a Spaniard. They were then induced to raise the siege by the payment of a generous bribe. The money then paid has merely aroused their greed. They have now returned, demanding the payment of a still larger sum. In the event that this is not forthcoming they demand that certain of the European residents be surrendered to them. It is generally believed that the town will have to accede to the first request, as it is poorly prepared for defense.

RUSS MINISTERS WILL STEP OUT

Sviatopolk-Mirsky and Glasoff to Resign—Moscow's Mayor Called to Account.

New York, Dec. 30.—According to the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Herald, he has reliable information that Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky, the minister of the interior, is determined to resign. This, under the circumstances of the last few days, will surprise no one.

M. Glasoff, minister of education, is likewise to retire. He said: "The situation of affairs has gone beyond my comprehension."

M. Lukianoff, a bacteriologist, will be his successor.

Prince Galitzin, mayor of Moscow, has been handed over to justice to answer for his too liberal speech before the Douma.

THE ESQUIMALT DOCK

Stated That British Admiralty Will Reconsider Its Closing.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 30.—Advices received at Esquimalt from the British admiralty state that the proposed abandonment of Esquimalt by the navy will be reconsidered. Many high officials hold that the importance of Esquimalt makes it worth the expense involved in maintaining it. Sir Frederick Borden, the minister of militia and defense, is quoted as saying that the Canadian Government has received no information as to the intentions of the Government respecting Esquimalt and Halifax.

THE EDWARDS INQUEST

Authorities Will Proceed Against Selby, Lee and Montgomery.

Woodstock, Dec. 30.—Two Russian refugees named Meyer and Max reached the city Wednesday, and work has been given them at the Bain factory. They were about to be drafted to the far east when they made their escape. They are unable to speak English.

News has reached the city of the death in Newcastle, New Brunswick, of Louis Bush, formerly head of the machine shops at the Anderson furniture factory, this city.

The coroner's inquest into the death of the shoemaker, John Edwards, who was found dead in the slaughterhouse on November 23, was concluded at an early hour yesterday morning. The jury found death due to an overdose of liquor and exposure, but were unable to say whether there was any contributing party. Proceedings will, however, be taken against Selby, Lee and Montgomery, the three men taken into custody on the charge of robbing the old man and leaving him to die.

MADE RESTITUTION

John Tuck Allowed to Go on Suspended Sentence at Windsor.

John Tuck, the brakeman who was arrested in this city a few days ago and taken back to Windsor on a charge of stealing $20 from Conductor Fishleigh, of the Wabash Railway, and also of obtaining $40 worth of furniture from Whitlake Bros., of Windsor, under false pretenses, made restitution in both cases, paid all costs and was allowed to go on suspended sentence by the Windsor magistrate.

TO BAR UNITED STATES BILLS

Mr. Bickerdike Will Move for Measure to Keep Them Out.

Montreal, Dec. 30.—Mr. Robert Bickerdike, M. P., and vice-president of the Hochelaga Bank, announced yesterday that at the next session of Parliament he would move the adoption of a bill making it a criminal offense to circulate American money in Canada, and rendering anyone doing so liable to a fine of double the face value of the money circulated. The bill will be an addition to the banking act, and Mr. Bickerdike says it is in retaliation for the high commisson charged by American banks on Canadian money.

MR. COCHRANE IS IN THE FIELD

Story of East Kent Liberal Nominee Resigning an Opposition Yarn.

Chatham, Dec. 30. — Absolute denial is given by Secretary Eastlake, of the East Kent Association, of the story of Mr. John Cochrane resigning, published by the Conservative Press Association. It is proposed to institute action against the originators of the yarn.

Ridgetown, Dec. 30. — At a meeting of the executive of the Reform Association of East Kent, held here yesterday, Mr. John Cochrane intimated his definite acceptance of the nomination tendered him by the Liberal convention a few days ago. He announced his determination to enter the contest with his whole energy and to spare no effort to secure election. Arrangements were made for the thorough and complete organization of the riding. The Liberals are confident that with a strong candidate and harmony in the ranks they will send a supporter of the Ross Government to the Legislature.

Greeks Surrender.

Salonica, Dec. 30.—The band of Greeks surrounded in the village of Bedrelli, whither they had gone to waylay Apostol, have yielded to the Turkish troops. There were 74 men in the band, besides a Greek priest and three residents of Bedrelli, reported assassinated. Yesterday three Bulgarians met their death.

Afghan Subsidy.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 30.—A special dispatch from London to the Russ anounces on high diplomatic authority that England has granted a subsidy to Afghanistan to enable her to supply herself with the most modern artillery to defend the frontier.

Riots in Poland.

Vienna, Dec. 30.—Telegrams from Warsaw report disturbances in many parts of Poland. A policeman was shot and killed during a procession of workmen at Lodz. An Orthodox Church was destroyed and grog shops were plundered in the Kalisz district. Riots and pistol shooting have taken place at Kielce and Konak, and the machine works were destroyed at Konak.

Illegal Marrying.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 30. — The Provincial Secretary's Department has arrived at the conclusion that there is a good deal of illegal marrying and divorce among the lower class of Jews in Toronto, and is taking steps to amend the law so that the offenders can be got at.

Health Statistics.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 30.—The provincal health statistics show that during November there were 1,890 deaths, as compared with 2,081 a year ago, but the districts reporting were fewer. The death number is therefore about the same, namely, 12 per cent. An interesting feature is the decrease in the number of cases and deaths from infectious diseases. The total of such cases in November was 853 and deaths 221, a decrease of 20 per cent in cases and 15 per cent in deaths.

WEST ELGIN'S FINE CHOICE

The Liberals Nominate Mr. Peter Stalker.

BIG CONVENTION AT DUTTON

Candidate One of Best Known Men of the County—Signs Point to Certain Victory.

Dutton, Dec. 29. — The two Elgins for Ross and honest goverument was the slogan with which the Liberals of West Elgin united behind Mr. Peter Stalker, the unanimous choice of a large and enthusiastic convention here today. As with their friends of the east riding on the previous day, they followed an easy, convenient and eminently satisfactory method of solving the often-times difficult task of making a choice. A test ballot without previous nomination was, on motion of James Beattie, Dunwich, seconded by M. C. Hay, taken to indicate who the probable candidate would be, and the gentleman nominated retired to settle the matter between themselves. The result was that when they returned to the hall the chairman announced that Mr. Peter Stalker had been unanimously selected as the candidate. Mr. D. Lang moved, seconded by Frank Turner, that the nomination be made unanimous. The motion was adopted with ringing cheers and the candidate was called upon to address the convention.

He pledged himself to do all in his power to endeavor to lead the Liberal party to victory in a noble cause. There was, he said, a crisis in the Province. The Government that has been in power practically since confederation was now on trial. A dead set was being made upon it, and it was the duty of every Liberal to rally to its support. The defeat of the Government meant that the men who had fostered and taken care of the finances of the Province so well that there was a cash balance of $2,900,000, and no part of the public services had suffered, would be supplanted by men who had no record to justify so great a trust being placed in them. Would they turn out a Government that had been tried and not found wanting, for Mr. Whitney and his followers? He intimated that he had no desire to exercise the patronage of the riding, the nomination for which would be left in the hands of the executive committee. He appealed to them to work shoulder to shoulder, and pledged himself to bear the standard which had been placed in his hands until the last ditch had been crossed. (Cheers).

Vice-President Hay said the difference between the Liberal and Conservative parties was that the Liberals had made up their mind to clean up their own backyard, but the Conservative party had not commenced to have a cleaning up, for the reason that they dared not start. If they did they would have to turn out the men who furnished the funds.

County Councilor Alex McColl, Messrs. D. Black, Dutton; John Thompson, Aldboro, and T. L. Cochrane, St. Thomas, also spoke briefly. A characteristic of all the speeches was the unanimity with which the appeal was made for unity in the ranks in the interests of the Province and of the party, and the general desire expressed that personal differences should disappear. The convention was notable by reason of the large number of intelligent farmers who composed it.

Addresses were delivered by Senator Wilson, Peter Stewart, W. F. Hepburn, J. B. Davidson, M. G. Hay, Peter Stalker, the candidate, and others. Resolutions expressing confidence in the Provincial and Dominion Governments and indorsing the policy adopted by the Liberal convention in Toronto, were unanimously carried. Another resolution, expressing condolence with the family of the late Dr. John Cascaden, who for a number of years represented the riding in the Local Legislature.

Mr. Stalker is a native of Scotland, but has spent the past 51 years in Canada. He is one of the most prominent residents of Aldborough, is an intelligent farmer, and has on many occasions been honored by the ratepayers of the township. He occupied the positions of reeve and deputy reeve during the nine years in the township council, and also served on the county council. Mr. Stalker has always taken an interest in educational affairs, serving fourteen years as school trustee for the section in which he lives, and three years as trustee for the Dutton high school. He was also a director of the Dunwich Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company for fourteen years, and for many years has been a prominent member of the West Elgin Reform Association. The Liberals could not have selected a more widely-known candidate. Mr. Stalker is looked upon as a winner, and it is also expected that he will pull down or possibly wipe out Mr. McDermid's majority in Aldborough.

THE ELECTION WRITS

The Provincial Government Forwards Them to Returning Officers.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—The writs for the Provincial elections, to be held on Jan. 25, were mailed today by Col. Clark, clerk of the Legislature, to the various returning officers. The stationery necessary for the holding of the polling is also being forwarded with all speed, each returning officers receiving a good-sized package.

Under the Ontario law the sheriffs and registrars are appointed returning officers in case they do not decline to act. There are a few instances in which they do not accept, as in Elgin, where the sheriff has always declined to act since the year he was mulcted with costs by the judges on account of the investigation that was necessary. In West Toronto, Dr. Lynd has been appointed, and officials have been appointed in the other ridings.

Canadian Apples Won.

Ottawa, Dec. 30. — The Ontario fruit-growers' division has been awarded the Knight medal for the exhibit of Canadian apples made at the first exhibition of the Royal Horticultural Society in London on the 14th and 15th of December. The display was made under the auspices of the fruit division of the department of agriculture, who also secured six diplomas for an exhibit of twenty boxes of fruit at Windsor, N. S.

Given a Hearty Reception at West London Meeting

Ratepayers of Suburb Give Dr. Campbell a Warm Welcome.

Mayor Beck Comes to the Rescue of Ald. Judd.

Proves To Be Unpopular, However—Municipal Matters Discussed at Collins' Hall.

A meeting of the electors of West London was held in Collins' Hall last night, and for several hours the people listened to the discussion of municipal matters. The meeting had been called by Ald. Judd, and it was expected that it would be decidedly Conservative in its leanings, but before the meeting was over it developed that the most popular man before the people was ex-Ald. Campbell, who had been invited by Mr. Judd to be present. All the speakers with the exception of Mayor Beck, were given attentive hearings, but his worship's bitter speech and his somewhat coarse references to Dr. Campbell's ability did not take well, and there was an uproar during his period on the platform.

The mayor was brought to West London to assist Mr. Judd, whose chances of election owing to his corporation connections are very slim, but if the reception accorded his worship can be taken as a criterion, then Mr. Judd had better stump it alone henceforth. Certainly, Mr. Beck did not help him any last night by his personal attack on Dr. Campbell, for the doctor was treated with the utmost deference and respect by the people of West London.

The mayor, who was sitting in the front row next to Mr. Judd, interrupted Ald. Campbell once with an irrelevant question, and the doctor replied quickly, "If you wait for a moment I will tell you," whereupon the crowd cheered the doctor long and loud. Mr. Levi Hammond made a most satisfactory chairman.

Ald. Judd.

Ald. Judd, in opening his speech, said he hoped another "ex" would be added to Ex-Ald. Campbell's long list—this time, ex-candidate for mayor. He said he didn't think anything very bad could be said of either Dr. Campbell or himself. But as Dr. Campbell claimed he has had 24 years' municipal experience he did not think it was creditable to his ability that it took him all these years to qualify himself for the mayor's chair. Going into the overdrafts of this year's council, the speaker declared that after the civic uncontrollable expenditures are provided for, the aldermen have not much money to spend, and if they have an overdraft they are not very much to blame. He said that the overdrafts were really not overdrafts, but were over-expenditures, owing to the fact that the committees had not put in large enough estimates at the beginning of the year. If Ex-Ald. Campbell possessed the business acumen The Advertiser says he possesses he might have come to an agreement with the street railway company in 1902, when he sat in the council, and when the city's big fight with the company began.

"But in 1903 and 1904 we took up this matter," said Ald. Judd, "and we brought the company to time."

Continuing, the speaker declared, that if he is elected mayor, he will have a belt line running through West London.

A Voice—Don't you do it. There are enough cars here now to wake me up in the morning."

Ald. Judd said that because he had acted for the city and not for the Bell Telephone Company, the city of London is $1,500 a year to the good, as instead of paying $1,000 a year for a franchise, the company, by the agreement which Mr. Judd claims he alone made, has to pay the city now $2,500 a year. He also claimed credit for the council of 1904 for the building of the Nurses' Home at Victoria Hospital.

His Electrical Connection.

In speaking of the West London breakwater, Ald. Judd told the audience he was commissioned by Ald. Forristal, chairman of the breakwater committee, to say that Ald. Forristal is ill and unfortunately would be unable to address the people of West London. He believed the people of London will carry the breakwater by-law, and if the people do not carry the bylaw he will do his best to have a breakwater built by the city, no matter where the money comes from.

A Voice—We'll never get the breakwater, then."

Speaking of his connection with the London Electric Company, Ald. Judd said his holdings in that company will never influence him in his dealings with the city. Why didn't The Advertiser use this argument against him two years ago, as he has been a stockholder in the company since 1902? Simply because The Advertiser is trying to make political capital against him. He also declared he is a friend of the labor unions, and is being attacked by the Echo on this account. The people should also ask themselves whether Ex-Ald. Campbell will or will not act in the interests of the Medical School, and he accused the doctor of signing a petition two years ago to give the long ward of Victoria Hospital over to the students of the Medical School.

Once again, he made the statement that he is in favor of government ownership of all public utilities. The Grits are banding together to stampede the Tories, and elect Dr. Campbell, but they would be fooled, because many Grits in South London and elsewhere had promised to vote for him.

Regarding the charges made against him that he had sought to deprive the people of London of electrical competition, Ald. Judd reiterated his statements: That any company can come into London and compete with the London Electric Company. He has no other interests to serve but the interests of the city of London next year, and if elected, he will do his best for the people.

Ex-Ald. Campbell Speaks.

Ex-Ald. Campbell followed Ald. Judd. It being Ald. Judd's meeting, the doctor said he, under ordinary circumstances, would merely have announced his candidature, and left himself in the hands of the people, but as Ald. Judd had freely criticised him, he felt he would not be going beyond proper bounds if he answered all of these criticisms. In the first place, regarding his municipal experience, Dr. Campbell said that (as Ald. Judd had said) he (Campbell) had served the city at different times for the past quarter of a century. If he had not come forward for the mayoralty sooner it was because he had not been pulling wires for a mayoralty nomination. (Cheers.) Though always ready to serve the people, he had not at all times pushed himself forward. And no man should urge upon his fellow-citizens that they should do something for him simply because he had done something for them.

Deceiving the People.

Referring to the overdraft of the council, Dr. Campbell said that unfortunately there is a desire amongst the aldermen to pose as economical, no matter what their expenditures may be, and as a consequence it sometimes follows that they cut their estimates below what is necessary to run the city, in order to keep down the tax rate. This is what happened this year's council, and as a whole the civic bodies stand to face an overdraft of somewhere between $8,000 and $10,000. And this action of the council can only be characterized as a deliberate attempt to deceive the people—to make them believe the tax rate was low, when, as a matter of fact, the expenditures of the council warranted an increase in tax rate.

Turning to Ald. Judd's statements regarding the street railway company, the speaker said that to judge by Ald. Judd's remarks, he (Campbell) must have been a very powerful man in the council of 1902. As to the tearing up of the Rectory street line, he explained that at the time all the members of the council, including Mayor Beck, thought the agreement with the company the best that could be made, though the council did not like the idea of abandoning the Rectory street line. In all the negotiations, he had no more to do with the agreement than had any other alderman. He had nothing to do with the company beyond riding on its cars, and this he did not do when the strike was on. Afterwards the council saw the error of its ways, and had changed its mind on the Rectory street line, and this change of mind had not taken place just before the election, as Ald. Judd had insinuated, but had occurred in the summer time before Mayor Beck left on a trip to the old country.

Competition Did It.

Of the Bell Telephone argument, for which Ald. Judd takes so much credit to himself, Dr. Campbell said it possibly has not occurred to Ald. Judd that the talk of a new company in the field had had much to do with the increase in the amount paid by the Bell people for a franchise in London.

He again put himself on record as in favor of the West London breakwater, and was loudly applauded by the electors when he stated that the Ontario Government has promised to pay one-quarter the cost of any wall that is built, and he hoped that in the improbable, and from his point of view, unfortunate, event that the Ross Government is defeated, its successors will carry out the promise made to West Londoners by Premier Ross, through Dr. Routledge. (Cheers).

The speaker characterized Ald. Judd's vigorous denunciation of the papers which are criticising him as a move to divert attention from the real issue. Ald. Judd's personal honesty had not been impugned. The papers were simply pointing out that Ald. Judd has interests which may conflict with the interests of the city if he is elected mayor. A lawyer's first duty is to his client, and the people must consider this fact when considering Ald. Judd's candidacy for mayor.

Ald. Judd Corrected.

In refuting Ald. Judd's statement that he (Dr. Campbell), had voted in the council to allow the Sifton Company to enter into competition with the London Electric Company in the center of the city alone, Dr. Campbell read from the minutes of the council to show that he voted to allow Mr. Sifton to do business in London on identically the same conditions as those which applied to the London Electric Company. And, further, the council added another clause, which makes it impossible for the Sifton Company to demand compensation under the Conmee act, should the city decide to conduct its own lighting plant. All of the aldermen, with the exception of one, voted for this agreement with Mr Sifton.

Dr. Campbell also referred to the dragging of Victoria Hospital into the mayoralty fight. He said Victoria Hospital is a creditable institution, well-managed, as far as he can see, and he has no complaint to make. And he felt the people should all be agreed on hospital matters, and should keep them in the background. To Mr. Screaton, the re-elected trustee, he paid a high compliment, and said he was glad to see him re-elected by acclamation. Of the Medical College and the statements that he will favor that school should he be elected to the mayor's chair, Dr. Campbell said, as he was a homeopathist, and the college taught allopathy, he could not possibly be on any friendly terms with it, nor could he be a member of its staff, as his professional beliefs are opposed to the teachings of the school.

Plain Talk.

