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## AWAIT SIN FEIN VOTE ON PEACE TREATY

**\$24,000 SAVED TO LONDON ON SCHOOL PLANS**  
Justifies Maintenance of Office For Board of Education Architect.  
**COST FOR YEAR \$8,500**  
Percentage Fees On Schools Erected Would Have Been \$32,234.

That the mere fact that London has a school architect means the actual saving of thousands of dollars each year is revealed by a rough estimate issued by local educational authorities on Tuesday. This would appear to be more than gratifying in view of considerable opposition that was registered at the time of the architect's appointment. Taking the new work undertaken by the school board in 1920-21 at the rate of 4 per cent (although it is pointed out by the officials that this would be a minimum charge by architects) it is shown that the taxpayers are saved the sum of approximately \$24,000. This is termed as a conservative estimate. The figures submitted are as follows:

| 1920-21                  | Commis- School | Erected, ston. | Fee.        |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| Colborne                 | 3,445 25       | 4%             | 1,37 81     |
| Knollwood                | 26,300 00      |                | 1,076 00    |
| Falling                  | 21,584 22      |                | 8,673 76    |
| Wortley Road             | 65,500 00      |                | 2,620 00    |
| Simcoe                   | 1,500 00       |                | 60 00       |
| Victoria                 | 128,213 00     | 3%             | 3,846 39    |
| Total saving for 1920    |                |                | \$11,453 96 |
| 1921-22                  |                |                |             |
| Wortley Rd.              | 15,910 19      | 4%             | 636 40      |
| Victoria                 | 167,700 00     |                | 6,711 00    |
| Tecumseh                 | 12,900 00      |                | 516 00      |
| Collingdale              | 322,921 00     |                | 12,916 84   |
| Total saving for 1921-22 |                |                | \$20,780 24 |

From this sum is subtracted the approximate cost of the architect's office and equipment for the same period, \$8,500. This leaves it pointed out, a direct saving to the city during the past two years of \$23,734.80, which would not have been possible had the board of education followed the customary method of employing architects from time to time for separate projects.

**MAKE EFFORT TO FREE FREIGHTERS**  
Fleet of Tugs Working To Release Boats From Sand Bars At Buffalo.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 20.—A fleet of tugs and lighters began work today to free six big lake freighters which were driven on the sand bars during Sunday morning's gale. The boats are all loaded with grain. None is in a dangerous position. The death list in the storm ended at two last night, the body of George Seiger having been found yesterday in a boat house on the Niagara River. He apparently had been trapped in the boat house by the high water which accompanied the storm and drowned while in bed. Frank Kiefer was killed on Sunday by a flying window hatch.

Tugs were unable to move the excursion steamer upon the bank of the Niagara River. The ferryboat Newtown is also aground.

A score of squatters on the waterfront lost their homes and all of their possessions in the storm.

Estimates of the damage done by the storm place it at \$1,000,000.

**CHARLIE CHAPLIN BRITISH SUBJECT**  
Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 20.—On the ground that he is a subject of King George V. of England, and not a citizen of the United States, Charles Chaplin, movie comedian, yesterday obtained removal of a suit in which he is a defendant, from the district court here, to the United States district court. The action against Chaplin, instituted several years ago, is to collect \$25,000 damages, alleged due for legal services claimed to have been rendered in this city in August, 1920, in connection with Chaplin's divorce action.

**CROKER'S CONDITION IMPROVES.**  
Dublin, Dec. 20.—Richard Croker, the former Tammany chieftain, who has been ill at his home, Glencairn Castle, was reported today as showing continued improvement. He had been suffering from a chill, contracted while returning to Ireland from the United States, which has confined him to his bed. Today it was given out he was sitting up in his room.

**U. S. Will Coin Silver Dollar To Commemorate Arms Parley**

Washington, Dec. 20.—The armament conference will be reflected in a new series of United States silver dollars, minting of which will be started immediately. The design of the new dollars was approved by President Harding today upon its submission by Raymond T. Baker, director of the mint, following approval by the fine arts commission. Director Baker said about 700,000 of the new dollars would be coined before the beginning of the new year.

The new dollars, which were designed by Anthony de Francisci of New York, will have the usual head of Liberty on the obverse side, while the reverse will have a large figure of an eagle perched

**BUFFALO TUGS REPAIR HAVOC OF LAKE STORM**  
Ship Owners Meet To Pool Interests and Appoint Wrecking Master.  
**15 FREIGHTERS GROUND**

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Tugs and lighters continued today to work on the fleet of steamers blown away from their moorings at the breakers in Sunday's gale. A general lowering of the harbor level following the high stage caused by the storm has left 15 large freighters touching bottom and the anchor chains of these and five others are so entangled that it will require several days' work to extricate them.

Twenty-three ships, all told, parted hawsers and dragged anchors. They were moved back to the breakwater yesterday. Six or seven more probably can be moved today. Of the others, at least four must be lightered and the cargoes of eight will be partly removed. Two large lighters, the Reliance and Rescue, were ordered here from Detroit last night. The lines involved are: G. A. Tomlinson & Company, 12 ships; the Interlake Steamship Company, five; M. A. Hanna & Company, three; Kinney Steamship Company, two; and H. K. Oakes, one.

The vessels are loaded with grain in winter storage.

The ship owners held a meeting last night at which their interests were pooled and a wrecking master was named to direct the operation of moving the stranded vessels.

**Princess Mary To Wed in February or March At Westminster Abbey**

LONDON, Dec. 20.—It is reliably reported that the wedding of Princess Mary, daughter of King George and Queen Mary, to Viscount Lascelles, will take place in Westminster Abbey. The ceremony will probably be performed sometime between February 20 and April 1.

It is announced that the Earl of Eltham, a nephew of Queen Mary, is betrothed to Dorothy Hastings, a niece of the Earl of Huntingdon.

**N. S. MINERS FACE BIG CUT IN WAGES**  
Operators Post Notices of Reductions Affecting 8,000 Men.

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 20.—Nova Scotia stands face to face with one of the most critical industrial situations that has developed in her coal fields since the big strike of 1910.

At 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, at every mine of the Dominion Coal Company, was posted an official bulletin which in effect notified the 8,000 miners of the island that on Jan. 1 their wages are to be cut by approximately one-third. The fact that the notice had been posted without awaiting the outcome of the Montreal conference on wages and working conditions is taken to mean that the company intends to enforce its edict, regardless of the outcome of the Montreal negotiations.

Union miners of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick will be affected, as the smaller operators will sooner or later following the example of the British Empire Steel Corporation, which owns the Dominion and Nova Scotia collieries.

Late Montreal advices announcing the break-up of the conference are regarded as serious, but the decision to appeal for a conciliation board will have a soothing effect upon those who would otherwise clamor for a strike.

**JAPANESE LAUNCH NEW DREADNOUGHT**  
Tokio, Dec. 20.—The dreadnought Tosa was launched today at the Mitsubishi shipyards at Nagasaki. Like her sister ship, the Kaga, launched a month ago, the Tosa is slated to be scrapped under the naval limitation plan agreed to at the Washington conference.

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COUNTESS POULETT.

**HIGH TAXES PERIL BRITISH INDUSTRY**  
Many Firms Claim To Be Paying Rates Out of Capital.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—(Canadian Press Cable.)—The federation of British industries has sent to the chancellor of the exchequer a grave warning of the consequences of a continuance of the present high level of taxation, which says the warning is one of the chief factors retarding industrial recovery, and may permanently diminish the productive capacity of the country.

