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**TRAFFIC HEAVY
ON RAILWAYS**

G. T. R. Carried 6,000

People Locally
Yesterday.**ALL TRAINS
WERE CROWDED**C. P. R. and Other Lines Also
Report a Tremendous Traffic
for Christmas.

Yesterday's traffic on the local railroads has, according to all official reports, never been surpassed in any previous year.

All day long the depots presented a busy scene. Early in the morning crowds of shoppers began to arrive, and every succeeding train brought in its loads. Hundreds of former Londoners are in the city spending the holiday with friends and relatives. The Grand Trunk reports that traffic on the branch lines has been exceptionally heavy.

An official stated to The Advertiser last night that fully 6,000 persons had been carried locally during the day. In addition to this there was a very heavy through traffic.

At 7 o'clock last evening the Grand Trunk depot presented a scene similar to that on a busy day of the Western Fair, and for a time it was difficult to force one's way through the crowds.

Trains Heavily Loaded.
Traffic on the Huron and Bruce was very heavy, and when the evening train pulled out, it drew ten big cars crowded with people.

The International Limited, No. 15, and the Pacific Express, No. 6, were run through in large sections, the number of cars required to handle the traffic being so great that one engine could not draw the train.

Eight extra coaches were placed on the evening train for Stratford, and on all the other branch lines extra coaches were required.

The conductors had a busy time collecting all the tickets, as the cars were crowded that they had to force their way through the many instances. The evening trains were particularly inconvenient, as nearly all those returning had more or less bulky parcels, which they placed in different parts of the cars.

The Canadian Pacific.
The C. P. R. carried probably 2,500 extra passengers yesterday and reports that business on all trains was good, and many extra coaches were required.

The Pere Marquette, the Michigan Central, and the Southwestern Traction Company brought in large crowds during the day. Many of these people returned on the evening trains laden with purchases.

Altogether, the railroads did a big day's business, and all well satisfied. The holiday today will come as a welcome rest to a small army of tired railroad men throughout the country.

**SLIPPED ON WALK
BROKE HIS ANKLE**

Accident to Mr. Samuel Heron, York Street.

While Mr. Sam Heron, of York street, was going home about 7 o'clock last evening, he slipped and fell at the corner of Wellington and Dundas streets, breaking his right ankle. He was carried into a drug store and Dr. Belton summoned. He set the fracture and had the man removed to Victoria Hospital.

A LETTER TO SANTA

A Small Boy of Credit Writes Him Through The Advertiser.

The following note to Santa Claus from a little 7-year-old Credit boy has been received by The Advertiser:

"Dear Santa Claus—I thought I would write to you and tell you what I want for Christmas. I want candies, nuts and oranges and rubbers for to keep my feet warm. Also a horn to blow. Hoping that you will send one of them. Yours truly,
"WILLIE APPLETON."

ACROSS BLAZING BRIDGE.

Gallipolis, Ohio, Dec. 24.—Passengers on a southbound Hocking Valley passenger train had a narrow escape from death last night when the train going at full speed, ran into a burning trestle near Creto. When the engineer saw the danger he pulled the throttle wide open and dashed safely over the 80-foot trestle, which was a blazing mass of timbers. The fireman jumped and was injured, but not fatally.

GETS A FINE JOB.

Port Hope, Dec. 24.—Mrs. W. S. Howell, son of Mrs. R. S. Howell, of this town, has been appointed general freight agent of the Chicago Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway, at a salary. It is stated, of \$12,000 a year. Mr. Howell began his successful business career in this town.

**Royal Bank Branch To Open Here
New Building for Dominion Bank****Interesting Rumors Going Around Concerning Financial Life of London.**

A number of changes of considerable interest to banks will take place in London in the course of a short time.

Early in January the Royal Bank will open a branch in London in the building at the corner of Richmond

and Carling streets. It is said, and Carling streets. It is said, it will not be opened before Jan. 15. The Dominion Bank has taken over the lease of the corner, where McCullum's drug store now is, and will, it is understood, tear the building down and erect a handsome new bank building. It is understood that when the Dominion Bank moves into their new quarters the market branch of the Bank of British North America will be moved to the premises at the corner of Ridout and Dundas streets.

**MAN FOUND DEAD IN STREET
THOUGHT TO BE R. DALTON****A Cattle Buyer of Crumlin, Ten Miles From London—No Marks of Violence on the Body—Remains Discovered by a Policeman at 1:30 This Morning.**

The body of a man believed to be Richard Dalton, a cattle buyer, of Crumlin, was found lying on the sidewalk on Kent street, just east of Talbot street, at 1:30 this morning by P. C. Fowler.

Coroner MacLaren was notified and identified the man.

Mr. Dalton was well dressed and had on a very handsome fur coat, which was wet through as a result of his having laid in the slush for some time, an inquest.

No Marks of Violence.

The body bore no marks of violence as far as could be ascertained. Dr. Waugh was summoned, but could do nothing, as the man had apparently died instantly.

The body was lying close to a tree when found, and the head had apparently come in contact with it in falling.

Mr. Dalton was apparently about 70 years of age.

The remains were removed to Ferguson's undertaking rooms.

Coroner MacLaren decided to hold an inquest.

**AMHERSTBURG COLORED MAN
FATALLY SHOT BY HIS SON****Elijah Thompson, Well-Known Citizen, Dies From Wounds From Rifle in Hands of His Seventeen-Year-Old Boy, Whom He Was About To Flog.****[Special to The Advertiser.]**

Amherstburg, Dec. 24.—William Thompson, 17 years old son of Elijah Thompson, a colored man, who has been for many years a familiar figure in this section of Essex County, this morning shot his father, who died at 2 p.m. Thompson is the father of ten children, of whom William is the eldest one at home. Thompson was displeased with the way in which the boy and two younger brothers had done some work he had instructed them to attend to, and flogged the two other boys. Then, armed with a whip, he started to look up William, whom he blamed more particularly for the failure to do the work set out for the three boys. William saw him coming and ran upstairs to secrete himself. He found a Winchester rifle in the room and stood at the head of the stairs, and fired at his father as the latter started up. The bullet passed through Thompson's liver and intestines, tearing a gaping wound in his body. Neighbors guarded the boy until Constable Laporte drove out to the Thompson home, five miles from here, and placed him under arrest. He was this afternoon remanded for one week by Magistrate McGee. The boy is in a half-dazed condition and insists that he did not intend to even hurt his father in any way.

**Noble Redman Despised Filthy Lucre
Flatly Refused To Pay for Meal****Walter Seeth, an Indian, Finally Winds Up in the Cells.**

Walter Seeth, an Indian, yesterday succeeded in bringing a little excitement into the lives of those who earn their daily bread in the busy haunts of trade about the market square. And because of this, in itself commendable action, he will spend a sober Christmas behind the bars.

Seeth had imbibed "not wisely, but too well" of the cup that both cheers and inebriates, and had reached that stage where he felt a yearning love for all mankind, and expected the same in return.

In this spirit he entered the restaurant of Mr. Joseph McLeod, on the market square, to do Mr. McLeod the favor of taking a meal at his expense. He took the meal, and all went merrily till Mr. McLeod requested him to provide the coin. Seeth treated this as a merry jest. Still Mr. McLeod insisted, whereupon Seeth drew out some money, but went on to explain that at this happy season of the year

it was far from his thoughts to encourage that lowly, sordid spirit which Mr. McLeod had evinced, by paying for the meal.

A Rough Customer.

Further importunities on Mr. McLeod's part exasperated Mr. Seeth, and he started in to dust Mr. McLeod's doorsteps with Mr. McLeod. Just at this critical moment a policeman arrived on the spot. The noble Redman, feeling that every man is entitled to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," decided not to wait upon the order of his going, but left immediately in the most approved Longfellow style. The spirit was willing, but the legs were wayward, however, and Seeth plunged wildly into the arms of an innocent-looking citizen.

The citizen wasn't as innocent as he looked, however, as he turned out to be Constable J. Taylor in civilian's clothes.

The Indian struggled valiantly, and in the melee was somewhat roughly used, and when last seen, his reluctant feet were travelling slowly prisonward, under the persuasive eagerness of two stalwart policemen.

**Pittsburg Aldermen's Bank Graft
Ran Into Hundreds of Thousands****Arrest of More Bankers Expected To Fill Sensational Exposure.**

Pittsburg, Dec. 24.—It would appear that \$175,000 was paid aldermen for the selection of certain banks as depositories for the city's funds. Whether all of the banks selected as depositories contributed to this fund has not been established. Officers of one bank have so far been arrested, and they are charged with the payment of only \$17,500 of the alleged bribery fund. That other bankers are to be

arrested is almost positively stated by those back of the investigation. Mayor Guthrie, who refused to make contracts with the banks as authorized by council, on the grounds that they were illegal, said tonight that the selection of the depository banks is void because obtained by bribery and fraud, and that council can set them aside without the formality of court proceedings.

Detectives are still at work, and if developments make it necessary officers will close on the suspects before the time now fixed by the league. The Voters' League has been assured of all the financial backing necessary for the prosecution of the cases.

**WALL STREET IN
GENEROUS MOOD****Larger Distribution of Gifts to Employees Than for a Number of Years.**

New York, Dec. 24.—Wall street was marked this year by a larger distribution of gifts to employees than for a number of years.

The members of the New York Stock Exchange subscribed \$13,000 for distribution among the exchange's 450 employees. On the Consolidated Stock Exchange the amount subscribed was \$3,000, which was divided among 200 employees. The curb brokers collected \$1,000, which they distributed to 25 employees, street cleaners and policemen.

The American Exchange National Bank divided a bonus of \$10,000. The First National Bank raised salaries all around, and the National City Bank did likewise. The Chemical National Bank gave employees 10 per cent of their year's salary, the Gallatin National Bank and the Importers' and Traders' Bank 30 per cent.

J. P. Morgan & Co., it was reported, will give a bonus of 50 per cent of their salaries to old employees only. The others will receive from 15 to 25 per cent.

**WHIPPED BY WHITECAPS
FOR SELLING GOOBERS****Another Southern Nightriding Gang Is Rounded Up.**

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 24.—Six men were brought to this city today and are charged with whitecapping.

Besides these six, fourteen more men were arrested yesterday in Humphrey County, charged with the same offence. These fourteen are held in jail at Waverly. Little is known of the alleged crimes of the men and their arrest is surrounded in mystery. It has been known for some time that a band of men were operating in this section, where the arrests were made. The first trouble leading up to the arrest of the men was when a farmer living up the river from Waverly was whipped because he sold his small crop of peanuts for a small sum of money.

It was thought he should have demanded. Since then several occurrences of similar nature have taken place. The names of those confined here are Walter and John Moore, Bob Wright, J. H. Cuff, Charles Hite and Andrew Baker.

DRIVEN FROM THEIR HOMES**Jews in Russian Finland Persecuted on a Large Scale.**

New York, Dec. 24.—The American Jewish committee today announced the receipt of a cablegram from the German Jewish committee of Berlin, saying there have been persecutions of Jews in Russian Finland this winter, on a large scale.

It was added that many families have been driven from their homes.

HIS HEART MELTED**Remitted Father's Fine, so Santa Claus Might Visit Children.**

Hamilton, Dec. 24.—Magistrate Jeff's heart was touched by the spirit of Christmas yesterday morning, when he heard of the difficulty Frank Lewis had in collecting \$10 to pay a fine for speeding an automobile of which he was the chauffeur, and he revoked it. The constable who was sent to collect it said the last cent in the house was given to him in payment, and as he turned away he heard the mother wailing that Santa Claus would not come to them this Christmas.

This settled the matter with his worship, and he ordered the constable to take the money back.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

Dec. 24.—At New York—Adriatic, from Southampton; Madonna, from Marseilles; Alice, from Trieste; Galesnua, from Bremen; Ivernia, from Genoa. At Boston—Ivernia, from Liverpool; Iberian, from Manchester. At London—Mesaba, from New York. At Genoa—Indiana, from New York.

THE WEATHER.**TODAY—NOT MUCH CHANGE.**

Toronto, Dec. 24.—A depression is centered tonight over the upper lakes and the pressure is high toward the Pacific coast states. With the exception of a few light local falls of snow, the weather today has been fair throughout Canada, quite mild over the greater part of Ontario and in Alberta, and elsewhere moderately cold. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 6 below zero; Victoria, 38-46; Vancouver, 33-42; Kamloops, 22-28; Battleford, zero-14; Moosejaw, 3-20; Qu'Appelle, 18-20; Pelly Sound, 26-35; Toronto, 20-40; Montreal, zero-10; Quebec, 4-14; St. John, zero-34; Halifax, 6-26.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Fresh westerly to northwesterly winds; a few light local falls of snow or sleet; turning to a light drizzle.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Fresh southwesterly to northwesterly winds; a few light snowfalls, but mostly fair and comparatively mild.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Fresh to strong southerly to westerly winds; a few light snowfalls, but mostly fair and milder.

Maritime Provinces—Fresh southwesterly winds; a few light local falls of snow or sleet, but mostly fair and milder.

Lake Superior—Fresh northwesterly winds; fair; a little lower temperature and a few light snowfalls or flurries.

Saskatchewan and Manitoba—Fair and moderately cold.

Alberta—Fair; no decided change in temperature.

**The Sentenced Labor Leaders
Receive Many Offers of Help****Messages Pour in From All the Sections of the Country.**

Washington, Dec. 24.—Prominent among nearly forty men, most of whom are leaders in the labor movement of the country, who today sent messages expressing their cordial sympathy to President Gompers, Vice-President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison, of the Federation of Labor, was William Jennings Bryan, late candidate for the presidency. These messages came from every section of the country, and voiced the sentiments of persons in almost every avenue of labor, conveying feelings of regret over the court's decision, extending moral and financial support, and in some instances expressing indignation.

Mr. Bryan, in a telegram dated at Pittsburgh, Pa., addressed to Messrs. Mitchell Gompers and Morrison, says: "Sorry to read decision. You did your duty in testing the law. Glad you are taking appeal."