"But, as Mr. Judd has seen fit to speak of the hospital, I may tell you that, despite the statements made by Mr. Judd and Mr. Beck, no man now has the right to call in his own physician, and have him attend him in Victoria Hospital," said Dr. Campbell, "and yet this is what the great cry was raised about two years ago."

But the doctor explained that as far as he is concerned, he felt that it was better not to have too many doctors attending patients in the hospital. It is, however, an open question as to whether any medical school should have any connection whatever with the hospital. This is a point which the people might well consider, but the city has recognized the right of the Medical School in Victoria Hospital, and must now abide by that recognition.

The doctor was given a great ovation as he took his seat.

Mayor Beck.

Mayor Beck began by saying the people would be warranted in re-electing this year's council by acclamation. In the beginning of the year Ald. Judd had wanted to increase the tax rate, but he (the speaker) and the other members of the council did not agree with Ald. Judd, and he thought they were right. The overdraft of the council of 1904, he said, amounted to nothing. He didn't like croakers and pessimists—people who are always crying blue ruin. All the expenditures of the year were necessary. In telling the people that the Ontario Government had agreed to pay one-quarter of the cost of a breakwater, Dr. Campbell is simply introducing politics into the mayoralty contest. Mr. Beck said. If the people are depending upon Dr. Routledge's statement as to what the Government will do, they are depending upon a broken reed. He (Beck) had spoken to the Ontario Government and had been told the Government could do nothing. "That promise of Dr. Routledge's is dishonest, and misleading," said the mayor. "If I am elected I promise—"

A Pertinent Question.

"Excuse me," said Mr. Alex. Stuart, K. C., who was sitting in the audience, "Are you and Dr. Campbell not agreed on the breakwater question?"

"What did you say?" queried the mayor.

"You are in favor of the breakwater, as is Dr. Campbell, or are you not?" again asked Mr. Stuart.

"Of course I am," said the mayor.

"Then what's the argument about," asked Mr. Stuart.

A voice—"Why don't you start the work, then?"

The mayor—"We have promised—"

Mr. W. H. Bartram—"Yes, we've had plenty of promises."

The mayor—"Other councils have promised you a breakwater, and have done nothing; we have."

Mr. Bartram—"Of course they have promised us a breakwater. Promised it to us before you were heard of." (Laughter.)

The mayor, as Mr. Bartram arose to speak—"Make that man sit down. We've heard enough of him before."

Continuing, the mayor, who appeared badly muddled, said the people should judge the council by what it had done and not by what it might do, and he connected Ald. Judd's name with these sentences.

Of the telephone agreement he said it was better than ex-Ald. Campbell could make "even if he had the ability to make it." This somewhat crude reference to the gentlemanly doctor was heard with silence by the gathering.

The Water Supply.

Of the increasing of the water supply, the mayor said he favored an independent system for fire purposes, but he would submit two proposals to the people. The installation of a separate fire fighting system would mean a saving to the people of London as a whole of about $25,000 or $30,000 a year, by a key rate reduction.

His worship concluded his speech by informing the meeting that before very long the G. T. R. will be asking the city for permission to construct subways in the city to do away with the present dangerous level crossings.

Other Speakers.

Mr. J. W. Pocock, the retiring water commissioner, also addressed the meeting, and told of how in the face of great difficulties and out of his own pocket he had had a report made which showed that there is plenty of spring water at Springbank.

"It was because Mr. Jennings' report agreed with the report secured by myself that Mr. Jones would not allow the Jennings report to be brought forward when it should have been," said Mr. Pocock. "And I tell you that if you build an independent river plant and turn the river water into the factories for power purposes you will have an epidemic of disease in the city. A second main is what is needed. You people may also hear of a proposition to build a water tower in the north end, but this will only give you three days' water in case of a break."

Ald. Matthews, Greer and other aldermanic candidates, and Mr. Fred Darch addressed the meeting.

MURDER WITNESS SHOT

Helped to Convict New York Policeman Who Killed Citizen.

New York, Dec. 29.—Standing almost in the very spot where Robert Brennan was shot to death by Patrolman Arthur Mallon last May, Wm. O'Brien, a homeless waiter, who gave the most important testimony in the trial, which resulted in Mallon being sent to prison for twenty years, today received a bullet wound which probably will result in his death. O'Brien's assailants escaped, and he refused to make any statement.

"When you go against the cops, you get all that's coming to you," the wounded man said, as he lay on the floor of a saloon awaiting the arrival of the ambulance. Three men are under arrest as suspects, but the police say they have no evidence against them.

O'Brien was walking down the Bowery, and had just passed the saloon where Brennan was killed, when he was shot.

THE MORTUARY FUND

Great Excitement and Much Noise at Travelers' Meeting.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—The annual meeting of the Commercial Travelers' Association of Canada in Association Hall this afternoon was most exciting. The large hall was jammed, and every man was an energetic partaker. The noise at time was terrific, and President McGuillan, who was in the chair, had the greatest difficult in keeping even a semblance of order. At times he gave up the task in despair, and sat down until there was a lull in the hubbub.

The fight, of course, was entirely over the mortuary benefit fund. The reports of the directors recommended a reduction of the benefit from $1,000 to $500. An amendment was immediately moved by M. C. Ellis, of Toronto, that the benefit of those who had been in the association prior to 1887 should be reduced to $600, and the others to $500. E. Fielding moved in amendment to the amendment that in view of the success of the insurance department, any scheme for the reduction of the benefit be rejected. After a long and excited discussion, a vote was taken, and fully 75 per cent of those present stood up in support of Mr. Fielding's amendment, which was declared carried amid a furore of applause. The ballots cast in the election for officers have not yet been completely counted, and it is probable that the result will not be announced until Monday.

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GENERAL ROBERTS WARNS BRITAIN

Says Strong Reserve Force Must Be Organized If We Are to Hold Our Own.

London, Dec. 29.—"The army as it was, and as it is to be," is the text under which Field Marshall Earl Roberts, in the January Nineteenth Century, reads Britons a noteworthy lecture on the duties of all classes if Great Britain would meet the demands of modern warfare. After frankly pointing out existing deficiencies, Earl Roberts writes:

"A terrible lesson awaits the nation whose soldiers find themselves opposed by equally brave but better trained opponents on the field of battle. No amount of money, no national sacrifices, will then avail, for modern warfare moves fast, and time lost in peace can never be made up during the stress of a campaign. I hold this view very strongly, and would urge my fellow-countrymen, with all the force at my command, to look the plain facts in the face."

Earl Roberts does not advocate compulsory service, "because it is distasteful to the nation and incompatible with the conditions of an army, which has a large proportion of units in foreign service," but maintains that Great Britain must have a large reserve force, and "if the citizens of so great and prosperous a nation as ours are to remain exempt from compulsory service in time of peace, without the safety of the empire being endangered, the right class of men must be attracted to the regular army by good conditions of pay and pension, and it is the bounden duty of the state to see that every able-bodied man in this country, no matter to what grade of society he may belong, undergoes some kind of military training in youth, sufficient to enable him to shoot straight and carry out simple orders, if ever his services are required for national defense."

Earl Roberts interestingly reviews the changes of the last 50 years, describes the military system prior to the Crimean war, and points out how the introduction of modern guns necessitated the complete abolishment of the idea that men must be mere machines. Officers, he says, are no longer directly abole to control their men, because the fighting formation has been changed, and therefore the men must have a far higher standard of individual intelligence, while among the officers, intelligence, self-reliance and the powers of leading must be on a proportionately higher level.

"The sooner this is realized to the fullest extent," Earl Roberts says, "the better for all ranks when the hour of trial comes."

Earl Roberts says the report of the commission on the war in South Africa made it clear that much is still needed before Great Britain has an army fit in all respects for war with a modern foreign power. Among other things, she must have a larger proportion of mounted troops for rapid reinforcement, and in order to quickly seize points of vantage. He refers to the action of the Government in ordering new quick-firing field guns for the complete re-equipment of the army, and says guns will be 12½-pounders for horse and 18½-pounders for field artillery.

Simultaneously with Earl Roberts' article it is officially announced that 160 batteries will be supplied with new guns at a cost of $17,500,000, and that the order will be executed within twenty months.

Earl Roberts concludes his article as follows: "It will be necessary to have a reserve force of officers amounting to some thousands. These can be made available by a system from the military training of the entire youth of the country. Such a reserve is essential to our success, no matter under what system our army be organized."

IMMIGRANT HEAD TAX

Steamship Companies Want One On Aliens Canada-Bound.

New York, Dec. 30.—A head tax of $2 on aliens entering the United States from Canada, for the purpose of crossing to some Atlantic port on their way to Europe, was proposed today at a meeting of the Atlantic steamship conference with the Trunk Line Passenger Association. This plan, which was proposed by the steamship association, is similar to the one now used by the steamship companies for taking care of the tax upon immigrants arriving at United States ports and intending to go through to Canadian or Mexican territory. The steamship companies have an arrangement with the United States Government, by which they pay the tax for the immigrant, and they have it refunded when they are able to demonstrate that the immigrant has left the United States again. The railroads have no such arrangement, and all aliens coming from Canada have to pay the tax. Then, under an arrangement by which they could get a refund upon embarking here, many who are after cheap passages to Europe do not want to pay out the $2, and so go to Canadian ports by Canadian roads. The trunk line roads received the suggestion with favor, but there will be further conferences before the question is finally settled.

GATES BEHIND LAWSON

Copper King Clark Says Boston Man Is Moved by Others.

Paris, Dec. 29.—Senator William A. Clark, of Montana, has arrived here with his wife and their infant daughter. Asked his opinions concerning Lawson and "Frenzied Finance," the senator said: "England has had foolish and frenzied financiers, but not a philandering one like our Boston product. English financiers laugh at us because of a panic one man has made. It seems absurd that a single individual should so upset our financial equilibrium. But then it is likely that Lawson does not stand alone; he may have Gates and his crowd behind him. Gates is rarely idle and likes a fight. At all events it is obvious there is method in Lawson's madness. Lawson advertised he would sell so much stock on a certain day and he sold short, frightening conservative and even speculative Wall street. People throughout the country didn't know Lawson, and hence became frightened.

"His method of frightening people by advertising is peculiar, but Lawson is a man of ideas. His advertisements are well written by someone else, Lawson furnishing the ideas.

"It is a curious mental phenomenon that Lawson, who acknowledges himself to have been in with the gang he now denounces could so influence the market. Americans do not like a squealer of any sort and Lawson squaled. 'Amalgamated is overcapitalized.' The present movement does not affect me in the least. My copper properties are not speculative.

"People are accustomed to Lawson's philandering finance now and he cannot repeat his trick. Stocks will resume their normal condition, one cannot keep up a panic in a country which has a balance of $500,000,000 to its favor annually."

American investigation has shown that yellow fever germs are disseminated by the mosquito, and now the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine is about to send a second expedition to the Amazon to discover, if possible, the actual cause of the disease. At Para, on the Amazon, the disease is constantly present in a greater or less degree.

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AIRSHIP BEATS GALE

Knabenshue's Air Craft Makes Another Marvelous Flight.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 29.—Capt. Baldwin's airship, the California Arrow, driven by A. Roy Knabenshue, who made several flights in the same machine from the World's Fair grounds at St. Louis, was given its first trial in California recently, and was successful, with the single exception of its failure to land at the starting point. A landing was effected half a mile away without damage to the machine, and it was safely towed back to its anchorage.

The Arrow started from Chute's Park baseball grounds, in the southeastern part of the city, at 3:17 p.m., sailed with the wind northeastward for a distance of between eight and ten miles, thence eastward for two miles, and returned in the face of a twelve-mile gale to a point directly about the starting place, but owing to the supply of gasoline running short, it was unable to effect a landing at exactly the spot desired.

From the time the airship arose from the baseball grounds until it was safely anchored at Pico and Stanford streets, it was in flight an hour and thirteen minutes, and in that time sailed a distance of probably twenty miles.

When flying with the wind the Arrow traveled at a speed of twenty miles an hour, and in returning directly in the face of the strong southeastern gale was able to make a rate of speed reckoned at between six and eight miles an hour.

The airship was maneuvered by Mr. Knabenshue in every direction, responding readily to its rudder, circling and turning in any direction, sailing directly in the face of the wind or at any angle, and rising and dipping as the operator desired.

It rose at times to a height of probably 3,000 feet or more, with Knabenshue regulating the height by shifting his weight, and raising or lowering the bow of the craft as he desired to ascend or descend.

KAZNAKOFF RECALLED

The Russian Representative On Commission Ordered Home.

Paris, Dec. 29.—The members of the international commission on the North Sea incident were surprised today to hear Admiral Kaznakoff, the Russian member, had been recalled, as no intimation that a change was contemplated had been communicated to the commission. The dispatch from St. Petersburg announcing the change was laid before Admiral Kaznakoff tonight with a request for a statement. The admiral returned the answer that he must decline to discuss the matter. The members of his suite also refused to discuss the subject.

The retirement of Admiral Kaznakoff causes much comment here. It is conjectured that it is due to renewed naval activity in Russia in connection with the possible dispatch of a third squadron to the Far East, as Kaznakoff ranks as a full admiral, and therefore, has seniority over Skrydloff and Rojestvensky, commanders of the first and second Pacific squadrons. It is also suggested that Great Britain and other Governments having sent rear-admirals to sit on the commission, Russia deems it unnecessary that she should be represented by an officer of the highest rank.

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CHURCHILL ON EMPIRE

Thinks Free Trade a Bad Thing For the Millionaire.

London, Dec. 29.—Winston Churchill, speaking at Malmesbury, said until the great question of free trade versus protection was settled there could be no prosperity in the land. It was a mockery to poor people to say distress would be relieved by increasing the price of food and clothing. Free trade, although not the best policy for the millionaire, was best for the millions. He asked what evidence there was that the proposed sacrifices were necessary. Were we to think the allegiance of the gallant Canadians would be withdrawn unless purchased by 2 shillings a quarter on wheat, or was Australian loyalty to be bought by a penny a pound on wool? That was a poor, miserable view of the British Empire.

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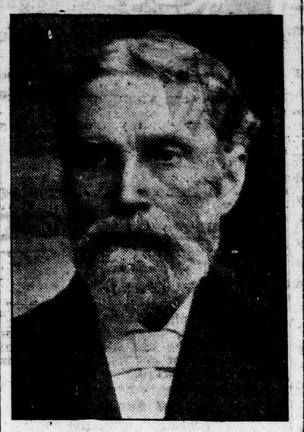
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FOR RE-ELECTION AS

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VOTE FOR
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If you favor some "New Blood" on the School Board, give me a vote.

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VOTE FOR
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GAMMAGE

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To the electors—I solicit your vote and influence for

SCHOOL TRUSTEE FOR 1905.

I. QUICK. 97c

For School Trustee.
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Subdivision No. 2 of Ward 1.
Subdivision No. 3 of Ward 2.
Subdivision No. 4 of Ward 2.
Subdivision No. 8 of Ward 2.

And enacting as follows, viz.:

1.—That the polling place for polling subdivision No. 2 of Ward No. 1, shall be at J. Nichol's house, 296 King street, instead of at George Chittick's shop, 268 King street, as provided by said Bylaw No. 2,471.

2.—That the polling subdivision No. 3 of Ward No. 2 shall be at H. Colerick's store, 465 Richmond street, instead of at William Smith's store, 565 Richmond street, as provided by said Bylaw No. 2,471.

3.—That the polling place for polling subdivision No. 4 of Ward No. 2 shall be at William Smith's store, 565 Richmond street, instead of at James Webb's house, 192 John street, as provided by said Bylaw No. 2,471.

4.—That the polling place for polling subdivision No. 8 of Ward No. 2 shall be at Mrs. J. F. Andrews' house, No. 79 Dundas street, West London, instead of at R. Jones' stores, 62 Wharncliffe Highway, as provided by said Bylaw No. 2,471.

Dated this 24th day of December, 1904. 94k-zxvt S. BAKER.

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CLANDEBOYE.

Clandeboye, Dec. 29. — Mr. Allen Blackwell, of London, is spending a few holidays with his mother, this place.

Mr. Harry Schoff, of Toronto, is visiting in this vicinity.

Miss Legg, of London, is spending a few days, the guest of Miss Minnie Cunningham.

Mr. Burt Williams, who is attending college in Toronto, is home on his holidays.

Mr. Tom Gilmour, of Port Huron, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Ab Nell.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McDonald, of Flint, Mich., is visiting old friends in this vicinity.

Miss Mary McIlhargey, of Hamilton, spent a few days with her parents in this place.

Mr. Patrick O'Dwyer, of Parkhill, is spending his holidays with his father in this place.

Mr. W. J. Cunningham, of Stratford, paid a short visit with friends here.

Miss Ella Aitkins, of Toronto, is spending her holidays with her parents here.

Mr. Manford Harleton, of Port Huron, spent a few days with his friends around this place.

GAVE THEIR GOOD BLOOD

College Girls Come to Assistance of a Companion.

Vincennes, Ind., Dec. 29.—To save the life of Miss Katherine Organ her fellow members of the Society of Vincennes University submitted to have their arteries tapped. The blood obtained was used to replenish the impoverished blood supply of Miss Organ. The fact has been kept a secret and even now the girls refuse to discuss the matter or tell who of their number submitted to the heroic operation.

Miss Organ was operated on for appendicitis. She lost a quart of blood. Her life was in momentary danger, but her classmates came to her rescue and she is now completely out of danger.

The doctors injected blood from the veins of the healthiest members of the class into the veins of Miss Organ and there was a quick change for the better. The members of the society are: Oma and Jessie Gerhart, Clotilda Weisert, Esther Hackman, Margaret O'Connell, Edith Harrington, Mary Purcell, Ola Yates, Blanche Wilkerson, Mabelle Alexander, Edith Trimble, Nellie Davidson, Grace Egeler, Edith Pinkstaff, Mayme Watkins, Constance Williams, Alice and Mattie Couthorn, Anna Gross, Cornel Bailey, Edith Johnson, Doris Determann and Mabel Goodman.

Grand Duke Thrashed Concierge.

Dresden, Dec. 29.—When Grand Duke Sergius of Russia was here he returned late one evening to his hotel, and, desiring to read himself to sleep, asked the concierge to bring him some reading matter. Innocently the concierge brought him a number of Simplicissimus, on the last page of which was caricatured the prince himself, reading in a paper in a cafe, and exclaiming: "Thirty thousand more Russian soldiers dead in the war! Waiter, bring me another whisky."

The prince, enraged, suspected that the concierge had designedly chosen the offending publication for his perusal, and administered to him such punishment that doctors had to be called to attend him. Now the concierge has brought suit against the prince to recover the costs of medical attendance and the damage suffered by his inability to work for several weeks.

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Ald. Judd's Qualifications.