The manifesto expresses the conviction that a substantial reduction in taxation would speedily lead to such an increase in the volume of trade as would yield a larger revenue than is otherwise possible. It points out that the capital resources of many industries have already been strained to the utmost by the need for larger working capital to meet post-war conditions of production and operation.

The excess profits duty, it is affirmed, has prevented the accumulation of reserves sufficient to meet the crisis, while enormous local taxation and the corporation profits tax have still further depleted the available resources of industry. Under this condition, says the manifesto, the burden of the income tax at the high rate assessed upon the average for three years, which included the greatest industrial boom in history, assumed crushing proportions, and many firms have been driven to impair their future productive capacity by paying the current year's taxation out of capital or by loan.

**GERMANS BURN WILD WEST BOOKS**  
Berlin, Dec. 20.—Forty thousand volumes of detective, "Wild West," and Indian stories, which had been put in circulation here since the revolution, were piled up and burned today as a feature of a campaign carried on by the Association for the Protection of German Youth. The books were turned in by youths who had purchased them, and who received classical works in exchange.

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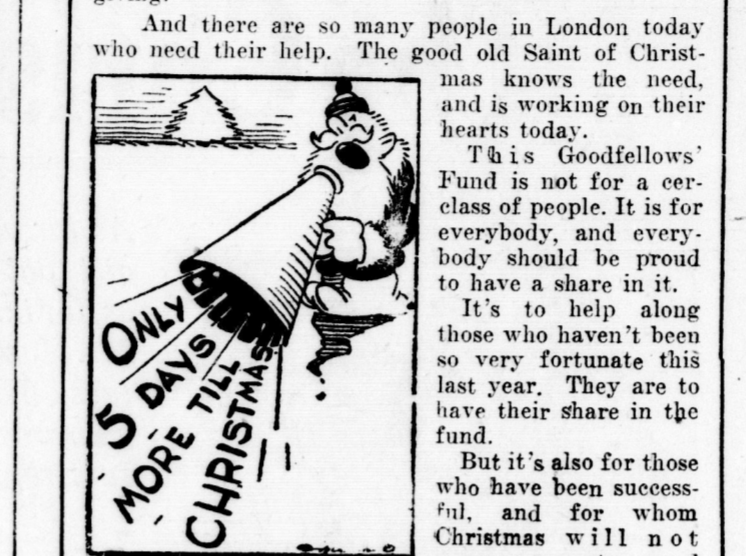
## Great Britain Will Ask Abolition of Submarine

**To Reward Valor!**  
**SUPPOSE NOBODY CARED!**  
**ON CHRISTMAS MORN**  
NOW'S the time for everybody to get into the Goodfellows' Christmas Cheer Club!" Christmas Day is at last near enough to have its effect in loosening up the heartstrings. People now want to give. Isn't that so? They want to give because they won't be able to spend a happy Christmas themselves unless they have had a share in the giving.

And there are so many people in London today who need their help. The good old Saint of Christmas knows the need, and is working on their hearts today.

This Goodfellows' Fund is not for a class of people. It is for everybody, and everybody should be proud to have a share in it. It's to help along those who haven't been so very fortunate this last year. They are to have their share in the fund.

But it's also for those who have been successful, and for whom Christmas will not mean poverty and squalor and hunger. They are to be the helpers this time. And they should remember that there's always the chance that the "helpers" may have to be "helped" next time.



LONDON, Dec. 20.—"I wish I could march, too!" Captain Ferial Hansen, wounded Galipoli soldier, was watching a peace parade.

"You deserve to!" said a beautiful, dashing lady who noticed Hansen's decorations in passing.

That was three years ago. Today the engagement of Hansen and the beautiful lady was announced—and it all grew out of that chance meeting.

The lady is Countess Poulett, widow of Earl Poulett, another war hero.

**London Club Women Question Propriety of Theatre Christmas Fare.**  
"Perhaps I have very strong ideas on the subject of entertainment," said Mrs. A. T. Edwards, a former member of the school board, and prominent worker in women's and social welfare organizations in London to the Advertiser today, referring to the dancing of Dorinda this week at Loew's Theatre.

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**Subscriptions to date are:**

|                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Previously acknowledged          | \$1,107 35 |
| Little Peter                     | 1 00       |
| Members of London Club           | 50 00      |
| Conny                            | 25         |
| Few Advertiser Night Workers     | 21 50      |
| A Friend                         | 2 00       |
| Mrs. M. A. Webster, 79 Bruce St. | 5 00       |
| Victoria Rebekah Lodge, No. 1    | 5 00       |
| A Friend                         | 1 00       |
| Lenard                           | 2 00       |
| A. W. M.                         | 2 00       |
| Ernest and Jack Smith            | 5 00       |
| L. H. Martyn                     | 15 00      |
| The "Kid" Children               | 2 00       |
| W. J. W.                         | 2 00       |
| Metropole Cafe and Employees     | 13 00      |
| Total                            | \$1,236 10 |

**NOT OPTIMISTIC OVER GAS REFUND**  
Ald. Wenige Claims It Is Too Early To Make Predictions.

Ald. G. A. Wenige stated to The Advertiser that he was not very optimistic that the gas users of the city would get back much of the ten cents being held by the company. Certainly, it is too early to make any predictions, being as the auditor, A. Calder, named to go over the books of the gas company, hasn't any more than got started. The ten cent charge arises out of the legislature, ruling that ten cents of the \$1.25 charge be held in reserve, and if cost were less than represented, it should be refunded.

"However, possession is nine-tenths of the law and going on this basis, it is almost safe to say that the company will retain nine-tenths of each dime it collects and the gas users may have a fighting chance for the other cents," said the alderman.

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**ROSS' MAJORITY OVER LIBERAL CANDIDATE IS 1,330 VOTES**  
WOODSTOCK, Dec. 20.—The corrected returns this morning show a changed vote of D. M. Ross, the successful candidate in yesterday's North Oxford by-election for the legislature. In one of the West Zorra divisions, Ross' majority is increased by 27 votes, which makes the totals now read: Ross (T. F. O.), 4,711; Day (Liberal), 3,384; Neely (Independent Conservative), 354.

Ross' majority over Day, 1,326, and a plurality over Neely of 371.

There are still two vacancies, Russell and Kingston. These, with the speaker, would make up the 111 seats in the House.

**MUST LICENCE POP GUN.**  
LONDON.—Any boy carrying a pop gun without a license for it will be fined \$2.50, under the act requiring a license for "fire-arms."

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## Wills Lord In Zoo



MISS GERTRUDE COOPER.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—They stood before the lion cage in the zoo. "Will you marry me?" he asked. "Uh-huh!" she said.

And then the engagement of Lord Angus Kennedy and Miss Gertrude Cooper was announced.

Being a member of the Royal Zoological Society, Lord Kennedy could enter the zoo on Sunday when others were barred. Miss Cooper liked animals, so she went along.

Lord Kennedy is one of the greatest landowners of Scotland and a war hero.

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**DELAYS PLANS OF DAKIN ST. SCHOOL**

**Architect Carrothers Waits To Know Area of Site Available.**

Although at the last regular meeting of No. 2 committee of the board of education, L. E. Carrothers, school architect, was directed to proceed with plans for the proposed eight-room public school in the southeastern section of the city, it now develops that nothing material can be accomplished in this direction until the first of the year.