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**WOMAN WITH BABY ON TRAIN
LADY PASSENGER TELLS OF IT****Possible Clues to the Identity of the Mother of the Infant Thrown From the G. T. R. Express Near Komoka—Police Are Following Another Clue.**

The mystery of the dead baby lying on the tracks west of Komoka is exciting a great deal of interest. High Constable Hughes has taken the matter in hand and is working up the different clues, and it is expected that investigations shortly will be forthcoming.

There are two different lines of clues. One was established last evening and is now being followed closely by the police.

It is that the person who threw the child out of the car window was a man from London. From what can be learned he boarded the train here, and when some distance the other side of Komoka he threw the youngster to his death out of the car window.

The theory is that he is trying to hide his and another's shame in this manner.

Another Story.**A sensational story was told The**

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**LONDONERS
NOW IN YUKON****Mr. John Carson Speaks of the North.****COUNTRY IS
FULL OF GOLD****Election Is About to Take Place and Government by Council Installed.**

Mr. John M. Carson, formerly a well-known London boy and until recently a member of the firm of Pattullo & Tobin, of Dawson City, in the Yukon, arrived home a few days ago, after an absence of seven years.

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WOODS' FAIR

LADIES' OUTING FLANNEL NIGHTDRESSES, 69c.
Ladies' Nightdresses, in white, pink and blue; front made of tucks, and lined yoke back, rolling collar, frill on sleeves, sleeves and collar trimmed with lace. Special price each **69c**

MEN'S HEAVY MITTS, 25c.

Men's Heavy Wool Mitts, in blue-and-black and red-and-black, full size, fleece lined. Saturday price **25c**

ANOTHER SOAP AND MATCH BARGAIN FOR SATURDAY—6 Bars Comfort Soap and 1 Box of Parlor Matches for 25c

10c GLASS TUMBLERS, SATURDAY 5c EACH.

We happened to get a deal on a quantity of good Glass Tumblers. You may guess that we bought them right when we can cut the regular price right in half. Colonial shapes, with ground bottoms and elegant clear glass. Saturday price, each **5c**

COCOA DOOR MATS, 45c to 75c EACH.

These Mats are very useful this time of year. They look well and wear well. Every house should have one or more. Prices each, in the basement **45c to 75c**

COVERED CHEESE DISHES, 29c EACH.

Twelve dozen Covered Cheese Dishes, green and pink tinted, full size. See them in window. Complete **29c**

At present we have a quantity of Wall Paper that we are anxious to dispose of to make room. We have had a big season's selling out of it, and some of the lines just have small lots left. If you are in need of paper call and see our lines before buying; you will save money.

Oak Cottage Poles, four feet in length. Complete with ends. Price, each 10c

Also White Enamel Poles, complete. 15c or two for 25c

WINDOW SHADES—WE MAKE THEM.

Pick out the color you want and give us the size of your shades and we will make them. Our prices are lower than you can buy them anywhere else, and the quality is the best.

Ready-Made Shades, in dark and light green and cream, two yards in length, 36 inches wide. Complete with roller. Price 35c

Ready-Made Shades, in red, same size as above, oil linen. Complete. Price 55c

Oilcloth Binding, six-yard lengths, complete with nails 15c

Oilcloth Binding, eight-yard lengths, complete with nails 25c

WOODS' FAIR

J. M. THOMSON

COLLEGIATE EXAMINATIONS

Names of the Students as They Now Stand in Forms.

RESULTS ARE SATISFACTORY

Summing Up of the Work of the Pupils During the Fall Term.

The results of the annual Christmas examinations at the Collegiate Institute have been announced by Principal McCutcheon, and are highly satisfactory as a rule.

Students who take class I, standing made 70 per cent and over those of class II, standing, 60 and over; class III, standing, 50 and over; class IV, 40 and over; class V, 30 and over, and class VI, all below 20 per cent.

Those who made class I, or II, in the lower school are reasonably sure of being promoted in June if they keep up their good work. Those in class III, will have to improve some, while all those below that will have to improve a very great deal.

Those in the middle school who desire to qualify for the departmental examinations next July should be in class I, or II. All those below that must improve greatly in their work to secure the necessary qualifications.

The results are as follows:

Lower I.

Class I.—G. Winterbottom, H. Nugent, G. Nott, C. Westland, C. Slater, A. Robins, J. Tiernan, C. Smith, O. Shore.

Class II.—R. Watt, A. Upshall, H. Taylor, A. Thomas, M. Pollock, H. Scudrett.

Class III.—L. Walker, E. Ziegler, C. Simpson, S. Parkinson, C. Nelson, H. Reed, A. Richardson, N. Nicholson, W. Steven, N. Tuckey, G. Thomas, W. Worrall, A. Sherlock.

Class IV.—W. Wrighton, E. Thomson, G. Pearce, G. Robertson, C. Scott, C. Welford, C. Parkinson.

Lower II.

Class I.—Gladys Steele, Myrtle Rowntree, Anne Winslow, Dorothy Turville, Eva Southcott, Gladys Shannon, Caroline Vrooman, Eva Sharpe, Doris Sifton.

Class II.—Vera Williams, Charlotte Williams, Marjorie Underwood, Gertrude Walsh, Dorothy Tylor, Ethel Welch, Laura Thomas, Mary Westcott, Helen Woolley.

Class III.—Gladys Shaw, Clara Thomson, Margaret Urquhart, Willa Winnett, Edith Scott, Mary Thompson.

Lower III.

Class I.—Lionel Morley, Willie McGee, Eugene McGuire, Nellis Mann, Floyd Maine, James MacLaren.

Class II.—Orrin Manning, Hadley Murray, Verne Mennel, Cecil McCann, Errol MacCallum, Stuart Murphy, Alister MacDonald, Gordon Mottashed.

Class III.—Duncan MacCallum, Chester Moffat, Robert McKewen, Russell McCullough, Cecil Nixon, Malcolm Maitland, Louis McCaughey, Herman McNulty, Robert Millard, Willie Marsh, Gerald MacRobert.

Class IV.—Gordon Marsh, Joe Murray, Harold Macintosh, Lois Pettit, Mary McKellar.

Lower IV.

Class I.—Marjorie Ross, Carrie Neely, Essie McLeod, Vera Whitehead, Florence McMillan, Adeline Rendie, Vera McDougall, Marion Montrose, Kathleen McGuffin, Lois Pettit, Mary McKellar.

Class II.—Allene Nelles, Marion Steele, Joy Peacock, Verdi McCracken, Nora Walden, Grace McGregor, Dorothy Munro, Mary Purvis, Merlyn Pocke.

Class III.—Mary McLean, Francis McKernan, Gifford Rouson, Ruth Riley, Beatrice O'Dell, Christie Ross, Estella Ross, Agnes Nichol, Laura McLean.

Class IV.—Lillian Purdon, Luella Rich.

Lower V.

Class I.—Ronald Gray, Cameron Lawton, Rivington Fisher, Alfred Gal- loway, David Logan, Sam Harris, Bert Haman, Douglas Gowans.

Class II.—Richard Johnson, Harold Jackson, Robert Lightfoot, Fred Hardy, Harrison Link, Purdon Love, Frank Loughlin, Stewart Huyck, Wesley Garner, John Jennings, Walter Gould, Irwin Jones, Harold Gray.

Class III.—Oswald Hicks, Gerald Lawson, Fred Garrett, Roy Kingswood, Harold Granger, Clayton Ironside, Douglas Petherston, Edward Harper, Edward Irwin, Clarence Kestie.

Class IV.—John Gowanlock, Herbert Gould, Frank Kent, Harold Graves, Harold Petherly, Godfrey Kaiser and Loraine Flood.

Lower VI.

Class I.—Marion Irwin, Freda Hunter, Helena Horton, Bessie Hardie, Minnie Higgins, Kathryn Lumsden, Hazel Gibson.

Class II.—Ivy Holland, Beulah Ellwood, Ruth Lancaster, Laura Foster, Alice Hicks, Vida Isaac, Florence Jackson, Hazel Guest, Muriel Graham (Jean Loney, Hattie Healy, Jessamine Fortner).

Class III.—Nina Harrison, Beatrice Henderson, Mabel Houston, Lillian Finnegan, Evelyn Harrison, Etta Gerrett, Marguerite Evans, Geraldine Fitzgerald, Harriett Huston, Olive Ellwood and Myrtle Hicks.

Class IV.—Gertie Fowler, Gertrude Lewis, Maggie Flower.

Class V.—Mary Lawson.

Lower VII.

Class I.—Charles Collier, Wilmer Denny, Gordon Edgecombe, Paul Andrus, Walter Anderson, Russell Bryden, John Reich.

Class II.—Alan Aiken, Fred Butler, Willie Carswell, Robert Barbour, Ernest Bourne, Ted Braund, George Bere, Harold Ashman, William Bedgood, Snos Degraw, Bill Cottam.

Class III.—John Barnard, Charles Bell, John Ackert, Dan Bowen, Roy Clinger, Erle Craig, Basil Bremner, Percy Elms, George Evans, Gordon Dale, Walter England, Gordon Dudley.

Class IV.—James Wrighton, Class V.—Stanley Dale, Ashley Cooper, Gerald Crump, Tom Chatto, Fred Brown.

Lower VIII.

Class I.—Gertrude Cole, Mary Best, Hazel Challoner, Sadie Crawford, Marguerite Bowman, Velma Dale.

Class II.—Amy Baker, Alice Andrews, Gladys Croden, Alice Bowie, Frieda Alexander, Hazel Coles, Elsie Cameron, Annie Burgess, Vera Bridge- man, Maggie Crockett, Edith Chatto, Dorothy Bolton.

Class III.—Bertha Churchill, Marjorie Blandford, Eva Boyden, Muriel Draper, Bernice Anderson, Stella Dale, Pearl Crawford, Beatrice Clarke, Anna Edwards.

Class IV.—Mary Bell, Anna Clark, Class V.—Florence Cushman.

Unclassified.—Annie Aylesworth, Lizzie Avery, Myrtle Beamish, Agnes Booth, Frances Burgess, Viola Doan.

Lower IX.

First Class.—Chester Welch, Orval Upshall, Ramsay Wilson, Norman Thomson, Wilfred Murdoch, Wilbert Nuttycombe.

Second Class.—Roy Orr, Gilbert Reynolds, Fred Matthews, Victor Wilson, Oscar Thorne, Will Wright, Roy Wright, Norman Smith, Harold Magee, Harry Sifton.

Third Class.—Carleton Richardson, Gordon McGuffin, Glenice Pettit, Will Walton, George Renton, Edgar West- by, Douglas Wright, Wilbert Pettit, Earl Smithson, Alex. Ross, Gordon Raymond, Frank Stewart, Ernest Smith, Fred Wilson, Ivan Wilson, Elmer McNeer, Ralph McPhillips, Archie Wyatt, Andrew Weldon, Ralph O'Neill.

Fourth Class.—Irwin Marshall, Wilbert Bourke, Clifford Patten, Bert Parkinson, Clara Steele.

Lower X.

Class I.—M. Tolhurst, F. Northcott, J. Stuart, A. Somerville, F. Woolley, D. Schmitt, D. Schmitt, E. Cam- bridge, I. Anundson, A. Weir, W. Ste- ven, M. Robson, J. Slater, E. Baskette, V. Shannon, E. Williams, M. Walsh, E. Springett, B. Roblin, B. Youngs, G. Wood, M. Odell.

Class II.—F. Winslow, J. Duncan, L. Rymill, G. Renzie, M. Tyler, W. Taylor, A. Skippin, M. Robinson, M. Shells, K. Smith, K. Wyatt, H. Stuart, J. Ramsay, A. Nixon, B. Rowe, G. Rob- ertson.

Class III.—H. Raymon, F. Theobald, Not Ranked.—E. MacQueen, A. Mc- wood, P. Rowntree, N. Snell, M. Tier- nan, H. Weld.

Lower XI.

Class I.—Jack Barnard, Melville Jones, Gerald Pearson, Jacob Falk, Arthur Lawson, Arthur Birks, Lorne Frith, John Fraser, Albert Murphy, Harold Paul, Arthur Cole.

Class II.—Kenzie Lettich, Bernard McDougall, Everett Glenn, Fred Bay- den, Ross McKay, Edward Dann, Earl Edwards, Boyd Little, Ray Henderson, Will Mann.

Class III.—George Atkin, Freeman Guest, Fred Kingsmill, Dolph Coates, Vernon Beattie, Douglas Ewen, John Dale, Roy Burridge, Cameron Grant, Charles Coles, Jack Harvey.

Class IV.—Albert Egerton, Louis Gerrard, Fred Merlan, Ernest Bluth- ner, Russell Croden, Harry Ashplant, Widmer Ball, George Vrooman, Hild- ley Bentlie, Fred Kerr, Harold Fitz- simmons, Richard Smith, Cecil Gil- bert.

Unclassified.—J. Win Gilbert.

Lower XII.

Class I.—H. McMillan, M. Plewes, A. Legg, E. Garner, G. Harris, M. Fra- ser.

Class II.—D. Darch, D. Austin, E. Hed- ley, M. Patterson, A. McKewen, E. Har- man, V. Campbell, E. Roberts, V. Car- rothers, M. Blizard, E. Lyon.

Class III.—A. Foster, B. Cline, R. Ste- vely, E. Parsons, G. Anderson, G. Greer, J. Morrison, M. Loney, G. Alexander, E. Percival, J. Arthur, V. Grant, G. Malr, H. Hamilton, P. Burdon, C. Car- rothers, E. Greer.

Class IV.—P. Bamford, M. Birrell, A. Cortese, G. Manning, B. Legate, W. Lancelley, C. Gilbert.

Lower IV.

Class I.—Olive Ball, Hermann Ferns, James Weir, Lewis Smith, Helena Joh- sey, Harold Caverhill, Edith E. John- stone, Helen Black, Irene McGregor, Madeline McGinnis, Dora Kingsboro, Marjorie Irvine, Lorne Browne, Robt De Hart.