Ald. Judd is being "damned with faint praise" by his own organ. The best excuse it can make for him is that his experience as a corporation lawyer will stand the city in good stead in handling the corporations. In other words, Ald. Judd knows their tricks and can play at their own game.

If this is a certificate of merit in Ald. Judd's case, it must apply to other candidates. Would the community dream of electing a council, every member of which enjoyed the same relations with franchise corporations as Ald. Judd? Certainly not. Then why make an exception of Ald. Judd? If the people of London would not elect twelve Judds to the council, why elect one? Whether twelve or one, the principle is the same.

The interests of a municipality and private corporations in control of public services, often come into collision. Hardly a year passes in which the city council is not called upon to frame some bargain or contract with a corporation.

In 1895 the contract with the street railway company was revised.

In the same year asphalt pavements were introduced and large contracts awarded the Barber Asphalt Company.

In 1898 the London Electric Company (Ald. Judd's), secured a ten-years' contract involving $300,000.

In 1899 the Bell Telephone Company's franchise was renewed for ten years.

In 1900 the policy of laying cement sidewalks exclusively was adopted.

In 1901 "the paving war" began.

In 1902 the city council had to determine whether competition with the London Electrical Company would be permitted.

In 1904 the Bell Telephone Company's franchise was renewed.

The ratepayers of London would have had a touching faith in human nature if they had packed the council during these years with shareholders, or attorneys or paid agents of the Bell Telephone Company, the London Electric Company, the Barber Asphalt Company, the Warren Paving Company, the cement sidewalk companies and the London Street Railway Campany.

Ald. Judd's organ tells us today that "the city will have much to do with corporations during the coming year." This is advanced as a conclusive reason why the city should place in the mayor's chair a corporation lawyer! The Grand Trunk Railway Company, the organ tells us, "will have business with the city in the important developments which are only at present hinted at." The firm of which Ald. Judd is a partner does most of the local legal business of the Grand Trunk. It acted for the great corporation in the recent purchase of land in the east end for the interswitching arrangements. It is at this present moment retained by the Grand Trunk in an action for damages. In the mayor's chair Mr. Judd, like Desdemona, forced to choose between Othello and her father, would perceive "a divided duty." As a lofty civic patriot he would wish to do his best for the city. As a corporation attorney, with present and prospective briefs, he would have substantial reasons for wishing to stand well with his clients. The moral about serving two masters cannot be unfamiliar to him. He is inviting a very painful experience and the electors ought to protect him against himself.

There is no fault to find with our contemporary's argument that these corporation retainers are a tribute to Ald. Judd's professional merits. Ald. Judd as a corporation lawyer or shareholder is not under discussion. But Ald. Judd is in a different position when he aspires to become head of a municipal corporation which is obliged to drive financial bargains from time to time with the corporations from which Ald. Judd draws dividends or fees. He claims he was not the solicitor of the Bell Telephone Company when he had charge of the negotiations on behalf of the city council for the renewal of the company's franchise. But he had acted as the company's solicitor on a similar occasion five years before, and it is a fair inference that if he is the great corporation lawyer described by the Free Press, the company would not give its retainers into other hands. Mr. Judd ought to be satisfied with the favors shown him by private corporate concerns and not aspire to an office where he might have to turn his back on his old friends. We imagine the electors will prefer a man like Dr. Campbell, who will be able to do his full duty by the public without so much personal sacrifice and so lofty a degree of altruism as will be required of Mr. Judd.

Nesbitt Is Still King.

The Conservative faction fight in North Toronto has ended in a victory for Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, who will continue to sit astride Toronto Toryism and hold the reins. At the convention last night he had a majority of nearly two to one over his strongest rival, Mr. Bristol. Dr. Nesbitt has become objectionable to many decent Conservatives in Toronto, but he has a strong hold on the affections of the rank and file. He is a type new to this country and corresponds to that sinister figure, the American boss. Some of the ugly features of the American primaries seem to have been reproduced at the convention last night. It was openly charged that the lists had been stuffed, that absent delegates were being personated, and that ballots were handed out to those who were not bona-fide members of the convention. The air was thick with accusations of fraud, and the malcontents almost raised a riot.

Dr. Nesbitt first came into notoriety by attempting to purchase a parliamentary nomination in Cardwell. He induced the nominee of the party, one Willoughby, to stand aside, promising him a sum of money, a judgeship and other substantial considerations. The contract was drawn up in black and white, but, unhappily for Dr. Nesbitt, it fell into his opponent's hands. But this little contretemps could not keep a good man like Dr. Nesbitt down. The Conservative party is divinely forgiving when the erring one is in its own tabernacle. Today the burly doctor is monarch of all he surveys from the Don to the Humber, and is fighting valiantly with Mr. Whitney for political purity in this Province.

The city will have much to do with corporations during the coming year.—London Free Press.

What do the ratepayers think of the argument that a beneficiary of the corporations should be put in the mayor's chair to watch them?

Remember that next year the city will have a great deal of business with corporations. Ald. Judd's organ is authority for the statement.

Now that Dr. Beattie Nesbitt has suppressed the mutiny in his ranks, he will be free to employ all his energies against the forces of corruption.

Mr. Whitney says that Gamey will not be minister of mines. This means that Mr. Whitney despises Gamey in his heart, but is willing to use him all the same.

The story that Mr. John Cochrane has resigned the Liberal nomination in East Kent is not confirmed. If Mr. Cochrane stays in the field he is a sure winner. There is no stronger man in the riding.

To the Unbeliever.

[S. E. Kiser, in Chicago Herald.]

Is it too much to lay
Your unbelief aside
Just for this one brief day,
Just for His sake who died,
Nailed to the cruel tree,
There where the darkness fell?
Is it too much, since He
Gave so freely and well?

Is it too much to give
Him they could crucify
For teaching men how to live,
For showing them how to die?
Humbly He came, and so
He went on His righteous way.
Is it too much to throw
Doubt aside for today?

Is it too much to bow
Humbly a little while?
Think of His bleeding brow,
See his pitying smile!
He gave us His all and took
Nothing but sin away.
Is it too much to look
Upward with love today?

Suffer Little Children.

[Dr. Newton D. Hillis.]

If Plato suggested that every village should select a distant hill top and build a pen for the exposure of unwelcome children; if Aristotle urged laws making the drowning of sick and weakly babes compulsory on their parents; if Seneca said, "We slay the worn-out ox and horse and it is not wrath, but reason, that separates weak children from strong;" if Cicero rebuked his friends for grief because he missed the dead babe—then every lover of childhood must rise up to speak for that Christ who took a child in his arms, whose love brooded over the child as the stars looked down upon the little town of Bethlehem, and who sent down through the ages these words: "Suffer little children to come unto me." Jesus said: "Take heed that ye offend not one of my little children" and "Their angels do always behold the face of my father," and hope dawned for childhood.

The Calendar.

[Washington Star.]

A little bit of snshine,
A little bit of snow,
A little heap of autumn leaves
Where roses used to grow;
A little bit of darkness,
And a little bit of day,
A smile and then a sigh
For little pleasures passed away.

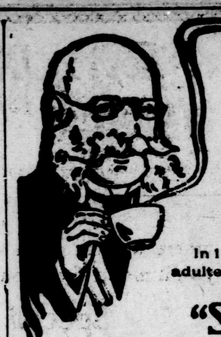
A little bit of folly
And a little bit of sense,
A little bit of saving,
And a little wild expense;
A little bit of sorrow
And a little bit of cheer,
A little bit of waiting,
And we've rounded out the year.

Gave t'e Ocean Its Name.

[Philadelphia Press.]

"And is that the ocean out there?" asked the visitor from the interior, who had pust arrived at Atlantic City.

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[Puck.]

Son—Papa, what is a philosopher?

Father—A philosopher, my boy, is a man who will pay his car fare, forgetting that he has a transfer in his pocket, and not get mad when he discovers it afterward.

Get Ready.

[Chicago Chronicle.]

The Christmas time has come and gone,
So let us all be gay,
For New Year's Day is coming on,
When we must put away
A lot of things we know we should,
And try like troopers to be good.

Not Willing to Pay.

[Philadelphia Press.]

"Well, sir," brusquely inquired the girl's father, "what can I do for you."

"Why—er—I called, sir," stammered the timid suitor, "to see if—er—you would give assent to my marriage to your daughter."

"Not a cent, sir, not a cent. Good day."

Lazy.

[Boston Transcript.]

Clara—Harry says he loves me so much that he could die for me.

Aunt Jane—Harry would do anything to escape work.

Nutty.

[Puck.]

Daffy—I didn't write it down, but I've got it in my head.

Taffy—So I heard. Jones told me you had the whole thing in a nutshell.

Sunflower Philosophy.

[Atchison (Kan.) Globe.]

No one over 4 years of age looks good when throwing a kiss.

When it comes to buying Christmas presents, it is cheaper to buy for a wife than a sweetheart.

You have not been taken in to the average person's confidence until he has abused his kin to you.

A mother will feel worse because she can't afford to buy a certain toy for her child than the child will feel if it gets no toys at all.

After all, it's a pretty sight: to see a woman on the streets during the Christmas rush, followed by a lot of well-behaved children. When children think their mother is the greatest and smartest woman in the world, she usually is.

Ballad of Burdens.

[New York Sun.]

O Ruddy, Ruddy Kipling,
Awake and smite your lyre!
You sang the White Man's Burden,
Another threatens dire.

The Beautiful is falling
Of which the poets talk;
We take the White Man's Burden,
And shovel off the walk.

HIGH COURT CASES.

At the high court of justice (chambers) in Toronto the following cases were dealt with yesterday: Bricke vs. City of London.—J. R. Meredith, for defendants, moved for order to change venue from Ottawa to London. J. B. Bartram, for plaintiff, contra. Reserved. Burgess vs. Norton.—C. A. Moss, for defendants, moved for order to change venue from London to Hamilton. T. N. Phelan, for plaintiff, contra. Plaintiff and next friend to attend for examination and motion adjourned till Tuesday next.

JAPS CAPTURE 43 BIG GUNS

By Storming and Occupation of the Rihlung Fort.

MAIN LINE STILL UNBROKEN

General Kuroki Proves He Is Not Dead by Replying to the Congratulations.

Tokio, Dec. 30, 1:30 a.m. — The Japanese captured 43 guns when Rihlung fort was taken.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 29. — The war office points out that the occupation of Rihlung Mountain at the best only means that the Japanese are masters of the entire terrace beyond the principal forts of Keekwan, and still leaves the main line unbroken.

Che Foo, Dec. 29.—The Japanese here report that severe fighting has occurred on the northeast flank, particularly at Rihlung Mountain, where, when the Japanese left Port Dalny, the Japanese forces had made some progress. Details of this fighting have not yet reached Che Foo. Two steamers recently ran the blockade of Port Arthur. One of them (possibly the King Arthur), was captured by the Japanese, Dec. 19, a short distance from the harbor.

Berlin, Dec. 29. — A convivial circle at Dorland sent Gen. Kuroki, in September, a card of enthusiastic congratulations on his military successes, and has now received the following answer: "On the battlefield in Manchuria, Nov. 5, 1904.—How I rejoice to be congratulated at so great a distance upon our victories. As you know, we are pupils of German tacticians; hence, I have double pleasure in being congratulated by German men. With special regards, your obedient servant.—(Signed), Kuroki." This letter from Gen. Kuroki removes all doubt, if any existed, that Gen. Kuroki is alive. He was persistently reported to have been killed during the fighting of Oct. 4 last.

Japs Killed One Another.

Che Foo, Dec. 29. — The Japanese line at Port Arthur is now, as a result of the general attack beginning Dec. 25, much closer to Liao Tie Mountain. Chinese who left Port Arthur yesterday and arrived here today report that a greatly inferior Russian force defended the outermost of the trenches for three days, retiring when the Japanese artillery had secured an enfilading position. The fighting mostly was at a range of two-thirds of a mile, the Japanese fearing mines. The Russians retired to Chingkakao.

Japanese who arrived at Che Foo today from Port Dalny say the then recent fighting also resulted in the capture of a hill called by the Japanese Yangthuban (possibly Keekwan Mountain), enabling the Japanese to seriously harass land communication with the Liao Tie forts, and the forts on the Etse and Antse Mountain Mountains. The capture of Yangthuban Hill followed several night attacks, during one of which the Japanese became confused, killed each other, and retired when the mistake was discovered by the appearance of the moon.

SEVERAL SUNDAY SCHOOLS HAVE CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENTS

A pleasant affair took place in All Saints' Church last evening, when the annual prize-giving and Christmas tree entertainment was held. The first part of the programme consisted of a series of very interesting limelight views by Mr. Kershaw, terminating with several moving pictures, thrown by Mr. Kershaw's excellent cinemetograph. These pictures were of a very amusing character, and were much appreciated by the scholars. After this, the teachers in the various classes distributed prizes to the scholars, who had earned them by good work during the term. Then the glittering Christmas tree was robbed of its gifts for the benefit of the little ones. These proceedings were enjoyed more thoroughly by the large gathering than a regular programme. Rev. T. R. Clarke, the rector, presided.

The annual entertainment of the scholars of the Bishop Cronyn Memorial Church Sunday School was held last night in the schoolroom. It consisted of the touching story of "Catterina," illustrated by beautiful limelight views. The story was told in a very simple way, which appealed specially to the children. It was the life of a little blind and motherless child, who, through years of suffering and poverty, had never known of the love of God. Meeting an old blind Christian, she is taught by him of the life and death of her Savior and finally consecrates her powers to the service of her Master. It was an ideal story for such a gathering, being filled with interest and simple Christian teaching. During the reading, appropriate music was rendered by Miss Moore, Miss Rowed and Miss Ina Colerick. At the conclusion of the programme, Mr. R. B. McElheran spoke a few words to the large crowd of Sunday school scholars present. The rector also congratulated them upon the perfect order which they had kept during the evening. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Rev. Canon Dixon, of Toronto, for lending the lantern slides.

One of the most enjoyable of entertainments for the Sunday school children took place in St. James', South London, last evening. An able staff of teachers had prepared tea for the school, and at 6:30 five long tables were surrounded by a happy group. After these children were served other tables were set. When all had partaken of the good things, the tables were removed, and Dean Davis addressed a few appropriate remarks, and then introduced the following programme. There was a very large gathering of parents and friends. The children rendered their pieces splendidly and showed that great pains and care had been taken in their training. The programme; Chorus, "Merry Christmas Bells;" recitation, "Thoughtful Santa Claus," Master C. Jupp; chorus, infant class; "Letter from Santa Claus;" solo, Miss Fox; dialogue, "A, B C;" chorus, "Oh, Ring Glad Bells;" piano solo, Miss Myrtle Chantler; solo, Miss O'Neil; dialogue, "Nine Hours;" solo, Miss Fox; chorus, "The Air is Filled with the Echoes;" solo, Miss Daisy Bell Schram; dumbbell drill, six boys; chorus, "Shine Out, O Blessed Star;" dialogue, "Seven Days;" solo, Miss O'Neil; trio, Masters Howard Fitzallen, Llewellyn O'Neil and Jack Harvey; chorus, "A Wonderful Tree;" pano duet, Misses Myrtle Nugent and Nina Taylor; chorus, "The Old Year and the New."

The Sunday school scholars of the King Street Presbyterian Church held a very successful entertainment last evening. Rev. Mr. Rollins, the pastor, was in the chair, and a large number of the scholars and their friends were present. Everyone, judging by the frequent applause tendered those who took part in an excellent programme, had a very enjoyable evening. A more successful concert and gathering has never been held in the history of the school. Following was the programme: Opening chorus by the school; piano duet, Florence and Gordon Scott; chorus, "The Baby Christ," the infant class; dialogue, "Christmas Stockings," Miss M. Taylor's class; recitation, by May Skinner; piano solo, Master William Robson; fencing exhibition; duet, "Sweet and Low," Christina McKenzie and Ida O'Neill; dialogue, "Seven Days of the Week," Miss Wild's class; chorus, "Santa Claus," the infant class; duet, Rosa Depper and Blanche Buskard; recitation, Melville Richmond; solo, Miss Mary Forsythe; chorus, by girls' junior Bible class; solo, Miss Mina Taylor; recitation, Joan Mallough; fencing exhibition; recitation, Miss Gladys Constable; solo, "The Shamrock," Master William McKee; chorus, "Ring the Merry Bells," Miss Koch's class; solo, Hardy Sifton; recitation; "The Troublesome Call," Beatrice Griffith; solo, "The Fisher Boy," Master William McKee; recitation, Flossy Atkinson; chorus, "When the Bells," the school.

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GOOD SKATING ON RIVER.

Not for years has such a splendid sheet of ice for skating purposes covered the river as there is at present From the cove bridge to the power house, the ice is in excellent shape being very smooth and broken only in two or three places. That Londoners do not take a greater advantage of the open air skating is surprising. The cove has many patrons, but the river is very much larger and smoother and is equally as safe. Notwithstanding the snowstorm of a few days ago, the ice is clear nearly all the way. Several skaters were on the ice yesterday and today.

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BISHOP ASSIGNS THE NEW PRIESTS

Full List of Appointments Made by His Lordship—Father White Comes to London.

His Lordship Bishop McEvay has appointed the recently-ordained priests to the following places:

Father White, of Courtright, comes to London as a member of the cathedral staff.

Father Gaetz, of Stratford, goes to St. Thomas, as assistant to Father West.

Father Hussey, of Ashfield, goes to Windsor, to St. Alphonsus Church, as does also Father L'Liberte, of Tilbury, as assistant to Vicar-General Menier.

Father Barry, of London, goes to Sarnia, as assistant to Father Kennedy, as does also Father Campeau, of Amherstburg.

Father Stroeder, of Hamilton, goes to Zurich, as parish priest, and Father Dantzer, to Dublin, in a like capacity.

Father Costello, of Sarnia, is transferred to Mount Carmel, as assistant to Father Foster, and Father Scanlon, of Mount Carmel, goes to Chatham, as chaplain to St. Joseph's Hospital.

Father Bechard, of St. Alphonsus Church, Windsor, has been appointed assistant to Father Downey, of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Windsor. There will be no changes in London.

Letters to the Editor.

THE TEMPERANCE SITUATION.

"Perseverance is more prevailing than violence; and many things which cannot be overcome when they are together, yield themselves up when taken little by little."—Plutarch.

This may be applied to the temperance situation in Ontario today. "Disgusted Liberal," in his letter of the 22nd inst., does not correctly represent the situation. To speak about remaining under the wing of the Liberal leaders and talking against their temperance policy, and then voting for it, is not at all a correct description. Clear-eyed temperance workers do not speak against their policy, but for it. We want all the Liberal convention proposed, and a good deal more. But we do not want another Scott act spurt, and then in three years, a vote to abolish what has been obtained. We want only such progress as solid public opinion will sustain.