The new school will be situated on Dakin street, and adjoining the property already secured by the board is another substantial tract of land that can now be purchased, although for some weeks past the owner has been reluctant to sell. The city solicitor, however, has advised the secretary of the board of education that possibly a month must elapse before the deal can be consummated.

This must of necessity in the interim delay the preparation of plans as ordered by the board as the architect must know definitely just how much land will be actually available.

**Little Girl Rewards Boy of 9 For Finding Christmas Money**  
Olaf Nichol, of 585 Princess avenue, is only 9 years of age, but he knows the difference between right and wrong and proved on Saturday last that he is just as honest as the day is long.

Olaf was walking along Dundas street on Saturday morning and saw some money lying on the sidewalk. He picked it up and clutching it in his small hand, set out to find a policeman. After walking several blocks he discovered a burly officer, told him about finding the money, two \$2 bills, and handed it over to him for safe-keeping.

Monday afternoon The Advertiser carried a short paragraph telling about

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## WILL PRESENT ARGUMENTS AT ARMS PARLEY

**Lord Lee Expected To Submit Carefully Prepared Statement.**  
**CLAIMS FRANCE AGREES**  
**London Daily Mail Quotes Briand as Accepting Naval Ratio Proposal.**

Washington, Dec. 20.—The British delegation has formally asked that a plenary session of the disarmament conference be held tomorrow or Thursday in order that Great Britain may present its case for the abolition of the submarine. The British spokesman who announced the request said no information was forthcoming as to whether the meeting had or would be granted.

It was expected, however, that the session would be held Thursday. Lord Lee, it was understood, as head of the British Admiralty, would present the British case in a carefully prepared statement dealing largely with technical details. Arthur J. Balfour, head of the British delegation, probably will follow, discussing general phases of the submarine warfare.

When there would be general discussion of the submarine question by other delegates did not develop today but it was expected that the other delegates would ask for time to consider the British position.

The British spokesman in discussing the submarine warfare question declared that unless an agreement was reached on that phase of the question all that had been accomplished toward the Versailles treaty, which was the limitation might be upset. He recalled that the French and Italian naval ratio, which he said so far has not been had.

**Declares France Has Accepted**  
London, Dec. 20.—"France has accepted Secretary Hughes' naval ratio for capital ships, and we are glad of the relief it will afford us," Premier Briand declared in a statement issued in an interview with the Daily Mail. "Regarding secondary units, we are yet unimformed respecting the six 10,000-ton ships which Germany is allowed to build under the Versailles treaty. We shall ask the Washington conference to take this consideration into account."

M. Briand repudiated the idea that France wished to maintain the burden of great land armaments, especially as she had just emerged from a terrible war.

He declared he had never taken very seriously the differences between France and Great Britain in regard to reparations, and was sure that a solution would be found. "Russia is a question which Great Britain and France should examine together," he said, "but I fear the disorganization of that vast country is greater than is known. Great Britain and France must together undertake the reconstruction of Europe."

**Christmas Holiday Recess Abandoned**  
Washington, Dec. 20.—In spite of the discouraging events of the past few days, the Washington conference for the limitation of armaments seems bent this morning on getting down to hard work. The proposed holiday recess has been virtually abandoned, and there is not likely to be any adjournment except over Christmas Day.

The naval ratio, including the submarine question, will prove the hard nut for the conference to crack, and upon its working out largely hinges a satisfactory settlement of the problems of the Pacific.

The sub-committee headed by Sir Robert Borden has done a great deal of valuable work in connection with Chinese affairs, but should the conference close, as is now hoped, early in January, that work would have to be continued by an international permanent commission of which, it is believed, Sir Robert will be a member.

**SETS PORTUGUESE ELECTION.**  
Lisbon, Dec. 20.—A decree was issued today, signed by all the ministers of the Portuguese cabinet, dissolving Parliament and fixing Jan. 8 as the date for holding a general election.

**The Weather**  
**FORECASTS.**  
Today—Moderate winds; fair; becoming unsettled tonight.  
Wednesday—North and northwest winds; some light snow, but mostly cloudy and colder.  
The weather has been mostly fair for overcast, and somewhat colder in Eastern Canada, and fine and very cold in the West.

**Temperatures.**  
The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

|            |                    |
|------------|--------------------|
| Calgary    | High, 10; Low, -8  |
| Winnipeg   | High, 10; Low, -10 |
| Pt. Arthur | High, 14; Low, -4  |
| P. Sound   | High, 20; Low, -12 |
| Toronto    | High, 30; Low, -27 |
| Kingston   | High, 26; Low, -20 |
| Ottawa     | High, 24; Low, -16 |
| Montreal   | High, 26; Low, -18 |
| Quebec     | High, 22; Low, -14 |
| F. Point   | High, 10; Low, -10 |
| St. John's | High, 24; Low, -18 |
| Halifax    | High, 41; Low, -22 |

**LOCAL TEMPERATURES.**  
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 30; lowest, 20.

"I have seen people come here, and claim rolls that ran into the thousands and never leave a 'thank you' for the finder, much less a reward. There is a mighty fine little boy, and just as nice a little girl."

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## DAIL MEMBERS AGAIN DISCUSS TERMS OF PACT

**De Valera Prepared To Move Rejection of Anglo-Irish Agreement.**

**COLLINS DEFENDS ACTION**  
**Declares Lloyd George Sincere in Efforts To Bring About Peace.**

**BULLETIN.**  
Queenstown, Dec. 20.—Removal of the British troops from Ireland, which was to have been begun today, has been suspended, and they will not be withdrawn unless the treaty is ratified, it was said here.

Dublin, Dec. 20.—It was announced this morning that Arthur Griffith, head of the Sinn Fein delegation, which signed the Anglo-Irish treaty, would move in the Dail Eireann today for a vote on the question of approving the treaty and that Eamonn de Valera, the Republican president, would move its disapproval.

At 11:30 o'clock, with Brian O'Higgins in the chair, replacing Prof. John MacNeill, Mr. de Valera, addressing the Dail at the outset, claimed there could be no question of ratification of the treaty by the Dail, which, he declared, could not ratify the pact in the sense of making it a legal instrument. All the Dail would do was to approve or disapprove, he asserted.

The Republican president said he would later move "that inasmuch as the articles of agreement for the treaty between Great Britain and Ireland, signed in London, do not reconcile national aspirations and the association of Ireland with the community of nations known as the British commonwealth, and inasmuch as such lasting peace between the peoples of the two islands, the Dail Eireann wishes to the British the following proposal."

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## CANADIAN FLAX INDUSTRY SOON TO LEAD WORLD

S. Frank Glass Believes Existing Drawbacks Will Be Overcome.

### NEW MACHINERY TO AID

More Labor-Saving Devices Will Combat European Cheaper Production.

Canada possesses not only ideal climatic conditions, but the proper soil as well, for successful flax cultivation on a real extensive basis. Why, then, should she not in the course of time assume her place among the leaders in this respect?

So questions S. Frank Glass, ex-M.P., whose strenuous efforts in the House of Commons at Ottawa asking more attention to this important but seemingly almost forgotten industry are well known to interested persons, not only in Western Ontario, but throughout the Dominion.