Class II.—May Jones, Eldon Garrett, Christine Nichol, Edna MacCallum, Ethel Carson, May Leathorn, Pearl Camp- bell, Robert McKinnney, Bertha Fra- ser, Mayne Lamont, Andrew McGill, Margaret McEane, Agnes Murray, Eva Lamont, Reuben Ardell, Roy Guest, Gertrude Cornell, Nelson Brock, Edith Hutchison.

Class III.—Annie Argo, John McCar- thur, Annetta Elliott, Jessie Johnston, Irene Little, Edith M. Johnston, Edith Maitland, Isabel McKenzie, Amy Mat- thews.

Class IV.—Margaret Garrett, Pearl McIntyre, Lola Barclay, Victoria Mc- Robert.

Unclassified.—Percy Morris, Thomas Paterson, Charles Hogg.

Middle I.

Class I.—Challoner Benson, Alma Bromner, William Ford, William Jew- ett, Lydia Brydie.

Class II.—Jean Harvey, Lulu Clark, Dugald Crawford, Kathleen Murray, Margaret Bragg, Ethel Kam, Irene Challoner, Jennie McArthur, Florence Fortner, Vida England.

Class III.—Margaret Dibb, George Jewitt, Eva Lancaster, Ella Jenkins, Mary Ackert, Lizzie Duffin, Jessie Har- ris, Gladys Abbott, Nina Clark, Vola MacDonald, Mary Flood, Jean Hutton, Spencer Kipp, Rose Girard, Ida Mar- latt, Bert Finch.

Class IV.—Isabel Davidson, Leyden James, William Kennedy, Vera Hay- man, Lorena Bere, Madeline Grant, Laura Cook.

Unclassified.—Prudence Swanwick, Eva Graham.

Middle II.

Class I.—E. Sullivan, G. Shaw, M. Manning, G. Pulling, Glen Pulling, E. Stephens.

Class II.—O. Smythe, H. Talbot, H. Silcox, S. Wickett, M. Maloney, F. Patterson, M. Moir, H. McCrae, E. Jones, M. Sutherland, M. Elliott, M. Wilson, M. Nichol, B. McMurray, N. Gleason.

Class III.—V. Sutton, H. Isaac, R. St. Clair, F. Bralshaw, L. McCall, H. Reid, H. Templeman, P. McClary, A. Wilson, K. Dudley, M. Whittaker, M. Marshall.

Middle III.

Class I.—L. McVicar, J. Sanders, L. McLeish, J. Nichol, M. McGill.

Middle III.

Class I.—Victor Mooney, Hugh Over- end.

Class II.—Ruby Sussex, Hazel Tan- nor.

Class III.—Ella Slater, Grace Turn- bull, Walter Shuttleworth, Geo. Tay- lor, William McPhillips, Leah Thomas, Hilliard Stevely, Eric Reid, Kate Lan- caster, Ralph Slater, Maude Runlans.

Class IV.—Percy Pocock, Lloyd Woodhull, Irene Thompson, Blanche Rowe, Hugh Dann, Hilda Keene, Ida Moore.

Class V.—Wm. Moulton, Richard Seaman, Winifred Theobald, Vera Kennell, Cyril McBride, Helen Macken- zie, Alfred Pocock.

Unclassified.—Edward Phoenix, Har- lo Tennent, Mae Mitchell, Bessie Mos- sop.

Middle IV.

Class II.—Leonard Jarvis, Lillian Gray, Leslie Bowie, Lorne Hayman, Thomas Walker.

Class III.—John Mitchell, Fred Loney, John Higgins, Isabel Craig, Lorne Day, George Ironside, Grace Lawson, Ruby Porter.

Class IV.—Jean Isaac, Carl George, Kenneth Bragg, Harold Clark, George Jewell, John Hamilton, Mary Graham, Richard Lee, Llanarth Davis, Isaac Hodgins, Margaret Crombie, Isabel Hedley.

Class V.—Floyd Banghart, Alex. Johnston, Lawrence Gillies.

Unclassified.—Kathleen Brodrick, Eva Lind.

Upper School—Senior Leaving, Part I.

Class I.—M. Stevenson, G. Ellis, E. Lancaster, R. Mitchell, M. Plastow, C. Raymond, M. Stephens, J. Phoenix.

Class II.—M. Greene, R. Birks, P. Nussbaumer, E. Howlett, H. Galpin, M. Darch, H. Howlett, E. Liddicoat, Doris Liddicoat, G. Wheable, E. Campbell.

Class III.—E. Anderson, M. Ball, R. Howie, G. Baker.

Class IV.—B. Henderson.

Senior Leaving, Part II.

Class I.—M. Croxon, J. Phoenix, E. Elliott, M. Mitchell, L. Dunn.

Class II.—P. Caverhill, G. Bodkin, P. Dudley, M. Mitchell, R. Mitchell.

Class III.—G. Ellis.

Class IV.—G. Wheable.

Pass Matriculation Class.—Jack Greer.

Honor Matriculation.

English, Class I.—S. Adams, M. Boyle, M. Croxon.

Class II.—R. C. Copeland, L. Harrison, R. Hayman, J. D. McCrae.

Class III.—M. Nugent, R. Wood, L. Woolley, S. Jones, H. McPherson, D. Blandford, K. MacDonald, H. A. Mc- Kenzie.

History, Class I.—S. Adams, R. C. Copeland.

Mathematics, Class I.—M. Boyle, M. Croxon, P. Caverhill, S. Adams, J. Gibson.

Class II.—R. C. Copeland.

Class III.—P. Fiddes, L. Harrison, B. Hayman, J. D. McCrae, C. Wortman, D. Hayden.

Science, Class I.—M. Boyle, J. Gib- son.

Class II.—S. Jones.

Class III.—P. Fiddes, B. Hayman, A. Quarles, C. Wortman.

Classics, Class I.—S. Adams.

Class II.—P. Caverhill, R. C. Copeland.

Class III.—L. Harrison, J. D. Mc- Crae.

Moderns, Class I.—S. Adams, J. D. McCrae.

Class II.—R. Wood, M. Nugent.

Unclassified.—K. Kelly, J. Kelly, R. Jones, M. Bell, M. Gauld, D. Mc- Cann.

Commercial A.

Class I.—A. Reid, L. Watson, L. McVicar, P. Kennedy, M. Hornby and E. Moore equal, M. McGregor, C. McCarthy, J. Graham, G. Archer, H. Webster, M. Fox, E. Gould.

Class II.—E. McIndoe, G. Bradish, R. Burns, I. Brown, V. James, V. Williams and W. French equal, N. Fox, N. Flannery, J. Perry, L. Mer- cley, M. Gibson, M. Martin, G. Allen, I. Stephenson, P. Atkinson.

Class III.—V. Reid, G. Phillips, E. Wilson, M. Burns, E. Pearson, L. Winslow, N. Rowe, L. Spindler, M. Butch, I. Wynmar.

Class IV.—R. St. Clair.

Commercial B.

Class I.—Fred Huddleston, Will Parkinson, Frank Pugh, Willie Reid, James Orr, Will Hunter, Stanley Skelly, Alex. Lytle, Russell Palmer, Bert Larway, Jack Smythe, Jento Tierney, Justin Collins, Fred South- cott.

Class II.—Cecil Jones, Clifford Eng- land, Cecil Major, Harry Tingey, Cal- vin Kew, George Chantler.

Class III.—Nicholas Cafarella, Roy Hutchinson, Russell Bailey, John Pope.

Class IV.—Frank Dean.

Commercial School, Form C.

Class I.—Eva Sherwin, Edith Baker, Ethel Ames, Susie Bickley, Libbie Rosenthal, Erdman Fisher, Ona Neely, Grace Garshore, Mabel Neely, Elmer James, Mollie Fisher, Kathleen Cushing, Cecil Sifton, Gladys Freeland, Bessie Fishbein, Evelyn Brown, May Dyson, Jetta Thornton, May Parson, Kathleen Bradish, Marie Corcoran, Harry Dow- ell.

Class II.—Ira Sumner, Frank Evans, Fred Shaw, Venelia Tucker, Sadie Hardy, Mamie Spettigue, Margaret McGuire, Gertrude McPherson, Alice Garthwaite, Leona Emery, Wm. Bart- lett, Lorna Jeffries, Elmer Brady, May Skinner, Margaret Johnston, Daisy Gilmore, Annie Lobban, Mar- garet McIlvanna, Eric Weir.

Class III.—Laura Brady, Lloyd Rosenberger, Alornia Beechle, Wm. Summers, Henry Secord, George Mc- Fadden, Lillian Fowler, Nora Brown, Charlie Blake, Mabel Ayres, Orville Griffiths, Alma Fletcher, Walter Chal- craft.

Class IV.—Boyd DeWolfe, Mary Owen, Wm. Bailey, Daisy Hennessey, Bruce Craig.

Held Successful Sales.

G. A. Hatch, auctioneer, conducted four very successful sales last week. A clearing sale for Mr. C. Vanslyke. His farm being sold by Anderson & Hatch to Mr. Seelig, of Lorain, Ohio. One for John B. Gray, administrator for the late Robert Gray; also one of the most successful cattle sales ever held in Delaware village, when a choice lot of dairy cows was offered by McFarlane & Brown. Mr. Hatch reports cattle and farm produce selling very high.

Christmas Day--Store Closed

Retrospective.

At any other season of the year we might expect to hear SOME complaints, but Christmas time everybody seems to make up their mind to be good-natured, though they might feel otherwise disposed at times.

The throngs of Christmas shoppers, we must admit, were even greater than we expected, and at times the store was more crowded than we anticipated it would be, having three selling floors in the part of the new building we now occupy, which means much larger floor space than we had last Christmas in the old building—which has now disappeared.

Our store service and equipment, while far in advance of a year ago, is yet in its infancy, compared to what we expect to have installed before another Christmas rolls round.

When the other section is completed we will have an area of floor space of nearly 100,000 square feet, which will be more than double what we now occupy. This we expect will be completed in the early summer, and we promise you then all the comforts of modern store equipment.

Emphatic Business Points

We have always made it emphatic, and each season this point is urged still more strongly upon the people from whom we make our purchases, that no price consideration will induce us to handle anything of an inferior nature, that all goods must meet our own high standard of quality, and that goods must be right in every particular before they are placed on our shelves. Yet with these restrictions and precautions, we want to remind you that medium-priced goods predominate at this store and are (quality considered) in no way expensive.

These points are emphasized in every department throughout the store, and are particularly noticeable in the leading branches, or rather, the department, by which the standard of a FIRST-CLASS STORE is JUDGED—these three in particular, DRESS GOODS, LINENS and GLOVES.

We might mention here that we have just received a shipment of Ladies' Three-Quarter Length Chamois Gloves—judge our store standard by these. Only a pair **\$1.00**

Smallman & Ingram Limited

ALLEGED POULTRY THIEVES ARRESTED

Taken to Stratford and Held for Trial—Many Home Comers.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

St. Marys, Dec. 24.—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gleason and Mr. and Mrs. George Evans, of Sandusky, Mich., are Christmas visitors with Mr. and Mrs. John Cronk, of

Condensed Advertisements.

No Advertisement Accepted Less Than
Fifteen Words.
Amusements—Ten cents per line each
insertion, or two cents per word if set
solid.
Meetings—When no admission is charged
one cent per word each insertion.
Articles for Sale, to Let, and Wanted.
Situations Wanted, Board and Lodgings.
Lost and Found, Rooms to Let, and all
similar condensed advertisements—first
insertion, one cent a word; each subse-
quent insertion, one-half cent per word.
No advertisement less than fifteen words.

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

MARRIAGES.
EDWARDS—LA TOUR—On Dec. 16, 1908,
at the First Presbyterian Church,
Seattle, Wash., by Rev. Dr. Matthews,
Henry L. Edwards, of Ottawa, to
Blanche Adele La Tour. 46a

DEATHS.
DEWAR—On Dec. 24, 1908, Eva (Queenie),
dearly beloved and youngest daughter
of the late Alexander and Harriet
Dewar.
Funeral on Saturday, Dec. 25, at 3
p.m. (service at 2:30 p.m.), from her
mother's residence, No. 9 Argyle street,
West London. Private. 46a

AMUSEMENTS, LECTURES

BENNETT'S
Continuous, 1:30 to 5:30, 7:30 to 10:30.
"MONTANA SCHOOL MARM,"
and solid one hour and fifteen minutes
show. b

GRAND TWICE TODAY

The Cyclonic Musical Success.
TIME PLACER GIRL
Prices Night, 25, 50, 75, 1.10
SATURDAY NIGHT ONLY
LILLIAN RUSSELL
IN "WILDFIRE"
Seats Now, 25c, 50c, 75c, 1.10, 1.50.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

Rebecca in "THE MAN
Warren in "ON THE BOX"
Seats Now, 25c, 50c, 75c, 1.10, 1.50.

DEC. 29 RETURN

All-Star "DIVORCE"
Seats Tomorrow: 25, 50, 75, 1.10, 1.50

GRAND HOLIDAY HOP, MONDAY

evening, Dec. 28, invitations. Advanced
class, Wednesday, Dec. 30, 40c. All
other classes adjourned for Christmas
holidays. Private tuition any hour.
Phone, Dayton & McCormick, 46c

PRINCESS MUSICAL SKATING MATINEE

Saturday afternoon. Admission,
15 and 10 cents. Doors open at 2:30.
46a

MEDITERRANEAN

Cruises. Enjoyable winter trips at re-
asonable rates. All information, pamphlets
and brochures at
DE LA HOOKE'S
General Steamship Agency, "Clock
Corner," London. Agency for all steam-
ship lines.

OCEAN TICKETS

Via Allan, C. P. R., White Star-Dominion-
Canard, Anchor, American, and Star,
and other lines. For rates, tickets, etc., next
P. B. CLARKE, Richmond street, next
Bank of Commerce.