Westminster Township voted for the Scott act by over five hundred of a majority. Suppose that had been referendum vote, how it would have been pressed as an overwhelming "mandate" to the Government. And yet in three years, Westminster, by a majority, voted the Scott act out again. Why was it voted out? The law was not enforced. Why was it not enforced? Lack of machinery to enforce? Perhaps; but was there not a far more serious lack than that? We may feel contempt for mere spies or informers who would go sneaking 'round to discover cases against the liquor-sellers. But when facts are thrust upon our notice, which strongly point to violation of the law, the case is altogether different. Yet, even in such cases, the great body of the voters would not lift a finger to communicate the facts, and thus help to put officials in the way of enforcement of the law. And because the law would not enforce itself, and officials were not omniscient, many were "disgusted," and in their disgust took a retrograde step. It would seem as if some temperance men were disgusted again at the present stage, and are prepared to take another retrograde step. Perhaps the Montreal Witness is correct in saying that "denouncing those who are working with us towards the same end (but not working in just the same way or at the same rate as we do), is stabbing the cause we advocate in a way that none of its enemies could."

If we cannot get all we want at present, it seems a strange mistake to talk against or work against what we can get. It is not "perseverance," but petulance, to kick at what we can get, because we cannot yet get all we want. "Little by little"; take what we can get, and work for more. Great progress has been made, but it was little by little. And if we persevere in this line, complete victory will be won by-and-bye.

Of course, we ought "to speak with our votes," as well as in other ways. But how should we vote? Viewing the matter, not from the Liberal standpoint, not from the Conservative standpoint, but from the temperance standpoint, it does not seem difficult to decide. Either the Liberals or the Conservatives will hold the reins of power after the elections, and will control the situation. The whole history of the Conservative party is less favorable to prohibition than the Liberal party. All the temperance legislation we have has been given us by the Liberal party. Mr. Harcourt, a member of the Government and a total abstainer, declares that "not a suggestion or amendment in the line of progress has come from the Conservative party." If this is true, it ought to have due weight. Add to this the fact that the Liberal convention proposed some advance measures, while the Conservative conference proposed none, and it seems quite evident that in the circumstance to vote the Liberals out and the Conservatives in would be to vote against advancement in temperance legislation.

I am neither a disgusted Liberal nor a satisfied Liberal. I am not fighting the politicians; but I am working along the line of abolition of the liquor traffic. And I am not going to allow myself to be switched off the track because we cannot get all at once. A reduction from 6,000 to 2,900 licenses throughout the Province—an average reduction of about 100 a year—should not be undervalued. There has been progress, and there is a prospect of more if the Liberals are sustained. If the citadel cannot be reached yet, but one or two more outposts are within reach, better to reach for the outposts, and this will bring us nearer to the capture of the citadel. The complete victory is not to be won by violence, but by PERSEVERANCE.

London, Dec. 28, 1904.

Ants are the most brainy of all creatures. In proportion to its size, an ant's brain is larger than that of any other living being.

THE WORK OF A BOLD THIEF

Residence of Mr. McNee Entered in Broad Daylight—Valuables Taken.

A singularly bold case of housebreaking occurred yesterday evening when the home of Mr. James McNee, at the corner of Richmond street and Central avenue, was entered by a thief and a considerable haul made. The trick was accomplished by someone who was unusually bold.

Mr. and Mrs. McNee were out of the city at the time and the other members of the family were not at home. The thief evidently knew of this. He effected an entrance with a key by the front door, between the hours of 5 and 6 o'clock. He made a complete tour of the house, ransacking drawers and cupboards hastily. Articles to the value of several hundred dollars were secured, including a solid gold watch, a number of small articles of jewelry, a medal and a number of gold coins, amounting in value to sixty dollars. Then the thief evidently resolved to secure a stock of clothing to hold him over the winter, for he laid out quite a pile of it on the floor, arranging it so that it could be done up into a bundle and carried conveniently. A number of boxes were forced open and the articles they contained were thrown about the rooms.

The thief is supposed to have been disturbed as he left without taking the clothing.

The case has been reported to the police and detectives are at work upon it today.

ELGIN CONSERVATIVES

Mr. Brower Again Chosen to Contest Riding for Legislature.

Aylmer, Ont., Dec. 29.—Mr. Charles A. Brower, of Yarmouth, was today again chosen by the Conservatives of East Elgin to contest the riding at the coming elections. The following officers were elected:

President—Dr. C. W. Marlatt (re-elected).

Vice-President—Mr. Wm. Andrews (re-elected).

Secretary-Treasurer—Mr. E. A. Miller (re-elected).

The following chairmen were also elected: Yarmouth, W. H. Elliott; Malahide, Mr. T. W. Benner; Bayham, Dr. A. B. Riddell; South Dorchester, Mr. John Simpson; Aylmer, Mr. J. M. Wrong; Port Stanley, Mr. John Ferguson; Springfield, Mr. F. H. Best; Vienna, Mr. John W. Pussey.

The name of Mr. Charles Andrew Brower, Yarmouth, was placed in nomination by Mr. H. T. Godwin, ex-M.P.P., of Bayham Township. The nomination of Mr. Brower was seconded by Mr. Geo. D. Minor, of Yarmouth, and President Marlatt declared Mr. Brower to be the choice of the convention.

Messrs. Brower, Lloyd, Scott, Ingram and Marlatt addressed the audience.

ABANDONED THE SHIP

Crew of the Drumelzier Taken Ashore After Thrilling Experience.

New York, Dec. 29.—With her signals of distress and her half-masted ensign flying, the steamer Drumelzier was abandoned today as a total wreck by her captain and a dozen officers and men of the crew, who were taken off the craft and landed on Oak Island by the crew of the Fire Island and Oak Island life-saving station. Early in the day eighteen men of the crew were taken off the stranded steamer by the surf boat of the Sandy Hook station, which was towed down to the scene. The men were brought here later on a tug. Capt. Nicholson, Chief Engineer Wood and the remainder of the officers and crew decided to remain on board until officially notified that the vessel had been placed in the hands of the wrecking company, in order to obviate any claim for salvage on the derelict. At 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon the captain decided that it was unwise to remain longer on the ship, which was being terribly buffeted by the heavy seas, and asked immediate rescue. The crews of the nearby stations responded to his signals, and after a hard struggle the men were taken off and landed at Oak Island. The rescue of the men on the Drumelzier was hazardous in the extreme and was attended by many thrilling incidents.

During the four days of peril the crew behaved splendidly. The engine room force toiled unceasingly until the condition of the boiler compelled the shutting off of the steam. However, a fire was kept up in the galley, so that rations could be served to the crew, who sheltered themselves as best they could between decks, hoping against hope for succor coming from the mile and a half of thundering surf that separated them from the beach. The officers and men landed with nothing save the clothes they stood in and a few effects.

HARD ON CHAMBERLAIN

Lord Coleridge Charges the Fiscal Reformers With Corruption.

London, Dec. 29.—Lord Coleridge, at Tiverton, said the meaning of the great support given Mr. Chamberlain was that incompetent manufacturers were trying to stave off competition by destroying it. That was why all the unclean herd of monopolists, tariff mongers, and trust makers were pouring money into Chamberlain's coffers. They had already corrupted a portion of the press and were distributing broadcast the most deceitful pamphlets.

In a fiscal bluebook, devoted largely to a review of industrial conditions in this and other countries, a table showing the amount due depositors per head of population places Australia third with 7.80, Canada eleventh with 2.73.

The British steamer Anglo-Chilian arrived at Havre and had on board the captain, his wife and five seaman of the schooner R. Chester, rescued in mid-ocean. The Chester was from Canada for the West Indies with a cargo of wood. Before leaving the schooner the captain set her on fire to prevent her becoming a danger to navigation.

It is learned that the Hamburg-American Steamship Company do not intend to continue the Halifax service. The C. P. R. will endeavor to capture some continental traffic for their Antwerp-Halifax steamers.

The emigrants' rates from Quebec to Winnipeg have been raised 16 shillings, New York to Winnipeg the same.

Employes of Three Local Firms Tendered a Banquet

A Somwhat Unique Affair at the City Hotel.

Pleasant Relations Between Employers and Employed.

Timely Speeches and Songs Help to Pass a Very Pleasant Evening.

This is the season of banquets, and one of the pleasantest and most successful ever held was that given last evening by the Columbia Handle, the London Box Manufacturing, and the Hourd Companies, collectively, to their employes. The idea of having such an affair was a good one, and it was well-carried out. The large dining-room of the City Hotel was profusely decorated with festoons of red, white and blue ribbons and flags. Palms and sweet-smelling flowers added to the attractiveness of the tables. Ex-Mayor Rumball, who is prominently identified with the three concerns, was in the chair for the first port of evening, and performed his duties to the satisfaction of all. To his right and left sat other members of the firm and several guests of honor, while from 150 to 200 employes were seated at the tables. The firms had provided a most elaborate "spread," and it was done ample justice to. And the subsequent proceedings were of a nature that left nothing to be desired. The atmosphere of the affair was informal, and many a jest and good-natured piece of banter was passed around. Many of the speakers were greeted with snatches of song, and the rendering of songs by many well-known musical people consumed as much of the evening as speech-making. Mr. Will Skinner sang "The Army," "Lucky Jim," "Daddy," and others. Dr. Jeff Wood and Mr. William Ward delighted the audience with many a song, such as "Navihoe," "Scandalous Eyes," "Ain't It a Shame," etc., the whole gathering sometimes joining in the chorus. Mr. Ernest Moule and Mr. Norman Keene also gave some much-enjoyed bass solos. Mr. McConnel sang "Meet Me In St. Louis."

Mr. Rumball's Welcome.

Mr. Rumball, in opening the banquet, said: "It affords me a great deal of pleasure to welcome you tonight. I have presided at a great many banquets in my time, but never have I felt so much pleasure as I do tonight." He went on to speak of the excellent relations which existed between the employes and the members of the firms. It was only by the co-operation of the men in the shops that the employers were able to make a success of a business.

The chairman then proposed the ever-popular toast, "Canada," and it was drunk in hearty style, to the accompaniment of the Canadian National Anthem. The toast was responded to by



Photo by Frank Cooper.

Mr. F. G. Rumball,

President of the companies which tendered the banquet to their employes.

Mr William Edgecombe, of Cowan's hardware, and Mr. John Stevely, the company's popular secretary-treasurer. The latter said that he was no speaker, but a man was a poor citizen who could not say a few words in praise of the land he loved. (Applause). The vastness of Canada and the wealth of her resources were hard to grasp. The Dominion was now coming into the heritage which she deserved. The trade returns for the past ten years showed a greater increase than those of any other country. And the speaker said that the figures also showed that our taxation had increased less in proportion to our trade than was the case with any other country. Mr. Stevely closed with a brief resume of Canada's resources, in lake, plain and mountain.

The Employes' Toast.

The next toast was also a popular one, namely, "Our Employes," and with this toast were coupled seven names. Mr. Charlie Ferguson said that he was comparatively a new hand, but since he had come to London he had been employed by only the one firm, which he considered to be one of the best in the land. Mr. Orendorf said that these were also his sentiments. Mr. Otram said that although his home had been in the United States, he had found Canada a better country to work in. Mr. Burt said that the London Box was the only company that could beat the Columbia Handle Company. (Laughter). Mr. Hodges thanked the firms heartily, on behalf of their employes, and praised the companies for their good treatment of their men. Mr. Hart said that just as the child on Christmas appreciated the stocking even more than its contents, he appreciated the spirit in which the dinner was given even more than the dinner.

The City of London.

The toast to "The City of London" was coupled with the names of Mr. R. W. Bennet and Mr. T. R. Parker. The gathering rose and sang "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows," very heartily. Mr. Bennet said he had just noticed an old oak dresser which stood at the end of the room and which had been made by some of his own employes in 1857. He referred to the relations which should exist between the manufacturers and their employes. No employer should object to a man leaving him to better his position or for just cause, but one and all should work harmoniously together, for only thus would trade flourish and stay firm in the locality.

Mr. Parker spoke of the close dependence of one industry upon another, and of the employer upon his employes. The manufacturer should not think that he could run his business without the co-operation of his men, and different concerns should realize that they had to give and take, because one needed the material produced by each. Mr. Parker then spoke of the growing competition between Canadian industries and those of the United States. Britain was now demanding Canadian goods, while formerly the name "Canadian" stamped on goods meant nothing. The industries of Canada should solidify to meet this responsibility, and the real manufacturers, said the speaker, were the men sitting around the table before him. (Applause.) The success of the industry largely depended upon the energy and brains of the workers, and the character of the goods they produced. Mr. Parker hoped that the banquet would become an annual affair. (Applause.)

Gathering Had Great Value.

The next toast was that of "The Commercial Interests," and was ushered in with three hearty cheers. Mr. C. A. Whitwam said that gatherings like the present one were of great value, because they brought capital and labor together better than all other methods. He then quoted statistics to show that Canada's trade had increased twenty-four fold, while that of the States had been increasing seventeen-fold. The speaker went on to say that when he had first entered the hardware business all the bar and pig iron had come from beyond our boundaries, and the same was the case with wire. But now these materials were produced in sufficiency inside the Dominion. We had now three large concerns manufacturing locks, while some years ago none were made in Canada. The process of building up these industries had given employment to large numbers of men. Many consumers thought that we had had to "pay a little dear for our whistle," but the speaker thought the result was worth it. With regard to the Disston saws, which used to be largely imported from the States, the speaker said that owing to the present tariff and the anti-dumping clause, Mr. Disston had found that he had to come to Canada and start up a concern if he did not want to lose his trade. (Loud applause.) So Mr. Disston was now building a $500,000 concern in Toronto. (Renewed applause.) The speaker further said that manufacturers who broke their agreements, and cut their rates, were losers in the long run, and they could not afford to pay their men well.

Mr. Eckert spoke of the success enjoyed by the three concerns represented at the gathering, and such gatherings made life pleasanter.

Mr. R. Edgecombe said that it was evident that the three concerns had a very fine class of men in their employ.

The Guests Reply.

Mr. Stevely then took the position of toastmaster, and introduced the toast of "Our Guests." Mr. Cameron, of Strathroy, said that the flattering reception accorded him had made him bashful, (Laughter). He said that he had wanted to be present, not only to see the gathering, but to ascertain the method in which it was conducted. It was a good thing, he thought, for capital and labor to come together once in a while, to shake hands and forget the little difficulties which necessarily arose in business. The speaker intended to copy, in his own town, the example set before him. He paid a tribute to the fairness of his competitors in this city, who were the hosts of the evening. He told his hearers among the employes that if they took such a good interest in their work that they were not always waiting for 6 o'clock, they were bound to succeed. The speaker had passed through all the grades of labor himself and he felt capable of advising employes how to become employers of labor. Canada had such possibilities, and so great was the market opening out in the Northwest, that there would be abundance of positions in the present firms for the children of those who sat around the tables.

Mr. E. J. MacRobert said that although not a manufacturer nor an employe, he was always happy to be a manufacturer's guest. The speaker paid a great tribute to Mr. Fred. Rumball, saying that this gentleman was always the same good-souled, popular fellow whether in the mayor's chair or out of it, and both in his relations with his employes and when meeting his friends on the street. The speaker also paid a tribute to the intelligence which he could see was possessed by the employes, and he closed by saying that much of the progress of London was due to its manufacturers.

Ald. John Forristal hoped that many other concerns would follow the example set them by the hosts of the evening. There was no city, said the speaker, in which so many workmen had their own homes, and in the hands of these men, with all their independence of spirit, lay the destinies of the city.

Mr. Alf. Tory said that the present banquet gave evidence of how much the heads of the firms thought of their men. He wished the three concerns and their employes an exceedingly prosperous year of 1905.

Toasted the Employers.

Mr. W. Edgecombe then, amidst great enthusiasm, proposed the health of Messrs. Fred Rumball, Hourd and Braddon. Three rousing cheers were given as ex-Mayor Rumball arose.

Mr. Rumball thanked all for the hearty manner in which they had drunk to the toast. He did not feel capable of replying suitably. He said the three firms had wanted to provide some additional method of entertaining their employes besides that of giving them Christmas presents, and he thought the banquet had proved to be a good idea. (Applause.) Mr. Rumball closed with wishing all a happy New Year. (Great applause.)

Messrs. Hourd and Braddon also made suitable replies. The latter said he himself had "worked among the boys," when he was learning his trade and told some happy reminiscences. He paid a tribue to the good-working qualities of his employes, and said he hoped to make the banquet, as far as his firm was concerned an annual affair.

Mr. Stevely, in closing the banquet, thanked all for their attendance, and especially those who had favored the gathering with musical selections. He asked all to rise and drink to the health of these gentlemen, which was done in a hearty manner, accompanied with cheers.

Mr. "Billy" Ward made a very happy reply which was much appreciated.

Dr. Wood said that Mr. Ward was the spokesman of the "crowd of talent" present. Mr. Keene and Mr. Skinner also made suitable replies, and the latter gave a closing selection "Margeroot," which proved to be a good round-up to the proceedings, and kept up the great good humor, which had characterized the proceedings, to the very end.

Mr. Whitwam then moved and Ald. Forristal seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to Messrs. Rumball, Hourd and Braddon for the magnificent banquet which all had so enjoyed. Mr. Stevely replied suitably, and the gathering dispersed, after joinging hands in the singing of Old Lang Syne and the National Anthem.

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6 dozen only Ladies' Flannelette Gowns, made of best quality striped flannelette, with yoke, frills of self assorted fancy stripes, and regularly sold at 75c, all sizes. Special for Saturday and night at..... 50c

3 dozen only Ladies' Flannelette Gowns, made of best quality flannelette, nicely made and trimmed, with yokes, tucks, embroidery and frills. Extra special. Regularly sold at $1.50. Your choice Saturday and night, all sizes, for..... $1.14

Men's 50c Winter Undershirts for 39c.

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A. F. BASS,

Successor to J. E. Adkins.

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LATEST MARKETS

LOCAL MARKETS.

London, Friday, Dec. 30.

The offerings at the market this morning were confined solely to hay and oats.

There were 23 loads of hay on the stand; sales were brisk, at $8 50 to $9 per ton; nearly all sold at $9; nearly double the number of loads offered could have been sold had they been brought in, so keen were the buyers to fill orders.

About 8 loads of oats were offered; sales were brisk, at 97c to $1 per cwt.

There should be a good demand for all kinds of farm product at Saturday's market.

STOCK MARKETS.