"There is absolutely no valid reason," continues Mr. Glass, "why Canada should accept any inferior position with the other flax producing countries of the world. Canada has been exporting flax fibre of excellent quality for years, and Canadians, in turn, have been purchasing the product of Irish and other European flax mills in the form of sewing thread, cords, weaving yarns, towelling and other linen articles, to the value of several million dollars a year, without realizing, no doubt, that a large proportion of the same had its origin in flax from Ontario's fields."

### Drawbacks Exist.

There are two rather important drawbacks, Mr. Glass points out, however, in the flax industry in this country. First, the Canadian producer to date appears to have been unable to handle his product to such an appreciable degree as is done in Europe, and, secondly, the labor problem figures to a large extent in the local situation. The Canadian flax growers cannot compete with the Russian growers, for example. The cultivation of flax for fibre is not a brand-new venture in Canada by means, Mr. Glass points out. Authoritative records reveal the fact that the earliest French settlers on this continent brought with them the seed of the flax plant as early as the year A.D. 1617, and some years later, a few miles below the present city of Quebec, was established the first experimental farm. From that time until the present, farmers in that district have been continually growing flax for fibre, but in a small way.

### Southwest Leads.

To the southwest corner of Ontario, however, goes the credit for flax production for fibre on an extensive scale, and the product (scutched fibre) has found its market largely in the thread and twine mills of the Eastern States. The limitations of the American markets and competition with coarser Russian fibre did not lend sufficient encouragement for any extensive increase in production, however, and the industry during the first half century preceding the outbreak of the war did not give promise to growers of attaining an importance that would justify extending production.

At the outbreak of the war there were only nine flax scutching mills in operation, and the total acreage under cultivation had shrunk to less than 1,400 acres, all of which was grown in two or three counties of Western Ontario, Middlesex, Huron, Perth, Waterloo and London.

### Organize Association.

From an early appreciation by Canadian growers after 1914 of the fast-diminishing supplies from Russia, France, Belgium and Germany, they developed among themselves a spirit for co-operation and organization, and in the early summer of 1915 the Canadian Flax Growers' Association came into existence. This body still functions, and only last week met in London to view the latest model of machinery that may be used for the handling of the flax.

It is interesting to note that, as a result of the stimulus rendered the industry by the Dominion government during the war, coupled with the rising values for the product in the world markets, the acreage under cultivation increased from 1,400 to more than 10,000, while the number of flax mills

## Meighen To Continue in Office "For a Period."

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—(By Canadian Press.)—No announcement is yet forthcoming as to the date of resignation of the present government. Premier Meighen's resignation was placed in the hands of the governor-general some days ago, but has not been accepted yet. A statement issued today reads: "Mr. Meighen has been asked when his resignation as prime minister was to be expected. He stated this afternoon that some days ago the same had been tendered to his excellency the governor-general, but that his excellency, after consultation with the Hon. Mackenzie King, had requested the present government to continue in office for a limited period."

had likewise grown in number from 15 to 54.

### Reaction Feared.

The termination of the war naturally caused some anxiety among the growers lest a reaction in European markets might seriously impair the continuity of the new markets which hostilities had developed and also cause a serious slump in prices. Experience has shown that these fears were greatly overestimated. The depletion of stocks throughout the world has reduced supplies throughout the world to a point, that is generally conceded, it will take some years to catch up with the demand for flax fibre. Although the high prices that were reached were abnormal and cannot reasonably remain as they are, the fact remains that the exigencies of war have to some extent forced upon the Canadian growers the immense possibilities that lie directly ahead in the development of this industry.

We must not content ourselves," says Mr. Glass, "with merely producing fibre, but rather extend our operations, so that the spinning of yarns and the weaving of linens may be embraced in our industrial activities, and not until we do this can we hope to obtain to the full the economic benefits that will accrue."

### Government To Aid.

The Dominion government expects, Mr. Glass says, to be able to materially aid the flax growers in their methods of handling their product. At this moment experts are in Europe visiting the various flax-producing countries, noting the different processes and viewing the machines that are in use. Returning to Canada, it is the intention of the government to compare the European methods and machinery with the Canadian and between the two arrive at some definite conclusion as to what will be really the most applicable here.

That more suitable machinery will solve the great labor problem in Canada as it affects the flax enterprise is Mr. Glass' contention. In normal times, he says, it is practically impossible to compete with any degree of satisfaction with the European grower by reason of the cheaper help. As an instance, before the war Russia produced exactly 92 per cent of the world's supply. With the introduction of modern machinery, however, Mr. Glass as well as the flax growers, is confident that this can be overcome to an appreciable degree.

### Plan Export Trade.

In the meanwhile, it is explained, while the Canadian mills have temporarily suspended their weaving and spinning plans, the growing and developing of the better grades of flax fibre by means of careful seed selection, modern scientific methods of retting, improved scutching and careful grading is being carried persistently forward. This is a sure foundation upon which, in due time, all other things being equal, a great export business to the leading flax centres of Great Britain, Ireland, Belgium, France and the United States will be developed.

While it may be accepted that Russia will never revert to the old system of forced flax cultivation and low prices that cannot possibly be met here under the old standards, it is equally true, experts declare, that Canada must necessarily pit brain against brawn, chemistry against crudity and science and machinery against hand labor.

In no other way, they assert frankly, is it possible to neutralize the abnormally cheap product of Russia or build up the great flax growing and manufacturing industry which is Canada's unappropriated birthright.

### WHO'LL TAKE THE JOB?

Maids and Emigrants. The village of Sandwich wants a town crier at a salary of \$5 a year. The village will furnish the cap and bell.

## ROSS WINS IN N. OXFORD BY BIG PLURALITY

Former Strong Grit Constituency Swings Over To Progressive Ranks.

### LIBERALS DISORGANIZED

[Special to The Advertiser.]

WOODSTOCK, Dec. 19.—The good old Liberal constituency of North Oxford today broke away from a string of Liberal victories dating back 50 years and elected a supporter of Premier Drury in the person of David M. Ross, who carried the riding by a majority of 1,302. It was a sweeping victory, and the victor led the poll in every township in the riding, also the village of Embro. Mr. Day's only victory came in Woodstock and Tavistock. In the riding led by 1,272 and in Tavistock had 229 majority. But this was soon wiped out by the returns from a few of the outside points.

The disaster to the Liberal candidate today can be attributed to many causes. First of all the Liberals were up against a hard proposition in not having an organization, while there is no disputing the fact that Mr. Ross had a splendid organization, polling his cabinet for nearly a whole week, and few districts were missed where the premier and his colleague not only spoke but worked a systematic canvass.

The U. F. O. clubs and the women's clubs added their bit, and in every district where there was a club the returns show a vote of perhaps 90 per cent of the total for Ross.

### Liberals Disorganized.

Then again the Liberals were in a disorganized condition. For some reason or other they did not seem to carry Mr. Day with anything like the energy they displayed in their methods of handling the federal election, and in fact, really little or no effort was made to organize either in the city or county. Mr. Day evidently depended on the Liberal executive and the latter did not respond, not at least in the way it was expected they would with so much at stake. In some of the polling divisions in the city it was hard to secure scrutineers and other workers, probably because it was left until the last minute.