TRACTION COMPANY

HOLIDAY RATES
Starting Dec. 24, 25 and 26. Good
returning, Monday, 28th.

LEARN TO DANCE—RAPID TEACHING

Low rates. Special attention
given to waltz and tango. R. B. Millard, 345
Princes avenue.

MUSIC FURNISHED FOR PARTIES

Balls, banquets, Phone 1255, Tony Vita's
Italian Harpers, 122 Queen street, next
Bank of Commerce.

TONY CORTESE, ORIGINAL LONDON

Harper. Music furnished for all oc-
casions. 151 Maple. Phone 1570.

MEETINGS.

NO MEETING TONIGHT OF LONDON
Council, No. 233, Royal Arcanum. S.
M. Joseph, secretary.

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST—BLACK SABLE MUFF, ON DUN-
DAS street, between Dundas and
return to 355 Queen's avenue. 46c

LOST—BLACK ASTRAKHAN MUFF

on Christmas Eve. Finder rewarded on
returning to this office. 46a

LOST—AN EXTENSION BRACELET

locked on top, please bring to
Cavendish street, West London, and
Clarence street. Reward, 35 Cavendish
street. 46c

LOST—TEN DOLLAR BILL, ABOUT

week ago. Liberal reward on return to
office. 46c

SIGNS.

Signs, Banners, Window and
price cards at all seasons. Jenkins
Sign Company, 385 Richmond, upstairs,
opposite City Hall.

SLATE ROOFING.

SLATE ROOFING, ASPHALT CEMENT
paint for iron roofs. Walter Scott, 564
York street, London. 46c

BUSINESS CARDS.

ELECTRO-PLATING, "NICKEL" AND
antique finishing, etc. speciality. Bicycle
parts, remickled. Butler, 54 Carling
street, London. 46c

PAINTING AND RUBBER-TYING

at reasonable prices. First-class job. Gould
& Mohan, rear 2334 Dundas. 46c

CARPETS REMODELED, CLEANED

and laid promptly. 141 December, or for sale,
W. Thorne, 830 York street. Phone 3164.

RELIGIOUS MEETINGS.

CATHEDRAL, ST. PAUL'S—CHRIST-
MAS Day. Holy Communion, 6:30 a.m.,
7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m.,
4:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m. Sermon
at noon; music by Rev. Charles
Banks, M.A. Matins, 11 a.m.; Festival
Responses (Choir, in G); Proper (Psalm
xix, xiv, xxxv); Te Deum and Jubi-
lation; anthem, "Christus Awake,
Salute the Happy Home" (music by
Mauder). Preacher, the Bishop. 46a

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—TWO-STORY BRICK
house, nine rooms, bath, furnace and
city water; five minutes from depot or
market; best cottage; five rooms,
large lot and city water. Home street
east. Apply at 88 Horton street. 46c

FOR SALE OR TO LET—TWO-STORY

brick house, furnished, 112 Elmwood
avenue, from 1st December, or for sale,
including carpets and furniture; a bar-
gain; also 110 Elmwood avenue for sale
only, including barn and stable. Apply
McIlroy Couch Company. 46c

FEMALE HELP WANTED.

WANTED—A GOOD COOK. APPLY
Mrs. Kerrigan, 49 Ridout street south.
46c

WANTED—GOOD GIRL FOR GENERAL
housework. Apply to Mrs. Butler, 242 St.
James street. 46c

MALE HELP WANTED.

SHOES REPAIRED QUICKLY AND
cheaply and promptly returned. The
Famous Shoe Repair Shop, 301 Dundas
street. Phone 2375. 46c

FOUR CANVASSERS WANTED. AP-
PLY between 8 and 9, Alfred Taylor, 355
Clarence street. 46c

WANTED.

WANTED—COVERED DELIVERY RIG,
light, good repair, state size of box and
price. Box 10, Advertiser. 46c

WANTED—HURON AND ERIE AND
Ontario Loan Companies' shares. John
Wright, stockbroker, 677 Richmond
street, London. Phone 682. 46c

SOUTH AFRICAN VETERAN WILL
pay highest cash price for your war-
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the detailed statement of expenses incur-
red by or on behalf of George Albert
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On Monday evening a debate be-
tween the Collegiate Institute and the
Young Men's Club of St. Andrew's
was held in the basement of the Pres-
byterian Church. Messrs. L. S. Cut-
ler and L. S. Sifton represented the
"High" and Messrs. H. M. Anderson
and T. S. Sudby the latter organiza-
tion. The subject of the debate was
"Resolved that it would be better for
the town of Strathroy to collect their
taxes semi-annually than to continue
the present system." The Judges,
Robert Diprose, W. H. Murray and C.
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ate.

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THE NATIVITY.

And there were the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round them about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

St. Luke, II, 8-20.

THE NAVAL CONFERENCE.

The international naval conference which for the past two weeks has been in session in London, has some weighty matters before it, the settlement of which would greatly lessen the danger of neutral nations becoming involved in a war to which they were not originally parties.

At the last session of the Hague international court a movement was inaugurated for the creation of an international prize court, but it was found that an international code of law must be adopted before such a project could be carried out. To draft such a code is one of the objects of the London conference.

The principle that the private property of belligerent nations, excepting absolute contraband, is properly exempt from capture, appears to be that most favored. But that there is a conflict of doctrine and practice which might easily be the occasion for serious complications, was clearly shown during the progress of the Russo-Japanese war.

At the outset, Russia gave notice of her intention to treat certain articles, a long list of which was furnished, as absolute contraband of war and subject to capture or confiscation wherever found. In the list were included materials which cannot fairly be considered contraband unless they are distinctly and explicitly intended for a hostile use. For instance, rice, if intended for the relief of a beleaguered fortress, would be indisputably contraband, but as to whether the commodity should be treated as contraband absolutely there is a difference of opinion. Such a doctrine, if generally followed, might possibly expose Great Britain to the peril of starvation.

During the late war in the East, a British vessel carrying merchandise which was not admittedly contraband was seized on the high seas by the Russians and destroyed.

The coaling question is another which there is hope of settling. According to the British practice, a belligerent is allowed only enough coal to take him to the next homeward port, but Rojevstevsky succeeded in getting all the coal he needed up to the close of his voyages.

The rights of belligerents in neutral waters form another controversial question. The French Government during the Russo-Japanese conflict, construed the obligations of neutrality with the greatest leniency, permitting Russian warships to loiter for months in the sea water under French jurisdiction, to take on stores and coal in the Bay of Annam, and to get into fighting condition. Quite different was the German method of procedure. When the disabled Russian battleship Czarevitch took refuge at Tung-Chau the German authorities gave its commander the alternative of leaving within twenty-four hours or of submitting to be dismantled, or being interned. When the remnant of Rojevstevsky's fleet reached Manila, a similar rule was enforced.

It is gratifying to learn that there is a prospect of the conference in London arriving at a mutually satisfactory agreement on some, if not all, of these vexed questions.

HON. JAMES YOUNG AND THE SENATE.

The death of Hon. Samuel Mermer, of New Hamburg, leaves a vacancy in the Senate for the district embracing Waterloo and contiguous counties. The name of Hon. James Young, of Galt, is mentioned as his successor, and finds favor in influential circles. Mr. Young is one of the veterans of Canadian public life, and an interesting link with the pre-Confederation era. As far back as 1853, when a youth of 18, he purchased the Dumfries Reformer, giving his support to George Brown and the radical wing of the Liberal party. He was elected to represent South Waterloo in the House of Commons in 1867, and was returned in 1872, and again in 1874. Although defeated in the Liberal rout of 1878, he entered the Provincial Legislature in 1879 as the member for North Brant; was re-elected in 1883, and became provincial treasurer in the Mowat cabinet. Illness obliged him to resign office a few months later, and he declined re-nomination in 1886. He has been president of the Associated Mechanics' Institutes of Ontario, of the Sabbath School Association of Ontario, and of the Provincial Reform Association—to name only a few of his interests outside his native town, which he has served also in various capacities.

Since his retirement from active politics, Mr. Young has continued to wield his pen with good effect. He is a frequent contributor to the press, and his comments on public questions have derived unusual weight from his long experience of affairs. He has also produced several historical works, notably a volume of reminiscences covering a period of 50 years—a very valuable record of events and personages contemporary with himself, of which few surviving Canadians have been such close spectators. All these are qualifications for the upper chamber. Mr. Young is still vigorous in mind and body, and the dignity of a senatorship would fittingly crown his long and useful career. He has deserved the honor, and his appointment would give general satisfaction in Western Ontario.

LABOR AND HIGHER EDUCATION.

The relation of the English working classes to the universities is a matter which for a year has been under consideration of a joint committee consisting of seven representatives each of Labor and the University of Oxford. The committee has just made public its report, which is engaging much attention.

Great Britain, like Canada, has many ambitious boys, sons of poor but industrious parents, who by close application to their studies in the public schools, eventually find themselves in the university pursuing the ordinary curriculum, their aim being to secure an arts degree, gain an entrance into a learned profession and thus work themselves out of the social class into which they were born. The joint committee would change this, and declares its decree to be "not that men should escape from their class, but that they should remain in it and raise its whole level." In other words, the committee would have brought about the development of a democratic education and an educated democracy. "If," says the report, "the eleven millions who weave our clothes, build our houses, and carry us safely on our journey, demand a higher education than they at present receive, it is in order that they may face with wisdom the unsolved problems of their present status, instead of that they may escape to a different status."

As a solution of the problem, the committee proposes a new and organic relation between Oxford University and the industrial classes, by means of which young men belonging to the latter, who qualify themselves in their own locality by study in tutorial classes, superintended by the university conjointly with representatives of their own, may be enabled to enter the university and study there for a period of at least two years, not as a candidate for the ordinary degrees, but as aspirants to some one or other of the university diplomas for proficiency in certain branches of study.

A beginning has already been made with putting this plan into practice. A joint committee representing the working classes and the university extension classes has arranged for the report, and during the present winter these will be conducted in eight localities. This arrangement is also made that the university authorities have agreed to admit tutorial class students to the diploma course in economics, and are also preparing to include political science in the diploma course for economics. In addition, the university is being urged to establish a lectureship in political theory and institutions, that subject being considered one likely to be of special use to the class of students whose interests the joint committee has sought to advance. The whole movement is highly significant of the new spirit which is leavening the working classes of Great Britain. It is a hopeful sign when the Labor organizations are realizing the value of higher education by sending their brightest men to the universities to qualify for public life and political leadership.

WHAT WORRIED HIM.

(Cleveland Plaindealer.)
"Maud told me to call her father 'old man.' She said he'd like it."
"Did he like it?"
"Never mind about that." I'm busy wondering why Maud told me to do it."

CRUEL MAN.

(Judy.)
"What we want is more plain speaking," cried the suffragette lover. "And not so many plain speakers," said some unmanly brute in the crowd."

DO NOT SHOVEL SNOW.

(Toronto News.)
No lawyer, doctor, merchant, newspaper editor or other wealthy person should be seen shovelling his own snow this winter. There are hundreds of poor men in the city who want the job, and the few cents it will bring them. They need the money.

THE LOWLY HEN.

(Collier's Weekly.)
I'm for the hen, the lowly hen: She lays an egg today and then Tomorrow goes about her biz Lays another. Cluck on cluck! Day after day with endless pluck; Happy if in solitude She may at last hatch out a brood Of fluffy chick with yellow legs. To become hens and lay more eggs.

She knows no holidays at all. Nor Sundays. At the claret call Of Mr. Rooster, with a lurch, She lunges down with the high perch, And, once more a footing firm, She goes to hunt the early worm. She takes a worm, a piece of grit, A bug, and makes a meal of it. That will pass muster until met In scramble, fry, or omelette.

And does she rest with one egg laid, And lounge around beneath the shade Of some tall tree? Not much! Not she! She seems the slave of fate and tree, And across shaded bits and sun She keeps the bug world on the run. And scratches with her little feet Earn-yard and garden, lane and street, And with her bill doth search and poke The stuff for albumen and yolk.

Egg after egg, day after day, In unobtrusive, cheerful way, And when her laying life is done, She lounges not in shade of sun. But with a rush that rustles mock She lays her head upon the block, And the place of residence of some boarding-house feast, shows her love.

For humankind in death. Brave hen! Example for roosters and men!

TORONTO'S POOR TALKERS.

(Toronto Telegram.)
Toronto samples of after-dinner oratory are supplied by speakers who are almost unanimously unprepared. All these local epidemics of impromptu verbosity are due to the fact that too many speakers are invited to address the assembled banqueters. Thus no single speaker is allowed time enough to finish his high resolve to prepare an oration worthy of the occasion.

DROWNED BY BEER IN HIM.

(Philadelphia Record.)
Literally drowned by the beer in him was the fate of Houston J. Ware, found unconscious early in Thursday morning. That he was drowned on dry land and not poisoned—a suspicion whereby hangs this result—was the verdict of a post-mortem examination.

On the theory that Ware was poisoned, physicians undertook to pump him out. "I surmise that the pump actually got down his trachea into his lungs," said Dr. William Becker. "His stomach was so full of beer and other liquids that these were forced into his lungs, and he died of the lungs," said Dr. Kleinhaus. "His lungs were full of the fluid, and this caused him to drown."

FAMILIAR QUOTATIONS FROM JOHN MILTON.