H. C. Becher, stock broker, Bank of Commerce building, received the following by private wire from Bartlett, Frazier & Carrington today:

New York, Dec. 30.—Noon.—For the first fifteen minutes the market was extremely active and substantial advances were scored. Commission business was better than for some time in all the leading stocks, such as U. P., St. Paul, the steel stocks, A. C. P. and Pennsylvania. The activity, however, decreased very shortly, and a good deal of profit-taking made its appearance. It is, however, only natural that this should take place at the end of the year, and it has not affected the bullish sentiment. Nothing definite is heard as regards the date for the handing down of the Northern Securities decision, but it is believed that the judges have agreed and that the verdict will be in favor of Mr. Hill. Money is in greater demand and in smaller supply than for many weeks. The early loans were made at 3 per cent, since then somewhat higher rates have prevailed, and it seems no improbable that more than 4 per cent will be paid for money before the end of the day. This may cause some selling by the professional traders. Sales to noon, 656,700.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Dec. 30.

	Ask.	Off.
Ontario Bank	..	130
Bank of Toronto	235	230
Merchants' Bank	..	163
Bank of Commerce	166¾	166⅜
Imperial Bank	230	229
Dominion Bank	252	250
Standard Bank	..	235
Bank of Hamilton	..	216¼
Ottawa Bank	220	215
Traders' Bank	..	130
Bank of British America	..	96
Western Assurance	..	96
Imperial Life	..	149
National Trust	..	139
Consumers' Gas	211	210
Ont. & Qu'Appelle Land	..	100
Can. Northwest Land, pfd	..	99
Canadian Pacific Railway	133¾	133½
Canadian Pacific, new	130½	129½
Toronto Electric Light	..	150
Canadian General Electric	173	172¼
Dominion Telegraph	..	118½
Bell Telephone	160	159
Niagara Navigation	..	109½
Northern Navigation	..	57
Toronto Railway	106	105⅝
Twin City Railway	106¾	106
Sao Paulo Tramway	107½	107¼
Dominion Steel, com	18½	18
Dominion Steel, pfd	60	58
Dominion Coal, com	63½	61½
Nova Scotia Steel, com	67¾	67¼
Crow's Nest Coal	350	..
Mackay, com	40½	40
Mackay, pfd	75½	74¼
Salt	113	..
British-Canadian L. & I	95	90
Canada Landed	..	105½
Canada Permanent	..	122
Canadian Savings & Loan	..	120
Central Canada Loan	..	168
Dominion Savings & Invest	..	70
Hamilton Provident	..	119
Huron & Erie L. & S	185	181
Landed Banking & Loan	..	119
London & Canada L. & A	100	97
Ontario Loan & Debenture	..	120
Toronto Savings	..	136
Dominion Steel, bonds	84	82½

SALES: Bank of Commerce, 75 at 166, 205, 50 and 91 at 166½, 10 at 166⅜; Bank of Hamilton, 5 at 216⅜, 15 at 216¼, 1 at 216½; Mackay, 100 common at 40⅜, 100 preferred at 75½ cash; Ontario Bank, 4 at 130¼; Consumers' Gas, 25 at 210; Toronto Railway, 50 at 106, 125 at 105⅝, 100 and 10 at 105½, 25 at 105⅜, 75 and 25 at 105⅝, 150 and 125 at 105¾; C. P. R., 100 at 134¼, 50 at 134¼, 100 at 133¾, 5 at 133⅞, 50 new at 130; Dominion Steel, 5 at 18½, 2 preferred at 58, 10 at 58¼, 25 common at 18; Nova Scotia Steel, 25 at 67¼; Twin City, 75 at 106¼; Detroit Railway, 50 at 78½; Sao Paulo, 250 and 15 at 107¼.

Mr. S. Temple Blackwood has been elected a member. After this afternoon there will be no board until Tuesday.

MONTREAL.

Montreal, Dec. 30.

	Ask.	Off.
Canadian Pacific	133¾	133½
Canadian Pacific, new	..	130¼
Winnipeg Street Railway	115	105
Montreal Street Railway	216¼	215
West Indies	50	46½
Toronto Street Railway	106⅜	106¼
Halifax Railway	105⅞	105
Twin City Transit	106¼	106⅛
Richelieu & Ontario	63	61½
Dominion Steel, com	18½	18⅜
Dominion Steel, pfd	59½	59
Montreal Power	82	81¾
Nova Scotia Steel, com	68	67
Detroit Railway	78	78
Montreal Cotton	..	100
Dominion Cotton	41½	38½
Mackay, com	41	40
Mackay, pfd	76¼	75⅝
Montreal Railway, bonds	104½	103
Lake of Woods Milling	114	107½
Dominion Coal, com	63	62¾
Dominion Coal, pfd	117	114
International Coal	..	75
Winnipeg Railway, bonds	105	..
Switch, pfd	100	..
Bank of Montreal	..	255
Bank North America	..	219
Ogilvie Flour	..	200
Ogilvie Flour	133	128½
Ogilvie Flour, bonds	115	112
Dominion Steel, bonds	82⅝	82¼
Heat and Light, bonds	103	100
Laurentide Pulp, bonds	..	107
Toledo Railway	23¼	23

SALES: C. P. R., new, 60 at 130¼, 5 at 130½; C. P. R., 50 at 134, 125 at 134⅛, 250 at 135, 50 at 134, 50 at 133⅝; Montreal Railway, new, 200 at 215; Toronto Railway, 100 at 105½, 150 at 106, 375 at 106¼; Halifax Railway, 15 at 105, 100 at 105½; Coal, common, 25 at 63, 50 at 62⅞, 25 at 63; Bank of Montreal, 2 at 255½, 14 at 255; Quebec Bank, 10 at 128; Power, 25 at 81¾, 50 at 82, 50 at 81¾; Iron, common, 25 at 18½, 5 at 19, 80 at 18¾, 200 at 18½; Soo, preferred, 25 at 147½; Pulp, preferred, 100 at 100½, 25 at 101, 50 at 101½; Mackay, common, 125 at 40¼; Detroit Railway, 20 at 78⅝, 5 at 78¾, 50 at 78¾, 20 at 78½, 50 at 78¼; Iron, preferred, 100 at 58¾, 150 at 59, 10 at 59½, 10 at 59, 200 at 59¼, 10 at 58½, 25 at 59; Mackay, preferred, 25 at 75¾, 40 at 76, 75 at 76; Scotia, 50 at 67½; Twin City, 25 at 106½; Montreal Cotton, 25 at 102; Bank of Commerce, 4 at 166, 1 at 166¼, 10 at 166¼, Winnipeg Railway bonds, 25,000 at 104½, 18,000 at 104¾; Iron bonds, 3,000 at 83¼, 17,000 at 82¾.

NEW YORK.

Reported by F. H. Butler, stock broker, Masonic Temple, for The Advertiser.

New York, Dec. 30.

	Open	High	Low	Close
Amal. Copper	74	74⅞	71⅞	72¼
American Sugar	144¼	144¾	143	143¼
American Foundry	34	34	33½	33½
American Refining	82	82¼	81¾	82
Atchison, com	88½	88¾	88	88¼
Atchison, pfd	101½	101½	101	101¼

C. N. SPENCER, STOCK BROKER.

Stocks, Bonds, Grain and Provisions bought and sold for cash or on margins. Long distance 'phone 180. Office, Market Lane.

Baltimore & Ohio	104½	105¼	103¾	104⅛
Brooklyn Transit	63	63¾	61⅝	62
C. P. R.	134⅛	134¼	133	133⅞
Ches. & Ohio	49⅛	49⅞	48¾	48¾
Chicago G. Western	23	23⅞	21¾	22⅝
Col. Fuel & Iron	49½	49⅝	46½	47¼
Consolidated Gas	203½	203½	198¾	200
Delaware & Hudson	186	..	..	..
Erie	38½	38⅝	37⅞	37⅞
Erie, pfd	75⅞	76½	75½	75⅝
Illinois Central	158	158¾	157¾	157⅞
Kan. & Tex., com	33	33⅛	32⅛	32½
Kan. & Tex., pfd	65	..	..	..
Louisville & Nash	141⅝	141¾	141	141
Manhattan	164½	165¾	164½	165
Metropolitan St. Ry	122	122¾	120½	120⅞
Mexican Central	22½	23⅛	22¼	23
Missouri Pacific	108¼	109	107⅝	108½
N. Y. Central	143	143¾	142½	142¾
Norfolk & Western	80¼	80½	79½	80
Ontario & Western	41¾	41⅝	41	41½
Pacific Mail S.S. Co.	45¾	46	44½	44½
Pennsylvania	139½	140	139	139⅜
People's Gas	108⅛	108⅜	107¼	107½
Reading	80½	81	79⅝	80⅛
Republic I. & S	17½	..	..	..
Rock Island	36⅞	37¾	36⅞	37
Southern Railway	35⅝	35⅞	35⅜	35⅜
Southern Ry., pfd	97	..	..	..
Southern Pacific	66	66½	65½	65⅞
St. Paul	174	174⅛	172½	173
Texas	35⅝	36⅛	35¼	35⅝
Twin City	105⅞	..	..	..
Tenn. Coal & Iron	74	74	72⅝	72⅜
Union Pacific	115	115½	114	115
U. S. Leather	14½	14½	13¾	13¾
U. S. Leather, pfd	102	102	101¾	101⅞
U. S. Steel	31⅝	31⅞	30⅝	31
U. S. Steel, pfd	95	95½	93⅞	94½
Wabash, com	22	22	21⅞	21⅞
Wabash, pfd	43⅞	43⅞	43	43
Western Union Tel	93¾	93¾	93¼	93¼
Wisconsin Central	22⅞	22⅞	22⅝	22⅝

N. S. WILLIAMS, Broker,

113 Masonic Temple.

Correspondents W. F. DEVER & CO. (established 1890). Stocks, Bonds, Grain. Provisions and Cotton bought and sold for cash or on margin.

Long distance 'phone 1,113.

CHICAGO EXCHANGE.

Reported by F. H. Butler, stock broker, Masonic Temple, for The Advertiser.

Chicago, Dec. 30.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
May	1 14⅝	1 15½	1 13½	1 13⅝
July	99⅛	99½	98⅜	98½
Corn—				
May	45½	45⅝	45½	45½
July	46	46	45⅝	45⅝
Oats—				
May	31⅝	31¾	31½	31½
July	31½	31¾	31½	31½
Pork—				
January	12 45	12 47	12 35	12 35
May	12 80	12 82	12 75	12 75
Lard—				
January	6 75	6 77	6 75	6 75
May	7 05	7 05	7 00	7 00
Short Ribs—				
January	6 37	6 40	6 35	6 35
May	6 67	6 67	6 65	6 65

OIL MARKETS.

PITTSBURG.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 29.—Oil opened at $1 55; closed at $1 50.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 29.—The Standard Oil Company today made a reduction of 5c in all grades of crude oil, except Raglan, which was cut 2c. The quotations follow: Pennsylvania, $1 50; Tiona, $1 65; Cabell, $1 25; Newcastle, $1 42; Corning, $1 17; North Lima, $1 01; South Lima, 96c; Indian, 96c; Reglan, 58c. This is the second reduction of 5c per barrel within two weeks.

OIL CITY.

Oil City, Pa., Dec. 29.—Credit balances, $1 50; certificates, no bid; shipments, Pennsylvania, 88,264 barrels.

DAIRY MARKETS.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Butter—Firm; creameries, 17c to 28c; dairies, 16c to 24c. Cheese—Steady, 11c to 12c.

NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 29.—Butter—Firm; receipts, 3,101 pkgs; street prices, extra creamery, 28c to 28½c; official prices, creamery, common to extra, 18c to 28c; do, held, common to extra, 20c to 26c; state dairy, common to extra, 16c to 26c; renovated, common to extra, 14c to 21c; western factory, common to choice, 14c to 17c; western imitation creamery, common to choice, 17c to 22c. Cheese—Firm and unchanged; receipts, 20,132 boxes.

SUGAR MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 29.—Sugar—Raw steady, refined firm. Molasses—Firm.

ENGLISH MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL.

Liverpool, Dec. 29.—Wheat—Spot nominal. Futures steady; December nominal; March, 6s 11½d; May, 6s 11½d.

Corn—Spot quiet; American mixed, new, 4s 6½d; American mixed, old, 4s 10½d. Futures quiet; January, 4s 2⅝d; March, 4s 2⅝d.

Bacon—Short ribs, 16 to 24 lbs, easy, 38s 6d; long clear middles, light, 28 to 34 lbs, dull, 38s; long clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs, easy, 36s 6d.

Turpentine Spirits—Steady, 38s.

BEAN MARKET.

DETROIT.

Detroit, Dec. 29.—Beans—December, $1 62; January, $1 63 asked; February, 1 car at $1 65.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

PRICES OF LIVE HOGS.

Prices for live hogs for Tuesday morning next, delivered at the factory in Pottersburg: 160 to 200 lbs, $4 50; lighter and heavier hogs, $4 25.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Cattle—Receipts, 9,000; market averaged lower; good to prime steers, $5 40 to $6 40; poor to medium, $3 80 to $5 40; stockers and feeders, $2 35 to $4 35; cows, $1 50 to $4 25; heifers, $2 25 to $5; calves, $3 50 to $7 35.

Hogs—Receipts, 16,000; market strong; mixed and butchers, $4 50 to $4 80; good to choice heavy, $4 70 to $4 87½; rough heavy, $4 50 to $4 65; light, $4 40 to $4 70; bulk of sales at $4 65 to $4 75.

Sheep—Receipts, 10,000; sheep strong; lambs 10c higher; good to choice wethers, $4 90 to $5 50; fair to choice mixed, $4 to $4 80 per cwt.

EAST BUFFALO.

East Buffalo, Dec. 30.—Cattle—Receipts, 250 head; steady; prime steers, $5 50 to $5 75; shipping, $4 75 to $4 85; butchers, $3 85 to $5; heifers, $3 to $4 50; cows, $2 50 to $4 10; bulls and stockers and feeders, $2 50 to $4. Veals—Receipts, 250 head; active, 50c higher, at $4 50 to $9 25.

Hogs—Receipts, 8,200 head; active, steady, 5c higher; pigs, 5c to 10c lower; heavy, $4 95 to $5; mixed, $4 90 to $4 95; Yorkers, $4 65 to $4 90; pigs, $4 45 to $4 50; roughs, $4 to $4 35; stags, $3 to $3 50.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 11,000 head; sheep active and steady; lambs opened active, closed slow; native lambs, $5 to $7 75; Canadas, $7 25 to $7 40; ewes, $5 to $5 25 per cwt.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—The usual Christmas week conditions prevail at the city cattle market, today's business being of an extremely quiet character. The local butcher trade seems well supplied, and no active buying is looked for until next week. The offerings were very light, and this fact alone, doubtless, prevented anything like a serious slump in prices. The general tone of the market, however, is easier, and bargain-hunters were able to secure a few small lots at a lower figure than last week. It is the opinion of some of the local dealers that it will be some time before a return to higher prices. It is said that there are plenty of partly-finished stall-fed cattle in the country waiting to be shipped in, and that so many of these will be offering that low prices are likely to rule the market for many weeks yet.

Exporters—While the butcher market is quiet, there is a good market for choice export cattle. Well-finished fat cattle are wanted, and so far very few are offering. Several of the largest buyers of exporters are getting their fat cattle from Chicago this week.

Stockers—There was some inquiry for a few good stockers today, but there was practically none in the market.

Sheep and Lambs—The run was light and the market quiet, but prices were higher for lambs.

Hogs—The market continues steady, at last week's decline.

The run was 27 loads, with 291 cattle, 721 sheep and lambs, 90 hogs and 45 calves.

Corbett & Henderson sold a couple of loads of mixed cattle, light butchers, 900 lbs, at $3 25; good heifers, 1,000 lbs, at $4; fair to good, $3 75; butcher cows, 1,060 to 1,100 lbs, at $2 80 to $3 25; light stockers, 800 lbs, at $3 25; stock bulls, 900 lbs, at $2 40. Dunn Bros. bought about 1½ loads of export cattle; steers, 1,300 lbs, at $4 60 to $4 80; cows, 1,300 to 1,450 lbs, at $4; 8 bulls, 1,600 to 2,000 lbs, at $3 50 to $4. Wesley Dun bought 150 sheep at $4 40; 150 lambs at $5 85; 5 calves at $7 each. George Rowntree bought for the Harris Abattoir Company about 90 head of butchers' cattle; good heifers, about 1,050 lbs, at $4; fair to good, $3 40 to $3 70; common cows, $2 50 to $2 60; good, $3 to $3 25. Frank Hunnisett bought 59 butchers' cattle, 900 to 1,200 lbs, at $3 20 to $3 80; 11 calves at $5 to $12 each, or 4c to 5¼c per lb. S. Levack bought about a load of good butcher cattle, 1,050 lbs, at $3 50 to $4. Wilson & Maybee sold a load of butchers, 923 lbs, at $3 75; sold at load of mixed cattle, cows, 1,100 to 1,300 lbs, export, at $3 60 to $4; butcher cows at $3 50 to $3 75; a bull, 1,520 lbs, at $3 50. C. Zeagman & Son bought a load of spring stock, calves, at $5 each; a load of common canners, butchers' cattle, at about $2 per cwt.

PRODUCE MARKET.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 30.—Wheat—Manitoba wheat continues firm: No. 1 northern, $1 06; No. 2, $1 01 to $1 01½; No. 3, 95c to 96c, at Georgian Bay ports, and 6c more grinding in transit; Ontario wheat is quiet and unchanged, at 97c to 98c for red and white; spring, 92c to 93c; goose, 86c to 87c. Flour—Steady; 90 per cent patents, $4 20 to $4 35, in buyers' sacks, west; 15c to 20c higher for choice; Manitoba flour, $5 40 to $5 70 for first patents, $5 to $5 40 for second patents, and $5 to $5 20 for bakers. Millfeed—Steady, at $14 to $14 50 for bran in bulk, $17 to $18 for shorts, west; Manitoba, $21 for shorts and $18 for bran for export. Barley—Unchanged, at 45c for No. 3, 43c for extra and 41c for No. 3 malting, outside, Toronto freights. Rye, 74c to 75c for No. 2. Corn—Firm and unchanged; new Canadian yellow, 43c; mixed, 42c, f. o. b., Chatham freights; new American, No. 3 yellow, 52c to 52½c; mixed, 52c, on track at Toronto. Oats—Steady and fairly active, at 33c to 33¼c for No. 1 white, low freights; No. 2, 32½c, low freights, and 32c, north and west. Rolled oats, $4 for cars of bags and $4 25 for barrels, on the track at Toronto; 25c more for broken lots here and 40c more outside. Peas, 67c to 68c for No. 2, west. Buckwheat, 51c to 52c west. Butter—Market quiet; prices unchanged; fair demand for the choice grades. Eggs—Steady to firm, at 20c for limed and 21c for fresh. Cheese—Firm and unchanged, at 11c to 11¼c for large and 11¼c to 11½c for twins.