The fact that W. W. Day kept out of the federal election fight for Dr. Sinclair, and remained neutral during the campaign, worked to his disadvantage. There was a persistent rumor that Mr. Day was a supporter of E. W. Nesbitt, the federal Conservative candidate, and this no doubt lost him votes, for many who worked hard for the election of Dr. Sinclair were today found idle, simply casting their votes. The independent Conservative candidate, Homer H. Neely, who helped along the work of the U. F. O. for the 954 votes he polled, 50 per cent would have undoubtedly gone for Day. In his campaign Neely accused the Catholic vote of swinging for Ross, and this only tended to secure for Ross many sympathy votes on this score.

### Celebrate Victory.

Tonight the farmers of the country and their city friends celebrated the victory in good style and with their candidate in an auto paraded the streets in autos and sleighs.

As an evidence of the strength of the U. F. O. in the county a review of some polling sub-division results might be interesting. Out in East Zorra, the township adjoining the city, Mr. Ross polled in No. 1 division no less than 211 votes to Mr. Day's 38. Then back in Mr. Ross' own township, West Zorra, No. 3 division gave its native son 234 votes to the Liberal's 20. In Mr. Day's own township, East Nissouri, Mr. Ross triumphed by a good majority in no less than seven out of the eight polling divisions. Mr. Neely's vote outside of Woodstock amounted to only 230.

| Poll by Township |      |       |      |
|------------------|------|-------|------|
| Woodstock        | Day  | Neely | Ross |
| 1991             | 724  | 718   |      |
| East Nissouri    | 379  | 24    | 703  |
| West Zorra       | 121  | 11    | 851  |
| Blainford        | 89   | 9     | 872  |
| Blenheim         | 291  | 76    | 960  |
| Embro            | 65   | 1     | 165  |
| Tavistock        | 265  | 28    | 45   |
| East Zorra       | 173  | 59    | 873  |
| Totals           | 3384 | 954   | 4687 |

### UGLIEST INDIAN GETS SCORES OF PROPOSALS

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 19.—Beauty contests are held frequently, but students at the national university recently held a contest to discover the ugliest Indian in Mexico. Jesus Menije won without a struggle. Despite his handicap, he is said to have received countless dozens of proposals of marriage from "adoring readers" ever since his photograph was published in the Mexico City newspapers.

### MEXICO COTTON CROP NOW BELOW NORMAL

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 20.—Mexico's cotton crop this year will not be more than 30,000 bales as compared to a normal, annual crop of 125,000 bales, according to recent estimates. The decrease is said to be the result of the determination of growers in the Laguna district, where the bulk of the crop is produced, not to cultivate their fields until market prices are higher.

### DIED AFTER LONG ILLNESS.

[Special to The Advertiser.] SEAFORTH, Dec. 19.—The death took place after a protracted illness at her residence, Centre street, Saturday, of Catharine McMillan, relict of the late Simon McKenzie of Tuckersmith, in her 91st year. Mrs. McKenzie was born near New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, in 1831, and taught school for three years in Brucefield, afterward residing in London. In 1862 she was married to the late Simon McKenzie, and came to reside on the second concession of Tuckersmith, where she lived until retiring to Seaforth with her daughter, about four years ago. She is survived by two sons, A. W. McKenzie of Winnipeg, S. McKenzie of Edmonton, and two daughters, Mrs. J. M. Thompson of Elgin, Illinois, and Mary E., at home. The funeral will take place on Tuesday. Interment will be made in Baird's Cemetery, Brucefield.

Judge J. A. Jackson of Lethbridge, Alberta, is a Yuletide guest at his home here. While in Toronto on his way to Seaforth he was made president of the Canadian Athletic Association.

### A Remedy For Piles.

PAZO OINTMENT is a guaranteed remedy for Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Instantly relieves Itching Piles; etc. Made in Canada. Adv.

# Days of Increased Efficiency

In ---  
**Store Service**  
SHOP IN THE MORNING.

Is everything being done at this store to help our people?—Is our daily inquiry. Our greatest concern these days is for promptness, courtesy and intelligence of our helpers, for the better service of our people.

Everyone is doing their best, working at higher speed, but with the perfection of a well-cared-for machine—endeavoring to do their task right, and at the right time. All ready at our posts to assist you in your Christmas shopping.

STORE CLOSING TODAY AT 5:30.

## The Christmas Furs



As far as women are concerned we cannot think of a gift that is so sure to meet with unbounded enthusiasm as, for instance, a fur coat. We will be glad to guide you, Mr. Husband or Father, in the selection of this gift. The furs offered at this store are known furs; they are fully guaranteed and give satisfactory wear, and to be the furs represented.

### Your Choice of These---

Electric Seal (French-Dyed Belgian Hare), trimmed with squirrel, Alaska, sable, beaver, Australian opossum, ringtail opossum with large self collars, belted, slashed pockets, lined with good quality poplins or radium and pussy willow silks. Prices.....\$155.00, \$165.00, \$175.00, \$195.00 and \$210.00

Muskrat Coats, with large seal collars and cuffs, with or without banding, poplin lined .....\$135.00, \$142.00 to \$200.00

Hudson Seal Coats (dyed and sheared muskrat), lined with Swiss pussy willows, or rich brocade, trimmed with Alaska sable, beaver, grey squirrel or self collars, lengths 36 to 40 inches. Prices....\$365.00, \$385.00, \$400.00 to \$500.00

Also Coats in beaver, beaverine and M. ermot.

## If Puzzled Give This A Merchandise Certificate

| Merchandise Certificate   |   |
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| No. ....  | This Certifies that there has been deposited to the credit of ..... |
| Dollars \$ .....  |   |
| said sum to be used for the purpose of merchandise in any section of the store. |   |
| 19  | SMALLMAN & INGRAM   |
| Not Subject to Refund.  | For .....   |

For the busy office man or employer who has no time for gift-hunting, fill in for any amount, and the recipient will do the choosing. If not convenient to come in, phone your order.

## New Chenille Sport Hats

Very new and different are these becoming little hats, made of chenille braid on soft flexible foundations, and the colors are so bright and pretty, with furs or woolen sports togs.

Colors of old rose, black with orange, scarab blue, bright orange, red, sand and henna. Only one of each style to choose from. Moderately priced ..... \$12.00

These are new. See them.

## SWEETENS THE ATMOSPHERE

Vantine's Incense Burners produce a delightful fragrance which is diffused throughout the home. Prices ranging from 75c to \$12.50

Incense, in powder or pyramid form. Odors, sandalwood, wis-

taria, rose and violet. Prices, package ..... 35c and 75c

At the Toilet Counter.

List Received—

Lias de Rigaud Perfumes. \$4 oz.

Rigaud Un Air Embaume. \$4 oz.

## For the Home

A useful list of gifts for the home which may be selected from stock or made to your order.

Chesterfield Cushions, in colors of rose, blue, green, brown, terra, mulberry or taupe, at ..... \$6.50 and \$8.00 each

Hassocks, in plain colors or tapestry, 16 inches in diameter, at ..... \$4.50 to \$10.50 each

Table Runners, in velour, with tapestry borders or centers, for the living-room table..... \$6.00 to \$7.50 each

Bedroom Boxes, chintz covered, 42 inches long, 21 inches wide and 14 inches high, at ..... \$13.50 and \$14.50 each

Bedroom Boxes, with arms, same size as above; covered in chintz ..... \$16.00 and \$17.00 each

Heavy Tapestry Runners and Mats ..... \$3.75 to \$6.00 each

Silk Tapestry Runners, in handsome color combinations at ..... \$6.50 and \$8.50 each

Bedroom Box Chairs, just the thing for the small bedroom; seat lifts, and you have a place for all shoes, handy and out of the way; this is a new idea, and will be a popular one. \$11.00 each up

Side Curtains and Valances, made to your order, for any style room, in chintz, poplin, casement cloth, madras, velour or shadow cloth ..... \$5.75 set upwards

Velour Portieres made to your order, lined with velour, poplin, shadow cloth, chintz, repp, casement cloth, at ..... \$32.50 pair upwards

### HANDKERCHIEF LINEN

Just received in white and range of colors. At Linen Counter—Main Aisle.