(Exchange.)
Milton, the poet, the three hundredth anniversary of whose birth was celebrated last week, coined many phrases which have become a familiar part of the English language. The following are only a few of these phrases:

"Trip it as you go on the light fantastic toe."
"The cynosure of neighboring eyes."
"The busy hum of men."
"Unkind sweetness long drawn out."
"The need of some religious tear."
"To scorn delights and live laborious days."
"That last infinity of noble minds."
"Fresh woods and pastures new."
"Better to reign in hell than serve in heaven."
"The gorgeous East."
"That bad eminence."
"His tongue dropped manna."
"A pillar of state."
"Sweet, reluctant, amorous delay."
"The gay notes that people the sunbeams."
"Long is the way and hard that out of hell leads up to light."
"He for God only, she for God in him."
"The cricket's song at night."
"The tale of Troy divine."
"A dim religious light."
"Where more is meant than meets the ear."
"They also serve who only stand and wait."
"License them mean when they cry liberty."
"Make those whose appear the better reason."
"Justify the ways of God to men."
"The height of this great argument."
"Out of good still to find means of evil."
"The mind is its own place, and in itself can make a heaven of hell, a hell of heaven."
"Which as autumnal leaves that strew the brook's fallow, so they are blown about by the wind."
"Faithful love among the faithless, faithful only be."
"Tears such as angels weep."
"Who overcomes by force hath overcome but half his foe."
"Evil, be thou my good."
"Imparadise in one another's arms."
"Not to know me argues yourselves unknown."
"This universal frame."
"Peace hath her victories no less renowned than war."

INDISPUTABLE.

(Chicago News.)
Sapleigh—I am—aw—such poor company for myself, doncher know.
Miss Cutting—Another case of "two souls with but a single thought."

TRAPPING MOTHS BY ELECTRIC LIGHT.

(From Chambers' Journal, Dec. 3.)
In order to mitigate the pest of caterpillars, which is wreaking such havoc in defoliating the forests of Germany, a novel experiment is being made. The irresistible fascination of the candle-flame to the moth is well known, and entomologists are aware that street electric arc lamps afford a happy hunting ground. The German authorities have turned this point to advantage. An electric light is erected in a suitable tower, with powerful reflectors which project the light in two well-defined rays upon the dark background of the forest, half a mile away. In much the same way as the beams of a searchlight. The result is described as remarkable. The hordes of brown moths that lay eggs, producing caterpillars in such enormous quantities, dazzled by the light, come fluttering hasty towards its source. As they near the lamps they are caught in the vortex set up by the revolving fans, are sucked up and swept through the funnel into a suitable receptacle, subsequently being destroyed in the furnaces. So eminently successful was the first night's experiment, when some three thousand moths were caught, that another similar installation is being erected.

Though the defoliation of the trees may not be completely arrested, this whole sale destruction of the plague will certainly result in a heavy diminution in the ranks of the caterpillars, and the timber will be saved.

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A Very Merry Christmas

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AND WHEREAS the amount of the general debt of the city, exclusive of its indebtedness for waterworks purposes, or the said sum of \$240,000.00, and exclusive of its local improvement debt, except such portion thereof as is payable by the said corporation at large, amounts to \$2,354,626.71, of which no portion of the principal of interest is due;

AND WHEREAS the said sum of \$2,000 is the debt intended to be created by this bylaw;

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AND WHEREAS it is necessary that such annual sum of \$249.32 shall be raised and levied in each year during the said period of thirty years, by a special rate sufficient therefor on all the rateable property in the City of London;

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WARD NUMBER ONE.

DIVISION NO. 1.

At the City Hall, by Pinley M. Perrin, deputy returning officer.

DIVISION NO. 2.

At Mrs. Rowe's house, 254 King street, by J. M. Parsons, deputy returning officer.

DIVISION NO. 3.

At Mrs. Fitzgibbon's house, 334 Ridout street, by T. W. Hegman, deputy returning officer.

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At Mr. William Smith's house, 212 Horton street, by Joseph Graham, deputy returning officer.

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DIVISION NO. 16.

At Mr. L. Robson's house, 231 Queen's street, by W. H. Birrell, deputy returning officer.

DIVISION NO. 17.

At Mr. A. O. Newell's house, 501 Richmond street, by A. T. Essey, deputy returning officer.

DIVISION NO. 18.

At Elmer Luck's house, 567 Richmond street, by H. B. Gahan, deputy returning officer.

DIVISION NO. 19.

At Mrs. Rollins' house, 128 John street, by W. P. Nolan, deputy returning officer.

DIVISION NO. 20.

At Mr. S. S. Rogers' house, 729 Richmond street, by S. Friendship, deputy returning officer.

DIVISION NO. 21.

At Mr. W. Eberle's house, 37 Grosvenor street, by A. Dawson, deputy returning officer.

DIVISION NO. 22.

At St. George's schoolhouse, Empress avenue, by William Moore, deputy returning officer.

DIVISION NO. 23.

At Mr. W. J. Cook's house, 107 Wilson avenue, by R. J. O'Neil, deputy returning officer.

DIVISION NO. 24.

At Mr. R. Culbert's house, 1 Kensington street, by W. T. Mullins, deputy returning officer.

WARD NUMBER THREE.

DIVISION NO. 25.

At Mrs. A. McDonald's house, 236 Colborne street, by John Tanton, deputy returning officer.

DIVISION NO. 26.

At Mr. John A. Mitchell's house, 628 York street, by S. J. Bell, deputy returning officer.

DIVISION NO. 27.

At Mr. T. Atkinson's house, 430 Simcoe street, by J. A. Carrothers, deputy returning officer.

DIVISION NO. 28.

At Mrs. Barlow's house, 538 Horton street, by E. Fitzmaurice, deputy returning officer.

DIVISION NO. 29.

At Mrs. Steele's house, 546 Grey street, by T. Cousins, deputy returning officer.

DIVISION NO. 30.

At Mr. W. Frick's house, 470 Hill street, by T. Cole, deputy returning officer.

DIVISION NO. 31.

At Mrs. Sweeney's house, 427 Nelson street, by W. W. Bowden, deputy returning officer.

DIVISION NO. 32.

At Mr. John Ramey's house, 500 South street, by G. Rose, deputy returning officer.

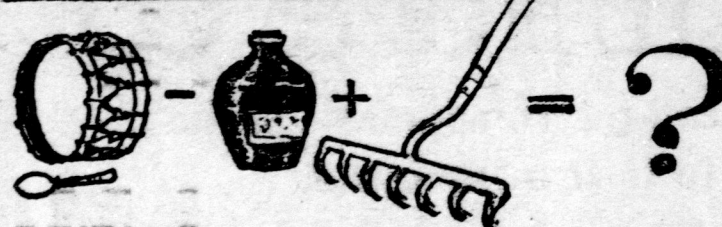
DIVISION NO. 33.

At the East End Town Hall, by J. A. Weir, deputy returning officer.

SAM LOYD'S PUZZLES.

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ZOOLOGICAL ARITHMETIC



ANSWER TO MULTIPLICATION PUZZLE PRINTED ON THURSDAY
—The thirteen missing figures may be restored in the young mathematician's sum by using 79 or 96 in multiplying 235.

THE LOST MILLIONAIRE

BY L. CAMPBELL DAVIDSON.

At last the day came. He saw her as he passed, sitting there by the knee-hole table, still, inert. He went on his way desperate, it seemed to him that he must do something for her or perish. When he reached his office in the G. L. M. building he was ready for anything. He took up a penknife and deliberately slashed the end of his third finger on his left hand. He could not injure his writing hand and he laid aside from work. This would not do him any harm, but it would form an excuse for medical help. He bound the injured member up in his handkerchief and rang his table bell.

"I've cut my hand, Robbins," he said to the lad who thrust in a shaggy red head at the door. "I'm going to a doctor. I'll be back directly," and with triumph in his heart and an ache in his third finger he strode off.

The little gate that bore the brass door-plate squeaked demisally on its hinges as he drove it open. He could have nearly sworn that the sudden shadow of a head flashed on the wire blind. Had she leaped to the window in her wild hope that a patient was at her door at last? He had hardly time to knock and ring when the door flew open, and a little, frowsy girl-of-all-work faced him with a delighted grin. He could hardly ask if Dr. Bramley was in before she had backed to allow him to enter, and had her hand on the knob of the consulting room door.

He was shown straight into the room where she sat. There was apparently no waiting-room in the meagre establishment. It was not yet rendered necessary by the size of Dr. Violet's practice.

She was on her feet as he faced her. For the first time he saw her

without her hat. How dreadfully young she looked! How luminous her gray eyes were! How her burnished hair shone like the smooth side of satin! What a wonderful color! They shook hands. If any surprise had dashed in her face at the sight of him she did not betray it in her voice as she sat down and motioned him to the chair, where his face was toward the strong light. He noticed the book that lay open before her—a blank book. She dipped her pen in the ink and sat ready to take his answers to her questions and note them down.

"It's only my hand," he said, trying to speak quite casually. "I was stupid enough to cut it just now. I thought as you were so near—I'd seen your plate as I passed—that you'd be good enough to see to it for me."

"Certainly. Will you let me look at it?" Her swift deft fingers were over the knot of the handkerchief in a moment. He yielded his hand. She examined the wound and began to strap it. He could have declared there was a furtive smile on her lips. It made him uneasy. What was she smiling at?

"It is not very much," she said, finishing the binding and his finger was in a neat little white case. "You might almost have doctored it yourself." Great Scott! Was he getting hurt? Her eyes were so keen and so piercing they almost went through a man's mind. "How did you do it?"

He had not expected the question, and he stammered. "Oh, it was a penknife. I—er—I—er, gashed it." Confound his folly! He was conscious of his lameness.

"So I should suppose," he said, "commonly hot. Yet it did not prevent his arriving the following day with the cheerful greeting, 'I thought you'd look at my finger and see how it's getting on.'"

Gravely she did as he requested. Was there the shadow of that smile again? When she had examined it she looked at him steadily. "I congratulate you on a complete recovery. I think a glove finger will only be necessary for a day or two."

There was nothing to flatter for, yet Maxwell lingered. "I wondered—do you care for music?" he said, a little clumsily. "I have had two tickets sent for the Brahms concert on Friday." He produced a white envelope from his pocket.

"Music! Oh, I adore it!" The quick light that leaped to her eyes drove off all professional garb. It returned the next minute. She laid down the envelope he had held out to her. It was as if she would have none of it. "Thank you, but I am afraid I cannot."

"Why not?" The question was perhaps unwarranted, but he was so disappointed. She stiffened herself slightly, and he looked at her deliberately. "I think you will understand that I cannot accept things like this from a stranger," she said.

He colored faintly. "Not from a patient?"

She did not flinch, and her eyes still were full on his. "Not if he is a man." He respected her, and he admired her a hundred times the more for saying it; but it was a disappointment.

He took up the envelope from the table reluctantly. "I am sorry you won't have them," he said. "I am so grateful to you for what you did for us about my poor cousin. I hoped you would have taken the ticket for that." In a flash her face changed. Contrition, apology, flashed from her. "Oh, I was disagreeable!" she cried repentantly. "I am sorry. I will take the ticket, thank you. I didn't understand." And he beamed at her with gratification. "I go by myself and sit on the other side of the hall," he offered. "I don't want to intrude myself."

"Oh, please! No, you needn't. I'll be glad of your escort," she said with remorse.

CHAPTER VI
The Baby Comes Home.
So Maxwell was the lady doctor's

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escort, and they both enjoyed the Brahms concert to the full. He was furiously aware that he had been through his subterfuge about the finger, but neither of them alluded to that subject more. He was her first patient. That came out somehow, without her meaning to confide in it. But still, as he passed the little smoke-stained house, she sat by the table waiting, waiting, and his heart burned with compassion. At this rate how was she to live? Through the month that followed he saw something of her, and they began to grow into friendship. There was a strange fascination about her—he had felt that the first time they met at Dr. Wilson's door. It grew wonderfully as their acquaintance deepened and broadened.

And now the month was over, and all Millington thrilled with the expectation of the arrival of the millionaire baby and the baby's mother. Dr. Mayne had had a letter from Mrs. Suter describing the wonderful beauties of the son and heir. He was as healthy a child as ever was born, but she was naturally deeply anxious about him. She had arranged about nurses and such things, but she felt she must have some responsible person to take charge over them, some one experienced and skilled—a lady with hospital training, or a lady doctor. There was that one who had been brought in a hurry after Mr. Suter's death. Mrs. Suter fancied her looks. Was it possible to get her to come and take charge of the baby's nursery? Would Dr. Mayne see about it?

Dr. Mayne saw the letter with a certain gratification. He was a kind-hearted man, and though the idea of women taking on themselves men's work filled him with indignation, he had no personal animus against Mrs. Violet. Indeed, he was glad for more reasons than one to put this purely feminine work into her way. The constant sight of that empty consulting-room, as he passed it, filled him with pity as well as indignation. Of course, the silly girl couldn't expect to make a practice, but one could not see a girl starve without pity for her and her child. And superintendence of a child's nursery was just the work she was fitted for, always stipulating that the family doctor should be called in consultation in event of any real illness. In the Suter nursery she would be out of the way of all possible rivalry with the doctors of Millington.

He rubbed his hands and chuckled. "I'll write to the girl," he said. "Not speak. She'll see reason when she thinks it over, and be glad of it, no doubt."

Dr. Violet did see reason. It was being driven sharply into her right by the hand of need. The rent of the little house was in arrears—the struggle was getting beyond her. One cannot live on air, even if one is a lady doctor. This office and the nursery, the better things should have been put together to pay off debts and get together enough capital to start again later on, when the baby was old enough to do without her. And she had a woman's passion for the children. It was a real temptation. To children, defeat, she told herself—only receding the better to spring again.

She wrote her answer to Dr. Mayne far sooner than he had looked for. She accepted Mrs. Suter's offer, and would take medical charge of the child's nursery, for the present. That "for the present" made old Dr. Mayne grin in his sleeve. The girl was sane, anyhow. She would be fighting even after the miserable fiasco of the consulting-room.

So Dr. Violet packed up her professional belongings and stored them with her mother, and took her departure for The Towers. The house still stood empty, but she was anxious at the changes in it as she entered the door. There had been additions built during the winter, and they were now decorated and furnished. A whole wing of gorgeous nurseries, furnished with such lavish extravagance that Dr. Violet stood rather taken aback. There was a double night nursery and a double day nursery.