HAY MARKET.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Baled Hay—Unchanged, at $7 50 per ton for No. 1 timothy and $6 75 for No. 2 and mixed clover, in car lots on track here.

Baled Straw—The market is unchanged, with a firm tone; car lots on the track here are quoted at $6 to $6 50 per ton.

ENGLISH MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL.

Liverpool, Dec. 30.—Wheat—Spot nominal. Futures steady; December nominal; March, 7s; May, 6s 11¾d.

Corn—Spot quiet; American mixed, new, 4s 6½d; do, old, 4s 10½d. Futures steady; January, 4s 2⅞d; March, 4s 3d.

Bacon—Short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs, easy, 36s 6d; shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs, dull, 36s 6d.

Hops (in London)—Pacific coast steady, £7 10s to £8 10s.

Receipts of wheat during the past three days were 382,000 centals, including 38,000 American.

Receipts of American corn during the past three days were 70,000 centals.

Weather—Stormy.

Your Vote and Influence

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W. T. STRONG

As School Trustee for 1905.

ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE ABSCONDED

Local Men Sell Out Their Business—Londoners Lose, 'Tis Said, by Their Dealings.

The proprietors of a furnishing company on Dundas street, recently sold their business and as a result a couple of American detectives are in the city today looking into their past history, while a number of citizens are bewailing the fact that they loaned them money. The men were brothers and they have been conducting a house-furnishing business for the past year or more. During that time they did well and extended their trade. For this purpose it is said that they succeeded in securing $1,000 from a well-known resident, which they failed to pay back. The man who bought the business is said to have lost $1,000 as a result of his transactions with the smooth pair, who sold him a number of outstanding accounts which proved to be worthless.

It is also stated that they worked a game on a furniture man which cost him dearly, and that they have heavy liabilities in other cities, creditors being here today from several places. It is thought the two men have absconded with $8,000. Among the creditors who were here today was Mr. Endicott, who claims to have lost a substantial amount.

Two detectives were here today making inquiries about the men, one of whom, it is believed, is wanted in Buffalo for bigamy. He was married here a short time ago, and it is stated that he has a wife in Buffalo. Both the men have left the city, but where they went is a mystery to all.

Bankrupt Prices.

Ten thousand dollars worth of Staple Drygoods, Clothing and Gents' Furnishings, bought at 57c on the dollar, to be cleared out without reserve. It is a sale to the finish. C. B. Keenleyside, 134 Dundas street. b

The welwitschia mirabilis is a wonder of the vegetable kingdom. It grows on the barren land of the western side of Africa, where rain is almost unknown. Every year of its life increases its size, yet it never grows higher. Rising just above the ground this strange plant, looking like a rough round table, regularly enlarges by adding concentric layers to its circumference. It never loses its first two leaves and never gets any more.

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Competition Secured the Increase From Bell Co.

Ald. Judd's Blanket Policy of Claiming Credit for Everything Is Too Sweeping.

Ald. Judd's blanket policy of claiming all the alleged good deeds of the council of 1904 as his own, does not meet with the approval of his colleagues. In the telephone agreement, if any credit attaches to the council, the aldermen claim Ald. Judd is not the only pebble on the beach. They point out that, as Dr. Campbell last night pointed out, it was the threatened competition of the Canadian Telegraph and Telephone Company which brought the Bell Telephone Company to time, and not Ald. Judd. And if the city now draws $1,500 a year more for an exclusive telephone franchise, is the increase not warranted when the increase in the number of 'phones over those in use five years ago is considered?

In claiming everything in sight, Ald. Judd appears to be acting simply in accordance with his corporation tendencies.

Just how vitally every taxpayer of London is interested in not having Ald. Judd, who is a shareholder in the London Electric Company, for mayor, is shown by a simple bit of figuring. It is estimated that there are 5,000 taxpayers in London, and as the London Electric Company annually draws $30,000 from the city for street lighting, each and every taxpayer is compelled to pay $6 a year to help make up this huge amount. Thus every taxpayer in London is assessed $6 a year by Ald. Judd's electric lighting firm, and a portion of this money goes into Ald. Judd's pockets. It's no wonder Ald. Judd didn't want the Sifton Company to enter into competition with his big bonanza concern.

In the east end hall and in West London, Ald. Judd referred to the comparision of electric light prices in London and in four other cities, as made by The Advertiser. On both occasions he declared the comparisons were unfair and told his hearers that in Ottawa electricity is generated by water power, while in London, electricity must be generated by steam. "The London Electric Company (Ald. Judd's company) has to burn its coal—its good coal," said Ald. Judd. Well, the London Electric isn't the only company which has to burn coal. Why doesn't Ald. Judd tell the people why it is that in London the people have to pay $80 a year for each lamp, in Brantford $60 a year, in Stratford $65 a year, and in Toronto $74 a year. And the price per night is as follows in London and four other cities:

London	23 cents
Ottawa	16 cents
Brantford	18 cents
Toronto	20½ cents
Stratford	20 cents

When Ald. Judd's company proposed that before any electric company should be allowed to do business in London, it must wire the whole city, Ald. Judd's company knew what it was about. It knew that under such conditions as these, no company would be able to enter the local field, and the London Electric Company would hold the fort in undisputed monopolistic possession. But Ex-Ald. Campbell voted, as did ten other aldermen, to give the people the benefits of competition and allow the Sifton Company to come into London, and the people now enjoy these benefits. Ald. Judd was not in the city council at that time, but no tears are being shed because he wasn't.

Last night Mayor Beck had the opportunity of explaining to the people why it is that a macadam pavement was put down in front of his factory on Albert street out of the general funds, and yet he did not explain. There are a very large number of people in London who would be glad to know how it came about that this pavement was put down. Ald. Wyatt is also in the same boat as the mayor, a macadam pavement having been put down out of the general funds in front of his place on St. James street. But Ald. Wyatt, like Mayor Beck, is also silent. What is the matter? Cannot either gentleman face the electors and tell the electors what they want to know?

Though it appeared for a while at the West London meeting last night that Ald. Judd had a corner on the good deeds of the council of 1904, Mayor Beck, who was present, was not to be denied, as he, too, got his oar in. He felt that he was entitled to credit, by the way he spoke, for the present breakwater bylaw, which is to be submitted to the people, and yet the records of the breakwater committee show that Mayor Beck attended but one meeting of that committee, and that was the last meeting. But the bylaw appears to be popular, and both the mayor and Ald. Judd are out to make all they can out of it.

MANY CONSERVATIVE WORKERS ARE APPOINTED SCRUTINEERS

Take the Declaration to Act On Garbage and Breakwater Bylaws On Jan. 2.

Today City Clerk Baker was busy taking the declarations of the scrutineers for and against the West London breakwater, and the garbage system bylays. A glance at the list shows that the scrutineers are nearly all Conservative workers. As each man receives $2 a day, the cost to the city will be considerable, there being two scrutineers in each of the 43 subdivisions, and if any of these gentlemen act as scrutineers for Ald. Judd or his Conservative friends who are candidates, on election day, the people will have an able-bodied objection coming. These men are paid by all classes of citizens irrespective of politics, and if they act as scrutineers for any of the candidates they will leave themselves, as well as those for whom they act, open to the severest censure. The following are the scrutineers who up till noon took the declaration:

WARD 1.

Subdivision 1—J. D. Hodgins and J. A. Tancock.

Subdivision 3—Harry Turner and Frank May.

Subdivision 4—John Jones and W. K. Lord.

Subdivision 5—James Downs.

Subdivision 6—James Ward and William Lindsay.

Subdivision 7—Ed Winder and Abe Tibbs.

Subdivision 8—Harry Bourne and H. Richman.

Subdivision 9—John S. Burridge, and Joseph T. Burridge.

Subdivision 10—Harry Gardiner and John T. Read.

Subdivision 11—Charles Tinsley and Harry Gardiner,

Subdivision 12—Duncan McKellar and Richard Taylor.

WARD 2.

Subdivision 2—H. M. Taylor.

Subdivision 3—Henry Colerick and H. M. Lowry.

Subdivision 5—George Prescott.

Subdivision 6—M. Formann.

Subdivision 7—Robert Annett and Harvey Wooster.

Subdivision 8—R. A. Jones.

WARD 3.

Subdivision 1—W. M. Dickson and John Walmsley.

Subdivision 2—Wm. Lowry and Geo. Riddle.

Subdivision 3—Walter Carrothers and W. Reed.

Subdivision 4—C. Greason and F. Buskard.

Subdivision 5—J. H. Carroll and Oliver Gould.

Subdivision 6—Sam Miles and Fred W. Templar.

Subdivision 7—Moses Mines and H. Windgate.

Subdivision 8—Wesley Rea and C. M. McKerlie.

Subdivision 9—George Pyman and F. H. Goodwin.

Subdivision 10—W. C. Rodgers and J. Cartlidge.

Subdivision 11—Benjamin Gourlay and Charles Mooney.

WARD 4.

Subdivision 1—S. H. Craig and H. G. Abbott.

Subdivision 3—Thomas Duff and Maurice Baldwin.

Subdivision 4—George E. Sider and C. Miller.

Subdivision 5—B. Allen and James McIndoe.

Subdivision 6—John Crawford.

Subdivision 7—J. P. Armstrong and D. J. Patterson.

Subdivision 8—Robert Hillier and Robert Coughlin.

Subdivision 9—S. A. Roberts and A. Gifford.

Subdivision 10—John Treneman and S. Webster.

Subdivision 11—Henry Kerr and Alex Hudeson.

Subdivision 12—Thomas Burke and Walter Batton.

BIG CLASS FOR SPECIAL COURSE

Many Officers and Non-Coms to Take Instruction at Barracks.

The following officers and non-coms. from No. 1 Military District have enrolled at the new office of Col. Peters, D. O. C., in the Armories, for the special course at the Barracks, which begins on Monday next, and which will last for three months: Sergt. Asher (Seventy-seventh), Corp. Anthony (Thirty-seventh), Sergt. Brown (Thirty-fifth), Lieut. Clark (Thirty-seventh), Sergt. Dick (Thirtieth), Pte. Evans (Twenty-seventh), Corp. Ball (Twenty-eighth), Sergt. Burgess (Thirty-seventh), Lieut. Coultiss (Twenty-seventh), Corp. Edwards (Twenty-second), Lieut. Fowler (Thirty-second), Lieut. Farmer (Thirty-seventh), Sergt. Graham (Forty-ninth), Sergt. Higgins (Forty-ninth), Corp. Johnston (Thirty-seventh), Corp Kuhn (Twenty-ninth), Corp. Lloyd (Twenty-eighth), Bugler Logan (Thirty-eighth), Lieut. Lynton (Ninety-first), Lieut. Mody (Ninety-first), Bugler McSpadden (Twenty-eighth), Sergt. McBurnie (Thirty-second), Corp. McBurnie (Thirty-second), Lieut. Macbeth (Twenty-eighth), Sergt. Mike (Thirty-seventh), Corp. Smith (Twenty-eighth), Corp Stranghan (Seventy-seventh), Corp. Sharp (Thirty-eighth), Lieut. Taylor (Thirtieth), Sergt. Russell (Thirty-seventh), Corp. Stopley (Seventy-seventh), Sergt. Skillins (Twenty-second), Lieut. Stuart (Thirty-seventh), Sergt. Nichol (Thirtieth), Bugler Pierce (Forty-ninth), Lieut. Panton (Twenty-eighth), Sergt. Rickert (Twenty-ninth), Lieut White (Ninety-first), Corp. Ward (Twenty-seventh).

—Miss Louise Park, of this city, is at Exeter spending the holidays.

FREIGHTS MAKE FAST TIME NOW

Go From London to Hamilton in One-Third of Their Former Time.

The great advantage of the double track between this city and Hamilton is daily being felt by the officials and employes connected with the transportation department on the middle division of the Grand Trunk.

With the exception of the thirteen miles between Lynden and Paris, two tracks are in use, and any difficulty that may be caused by this small strip of single track will be overcome in a short time, when all passenger trains go around by Brantford. Then the single line of thirteen miles will be used by freight trains only.

When the road was a one-track affair only, from London to the Ambitious City, it was a daily occurrence for freight trains going both ways to take twelve to fourteen hours, and sometimes longer, to make the 78 miles. This meant that the company not only had to allow the train crews detention money, but also that the amount of fuel consumed was very great. Now, with the double track, freights go from London to Hamilton and vice versa, in 4½ and 5 hours, while 6 hours is considered to be a long time on the road, except for special cause. This means a large saving in wages and in fuel, and also a more satisfactory service for the shippers who patronize the road—and there are few who do not.

The new assistant superintendent at London, Mr. Gillen, is already in harness. Mr. Gillen was at one time a dispatcher on an American road, and has the reputation of being a practical railroader. One of his first official acts after coming to London was to issue a tonnage schedule for all freight trains, a limit being placed according to the class of the engine engaged and the nature of the territory over which it was to move. This will prevent the overloading of locomotives and the stalling of trains, which was so frequent last winter during the heavy weather.

CONDENSED LOCAL NEWS

—Tonight the city council holds its last meeting of the year.

—Miss Jean McLean is spending the holidays at her home in Chesley.

—Miss Minnie Schollish, Port Huron, is staying with some friends in London.

—Miss Effie Couke, of this city, is visiting Miss Florence Sutherland, at Embro.

—Miss Beatrice Turner, of Chatham, is visiting with her parents on Byron avenue.

—Mr. Temple and two sons, of this city, are having a visit with relatives in Exeter.

—Mr. and Mrs. Leslie, of Sydenham street, have been visiting friends in Middlemiss.

Mr. Hector Elms, of Hamilton, formerly of this city, is spending his Christmas holidays with his parents, 714 Colborne street, city.

—A watchnight, followed by a covenant service, will be held in the York Street Mission Hall Saturday night, commencing at 10 o'clock.

—Miss Ruby Hart, of the Training School for Nurses, Lansing, Mich., is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. J. T. Gleeson, York street.

—Mr. E. Greene, W. R. Vining, John Gurney and W. Seymour Hunt, of this city, were amongst those who were in attendance at the hop given by the Talbot Club in St. Thomas last night.

—Miss Mabel Elms and brother Chester, of 714 Colborne street, are attending the wedding of their cousin, Miss Effie Williams, of Waubuno. Before returning home they will spend some time with friends in Brigden and Port Huron.

NEW BANK FOR LONDON.

It has been learned that the Sovereign Bank is about to establish a branch in this city. It is probable the offices will be situated on Dundas street, next door to A. Screaton & Co.

LADIES' RECEPTION.

The ladies' auxiliary of the Young Men's Christian Association, will give their annual New Year's reception to members and frends of the association in the Y. M. C. A., Monday afternoon and evening.

LARGE CROWD AT PRINCESS.

One of the largest crowds of the season attended the Princess rink last night. London's leading ice palace never before presented a more animated scene. The ice was in excellent condition and an enjoyable evening was spent by all.

BOARD OF WORKS MEETING.

The Board of Works held a short meeting today and took up the paving brick tenders, but again postponed the letting of the contract. It is said, however, that the local firm of Craig & Gerry will be awarded the contract, as they are very near to the lowest tender made.

GAUTHIER WILL PLAY.

In all probability Harold Gauthier, the star coverpoint, who played with London's W. O. H. A. team two years ago, will appear in the line-up of the Ramblers tonight, when they meet Paris. His case will be acted upon today, and word will be received before the game is commenced. Gauthier will be a tower of strength to the local team, and with a few changes in the forward line the local team is expected to make a better showing than it did at Paris. The line-up will likely be: Goal, Leddy; point, Fleming; coverpoint, Gauthier; forwards, McMahen, Lawlor, McLennan and McGuffin.

CAPT. DENISON PROMOTED.

Several promotions and appointments were yesterday gazetted in the Canadian militia, and among them was one which will interest Londoners. Capt. S. J. A. Denison, C.M.G., of the R.C.R., who holds the brevent rank of Lieutenant-colonel, has been advanced to the rank of major, to complete establishment. Major Denison was very popular at Wolseley Barracks, where he was in command of No. 1 Company, R. C. R., and his many friends in this city will be glad to learn of his promotion.

CHICAGO HERE TOMORROW.

The fast Chicago team, winners of the Y. M. C. A championship in the Olympic competition at St. Louis, won from the Central Y. M. C. A. team, in Toronto, on Thursday night, by a score of 42 to 30. The Chicago team will play the local team here in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium, on Saturday night, Dec. 31. The line-up will be: Chicago—Berggren and Jardine, forwards; Schommer, center; Collins and Anderson, guards. London—Skinner and Tambling, forwards; Nelles, center; McBride and Crawford, guards.

SAUNDERS—JACKSON.

At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Jackson, 30 Pipe Line road, the marriage took place on Wednesday evening of Miss Hattie L. Jackson and Mr. John A. Saunders, son of Mr. J. H. Saunders, of King street. Rev. L. W. Wickett conducted the ceremony, which took place under an arch of evergreens and flowers in the parlor. Mr. R. Slater acted as best man, and the bride was assisted by her sister, Miss Ella V. Miss Stella Saunders played the wedding march, and little Elsie Post was ring-bearer. The bride wore a very handsome dress of white cashmere, trimmed with pearl and satin. After the ceremony, the guests, to the number of thirty, sat down to a dainty wedding breakfast, and then the happy couple left for a short trip to eastern points. They will be at home in Berlin, where they are to reside, after the 10th January.

OFFICERS INSTALLED

The officers for the year, in St. John's Chapter, No. 3, Royal Arch Masonry, were formally installed last Wednesday evening. The Right Excellent Companion A. E. Cooper, conducted the ceremony. Following are the names of the officers installed: Ex-Comp. J. A. Tancock, Z; Ex-Comp. J. H. Wilson, I.P.Z.; Ex-Comp. Thomas Rowe, H; Ex-Comp. E. S. Crawford, J; R. Ex-Comp. A. E. Cooper, Treasurer; R. Ex-Comp. O. Ellwood, Scribe E.; Comp. G. R. Tambling, S. H.; Comp. R. Oke, P.S.; Comp. C. Forrester, S. S.; Comp. S. B. Gidley, J. S.; Comp. A. L. Simmie, Master of Third Veil; Comp. J. Vining, Master of Second Veil; Comp. T. G. Davis, Master of First Veil; Comp. John Robertson, Janitor. During the evening a Past First Principal's Jewel was presented to Companion J. H. Wilson, the immediate Past Z.

A HAPPY EVENT.