**SMALLMAN & INGRAM**  
LIMITED

## Fashion Talks Over the Tea Cups

AND now Velvet and Fur disport themselves as the most luxurious thing in Negligees!

A Duveltyne Bag will court good company with the Duveltyne Coat.

"FELT," says the newest bedroom sandal, and immediately lets its comfort be felt.

PANSIAN Perfumes have come down from their "you-can't-buy-me" pedestal, and now suggest themselves as inexpensive Christmas gifts.

EACH costume must have its necklace, s a y a Parla, but for new Jet Necklaces goes with all costumes, and so makes an all-round gift.

WHEN costumes become very much tailored, the Vestee abandons lace and plays its part in Kid-Colors Kid, too.

FOR the Christmas House—the color of a Japanese Bowl and the fragrance of the Hyacinth blossom.

PETTICOATS are in again, in Satin and Silk, with elastic tops that slip over the head.

WHAT could be more, smarter, or more useful than a snug, brushed wool scarf with a clannish colors?

A WHISP of a colored, sporty handkerchief completes sports frock, with a many-striped border.

LAMPS that give a new color to old corners—What could be more acceptable to the woman who loves her home?

NEW Silk Stockings are the "color of nothing at all," but we'll add there is nothing at all which will better please the heart of the fashionably-shod woman.

THE Chinese sleeve has a turned the unromantic overhouse into a decidedly festive affair.

TO show that it can be just as becoming in smaller pieces, Fur has turned itself into high, snug collars and round, warm muffs, that fit in Christmas purses.

"HIS MASTER'S VOICE" Christmas Records now on sale. Hear them on a Victor.—Third Floor.

# MAVIS

**Does Your Face Powder Do This?**

MAVIS face powder does two remarkable things. IT PROTECTS THE SKIN AND AT THE SAME TIME GIVES IT BEAUTY. MAVIS users are not troubled with clogged pores and coarsened texture. MAVIS clings because it is fine and carefully prepared. Lastingly fragrant with MAVIS perfume. White, flesh, rose and rachel and the new duo tint.

**MAVIS TOILETRIES**

|               |      |              |                     |
|---------------|------|--------------|---------------------|
| Talcum Powder | 4.35 | Extract      | 1.75                |
| Face Powder   | .75  | Extract      | 1.75                |
| Cold Cream    | .75  | Toilet Water | 1.75                |
| Lotion        | 1.75 | Shampoo      | 1.75                |
| Manicure Sets | 2.50 | Toilet Sets  | 2.50, 5.00 and 8.50 |

**VIVAUDOU**  
PARIS NEW YORK

## CONSERVATORY OPENS BRANCH ON WORTLEY RD.

Dundas Street Building Purchased by Mrs. A. Butler  
of 213 Queen's Avenue.

## BRINGING OPERATIC STAR

The selling of the building occupied by the Conservatory of Music on Dundas street, is the last move in the process of bringing the music of the people in all parts of the city instead of making the people all go to one central place in the downtown district.

That it has proved a success is evident by the number of new students enrolled at the new branch of the conservatory situated at 203 Wortley road, in an average, two new students have been enrolled each day since its opening.

The annex was first moved to the top floor of the Woodmen of the World building on Richmond street, which provided ample space. The last place acquired was 203 Wortley road, thus providing a conservatory for the north end, and the advisability of building a special hall in connection with the building is being seriously considered by the directors. All the work in these premises will be under the direct supervision of Harry T. Dickenson of the conservatory, while F. L. Williams will be chairman of the examining board.

The policy of the conservatory will be to bring expert teachers from out of town who will reside in London, and not be just here for a short series of lessons and then go away again. The teachers thus obtained will be interested in everything that concerns London, and apart from rendering valuable assistance to the musical public will be an asset to the city as a whole. It is the intention of the directors to branch out to the surrounding towns and cities such as Stratford, St. Thomas, etc.

Arrangements have been made to bring world famous artists to London to delight the musical public of the city, such artists as Godowsky, the celebrated pianist, the Chicago Operatic Society, Willem Minkes, the celebrated cellist, and finally Clara Butt and her famous concert party who are now on their way home from Australia.

The purchaser of the property on Dundas street is Mrs. Allen Butler, of 213 Queen's Avenue.

## REPORT SALARIES OF DOMESTIC HELP

Employers of Butlers, Maids and Footmen To File Returns.

Steps are under way to secure income tax returns from all persons who employ chambermaids, butlers, footmen, gardeners, tutors, governesses, nurses, aids and household assistants, at the time tax office in this city.

While those who maintain retinues of servants only one have been required to file declarations each year on the form known as T4, as is required of all other employers, there has been a general impression prevailing among employers that no returns were required for personal or private servants.

If a private servant receives in money, board and perquisites a sum amounting to \$1,000, or \$500 for a portion of the year, the returns must be filed.

## City Clerk Suggests Way To End Discussion On School Contracts

"No need for any commissions to sit in judgment," City Clerk Baker suggested to The Advertiser on Tuesday, "in lieu of any further discussion and counter-charging about school contracts, let whoever feels that he has a case enter proceedings to which every member of the board of education that he believes to be dealing unfairly."

The city clerk points out that this must needs clear the air as the evidence would have to be submitted before a judge of the court.

## This Year Give Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pen

\$2.50  
to  
\$6.50

## Cairncross' Chemists

FOUR GRADUATE DRUGGISTS,  
216 Dundas St. Phone 880.  
"Experts in Kodak Photography."

## Members of Advertiser Staff Hold Party in Their New Home

"Hanging of Crane" in Richmond Street Building Is Celebrated by Dance, Music and Other Festivities At Week-End Gathering of Employees.

BY ISABEL ARMSTRONG.

The Post Bill, who came to life for the event, declared "this was some party" that there grand house-warming at the new Advertiser building, on the corner of Richmond and York streets, Saturday night. In any case, the chronicler of such events of the staff has only recently recovered to sort out the kaleidoscope impressions and write something like a coherent record.

Outside, the rain poured down in torrents.

Inside, in the first floor of the building, all was warmth and brightness, the festive scene being shut in by great festoons which crisscrossed the windows and sounded the patriotic note in decoration.

To the right of the main entrance, an open fire blazed. The great platform, which is the hall of the editorial staff, was the scene of the evening's entertainment. The room was filled with the ordinary nights and days, had blossomed out as a palm garden, where card tables were arranged for those who preferred a more sedate form of entertainment than dancing.

Plenty of space was left for the orchestra, which played with equal skill the modern jazz and the old-time dances, waltzes, two steps, the Paul Jones, barn dances and sets, with real "calling off." If you please. Occasionally even the orchestra was obliged to sit back and keep quiet for the clever "stunts" put on by the various departments, business, mailing-room, circulation, composing room and "mere editorial."