The night nurseries were supplied with every kind of gadget, swinging out that rocked itself automatically to the sound of soft lullabies from a music-box. "Cradled in melody," the advertisement called it. There were bassinets of gold wire, fitted with gold-backed brushes and combs and gold powder puffs. There were colored inlaid boards to the floor, of rose woods, and rugs that could be removed and turned carefully chosen to form a baby's taste. There were hygienic arrangements for ventilation, at which Dr. Violet nodded approvingly, and there were new systems of shaded lights.

The day nurseries were still more amazing. They held every conceivable kind of child wish. There were mechanical sheep and cows, covered with the real skin of animals, with globes of goldfish and cages of small birds; there were table arrangements for an emperor, in fine china and silver and cut glass. Dr. Violet shook her head at these. It was sinful luxury to bring a child up as he would be a ruined, pampered Sybarite with all these.

There was a gymnasium ready for his older years, a conservatory merely to grow flowers and his amusement. A winter garden, skillfully planned, for his exercise on wet days or in winter, when it was not wise to take him out. There was an addition to the stable in chairs, and a tiny motor for him to drive in when he was out of babyhood. A space in the garden had been inclosed, and there was a miniature seaside shore, with real sand and pebbles and a pond of water, and spades and buckets galore.

Dr. Violet Bromley had been brought up in some hardness. Her father was a clergyman with a small income. There were straitened means always. When Dr. Violet declared that she wanted more than any other woman, it was to be a doctor, it had been a plan to raise the means for her training. Some of the money was borrowed. It took long to repay from the slender stipend of the northern parish. So when Dr. Violet made her first professional venture it was with nothing behind her and only her own efforts to keep her in bread. She had had a nursery bare and meager. Only love and care had made her childhood bright. Life had been a tooth-and-nail struggle with her always. She could not comprehend the need of the luxuries that compassed this mil-

lionaire baby. They seemed to her almost wicked. She looked back on her childhood of porridge and bread and dripping. She remembered how her mother had carefully taught her, because they could not afford to send her to school. She recalled frocks given from the Poor Clergy Society and altered down to fit her. She never could remember to have had new frocks. She knew how they had saved and pinched to give her her hospital education; how the old people at home were buoyed up with the thought that they began into friendship. There had been something to depend on when they were gone. The thought of that had made her write those cheerful, bright letters home when she did not know where she was to turn for her next shilling, or her next shilling.

How a tithe of what was being lavished on one nursery luxury of this wealthy baby would have put her dear old parents in comfort for their lives! How it would have kept her own head afloat till she was able to help out the slender income at home!

(To Be Continued.)

Advertiser Correspondence

Who Wants Sunday Cars?—No. 2.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:
You were good enough to publish my letter under the above heading some days ago, and I note that your stock correspondent, this time signing himself "Workingman," takes exception to my query, and submits in answer the five following classes who, according to him, want Sunday cars.

Well, let us see:
1. Fathers who work to nature's limit six days a week to provide for their families. Men who lead a life of self-sacrifice.

London is known as a city of homes—workmen's homes. This very class are the men who have acquired these homes, but they did not do it by working overtime to assist the London Street Railway Company declare dividends on Sunday traffic. This type of workmen shudder at the degrading influence of Sunday cars on the rising generation.

2. Young people who help a poor widowed mother keep home together. Sunday cars never aided any widow's children in helping "her keep her head above water." But the children have been railroaded to perdition on Sunday cars and the devices of greed and depravity to which they are tributary and akin.

3. Mothers and little children who shut up in a hot, dusty house all week. Mothers who value the health and morals of their little ones will hesitate long before thrusting them into the degrading atmosphere of the typical Sunday car crowd headed for the "shady places" of the city.

4. The aged, who are surely worthy of our tenderest care. Who, with any respect or consideration for old age, would subject them to the inconsiderate jostle of a Sunday car crowd? But for the "shady places," that the presence of Sunday cars is sure to propagate beyond the limits of police restriction.

5. And the convalescents. What flight of imagination can picture any benefit to a convalescent from Sunday cars and a London street railway "bone-shaker"?

Now, I submit that there is no cry for Sunday cars from the above-mentioned classes, but I concede there is a class who do want Sunday cars. They are the "workingmen" of the London Street Railway Company who employ "Workingman" to help railroad them through. The liquor dealers want Sunday cars because a wide-open Sunday would mean more drinking. All the sports, "the toughs," "the thugs," "the rascals," the undesirable foreign element, and that remnant that remaineth of the "National Rational" want Sunday cars—but who else?

Surely your correspondent does not expect me to be so dense as to vote for one moment that him for a real honest, home-grown workingman? The distinctively "Boston" flavor of his "workingman" plaint is so apparent that I am prepared to credit it to the only man in London working for Sunday cars and employed by the London Street Railway Company to railroad them through the guts of the "workingman." It speaks volumes for the real workingmen of London that when the London Street Railway Company wanted the city for Sunday cars—and by the way, they are the people who want them—they could not find a London workingman to work his fellows for them, but got a "poor man's" from Boston to prate about the "shady places" of the city.

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WE take this opportunity to tender our thanks to our friends, patrons, and the London public generally, for their assistance in making this the busiest Christmas rush in our business history, and to wish you all—

A Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year

GRAY & PARKER

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cars is the tendency to a wide-open Sunday League. If the platform they advocated were carried out, it would bring in its train, the running of the traction lines and steam railways, followed by the demand for the postoffice to be opened on Sunday; libraries and places of amusement, and quite naturally businessmen would visit their offices as they do at present in most of the American cities. There will be no rest or quiet for those men who wish to remain in their homes, as it will be felt that they should be looking after their business, and their telephones would be constantly ringing, bringing to their notice business matters, until eventually it will become a general practice for the office to be opened and the employees in the office to be called back to their duties on Sunday. And why would it not be quite as legitimate to propose for the stenographers and clerks to work on Sunday as for the motormen and conductors?

A prominent lady who lives in Port Huron, said to me the other day that the most attractive thing about London was the Sunday rest and quiet. Another prominent citizen of Bowling Green, Ohio, said to me a short while since that London was unique, in the fact that it had a quiet Sunday, so different from the American ways. Do the businessmen and workmen of London want this state of affairs? If so, they should certainly vote for Sunday cars, as it is a move in that direction.

T. B. ESCOTT.

Who Are They?
To the Editor of The Advertiser:
Who are the people in this city who are debarred from visiting their relatives or the cemeteries or Springbank Park because of no Sunday cars?

Not the clerks in the wholesale warehouses or the workers in the door and sash factories, planing mills, lumber yards, biscuit factories, rolling mills, bolt works, engine works, coal and wood yards, McClary's big plant, etc. All these have their Saturday half-holiday. So also have the bricklayers, masons, carpenters, plasterers, painters and plumbers. Not the businessmen of East London—they all close on Wednesday afternoon. So do the druggists, grocers, butchers, bakers and many others throughout the city. Whatever the conditions may be in other cities, none exist here that justify so serious an innovation as Sunday cars.

OLD BOY.

The Titus Scheme.
To the Editor of The Advertiser:
I have been a little surprised that the water commissioners have taken no notice of the numerous letters and newspaper remarks advertising to the advantages of the Titus scheme for providing water. These ideas culminated in a very forcible letter from Dr. McCallum, and it has occurred to me that perhaps it was my duty to go into this matter for the benefit of those who think Mr. Titus' proposition would be an advantageous one for the city to take up.

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thing like \$300,000 on mains, which are not provided for at all by Titus, but which would need to be provided by the city in order to give a satisfactory service with the well system. The only fair way of comparing the two systems is to eliminate the ideas which are included in the spring water scheme and excluded from the Titus scheme. The other day the commissioners stated in your columns that the cost of making the proposed spring water additions would be \$200,000, and that the balance of the money was to be spent upon distributing mains, etc. Along with this cost we are to consider that the delivery of one and a half million gallons per day for a year would cost, at the Springbank rate, \$8,000 for coal. Doubtless the new system will work a little more cheaply, because the engines will be more modern, and the pumping plant being at a somewhat higher level, it will not be under the same strain, but allowing for the sake of argument, that the cost would be the same as the present, the \$200,000 figure will stand. In addition to this the wages would be something like \$3,000, and the repairs may be set down at \$1,000, although it is doubtful if the first few years would require any repairs whatever. These figures make a total of \$210,000 for running expenses, whereas the city would be required to pay \$11,000 for Mr. Titus for the same amount of water, viz. \$75 per million gallons daily. The net difference between these totals is \$200,000, and this is the amount which we would have to pay Mr. Titus each year for five years, over and above the running expenses of the spring water scheme. Let us apply this surplus to the payment of the principal cost of the latter, and see how it figures out:

Deducting the sum of \$210,000 from the total cost we have left a debt of... 109,000 At the end of the first year... 6,700 Four per cent interest added is... 3,100 From which subtract... 31,000 This will leave... 144,700 Add interest... 5,110 Add sinking fund... 51,000

This leaves at end of third year... \$115,500 At end of fourth year... 93,333 At end of fifth year... 60,000

Here we make a change in the terms. Let us suppose that we require the water to take three million gallons daily, at a cost of \$65 per million, amounting to \$195,000 a year. To make the water supply we would have to pay Mr. Titus \$43,000 more than the running expenses of the spring water scheme would cost, which would make the Titus scheme cost us about \$238,000 for the eighth year more than the spring water addition.

Of course, it has not been proposed to supply the water for years, so that not only would the Titus scheme cost us at least \$238,000 more in eight years than the scheme now proposed, but we would be compelled to pay for it in a disadvantageous manner.

W. E. SAUNDERS.

BAD MONTREAL BLAZE.
Montreal, Que., Dec. 24.—The most serious fire of the season in this city broke out shortly after 7 o'clock this morning in Lamay's department store on Notre Dame street west, St. Henri ward, and the firemen have been continuously working at it for several hours. It is now under control. What was not ruined by fire was finished

by water, and the loss will run up to \$100,000.

By wireless telephony two French naval officers have succeeded in having conversation, songs and even whistling heard perfectly at a distance of 90 miles.

Frank Cooper's new, up-to-date studio now in "full running order," 3303 Dundas street, Cooper block, opposite the Armouries.

California, Mexico, Florida. Special round-trip tourist rates. For full information as to rates, routes, etc., apply to any Grand Tour ticket agent.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.
Dee, 28.—At New York—Kronland, from Antwerp; Birma, from Libau; Liguria, from Genoa; Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, from Bremen; Noordam, from Rotterdam; Louisiana, from Naples. At Boston—Devonian, from Liverpool. At Liverpool—Merion, from Philadelphia.

At Southampton—Oceanic, from New York. At Naples—Nord America, from New York.



CURE SICK HEAD

Headache, get Carter's Little Liver Pills are equally valuable in constipation, curing and preventing this annoying complaint, while they also correct all disorders of the stomach, stimulate the liver and regulate the bowels. Even if only cured.

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Is the cause of so many ills that here is where you make great gains. Our pills cure it while it is still in the system.

Carter's Little Liver Pills are very small and very easy to take. One or two pills makes a dose. They are strictly vegetable and do not grip or purge, but by their gentle action place all who use them.

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Within Easy Access of Every Point

American Explains the Regulations Of the U. S. Gov't Re Immigration

**Mr. Buzzell Speaks of Cases of
Canadians Being Turned
Back at Border.**

Mr. F. C. Buzzell, American customs officer in this city, stated to The Advertiser last night that on account of the action of the officers at the border in turning back Canadians last week, a number of people are afraid to go to the States now.

Mr. Buzzell states that there are certain regulations in regard to emigrants which apply both to those coming into Canada and to those going into the States.

All those wishing to enter the States must be able to satisfy the officers at the border that they have enough funds to carry them to their destination, and maintain them until they can get a job. From \$25 to \$30 would be a fair amount. This measure is necessary in order that the person entering

the States may not become a public charge.

The Regulations.

In addition, there is a regulation which states the person shall not be an imbecile and also that he must not be suffering from any dangerous disease.

This rule is rigidly enforced, as in the past the Government has been imposed upon to a great extent.

The officers at the border have explicit instructions not to admit any person who is going to the United States under a promise of getting work. This is a breach of the alien labor law.

Mr. Buzzell states that Canadians are perfectly free to visit the States as long as they comply with the bylaws. These are not intended to be harsh to any person, but are simply protective measures.

Every year thousands of people present false letters to the officers in order that they may get into the country. Whenever discovered, persons doing this are invariably turned back.

Santa In the Children's Pavilion Distributes Presents at Victoria

**Annual Christmas Tree Was
Held at Hospital Last
Night.**

The annual Christmas tree was held at the children's pavilion of Victoria Hospital last evening, about 45 children being present, including patients, those who have left the institution recently as well as a number of "kid-dies" of the neighborhood.

Kris Kringle was on hand, arriving in a buggy drawn by four fairies, who sang as they made the trip through the pavilion and wards. Santa distributed presents at present about 100 from the beautifully-decorated Christ-

mas tree, and added materially to the merriment of the occasion.

The tree was gaily decorated, Miss Stanley and her assistants having spent considerable time in arranging for the affair. After the presents had been distributed in the children's pavilion, Santa was driven through all wards of the hospital, and as his father sang Christmas carols, he distributed the presents, overlooking no person.

Among those who were present were Mayor Stevely and Mrs. Stevely, Mr. and Mrs. S. Screaton, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Judd, Mrs. Rapley, Mrs. Yarker (of the Ladies' Auxiliary), Rev. Mr. Howard, Rev. Mr. Graham, Dr. John D. Wilson (of the hospital staff), and others.

Patients in the hospital wards.

Mean Thief Stole Christmas Gifts

It's a mean thief that will steal Christmas presents, but when a young lady, who was coming home from Calgary yesterday via the C. P. R., arrived at her home and opened her grip she found that practically everything that she had in the line of Christmas presents for her friends had been taken.

The young lady in question came by way of Chicago, and checked her grip right through. While it was coming

someone who evidently had a skeleton key, went through it, and secured many dollars' worth of Christmas presents.