An exceedingly pleasing and happy event took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rumball, No. 646 Bathurst street, at 2:30 o'clock on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 29, when their eldest daughter, Mary E., and Mr. Arthur Borland, were united in marriage by Rev. James Livingstone. The bride wore an elegant gown of brown, and was given away by her father. Miss Bell, of Boston, was bridesmaid; Edythe Rumball, sister of the bride, acted as maid of honor, and Mr. Chalmers, of London, supported the groom. After the ceremony the guests enjoyed a dainty luncheon, and toasts were in order. The house decorations, which were exceedingly elaborate, were of green and red, in keeping with the season. The gifts were costly and beautiful, comprising some of the most elegant pieces seen this season. The popularity of Mr. and Mrs. Borland goes without saying. They left on the evening train for southern points. On their return they will reside at No. 205 Bathurst street.

DIED FROM HER INJURIES.

Much sympathy will be felt for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris, of 715 Adelaide street, in the death of their little 3-year-old daughter Ruby, which occurred last evening at Victoria Hospital. It will be remembered that the child was very badly burned about ten days ago while playing with matches. Every effort was made to save her life, but without avail, and she gradually sank until the end came last evening. The funeral will be held on Saturday to Woodland Cemetery. Services will be held at the house at 2 o'clock.

PRESENTED WITH CLOCK

Mr. John McCool Remembered by the Ex-Students of the Collegiate.

On Thursday evening of this week Form III. D. of '02-'03, London Collegiate Institute, assembled at the library and proceeded to the home of their former class teacher, Mr. McCool, St. James street. Mr. McCool was agreeably surprised by the presence of his former pupils, as he supposed many of them were away from London. During the course of the evening an eulogistic address was read by Miss Bell Campbell, and a most beautiful clock was presented to Mr. McCool by Mr. L. B Young (Oakville).

The address was signed on behalf of the form by Belle Campbell, Eva Ellis and Beatrice Sifton. It dilated on the great kindness shown by Mr. McCool to his pupils, and his willingness to aid and counsel them.

An insurance doctor at Leipzig has collected facts which show that the changes in the human blood vessels (arteriosklerose) brought about by the use of alcohol, tobacco and other excesses, including overwork, cause 32 per cent of all deaths, whereas the much-dreaded tuberculosis is responsible for only 7 per cent in that city.

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ALL FOR HER

People did not refuse an invitation to dine at The Grange unless they were positively compelled, for the squire's dinners were as nearly perfect as they could be; and those who did not set their hearts on the dinner found the prospect of a couple of hours spent in The Grange drawing-room with Olivia to talk to, and perhaps to sing for them, equally irresistible; and all the guests the squire had named to Olivia came up to time on the twenty-ninth.

It was an early dinner, for the entertainment commenced at eight, and all but the squire, whom wild horses would not have drawn out of his house after dinner to an entertainment, were going to Aunt Amelia's concert.

Annie and Mary Penstone had driven over in the afternoon to snatch a very precious quiet hour with Olivia, and they were both on the tiptoe of feverish curiosity and excitement about the mysterious Mr. Faradeane.

"Is he so very strong, Olly, dear?" asked Mary, eagerly, and in a hushed voice. "We hear such extraordinary stories—all invented, of course—but do tell us! What is he like? Of course, we know he is handsome. Annie says that he is the handsomest man she has ever seen; but that's nonsense while Lord Granville is here. What does he seem like? What does he talk about?"

"Papa could tell you that better than I can," replied Olivia, smiling. "I have only spoken to him once or twice. He has a very pleasant voice, and—but you heard him at the picnic."

"Oh, yes, wasn't that awful! I shall never forget the look of his eyes! If he had looked at me like that, so—so, not contemptuously quite, but so calmly and indifferent—I can't express it—as he looked at Mr. Bradstone, I should have gone through the ground."

"Like one of the patent tube wells," said Olivia.

"Don't laugh at me, I mean what I say, dear," said Mary, pouting. "I'm sure I shall be afraid to speak to him, in case he should snub me. He looks as if he could be awfully severe."

"He is not, I assure you; a child could play with him," said Olivia.

"There you are, laughing again. It's all very well for you; of course, he'd be nice to you, everybody always is: nobody could be otherwise to such a dear, beautiful girl; but poor Annie and me——"

"Poor Annie and me will be quite safe," laughed Olivia. "Mr. Faradeane does not even bark, least of all bite."

This was a few minutes before dinner, and the entrance of Bertie and Bartley Bradstone stopped the interesting conversation.

We are only waiting for Mr. Faradeane," said the squire, glancing at his watch after the usual greetings had been got through.

"Faradeane?" said Bartley Bradstone as he stood in an easy—too easy—attitude, his evening suit cut in the very last fashion, and a costly diamond blazing in the center of his white shirt-front. "Faradeane? Is he coming?" and his brows came down with the half-sullen, half-suspicious frown.

"Yes, said the squire, "and I am glad to say we have struck up a friendship. He is one of the pleasantest men—"

"He might be polite as well as pleasant," said Bartley Bradstone, looking at his watch. "It isn't quite the thing for a new-comer to keep us all waiting."

Bertie cut in quickly.

"It wants two minutes to six," he said; "your watch is fast, Mr. Bradstone."

"It's one of Dent & Frodsham's chronometers," he retorted.

"It's fast, all the same," said Bertie, firmly, but pleasantly. "I timed mine at the station an hour or two ago."

Before Bartley Bradstone could meet this argument, the door opened and the footman announced Mr. Faradeane, and the great hall clock chimed the hour.

Every eye was, not unnaturally, turned upon the latest guest, and Olivia thought that Annie was right as she glanced at the tall figure and handsome face. Unlike Mr. Bartley Bradstone, his dress-suit was not in the latest cut, and instead of a blazing diamond was a plain black pearl.

An expression of approval shone in the squire's eyes, for Faradeane's appearance in evening dress confirmed the squire in his good opinion of him.

"You have just come in to prevent a duel of timepieces," he said.

Aunt Amelia simpered.

"I, at any rate, was sure Mr. Faradeane was not late," said she, graciously.

"Then, as a reward, you shall be taken in by him," said the squire, offering his arm to Mary. Bertie, the highest in rank, escorted Annie; and, Faradeane having Aunt Amelia, Olivia was left to Bartley Bradstone.

"This is a rough-and-scramble meal," said the squire, as the butler lifted the cover from the fish, "but if you will perpetrate such follies as penny readings, you must pay the penalty."

"My brother ridicules our humble efforts to amuse and instruct our brethren, Mr. Faradeane; but he is always doing good himself which he never mentions."

"Nor permits anyone else to mention," said the squire.

"Do not let your right hand know what your left hand doeth," as the man said who put a bad shilling in the collection box," said Faradeane.

Annie and Mary almost started. Was this the mysterious stranger whose dark, contemptuous eyes had smitten them with awe? And could it be possible that his first words should be a frivolous jest? They began by being astonished, and continued so during the whole of the meal, for Mr. Faradeane, if he did not quite "set the table in a roar," kept them all perpetually amused.

If it had not been so perfectly natural and free from the appearance of effort, it would almost have semed as if he were playing the part of the wit with a purpose; but the musical voice was quite easy and unrestrained, and the dark eyes were cloudless and unreserved. The squire glowed with sympathetic delight as epigram after epigram fell quite naturally from his guest, and Bertie's eyes sparkled with fun as he laughed at the dry humor and happy repartee.

Only two persons seemed unmoved. One was Bartley Bradstone, who sat in half-sullen, half-envious silence, taking no part in the conversation beyond a monosyllable response, and inwardly and palpably chafing at the success the newcomer was obviously making.

The other was Olivia. At first she had smiled with the rest, but presently she happened to glance round the epergne which stood between her and Mr. Faradeane, and at that instant she caught his face off its guard as it were, and saw a strange sadness falling like a shadow on his eyes and hovering about his lips. It was gone in a moment, but its remembrance haunted her, and she knew that the wit and the humor and the light-heartedness were assumed, and magnificently assumed, to hide some secret sorrow.

And as she listened as he told a story which convulsed Bertie and Annie and Mary, and made the squire laugh the hearty laugh which was so rare to him, there flashed upon her the well-known anecdote of the comedian who succeeded in convulsing a theater with laughter while his thoughts were fixed upon his favorite child, who lay dying while he played.

"A most delightful man!" exclaimed Aunt Amelia, as the ladies filed into the drawing-room. "I never laughed so much in my life."

"Nor I!" exclaimed Mary and Annie. "And he scarcely smiled himself. Did you see the squire laugh, Olly dear? Why, he isn't at all what I fancied he would be! I'm not a bit afraid of him. But you didn't seem so amused, dear; you didn't laugh scarcely at all. Why was that?" and she wound her arm around Olivia's waist.

"It's because I'm so stupid," replied Olivia. "You must make allowances, Annie."

Meanwhile, the butler—who had only succeeded in maintaining his solemn gravity through the dinner by going out into the hall and getting rid of his laughter—had placed the Hawkwood port on the table, and left the gentlemen to discuss it.

"You have a wonderful memory, Faradeane—No, that's unfair, a wonderful vein of humor, I ought to say," said the squire.

Faradeane, who had sunk into his chair after the ladies' exodus, looked up with a slight start. "Your first remark is the right one," he said, "I have a good memory."

"Yes," said Bartley Bradstone, "It reminds me of Russell, who said once in the House that 'a man was indebted to his memory for his wit, and to his imagination for his facts.'"

There was a moment of ghostly silence; then Faradeane said, with perfect ease and amiability:

"Quite right, Mr. Bradstone, your quotation hits me to a nicety. I have a good memory."

"I've heard most of the stories a score of times," said Bartley Bradstone, filling his glass.

"And I haven't heard one," said the squire, "but I have been out of the world so long."

"You couldn't have heard them, squire," said Bertie, warmly, "seeing that Faradeane invented them on the spot."

"Not all, Cherub," put in Faradeane, with a faint smile.

"Well, nearly all. I remember you telling that one about Limerick races—" He stopped and caught at his wineglass as Faradeane's eyes grew grave and warning. "I mean I remember that story years ago."

"I never heard it before," said the squire, "and am just as grateful as if Mr. Faradeane had invented it," and he laughed. "Well, now, take some wine, for we must have a cup of tea with the ladies before you start."

Bartley Bradstone filled his glass, but Faradeane and Bertie left their's empty, and a few minutes afterwards they went into the drawing-room.

[To be Continued.]

Bankrupt Prices! Winter Drygoods!

Only occasionally do valuable stocks of Drygoods come on the market these good times at bankrupt prices, for very few men fail. Now and again, however, a fine stock is to be had at a sacrifice on account of some unexpected occurrence. Such has just happened, and we are offering to the Public $10,000 worth of Staple Drygoods, Clothing and Gents' Furnishings, Etc., at Bankrupt Prices.

These Goods were bought at 57c on the Dollar, and it is a Sale to the finish.

The public remembers with pleasure the bargains offered while running off the Whiskard stock. Better things are offered now, for this is a stock of staple every-day bread and butter goods used by every householder.

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Dress Goods.

The knife has gone very deep into prices in this department. In many cases goods are marked at less than half the original price. Space will not permit us to quote prices, so come and see the values.

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Men's Tweed Suits, $6.50, for.....$4.00
Men's Tweed Suits, $10.00, for.....$7.00
Men's Tweed Suits, $12.00, for.....$8.00
Men's Odd Pants, black serge, $1.75, for.....$1.25
Men's Odd Pants, $3.50, for.....$2.50
Men's Odd Pants, $1.50, for.....$1.10
Men's Overcoats, $7.00, for.....$4.50
Men's Overcoats, $11.50, for.....$8.00
Boys' Suits (3-piece), $5.75, for.....$3.25
Boys' Suits (3-piece), $4.00, for.....$2.00
Boys' Overcoats, $5.00, for.....$3.25

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Regular 14c, for.....12c

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Regular 10c, for.....7c
Regular 12½c, for.....9c

Ladies' Underwear.

Vests and Drawers, regular 85c, for.....65c
Vests and Drawers, regular 65c, for.....42c
Vests and Drawers, regular 50c, for.....39c
Children's Vests, regular 39c, for.....20c
Children's Vests, regular 25c, for.....12c

Furs. Furs.

Ladies' Caperines, regular $6.50, for.....$3.25
Ladies' Caperines, regular $7.00, for.....$4.00
Ladies' Ruffs, just in, regular $11.60, for.....$8.50
Ladies' Ruffs, just in, regular $5.65, for.....$4.00
Ladies' Ruffs, just in, regular $5.75; for.....$4.00
Ladies' Ruffs, just in, regular $9.50, for.....$7.50

Gents' Furnishings.

Silk Four-in-Hand Ties, regular 50c, for.....30c
Silk Four-in-Hand Ties, regular 25c, for.....19c
Silk Bow Ties, regular 25c, for.....19c
Negligee Shirts, regular $1.00, for.....75c
Negligee Shirts, regular 85c, for.....60c
White Shirts, regular $1.00, for.....75c
Suspenders, regular 25c, for.....15c

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WRESTLING.

GOTCH FAILED.

Montreal, Dec. 29. — Maupas, the French-Canadian wrestler, met Frank Gotch, the Pacific coast wrestler, in a bout at Sohmer Park tonight in the presence of a large crowd of spectators. Gotch undertook to throw Maupas three times in an hour, but only succeeded in securing one fall in 39 minutes and 30 seconds.

THE TURF.

YESTERDAY'S TURF WINNERS.

At New Orleans—Gravina, 7 to 2; For Master, 9 to 5; Au Revoir, 7 to 10; Triple Silver, 8 to 1; Moorish Damsel, 13 to 5.

WEALTHY MAN STARVING

Refused to Expend Money on Proper Food and a Fire.

Sturgis, Mich., Dec. 29. — Mrs. J. Rupert, a wealthy woman living here, was found unconscious in her bed by a neighbor. As there was no smoke coming out of the chimney or anybody seen moving about the house and it was nearly noon, the neighbors became suspicious that all was not well. An entrance was effected and Mrs. Rupert was found in her bed. She lives alone and has repeatedly refused to have anyone stay with her. When found she was half frozen, having had no fire for nearly 24 hours, and also exhausted from want of proper food, which she had been denying herself. A neighbor had offered to build a fire for her, but she refused, saying she could not afford it. She is about 75 years of age.

The Chinese Government is to receive $1,500 a thousand for all the Chinese coolies shipped to the South African mines.

The St. John's O. H. A. Team Gets Off to Good Start

Defeats St. Marys by a Score of 3 to 1 - Hortons Lost at Stratford.

Two London O. H. A. teams played away from home yesterday, and both made a creditable showing, although but one of them won. The victorious team was the St. John's O. H. A., and it defeated St. Marys decisively, by a score of 3 to 1. The Hortons at Stratford put up a good fight, but were defeated after a hard struggle by a score of 7 to 4.

St. Marys had a heavy team and the St. John's were slightly handicapped on this line. The ice was in excellent condition, however, and here the excellent skating of the local team had telling effect. With a splendid defense in Casselman, Thomson and Ward, and a speedy forward line, the St. John's could be picked as the victors from the first. St. Marys forwards seldom succeeded in getting past Thomson and Casselman, and Ward in goal could be relied upon in case they did make a chance to shoot. The London team went away with a rush in the first half and scored all of their goals in quick succession, the forwards working some pretty combination plays. In the second half the home team buckled to and succeeded in preventing the St. John's team from scoring a single goal, while they put one into the nets themselves. The game was a struggle from start to finish, and with a little more experience in O. H. A. company St. Marys will have a hustling team. Carfield and Tom Woolley put up a fine game on the St. John's forward line.

Ailsa Craig will play St. John's next Wednesday night, and they should receive excellent support from the citizens. The line-up:

St. John's—Goal, Ward; point, Casselman; cover, Thomson; rover, W. Beech; center, T. Woolley; left wing, G. Beech; right wing, P. Canfield.

St. Marys—Goal, Tracey; point, Morrison; cover, Corner; rover, Stricker; center, Hutchins; right wing, Dunseath; left wing, Hutchins.

Referee, Harry Peel.

The fight which the Hortons put up against the Stratford juniors was harder than that which they put up in their first game. The ice was in excellent shape, and Stratford's large rink told against the Hortons. The latter played hard from start to finish and made an excellent impression with the Stratford crowd.

The score at half time was 4 to 2 in favor of Stratford, and three more goals were scored by them in the last half. The Hortons also added two more to their credit, which left the score 7 to 4 in the home team's favor. The excellent defense of the local team counted for much.

The line-up:

Stratford — Rankin, goal; Roberts, point; Baker, coverpoint; McCallum, center; Hamilton, right wing; Killer, left wing; Davidson, rover.

Hortons — Reynolds, goal; Livingstone, point; Vans, coverpoint; Powell, center; Carrothers, right wing; Arthurs, left wing; rover, Abraham.

Referee, Charles Rankin.

Ottawa, Dec. 29. — The Ottawa Hockey Club will not play the Marlboros, of Toronto, on Saturday night. The Marlboros objected to Harry Westwick playing, owing to his being a member of the Capital Lacrosse Club, which is regarded by the O. H. A. as professional. The Ottawas will not play without Westwick, consequently the game is off. To play without him would be a recognition of the contention that he is a professional, a step the Ottawas will not take.

Toronto Telegram: "Reddy" Hynes presented a report of the Hortons-Stratford game, which he refereed in London, and said that it was a fast, clever exhibition, considering the conditions. He evidently gave satisfaction to both teams from the press reports in London and Stratford.

He stated this morning that his firm had forbidden his playing hockey this winter, but were today prevailed upon to allow him to play in championship matches, so that St. George's will not lose his services.

Brantford, Ont., Dec. 29.—An exhibition game of hockey, played here last night between Hamilton and Brantford, resulted in a win for Brantford by a score of 15 to 2.

Prescott, Ont., Dec. 29.—The hockey season opened here tonight with a one-sided exhibition game between Prescott O. H. A. team and Queen's intermediates, in which the local seven trimmed the visitors by a score of 8 to 4. There was some really good playing in streaks, but the university men had no defense, and their forwards bunched so the home team did not have to work.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 29.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the Victoria hockey club last evening, it was decided to enter a formal charge of professionalism against four Ottawa players —Allan Kent, Billy Baird, Edgar Dey and Billy Allen—now with Portage la Prairie.

It is claimed that the players named were imported directly for no other purposes than to play hockey. They will be asked to show proof why they must not be branded as professionals, and, it is asserted, according to the constitution of the league, they must do so before they can play again, now that their amateur status is questioned.

Last year, under the old constitution, clubs themselves had to put forward proofs of guilt in cases like this where they questioned the standing of a player, while this year the onus of proof of innocence rests with the player himself.