As "Mr. Santa Claus," minus the hair and the whiskers, Ye Editor in Chief, in private life, had his revenge on the staff and all sundry who have committed against him sins of omission and commission.

Lacking the stereotyped Christmas tree, he pressed into service his most delectable weapon for budding authors, a capacious waste-paper basket, filled to the brim with gifts, if not welcome, at least apt and suitable.

Big Chief Muir, alias Lord High Everything Else But Work, was remembered with a bottle of a famous limonette, specially prepared for the owners of Ford cars, equally effective, the eloquent editor stated, for "Ford corns, Ford cracks and Ford cars."

The terrible Tempered News Editor was made the recipient of a whip to speed up production.

The ardent Romanist, who guides the destiny of the composing room through the "stilly" (2) night, got his in the form of a copy de luxe of the Orange Sentinel.

A kindly thought was the presentation of a handsome pair of military hair brushes to the scrubby-da-kitchen brand to the distinguished-looking day chief of the composing room, whose cranial offers no obstacle to the student of stenography.

"I have always admired your hair," said Ye Editor-in-Chief, whereupon the distinguished-looking day chief of the composing room leaned over and playfully tapped a snip that was twin to his own, the shining, intellectual dome of the speaker.

The garrulous desk editor, J. P. Millar, had as his favor an unbroken package of excellent chewing gum, with the advice if he would persist in chewing something, to try that.

The youth who strikes an attitude and says, "With me on the want ad, it will be six grover men to do the work on any other paper in London," was made the proud possessor of a stout, brass horn, the versatile editor in chief giving a practical demonstration of the way to blow it.

The women's department editor who groans over the inconvenience of moving conditions, and the world in general, which necessitates a tramp to the platform or "Italian balcony," every time a telephone call is sent in, was solemnly presented with a toy telephone all her very own.

Santa Claus coyly quoting her oft repeated statement, "Oh, if I only had a telephone of my own, what a lot of news there would be in the paper!" Little "Sob Sister," Helen McMillan, was decorated for valiant service with a noisy string of beads.

The hit of the evening—and every strike was a home run—was a quartet of Grand Mopuls, Messrs. Kennedy (chief editor), H. B. Muir (Lord High Everything Else But Work), Gannan, social diplomat, and Walters, end man. Mons. Garner essayed to play the role of accompanist, and the only tune he could play was "I'm always blowing bubbles." The editor-in-chief admitted that was his most familiar occupation, and everything was amicably settled after a certain amount of gun-play.

An enthusiastic encore, given chiefly for the purpose of securing the skillful technique with which the music rack was handled, was responded to with a repetition of the same old song. The quartet absolutely refused to sing the "Maiden's Prayer" or any other number outside their repertoire.

Mr. Joseph Goodburne, with all the style of a prima donna, delighted his audience with a classical little thing, all about roses in a garden of long ago, or something to that effect. It wasn't in his best style, he stated, but he hadn't brought any operatic arias with him.

Mr. George of the composing room took the halo of the quartet performance by his recital about Christopher Columbus discovering America and settling down in Columbus, Ohio. A mailing-room feature was a minstrel show, make up and all.

Big Chief Muir believed there was so much talent on the staff that the oft-repeated query, "Caruso Goodburne, who even admitted the 'Maiden's Prayer,' Scotty of the composing-room staff, whose flute solo and encore were real musical events."

With a nice sense of the fitness of things, in the midst of the general copper of sandwiches, cake and coffee, Mr. Goodburne took his place well to the fore in the limelight to warble "The End of a Perfect Day," not as a soloist this time, he fondly hoped, but as the leader of a whole-hearted chorus.

The chorists, however, refused to chorus, on the ground that they were "too full for utterance." Instead of flowers, they paid tribute to the singer's song by unstinted offerings of sandwiches.

The orchestra struck up "Auld Lang Syne," as the strong arm of the law put his head in the door to announce that the Ministerial Association had put the ban on the continuing of entertainments after midnight Saturday night.

And so The Advertiser crane was hung.

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Orchestra Augmented by Talented Artists From Toronto and Detroit.

BY A MINOR.

The one criticism that could be made of the second annual concert of the students of the London Institute of Musical Art, assisted by the Musical Art Symphony Orchestra, on Monday evening, in the Patricia Theatre, was that it was like a rich and varied course holiday feast, rather too much at one sitting for the intellectual, emotional and artistic digestion.

The evening was a most strenuous one for the orchestra and the conductor, A. D. Jordan, almost constantly on duty from eight o'clock until eleven. To the credit of the musical organization, he is said that it was as fresh, alert, and played with much nicety of detail and verve at the close of the program as in the orchestra part of the Beethoven concerto in C minor, Op. 37, with which Miss Cora B. Ahrens, L. T. C. M., opened the concert. Mr. Jordan was, as always, the untiring, perfectly poised conductor, his baton like a magic wand, directing the different elements that constituted his musical organization, inspiring the most amateur of his own players to keep in step and in harmony of mood with the experienced professionals.

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BABY SCHRAM.  
YET another London baby offers a challenge to the claim of physical perfection advanced by the little tot from Kalamazoo.

This time it was Allan Schram, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Schram, of 183 Gardfield avenue, who was but six months old on Dec. 18, and weighs 20 pounds.

Baby Schram measures 26 inches from finger tip to finger tip, 15 1/2 inches from hip to toe, 10 1/2 inches from shoulder to tip of finger, 17 1/2 inches about the head, 17 1/2 inches around the chest, and 17 1/2 inches about the abdomen. This baby stands 26 inches tall.

Baby Raynold Clark Norton, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Norton, of 7 Elgin street, Galt, also doubts the eligibility of the Kalamazoo baby to first place.

Baby Norton is 8 1/2 months old, and weighs 25 pounds. He stands 31 inches tall, measures 19 inches about the head, 18 inches about the chest, and 17 inches about the abdomen. From hip to toe he measures 18 inches and 21 inches from finger tip to finger tip. His small arm is 12 inches long.

down to the 70-foot level silver values running as high as 1,000 ounces have been encountered. The mine is controlled in Woodstock and London, in which centers practically all the stockholders reside.

Score of Londoners May Spend Christmas Week in Quarantine

Dr. W. S. DOWNHAM, medical officer of health, figures that between 15 and 20 persons in the city will have a questionable happy Christmas this year. These are persons who, on account of illness, must spend the Yuletide period under quarantine.

Compared with a year ago, this number shows a material reduction. Twenty-two new cases of disease were reported last week diphtheria leading with eleven victims. The others were all minor diseases.

PARTRIDGE GIVEN TERM IN BURWASH

Former L. and P. S. Conductor Found Guilty of Stealing Tickets.

Ernest C. Partridge, former conductor on the L. and P. S. R., who was found guilty of taking tickets and giving them to another party, by a county court jury last week, was sentenced to Burwash prison farm for a period of not less than three months and not more than two years, less one day, by Judge Macbeth on Monday afternoon.

George T. Dodd, who claimed \$204.34 for alterations to the premises of C. E. Knowles, 418 Richmond street, was awarded \$100, less credits of \$15, by Judge Macbeth, in the non-jury sitting. There was no order as to costs.

Judge Macbeth stating that "both parties by unbusinesslike methods have brought about this litigation."