The grip bore no marks of having been opened, and it was not until after her arrival home that the young lady discovered what had happened. Naturally she felt badly about the matter, but when she reported the matter to the officials here they said they could do nothing for her.

Captain and Crew Swept Overboard

Newport News, Va., Dec. 24. — News of the loss Wednesday of the ship Jeanie Lippitt, and the drowning of Capt. Robinson and five of the crew, was brought here today by Andrew Joergensen, the sole survivor, who was picked up at sea by the American steamship Ravenscroft.

The Lippitt was bound up the coast from Jacksonville for New York with a cargo of lumber. She ran into the recent heavy gale off Cape Charles on Tuesday, and after shipping much water, and sustaining much damage,

she ran on a shoal off Hog Island, and soon went to pieces.

Capt. Robinson and four men were washed overboard, and drowned, when the ship struck. Joergensen and the others of the crew succeeded in lashing themselves to a piece of wreckage. The other seamen became exhausted from cold and died before the Ravenscroft could reach port. The Ravenscroft's machinery became disabled during the storm, and was returning here for repairs, when the men were sighted. The Lippitt was owned in Boston and was of 748 tonnage.

Wagon Road to New Silver Fields

Toronto, Dec. 24. — The Canadian Northern Railway announces officially that it will at once build a wagon road into Gowanda, and that the road will be completed about the middle of January.

This will provide a direct route to the new silver fields at Gowanda, Miller and Everett Lakes, West Branch, Obongong and Hanging Stone, in

which 3,000 claims have already been staked. The new route will afford incomparable facilities for getting in supplies and equipment so sorely needed and avoid the difficulties which are encountered elsewhere.

The Canadian Northern will devote special attention to facilitating the business of the new silver fields, and will put on a suitable service as the business develops.

Celebrating Christmas at Sandringham

London, Dec. 24.—The King and Queen and the Prince and Princess of Wales are celebrating Christmas at Sandringham with the customary festivities. Sandringham House is elaborately decorated, and a gigantic fir tree, laden with gifts, stands in the hall. The King will preside at the family Christmas dinner tomorrow.

Vienna, Dec. 24.—This evening, Emperor Francis Joseph, leading the two youngest of his grandchildren, and followed by all the members of the royal family, entered the great salon of the palace, where a great Christmas tree had been set up. The Emperor himself presented the imperial children with gifts, and examined the presents which the family had prepared for him.

RUSS HEIR REAL BOY

Likes a Romp, But Can Be Dignified on Occasion.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 24.—When the 4-year-old Czarévitch said his prayers the other night, he ended by shouting: "Hurrah for God!"

"You mustn't say that," the nurse exclaimed, reverently.

"Why not?" asked the future Czar. "People 'hurrah' when father goes out, and God is much greater than father."

"Just think of the extraordinary intelligence of the child," remarked the court lady who told of the incident. "He actually understands that God is greater than the Czar."

England when she met the little grand duke at Reval, says that almost the first thing the Queen said to him was: "Do you always look so grave?"

He ran off and hid among his sisters, but the Queen made him laugh by starting a game of hide and seek.

The Czar does not want his only son to grow up too fast nor to be too solemn, nor to be burdened too much with imperial cares. He has given orders that no petition is to be sent to the Czarévitch until he is 12 years old. Yet he permitted him to receive several deputations on his birthday, one of which represented the Petrof branch of the extreme reactionary union of the Russian people, common known as the "Black Hundreds," the members of which presented the diminutive grand duke with a magnificent icon of his patron saint.

Since its introduction into the English protectorate of Uganda in 1901 the sleeping sickness has killed no fewer than 200,000 out of a total population of 300,000.

A French army officer has invented eyeglasses which enable the wearer to see on all sides and the rear.

Pencil drawings may be rendered permanent by brushing them with a mixture of equal parts of skimmed milk and water.

SIMCOE STREET RINK—THIS AFTERNOON AND EVENING. Ice in good condition. Phone 1008.

London Merchant Say They Were Sold in Thousands Yesterday.

A well-known gent's furnisher stated to The Advertiser last night that he believed that more neckties had been sold in London yesterday than in any single day before in the city's history. From the time the stores opened in the morning until late at night the necktie counters were besieged with feminine purchasers, intent upon securing the latest in gaudy neckwear.

Hundreds of the heavily-striped ties that are in fashion now were sold yesterday. The story is told that the agent who sold the merchants the ties worked a smooth game on them. It is said he would drop into the stores and show the proprietor his lines, and then promise that he would be the only dealer in town who would get the goods. It is said that this worked successfully with a number of dealers, who were much surprised to find, when they placed their new stock in their windows for display, that their rivals had a similar line. However, the ties that are left after yesterday's rush are few.

UNCLE SAM WANTS MORE REVENUE

**It Will Be a Feature of New
Tariff Bill Being Framed
for Congress.**

Washington, Dec. 24.—While protection to industries which must compete with cheap labor abroad will be the keynote of the revised tariff, much consideration will be given to the question of raising sufficient revenue. The sub-committee of the House ways and means committee will resume its programme of daily meetings on Monday.

The matter of revenue involves more difficult problems than either protective or other phases of the revision. It is claimed by some that the Government has been deprived of millions of dollars of revenue during the operation of the Dingley tariff, because of the numerous changes made in the bill after it passed the House of Representatives.

These changes were made principally in the wording of the bill, rather than in the rates of duty. It is freely said that numerous large interests which will be affected by the new tariff law as it will be reported to the House will make a strong fight when the bill reaches the Senate as it comes from the House. It is even said that Mr. Taft will veto the bill if the Senate makes too many changes tending to increase the rates of duty.

WOMAN WITH BABY ON TRAIN

(Continued From Page 1.)

Komoka, If I remember rightly, the woman went into the lavatory, and after a few minutes the child ceased crying. I never heard anything more of it, and I fancy the woman got off at Strathroy.

Train Was Crowded.

"The train was crowded a great deal, and I missed her in the crush. I do not know, but I fancy this must be the woman. She was not well clad, and did not seem at all prosperous. The child was clothed in what I remember correctly. This may not be the woman wanted, but ever since I read the story I could not get the cries of that child out of my mind. The incident passed out of my mind completely until I read the story of the death of the infant Komoka."

Still in the Dark.

The railroad authorities have heard nothing more of the infant's death. The matter is now in the hands of the county authorities, and a thorough investigation is going on.

The city police are also working on the case, as it is more than likely that the child was born in the city.

The case is very puzzling, but a solution is expected very shortly.

The crown states that they have nothing to divulge at present, but that they are quietly working on the case.

Interesting developments are awaited every hour.

YULETIDE PLAYS

**Beebohm Tree Wins Favor With
"Pinkie and the Fairies."**

London, Dec. 24. — The first of the Christmas plays, which are a unique feature of the English stage, was produced by Beebohm Tree at His Majesty's Theatre tonight. The play is entitled "Pinkie and the Fairies." It was written by W. Graham Robertson and is a clever work, somewhat on the order of "Alice in Wonderland." It was staged with the brilliancy of which Mr. Tree is a master. There are several remarkably clever children in the cast. The principal adult parts include Miss Ellen Terry and Viola Tree, who sang effectively; Marie Lohr, the youngest leading lady on the stage, who played Margaret; and Mr. Tree's recent production of "Faust," and Miss Stella Patrick-Campbell.

The star of the evening was a tiny girl who impersonated the queen of the fairies. Her dancing and acting at the professional level, and in the afternoon, at which all the most prominent players in London were present, were enthusiastically applauded, and she received enough curtain calls to turn the heads of the audience.

The always popular "Peter Pan" will reappear under Charles Frohman's management on Wednesday, with Pauline Chase and Robb Harwood playing the parts respectively of Peter Pan and the Fairy Captain, in which they scored in London and Paris last season.

This year's Drury Lane pantomime, which has become an institution, will be "Whittington." Two Americans will have the principal parts, Miss Marie George, who has been appearing most successfully in the melodrama "The Marriages of Mayfair" at the same theatre, and "Truly" Shattuck, who has been doing the music halls.

NECKTIES WERE POPULAR GIFTS

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CHRISTMAS

With Best Wishes and
Heartiest Greetings
for Christmas and the
New Year.

W. T. STRONG

**SCOTCH CITIES
HAVE PIN MONEY**

**Royal Grants Give Towns the
Right To Spend Certain
Fees.**

Washington, Dec. 24.—More than forty towns and cities in Scotland have funds of money and sources of revenue which may be used for any purpose whatever at the discretion of the lord provost and his advisers.

They may give a banquet in honor of some distinguished visitor, they may award a medal for some act of heroism, they may pension an aged school ma'am, they may contribute toward any charity in the world or send an expedition in search of the truth. This fund is called "The Common Good," and is derived from property bestowed upon the city by kings and others from time to time, from legacies of philanthropic people and from sources other than taxation.

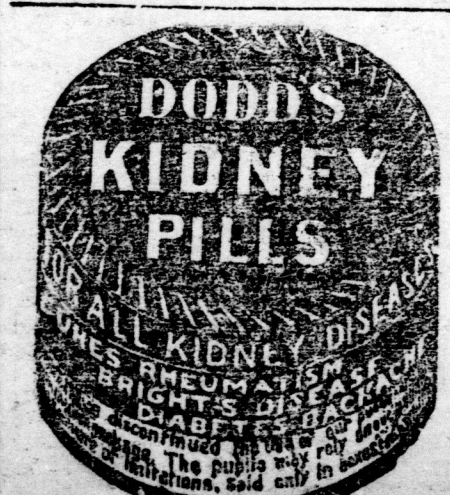
"A royal burgh" in Scotland is a city or a town which holds a charter from the king and in granting such charters the sovereigns of Scotland invariably accompanied them with territory and privileges as the vassals of the crown. These grants have been augmented from time to time by purchases and acquisitions out of accumulated funds, by the forfeiture of monopolies and by the inheritance of property for which there were no other claimants. Even now through-out the United Kingdom all unclaimed articles of value—an umbrella picked up in the park, a purse that may be found in a railway train, a bit of wreckage that may be washed up on the sea beach, the real and the personal property of a dying man without heirs, and unclaimed deposits in the banks—go to the king, although his possession is purely theoretical. He never sees the property, and when it is sold or otherwise disposed of the proceeds are turned in to the public treasury, except in the "real burghs" of Scotland, where they are added to "The Common Good."

From the earliest times of which any trace remains Edinburgh has held its territory and privileges direct from the sovereign and has been generously treated by the Scottish and later by the English kings. The earliest city charter now in existence was granted by King Robert the Bruce, May 28, 1329. There are records of other charters granted by King David I. in 1143, and even earlier mediaeval sovereigns, although the documents have been lost or destroyed. In granting the charter Bruce conveyed to the burghs for "The Common Good" certain rents which had been collected by the royal stewards for the crown, certain "lofts" held by individuals, certain monopolies and privileges, including the rights of fishing for mussel scalps and oysters in the Firth of Forth, the monopoly of slaughtering animals within the shire, the monopoly of markets and the right to tax eggs, poultry, grain, vegetables and other articles sold in them.

In addition to these sources of revenue the burghs' patrimony of the community included several mills for grinding wheat and corn, which long ago ceased to be used for their original purposes, "an annual multure under ancient servitude of thirlage," which means that certain proprietors were bound to carry all grain produced on their lands to a particular mill to be ground, and all brewers were compelled to furnish a certain amount of ale and beer for the use of the royal household. That tribute was commuted in cash many years ago.

To this day the corporation of Edinburgh pays the King of England the sum of £5 annually, as provided by the charter, and the money is sent in gold. The marriage articles agreed upon in the year 1328 between the son of Robert the Bruce, King of Scotland, and the daughter of Edward III, King of England, stipulated that the dowry of the bride should be so many "pounds Scottish," derived from the rental of lands in Scotland, to distinguish them from "pounds sterling," which was the English form of expression. The lands from which that princely bride was derived now belong to the city of Edinburgh, and her portion is now paid into "The Common Good."

Up to the end of the fifteenth cen-



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Desire to extend the compliments of the
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And to express their keen appreciation of the unfailing support of the
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CLEARING SALE SATURDAY MORNING AT NINE.

All of our regular dollar quality Kid Gloves in these two reliable
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Following list of colors and sizes:

Black, all sizes from 6 to 7½.	Greys, all sizes from 6 to 7½.
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Women's and Children's Knitted Vests and Drawers

AT SALE PRICES TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

Women's Knitted Vests and Drawers, White and Grey

Regular 25c qualities, special Saturday,
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Full sizes, first qualities; same as sold
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GREY ONLY—Assortment of sizes
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East London News

MANY ARTICLES
LOST IN SHUFFLE

**Street Railway Conductors Kept Busy
Looking Up the Losses.**

Street car passengers, members of the holiday crowds, report many losses during the past few days. Men and women, overloaded with parcels, have suffered, nearly every conductor on the street railway system having been questioned about some article or other which was supposed to have been left on the cars.

Purses containing small sums of money, umbrellas, muffs, and other things are included in the list of stray valuables, while parcels of all descriptions have also been reported.

Many lost articles have been returned by conductors, while others have been picked up by passengers, and will probably never reach the owners. Two losses were reported on an Oxford car yesterday afternoon, one being a purse containing considerable money.

INTENDED TO "GET" OTHERS

**Tennessee Night Riders Planned to
Punish Several Prominent Men.**

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 24. — The state today in the "night riders" case summoned Thomas H. Clor, Thomas H. Clor is no relation of the defendant, Arthur Clor, Thomas H. Clor was induced to join the "night riders" by Arthur Clor early in October. The witness was cool, but careful, for a friend of the men on trial told him if he testified he would be killed before he left the stand. On the day of Capt. Rankin's murder, Clor went to Reelfoot Lake and met Bob Huffman and Bud Morris, two of the defendants. Huffman told him they had wanted him to join to get information as to whether Union City was guarded, for they wanted to visit that place and "attend to" Judge Jones, Attorney-General Caldwell, the latter's father, a man 80 years old, Judge Waddell and a number of others, prominent men, who were urging the extermination of the night riders' band.