There will be many hockey games in London tonight. The Ramblers, with a strengthened lineup, will meet Paris at the Jubilee rink, while at the Princess the opening of the new Princess League will take place. The St. Johns and Bankers will meet in the first game, and the W. M. C. A. and Waterloos will play the second. The Juvenile League games will be played this afternoon. The Waterloo Midgets will have the following lineup: Goal, J. Brennan; point, Stewart; cover, Brennan; forwards, W. Woollatt, H. Hunt, W. Purdom and S. Wilson.

An interesting game of hockey was played on Bennet's pond on Thursday morning, between the Adelaides and Vigilants, resulting in a victory for the latter by a score of 11 to 4.

Local hockey has got away to a good start. There is not a single local league which will be a "dead one" this year, judging from the starts that have been made, and it is doubtful if the big games will be more appreciated than those in the strictly local leagues. There will hardly be an evening during the winter in which a good match cannot be witnessed. The last couple of years have been of great benefit to hockey in London. At least three good local leagues have been organized, and faster hockey than that played by them could not be hoped for. The teams have players who would make the public as a whole open their eyes, and some of the very youngest of them have developed into speedy skaters and tricky stick-handlers. The teams are evenly matched, and a fight to the finish is assured. As for patronage, it must be said that the purely local leagues are deserving of patronage quite as large, if not larger than the association teams. A good team will eventually come to London from these younger leagues. Some day in the near future London is going to have a team of "home-brews" that will beat all comers.

London hockey audiences have a tendency to be a little severe on a visiting team—especially if the visiting team is winning. After a game is over everyone is ready and willing to give the good players all the credit that is coming, no matter on which side they are, but during the game their intense loyalty sometimes runs away with their heads. This ought to be eliminated. London has had a right to be nettled on some occasions —to wit, after the annual meeting of the O. H. A.—but neither London nor any other town has a right to be insulting to a visiting team, and every hockeyist who has the right ring will back up this statement. It is the men who are always ready to "mob the referee" or "hit that fellow on the head," who, if they went away to some other town with a London team, would see how good an impression this sort of conduct makes with the visiting team, and how it hurts the people of the town. The man who struck the Stratford player during the Horton game the other night ought to have been thrown out by the spectators on general principles. London should not stand for this kind of a game from anyone.

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The programme was arranged to start at 8 o'clock, but long before the appointed time the room was crowded to the doors. The programme consisted of speeches, recitations, songs, duets, dialogues, solos and musical selections from different instruments.

When the lengthy programme was over, the teacher, Mr. Calvin Legg, who has been connected with the school only a short time, was called to the platform and presented with a handsome gold ring on behalf of the school, as a slight recognition of his kindness to all. The address was read by Archie Neely and the presentation was made by James Wakeling. The teacher, Mr. Calvin Legg, in a few well-chosen remarks, thanked the pupils for their token of remembrance at this Christmas season.

One of the features of the evening was the decorated Christmas tree which was loaded with handsome presents. The tree was illuminated by a large number of wax candles and the decorations of the tree glistened in their light.

Fire Kills Three.

Genesco, N. Y., Dec. 29. — Three persons lost their lives in a fire which destroyed the farm residence of Charles McMillan at the head of Consues Lake, early today.

The dead are: Charles McMillan, Lottie McMillan, his sister, and Frank McMillan, a nephew.

Lulu McMillan, another sister, who resided at the McMillan home, escaped. The cause of the fire has not been explained.

The McMillans were among the prominent families of Livingston county. The big farm residence was totally burned.

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LONDON AND DISTRICT

—Mr. L. W. Austin, of Toronto, is visiting friends in this city.

—On Dec. 30 of last year the temperature here ranged from 18 degrees to 2 degrees above zero.

—Miss Gertrude Cooper, daughter of Mr. Frank Cooper, who is pursuing her musical studies in New York City, was the soloist at the special Christmas service held in the Roseville Avenue Presbyterian Church, Newark, New Jersey, on Sunday evening last. Miss Cooper sang two soprano solos (each with 'cello obligato), "Angels From the Realms of Glory," and "O, Lamb of God."

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LONDON PEOPLE IN INDIA.

The Canadian Baptist of this week says that Dr. and Mrs. Woodburne have been recommended by the board of missions for permanent appointment at Peddapuram. They are to take charge there as soon as relieved of the care of the Akidu field by the return of the Chutes. Mr. and Mrs. Scott, whose interesting farewell meeting at Adelaide Street Baptist Church is still fresh in the minds of those who attended, are to remove at once to Tuni, where they will take permanent charge as soon as Mr. Scott has passed his examination in the language.

AN AYLMER WEDDING.

Wednesday, Dec. 28, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Delphine Nairn, Aylmer, Margaret Mary (May), daughter of the late Thomas McIntyre Nairn, M. P. P., was married to Mr. Lyman Brown, M.A., of Owen Sound, the Rev. W. J. Itae, of Knox Church, Aylmer, officiating. The two nieces of the bride, Miss Jessie and Miss Beatrice Baillie, were bridesmaids, and Mr. Wilbert MacDonald acted as groomsman.

IS A CIVIL SUIT.

The case of James Cobban, charged with having unlawful possession of the horse "Indian Girl," formerly owned by Sam Plain, was finished as far as the magistrate's criminal court was concerned yesterday afternoon, before Squire Smythe. The magistrate concurred with the crown attorney in deciding that there was no case of theft to be dealt with, but simply one of disputed ownership. The case would, therefore have to be tried as a civil suit, and if proceeded with will come up in the high court.

TWO ST. THOMAS WEDDINGS.

In St. Thomas on Wednesday morning at the residence of the bride's uncle, Mr. Joseph Mickleborough, Rosebery Place, Miss Lexie Hall was wedded to Mr. William D. Platt, of Detroit. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. D. R. Drummond, pastor of Knox Church. On Wednesday afternoon, at St. George Street Methodist Church, a quiet wedding took place, when Pearl, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Waldrom, became the wife of Mr. R. Edward Cram, a successful druggist of Toronto, Rev. Dr. Young officiating.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED.

At the regular meeting of Court Magnolia, No. 8572, A. O. F., held in Duffield Block, Tuesday, 27th inst., the following officers were elected for 1905: P. C. R., Bro. D. W. Cameron; C. R., Bro. S. M. Stewart; S. C. R., Bro. M. S. McCracken; treasurer, Bro. S. T. S. Gale; financial secretary, Bro Robert Whitton; S. W., Bro. J. Upton; J. W., Bro. W. W. Smith; S. B., Bro. T. Wheeler; J B., Bro. B. Timothy; physicians, W. J. Teasdall and G. L. Clarke; trustees, J. Ferguson, H. P. Bock and George McBride; juvenile committee, W. G. Ford, W. Hayden and J. E. Bailey; minute secretary, Bro. C. E. Bailey.

A CHRISTMAS WEDDING.

A very pretty Christmas wedding was solemnized at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. J. B. Petheram, miller, Dunerief, when his daughter, Etta, was united in marriage to Mr. Frederick James Prouting, shipper for the Salada Tea Company, Toronto. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Mahan, Birr. The house was seasonably decorated with holly and mistletoe. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Maude Petheram, while Mr. William Goulding supported the groom. The presents made a handsome and much-appreciated collection. Mr. and Mrs. Prouting were remembered by friends in Toronto, Buffalo and at home. The groom's present to the bride was a beautiful pearl brooch, to the bridesmaid an opal ring, and to the groomsman a pearl crescent tie pin. After the wedding breakfast, Mr. and Mrs. Prouting left for Buffalo, where they intend spending a short honeymoon, after which their home will be at 18 Birch avenue, North Toronto.

DEAF MUTES MARRIED.

A unique wedding was celebrated on Wednesday evening at the residence of Mr. John Gowling, 92 Erie street west, St. Thomas. It was the marriage of Miss Aggie A. Dewar, of St. Thomas, and Mr. George E. Jolly, of this city. The bridesmaid was the bride's sister, Miss Mary Dewar, and the best man was Mr. John H. Nichols, of London, England. Mr. D. A. Dewar gave away the bride. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. H. Reede, and was the more impressive as the contracting parties were deaf mutes. Mr. Nichols acted as interpreter. The bride was gowned in a brown traveling dress and carried a bouquet of white roses. The other guests were Mr. Jolly, a brother of the groom, of this city, and the immediate relatives of the bride. The bride was the recipient of several useful and beautiful presents. Mr. and Mrs. Jolly after a trip to Toronto, will make their home in this city.

DRUNKEN WITNESS IN LIQUOR CASE

Was Incarcerated for a Time to Enable Him to Sober Up —The Crown Fails.

The case of Benjamin Dyer, of Pottersburg, charged with selling liquor out of hours, which was tried before Squire Gorwill yesterday afternoon, developed a rather interesting feature. One of the witnesses had been "hitting the bottle" to quite an extent before he arrived at the court house, and his evidence was, therefore, of a rather tipsy nature. After trying the patience of the lawyers, the witness brought upon himself the censure of the court, and was reminded by Crown Attorney McKillop that he was liable to be sent to jail for appearing in such a state. The witness was finally locked up for a short time in an adjoining room. This seemed to have no effect. It will be remembered that the case was based upon information laid by License Inspector Bailey to the effect that Mr. Dyer sold liquor on Sunday, Dec. 18. Mr. F. E. Perrin appeared for the defense, and after the hearing of evidence the case was dismissed.

The first witness, the one above referred to, told about going to the hotel on the day in question in company with one named Stanbury, to see a friend named Thompson, but his evidence was given in such an incoherent and rambling manner that Mr. McKillop said it was evident that he was under the influence of liquor, and would not examine him further until he had sobered. The attorney asked that witness be imprisoned in a nearby room, and this was accordingly done by Detective Northgreaves. It had no effect, and the witness was not examined further.

In the meantime John Stanbury was put in the stand and told about going to the back door of the hotel and getting the whisky from Thompson.

The latter also gave evidence, and Benjamin Dyer, the defendant, also testified that his bar had been locked up on the Sunday in question, and he had had the keys with him. Henry Garside, the bartender, gave corroborative evidence.

The crown then admitted that there had been no case made out, and the charge was dismissed.

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MANY NICE THINGS WERE SAID ABOUT THE RETIRING TRUSTEES

At Meeting of the Board of Education—Chairman MacRobert's Farewell.

The final meeting of the board of education for 1904 will be held on Tuesday evening next.

What was intended to be the last session for the year was held in the committee room of the city hall last night, when after the transaction of some routine business the trustees who are in the race for honors for another year said some nice things of those who are retiring from the board, and the chairman, Mr. E. J. MacRobert, made his farewell address. The chairman referred to many matters that had engaged the attention of the board during the year—the legislation enacted which makes it necessary for the trustees to be elected by the vote of the whole people, the deaths of Inspector Carson and Principal Graham, to both of whom he paid a tribute; the resignations of Miss Hanson and Mr. Horton from the staff of the Collegiate Institute; of Principals Baker and Eckert, of St. George's and the Lorne avenue schools respectively, and Mrs. Gahan, of Talbot street school, who, the chairman said, had done a noble work in the schools of the city, and whose good influence would long be felt. The transfers of principals consequent upon the resignations were also dealt with by the chairman, who mentioned the appointment of Mr. C. B. Edwards as inspector. He referred with great pleasure to the splendid standing of the schools of the city, and stated that the Collegiate Institute still stood at the head of the list for the Province, while the public schools, so far as the staff was concerned, could not be improved. Chairman MacRobert viewed with favor the appointment of a male assistant to the principal of St. George's school. For a number of years, he said, an agitation had been growing looking to the appointment of a larger number of male teachers in the schools, and now that the start was made in that direction he had no doubt as to the wisdom of the step. No complaints were made during the year as to the sanitary condition of the schools, while much had been done in the direction of beautifying the school grounds. Referring to the overdraft of the board, Chairman MacRobert said it was due this year to the work necessary on a number of the furnaces and the replacing of others which had been completely worn out. In concluding, he made some recommendations regarding the heating and ventilating of the schools, and thanked the members and officers for their kindness during the year.

The address was ordered to be printed in the minutes and the recommendations to be referred to the committees for next year.

The retiring members of the board are Trustees Hamilton, Cousins and Ziegler, each of whom was accorded a vote of thanks. The chairman also came in for similar treatment.

Mr. R. A. Little, assistant principal of the Collegiate Institute, expressed his thanks for the increase in salary granted by the board at the last meeting.

Miss Annie K. Sale was granted a further leave of absence for two months owing to the continued ill-health of her sister.

Mr. James Kirkwood, of Fort Erie, and Miss Ethel Spence, accepted the positions offered them by the board—principal of Wortley road school and teacher in one of the upper grades at Princess avenue school respectively.

The Peterboro Board of Education wrote, thanking the local board for the courtesies extended the members of the building committee on the occasion of their recent visit to this city.

The application of Mr. W. B. Wyatt, to be placed on the substitute staff of teachers, was referred to the new board.

The report of No. 2 committee, submitted by Trustee Fitzgerald, was adopted. It stated that the eighteen meetings of the committee held during the year had been attended as follows: Trustees McCormick 13, Blackwell 9, English 6, MacRobert 13, McLean 5, Birtwistle 10, Fitzgerald 16, Cousins 10.

The report of No. 1 committee was adopted without discussion. The sixteen meetings of the committee during the year were attended as follows: Trustees Yeates (chairman) 15, Teasdall 9, W. T. Hamilton 12, Gammage 11, Ziegler 12, MacRobert 12, Burdon 9, Tillmann 6.

Trustee Fitzgerald, as chairman of No. 2 committee, reported the death of Mr. Sutherland, janitor of the King street school, and he moved that Mrs. Sutherland, widow of the late janitor, be appointed to the vacancy. This was unanimously agreed to.

Trustees MacRobert (in the chair), Gammage, Hamilton, Fitzgerald, Blackwell, Tillmann, McCormick, Burdon, Ziegler, Teasdall and Cousins, Secretary McElheran and Inspector Edwards were present.

BIDDULPH LOSES PROMINENT CITIZEN

Death of John S. Atkinson, Past President of North Middlesex Reform Association.

The funeral of the late John S. Atkinson, of Biddulph, was held yesterday afternoon at Lucan, and was attended by a large number of sorrowing friends and relatives. Services were conducted at the residence of Mr. Charles Haskett, Market street, at 1:30 p.m. by Rev. J. A. Ayearst, and at 2:30 the long cortege proceeded to St. James' Cemetery, about two miles northwest of Lucan, on the London and Goderich road. Several relatives from a distance were in attendance, among them being Mr. Bruce Atkinson, of Deloraine, Man., a nephew of the deceased. The pall-bearers were Messrs. John Killen, Dan Quigley, Wm. Webber, David Atkinson, George Haskett and William Nelson Poe.

John S. Atkinson was the son of the late John Atkinson, J.P., of the fourth concession of Biddulph, and was born March 23, 1839. When a young man he spent a few years in the Northwest Territories, and on the death of his father in 1884, bought the interests of the other heirs and took possession of the homestead. About three years later he married Dora, the daughter of the late John Murley, of Centralia. A few months ago Mr. Atkinson sold the homestead, and he and his wife made a trip to Manitoba. They returned to Lucan early this month, intending to go back to Manitoba in the spring to reside. Pneumonia developed from a cold taken recently, and at 3 o'clock on the morning of the 27th inst. death ensued. Mr. Atkinson was one of the most highly-respected residents of Biddulph. He was a man who lived honorably, did his work well, was kind and just, and was a good and useful member of the community in which he lived, freely giving his time and talents to the common good. He was a member of the Methodist Church, and had for several years been president of the Reform Association of North Middlesex. His widow has widespread sympathy in her bereavement, and so also have his four brothers and three sisters, who survive. The brothers are W. H. and J. E., of Deloraine, Man.; Arthur, of Winnipeg, Man., and George, of 450 King street, London, Ont., and the sisters, Mrs. William Haskett, Mrs. Charles Haskett and Miss E. E. Atkinson, all of Lucan.

MR. NEELY ON DECK

Appears at Dorchester Nomination and Tries to "Square Himself."

At the nomination meeting of North Dorchester on Monday, Mr. George Neely, the Conservative candidate for East Middlesex, put in an appearance and fired his first gun of "mud, water and wind"—something entirely out of place at a meeting of that kind. He started out by censuring a certain man for having copies of his (Neely's) speech at Capt. Robson's nomination, circulated among some of the electors. In this speech he charged the Grits with being worse than the Boers, and to justify himself for having made this speech, he went on to explain that Mr. McNish had made his confession regarding the corruption practiced at his election, and that Mr. Ross had gone into the riding to defend him. It was on the strength of this he made the statement. This, Neely said, was his reason for ridiculing the Grit party on that occasion. Mr. Neely mixed municipal and political issues, and in the second place, he slandered the leader of the Grit party to justify his remarks at Capt. Robson's nomination. At this meeting there were numerous Liberals who helped Mr. Neely to municipal honors and they did not appreciate his remarks.

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MUSIC AND THE DRAMA

"THE BLACK MASK."

The Reading Times has this to say of "The Black Mask," which comes to the Grand tomorrow (matinee and night): "The Black Mask" received its first presentation in Reading at the Grand Opera House yesterday. As very few English plays have been imported during the last few years, it affords a decided change from the drama of New York life which has been given to our theatergoers in rather strong doses of late. "The Black Mask" contains some unusual situations, which are well handled by a good company. The third act, in particular, is remarkable for the novelty of its situations, which served to arouse enthusiasm.

FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY.

The announcement that "Under Southern Skies" is to be seen at the Grand on New Year's Day (matinee and night), will no doubt be sufficient to draw a large audience to witness it. Since last seen here, "Under Southern Skies" has been played over an extensive territory. Its story appeals to all classes of theatergoers, and the Hallowe'en celebration delights everyone who sees it. An entirely new arrangement of songs and dances has been made for this season for the Hallowe'en party. Seats on sale today.

NEW JOB FOR "BOBS"

Recieves $1 a Day as Master Gunner of St. James Park.

London, Dec. 29. — Lord Roberts, it is reported, is quite in a quandary regarding his recent appointment as master gunner of St. James' Park, and the sensation in military circles is considerable, because no one had ever heard of such an appointment to the Horse Guards. In the war office, in the lord chamberlain's department, and in the office of the works all profess complete ignorance on the subject.

The military staff of St. James' Palace disclaims all knowledge of such a post, but a learned antiquarian in a minor Government office hazarded the opinion that it was a department of the office of the keeper of the King's cormorants. It is an important post, created simultaneously with that of the keeper of the bird-cage walk.

At that time King Charles II. hung that famous promenade with bird cages and subsequently amalgamated it with that office, then unfortunately abolished. Rumor has it that there is a salary of $1 a day attached to the post of master gunner, and its duties consist in ordering royal salutes to be fired on appropriate occasions. Lord Roberts is now engaged in instituting anxious inquiries about his duties. By the way, there are only two cormorants left in St. James' Park to be fed daily.

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[Troy Press.]

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