The witness was told that the night riders were going to "get" Rankin and Taylor that night, and he was urged to ride with them. He told them he had no gun, that his child was ill and that he could not go.

MR. PUGSLEY ON STAND

Gives Information as to the Management of the Central Railway.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 24.—Hon. William Pugsley was on the stand this morning at the Central Railway inquiry and went exhaustively into all the financial and legislative affairs of the company, while the Government was negotiating to acquire it, and under their management. He gave full and complete answers to all transactions that passed through his hands, and while there were some sharp passages with Lawyer Powell, the proceedings for the most part were uninteresting, and nothing new was developed.

ANOTHER THAW ARGUMENT.

Pittsburg, Dec. 24. — Attorneys for Roger O'Meara, trustee for Harry K. Thaw, opposed a motion today to dissolve the order restraining Attorney John B. Gleason, of New York, from

Peters' Chocolates

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men who know
for the women
who appreciate.**

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Room Mouldings, Art Goods,
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entering a suit against Thaw to recover \$50,000 claimed for attorney's fees.

The original order restrains Gleason from entering suit for one year, or until such time as Thaw will appear before the referee for discharge in the bankruptcy proceedings.

Judge Young, of the United States district court, took the matter under advisement.

CHRISTMAS SUICIDES.

Boston, Dec. 24. — Overwhelmed by despondency in the midst of the Christmas cheer and goodwill about them, three men committed suicide in Boston today, two of them leaving pathetic notes for their friends.

Lewis Caccabona, a teacher of Italian, committed suicide by gas asphyxiation. He left a note to his friends, which read:

"Be kind enough to defend my name when I am dead. Good-bye, and a merry Christmas."

TO ONE AND ALL
We extend our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Bright, Happy New Year.
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A Few Christmas Suggestions

Pearl-Handled Knives and Forks, Pearl Fruit Knives, Case Carvers, Carpet Sweepers, Berry Spoons, Gillette Safety Razors, Strops, Brushes, Skates, Sleighs, and many other useful articles.

McMURTRY'S
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111 DUNDAS STREET.

EXCELLENT WEEK FOR RETAIL TRADE

Holiday Business Is Better Than This Time Last Year—Money Firmer.

New York, Dec. 24.—Bradstreet's state of trade-tomorrow will say:—Retail trade expanded further and reached its maximum this week, with a majority of cities reporting this class of business larger than a year ago.

In wholesale and jobbing lines, the week has been a quiet one, with the possible exception of staple goods, which have been sold well at the highest prices of the year. While business in the latter months of the year helped to swell the turnover, there is a perceptible decrease, ranging from 5 to 20 per cent from the volume or value of business done in 1907 and 1906.

Money Firmer.
Money is slightly firmer and demand expands steadily. A small amount of gold has been exported.

Industry is, if anything, rather quiet, because of annual stoppages for inventory; but there are a notable number of announcements that many plants idle for some time, or running only part of their machinery, will proceed to run full after the holidays.

Business failures for the week, ending Dec. 23 (five days) number 139, against 311 last week, 248 in the like week of 1907, 161 in 1906, 212 in 1905, and 218 in 1904.

Dun's Review.
R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade-tomorrow will say:

Retail sales have been large, both of holiday goods and staples, but considerable dullness is noted in jobbing and wholesale lines. Fall River mills and some other manufacturing plants closed from Thursday night to Monday morning, but other 24 plants had no many orders on hand for an extended holiday, and inventories promise much pressure for delivery after Jan. 1.

Returns of lake traffic for the season, as measured by the freight movement through the Sault Ste. Marie Canal, shows a loss of 29 per cent in comparison with 1907. Railway earnings thus far reported for December were 8.6 per cent larger than last year, but 1 per cent less than in 1906.

Money is circulating freely, and mercantile collections are more prompt.

Commercial failures this week in the United States are 240 against 228 last week, 312 the preceding week, and 280 the corresponding week last year.

Failures in Canada were 19 against 34 last week, 42 the preceding week, and 24 last year.

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D. L. & W. SCRANTON COAL
If you are not satisfied with the COAL you are getting, call 312 and you will get 2,000 lbs. of SATISFACTION.

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To all my customers and friends a merry Christmas.
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OUR WISH

If among your Christmas gifts you find one or more bearing the Diamond Hall Stamp, we hope it was just the piece or pieces of jewelry you most appreciate and desired. We are certain the results, as to quality and service will decide for you where your future purchasing of jewelry will be made.

DIAMOND HALL STORES
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City and District

—Mr. J. F. Power, formerly separate school inspector for Ontario is in the city, accompanied by Mrs. Power. They are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Pocock.

—Verne L. Hewer, baritone, and his wonderful boy sopranos, Masters Adair and Selby, sang in Ingersoll at the Charles Street Methodist Church Christmas tree, Wednesday evening. They also, assisted by Miss Vera B. Hewer, reader and entertainer, furnished the entire programme at the Brynston Presbyterian Church last night.

Holiday Hop.
The closing hop of the year will be given by Messrs. Dayton and McCormick at the Palace Auditorium Monday evening next. A large number of guests and a pleasant evening are assured.

Christmas Tree.
The Sunday school of the York Street Mission Hall held their annual Christmas tree and entertainment the other night. A large Christmas tree decorated and loaded down with presents, stood on the platform, and after a lengthy programme rendered by the scholars and friends of the mission the tree was relieved of its good things and all were made happy.

Another for London L. O. L. District.
The Orangemen of the city of London are getting busy, and there is every evidence that all members are taking a keen interest in the association, having installed a new lodge at Pottersburg two weeks ago, and this coming Saturday night are installing a lodge at Byron Great interest is taken in this lodge at Byron and arousing time is expected to be a very successful one. Mr. Birmingham will officiate.

Presentation to Mr. Oram.
About twenty members of the First Methodist League called at the home of Mr. Charles Oram, Wortley road, Wednesday night, and in view of his marriage, which is to take place this afternoon, presented him with a very handsome carving set. Mr. Wm. Boyd, president of the league, read the address, and Miss May Foster made the presentation. Mr. Oram thanked his friends with a few appropriate remarks, and a very pleasant evening was spent in games, after which refreshments were served.

Home and Home Concerns.
A really large undertaking, so far as choir concerts are concerned, has been arranged by Mr. Parnell Morris. It is an exchange of dates with that of the Jarvis Street Baptist Church, Toronto. This choir was made famous under the direction of Dr. Vogt, who two years ago was succeeded by Dr. Edward Broome. Dr. Vogt finding the direction of the Mendelssohn choir all he could manage. The work to be given here on Monday evening, Jan. 18, in Dundas

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Furs For Christmas
Muffs and Neckpieces
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Centre Church, will be Sir Edward Elgar's "Light of Life" (first performance in London), by a choir of over fifty voices. Mr. Joseph E. P. Martin, organist of Edinburgh Cathedral, organist; Miss Lewetta Cairns, at the piano. The soloists will be Miss Bernice Van Horn, soprano; Miss Georgina Knight, contralto; Mr. Ralph Green, tenor, and Mr. A. L. E. Davies, bass.

Funeral of Mr. George W. Young.
The funeral of George W. Young was held from the family residence, 86 Kent street, on Wednesday afternoon to Mount Pleasant Cemetery and was of private nature. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Redmond. The pallbearers were Messrs. C. Talbot, T. E. Pond, J. Wood, B. Wood, J. Dale and J. Lane.

The Late Mrs. Waugh.
The funeral of Mrs. Ella Waugh was held yesterday afternoon from the residence of her father, Mr. Geo. T. Hiscox, 199 Queen's avenue, and was largely attended. Funeral services of the most impressive nature were conducted by Canon Dyson Hague, of the Memorial Church. The pallbearers were Messrs. H. Thompson, E. Reid, A. Brown, B. Scream, Fred. White and Fred. Beltz. The floral offerings were very beautiful, and included wreaths from friends throughout the city.

Personal Mention
Mr. George C. Phelps and wife, of Belleville, are in the city spending the holidays with friends.

Dr. Charles A. Fisher, of Detroit, is spending the holidays with his parents, Col. and Mrs. Fisher, Waterloo street north.

Sarnia Observer: W. J. Costello, local manager for the Bell Telephone Company, will spend Christmas at his home in London.

Mr. Alex. MacLennan, formerly of this city, but now of Ottawa, arrived in the city last night, and will spend the holidays with friends.

L. F. Banghart and wife, of Grand Rapids, are spending their holidays with Mr. Banghart's father, W. A. Banghart, of South London.

Mr. Jack Lush, formerly a well-known resident of London, but now in Winnipeg, is spending a few days in the city visiting friends.

Miss Madeline Wagstaff has returned to her home in Toronto after spending a pleasant holiday with her cousin, Miss Bertie Norris, Byron avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hutchins, of 20 Argyle street, left yesterday for Port Elgin, where they will spend the holidays with Mrs. Hutchins' sister, Mrs. J. Eaton.

Robert M. Hannan, of Edmonton, Alberta, son of Rev. Dr. Hannan, of this city, is the guest of Herbert S. Webb, Pearl and Curtis street, St. Thomas.

Mr. Percy Carson has arrived home from the Yukon after an absence of several years. Mr. Carson is an old London boy, and a brother of Librarian Carson.

Mr. W. Lawson, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Lawson, of this city, who is a student at Queen's, and who played on the university Rugby team of Kingston, is in this city visiting his parents.

Mr. Roy Mann, of Glanworth, left last night for a two months' trip to the west. He intends going by way of Chicago, where he will spend Christmas with his brother. He will be accompanied by Mr. Wesley Hunt, of Scottsville, as far as Chicago.

TROUBLE BREWING
In Affairs of Co-operative Association, Says the Toronto Star.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—The Star this evening says trouble is brewing among the shareholders of the Dominion Co-operative Association, a concern with a provincial charter, and with six or seven hundred shareholders, mostly of the working class. It has two stores in Toronto, and its establishment along the lines of similar enterprises in England was warmly received at the time of its incorporation. It has been in operation for some months ago. Certain members charge improprieties in the organization of the company, but by that the directors and officers were improperly elected, and that the privilege of selling stock has been given to a company which is inexperienced in such matters, a lively time is looked for.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for over THIRTY YEARS by MILLIONS OF MOTHERS FOR CHILDREN WHILE TEething, FOR COLIC, FOR SOOTHING THE GUMS, FOR LAYS ALL PAIN, CURES WIND COLIC and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. Sold by druggists in every part of the world.

CUTTING DOWN NEW BUSINESS

New York Life Insurance Putting on the Brakes.

New York, Dec. 24.—In order that they may be certain not to exceed the limitations of new business prescribed by the new insurance laws in this state, the New York Life Insurance Company announces today that it would write no more policies, the insurance under which can be consummated in the present year.

An official statement issued by the company declares that this step is necessary in view of the large amount of business that already has been written. The statement as given out by the company says:

"The New York Life Insurance Company has today refused to write any more policies, the insurance under which can be consummated in the year 1908. The company has already in the year 1908, received the first year's premium on a large amount of insurance, and has, in addition to this, so much insurance outstanding in the hundreds of agents all over the world, as to make this step necessary, in order to be certain not to exceed in the year 1908 the limitations of new business prescribed by section 96 of the insurance law."

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Today we "Play and Make Good Cheer" and in the spirit of good fellowship that animates all mankind, we extend to the good people of London and vicinity a hearty "Merry Christmas." In addition we embrace this opportunity to acknowledge the favor of liberal and increased trade that our friends the buying public have bestowed upon us, and to testify that it shall be our constant effort to merit a continuance of their steadfast patronage and good will.
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The Purdom Hardware Company
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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES

CASTRO PLAYS OPERA BOUFFE
Recent Coup d'Etat Arranged Before He Left for Europe.
London, Dec. 24.—Despite dispatches from Caracas announcing the downfall of President Castro and the usurpation of the Federal power by General Gomez, vice-president, the correspondent is assured by a Venezuelan who is intimately associated with the political destinies of that country that the coup d'etat carried out by Gomez is nothing but a clever piece of opera bouffe conceived by Castro and Gomez before the former's departure for Europe, by which they hoped to conciliate the public mind, and with a change of Government get rid of a certain faction of refractory politicians in the capital and thus persuade Holland to discontinue her blockade of the Venezuelan coasts, the Dutch cabinet having contended that its action is not directed against the Venezuelan nation, but merely against Castro's government. By this ruse Venezuela's dictator hoped to ward off the crisis which he knew to be inevitable. It was this which prompted him to leave the country on the plausible pretext of having to undergo an operation in Europe, which, after all, has now been declared wholly unnecessary by the German doctor. Whether, in name or not, Castro remains head of the government, so long as Gomez is master of the situation he is confident of not being ousted from the real power. My informant declares a serious, well-organized revolution will explode in Venezuela during the first weeks of the new year as a last final effort to wipe out the predatory system of government which has existed in Venezuela for the last ten years. A large cargo, consisting of 15,000 Mausers, Maxim guns and a consignment of revolvers, was secretly shipped with in the last few days from South America to the West Indies, destined for two revolutionary chiefs who are at present in Trinidad and Curacao to take the field. If the present plans mature the revolution will break out on the western coast of the country. The coast towns, which have but feeble garrisons, can be easily beaten, and the Government has been incapacitated from mobilizing troops by sea through the seizure of their fleet by the Dutch.

CONSPIRACY CHARGE.
Toronto, Dec. 24.—G. A. Snelder, and his son, B. K. Snelder, were today arrested, charged with having conspired to defraud the public, and more particularly Francis Swallow and Jas. E. Gilbank. The prisoners are said to have started the North American Mercantile Company, a commission concern with a Dominion charter. They explained they bought for cash, and at a cheap price, and that they could sell at high prices," said Mr. Purcell, of Stiff Bros., chartered accountants, who are looking after the case for the complainants.

"They should have paid over \$416 cash to each of these men last May, and they have not done so."

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