G. N. Weekes appeared for the plaintiff, and J. A. E. Braden for the defence.

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## Wife Does Not Like Country Life, Hubby Objects To City

Dislikes of Young Couple Lead To Alimony Suit, But the Judge Gives Opportunity For Settlement Out of Court.

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 19.—Sittings of the supreme court, presided over by Justice Oakes, opened here today at 10 a.m. The first case on the docket for hearing was one of two alimony suits on the docket. It arose out of the hatred of Eva Abbott of St. Thomas for life in the country and the aversion which her husband, Archibald Abbott, maintains towards the city.

Both apparently are willing to live with each other, but the wife will not go to her husband's farm at Payne's Mills, and the husband will not move to the city. The wife is suing for alimony. The couple were given an opportunity to settle the trouble out of court.

The suit of the London Western Trust Company, executors of the will of the late Noah Zuzance against John G. Palmer and others, involving lands at New Sarum, valued at \$3,800, also came up for a hearing, but will probably go by default.

**Seeks To Annul Marriage.**  
Perhaps the most interesting case of

## CITIZENS PAY LAST TRIBUTE TO LATE JUDGE

Funeral of Judge Ermatinger Held in St. Thomas Monday Afternoon.

WAS A GOOD MAN

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 19.—The funeral of Judge Charles Oakes Ermatinger, who died in Amasa Wood Hospital Friday night last, was held at 2 o'clock from the family residence, Stanley street, to Trinity Church, and thence to the St. Thomas Cemetery on Walnut street, a short distance from his late home.

Hundreds of people from all walks of life gathered at the church to pay last respects to a man who was honored and beloved, not only by the churchmen with whom he was so closely associated, and those with whom he worked in his judicial capacities, but by all with whom he came in contact. Among those present were Hon. Mr. Justice Oakes of Toronto, a friend of more than 30 years; members of the Elgin Bar Association, officials from the courthouse, and prominent men from the various organizations with which he was connected.

The services at the church were conducted jointly by Rev. J. W. J. Anderson, rector of Trinity Church, and Rev. P. M. Harding of St. John's Church, while the Very Rev. Dean Tucker of London, representing the Bishop of Huron, preached the sermon.

A Man of Courage.  
Dean Tucker spoke feelingly of a warm friendship which had existed between the late judge and himself even before they were of the same diocese. He believed that regret and sorrow would be felt universally at the loss of such an honored man.

"He was a good man," said the Dean. "It is of small moment whether a man should be distinguished in his chosen profession unless the basis of that life were true to ideal of God. It was that law which prompted the judge to do the things he had done."

"He was a man of courage, winning distinction in his profession. Throughout his career he represented the majesty of the righteousness of God, as all judges in administering the law of the land should."

"He was a member of the Provincial Legislature, a great student of history and a profound believer in Jesus Christ."

The dean referred also to the great church work of Judge Ermatinger. He was, he said, a great believer and supporter of church union.

The pallbearers were: Dr. James A. Coyne, A. McCrimmon, Judge C. Oakes, J. B. Davidson, E. A. Miller, K.C., P. Maxwell, St. John's, Lett, K.C., W. K. Cameron, K.C., and J. S. Robertson.

## FIFTEEN BOILS ON NECK AT ONE TIME

Anyone who has suffered from boils can sympathize with poor old Job.

There was no Burdock Blood Bitters in those days, so Job had to suffer in silence. Now-a-days no one need endure the misery of boils.

Boils are simply evidences of the bad blood within coming to the surface and just when you get rid of one, another seems ready to take its place and prolong your misery.

All the poulticing and lancing you may do will not stop more coming. What you have to do is take

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and the blood will be cleansed of all its impurities, and then every boil will disappear.

Mr. Roy McSwain, High Bank, P. E. I., writes: "I was troubled with boils for some time, and had as many as fifteen on my neck at once. After taking one bottle of Burdock Blood Bitters they commenced to get better, and after I had taken two bottles I was relieved of them and felt much better. I think B. B. B. is a grand blood medicine, and can recommend it highly."

For the past 45 years B. B. B. has been manufactured only by The T. M. L. Company, Limited, Toronto, Ont. Adv.

## Answers to Correspondents:

**YOUNG MOTHER:** What you must guard against is chafing. While there is no particular objection to using powder, it is much better to use CAMPA'S ITALIAN BALM before powdering the baby. A liberal application of CAMPA'S ITALIAN BALM to the affected parts after each bath will go a great way to prevent chafing and irritation of the skin. You will also find it a wonderful preventive of chapped or red hands. CAMPA'S ITALIAN BALM keeps the skin soft and smooth and reinforces the natural oils of the skin in performing their natural functions. You can buy CAMPA'S ITALIAN BALM at any drugstore, 40c a large bottle. Adv.

## DOUBT SAFETY OF GOVERNMENT SHIP

KINGSTON, Ont., Dec. 19.—Nothing is known here of the fate of the government steamer Concedia, which left here Friday to remove the keeper and his assistants from the Main Duck Light.

A Watertown dispatch says that the vessel left the Main Ducks on Friday with the lighthouse operators on board, and also a crew of about eight men. Saturday night a bright light was observed on Charley Shoal from Pleasant Valley, a high elevation near Cape Vincent.

Marine men of Cape Vincent can account for the light only through the presence of some ship on the reef. Yesterday Capt. Moore viewed the light with a high-powered telescope from the roof of a barn on the highlands, but could see no ship.

## CRITICIZE BANK'S PLAN TO MERGE

TORONTO, Dec. 19.—Toronto bank directors and financial men are strongly criticizing the proposed merger of

the Bank of Montreal and the Merchants' Bank, on the ground that it will result in harmful concentration of financial power in one centre. The consensus of opinion seems to be that there should be a distribution of the Merchants' Bank business among the chartered banks.

The head of a bond house said: "I consider that it is a very bad thing for so much power to get concentrated in that manner. The people won't stand for a little group of half a dozen men controlling the finances of the country, and if this thing goes on any longer we will see the government forced to take over all the chartered banks."

## RECEIVES MEDAL FOR SAVING BOY

TORONTO, Dec. 19.—William Charles Hare, a war veteran, was presented with the Royal Humane Society's medal by Mayor T. L. Church at the meeting of the city council here this afternoon for saving Alfred Craig, 10 years old, from drowning last January. The boy had gone through the ice in the harbor.

## HAMILTON BAND SECRETARY DIES

HAMILTON, Ont., Dec. 19.—William McDougall, one of Hamilton's best-known businessmen and musicians, died today. He was cornet soloist of the 13th Regimental Band, and secretary of the organization for many years.

## CRERAR ELECTED GROWERS' HEAD

WINNIPEG, Dec. 19.—Hon. T. A. Crerar was re-elected president of the United Grain Growers, Limited, at a meeting of the directors here today. C. Rice-Jones was re-elected vice-president and general manager; John Kennedy of Winnipeg was elected second vice-president.

N. J. Freeman, Calgary, and F. M. Black, Winnipeg, also were reappointed secretary and treasurer respectively.

**SNUFF TO CURE COLDS.**  
LONDON.—Snuff-taking, once a social accomplishment, is now becoming a popular remedy for colds.

## CIVIC NOMINATIONS SET FOR FRIDAY NEXT

[Special to The Advertiser.]  
INGERSOLL, Dec. 19.—Nominations for municipal offices will be received at the town hall Friday night, and the meeting is being anticipated with keen interest by ratepayers generally.

Circumstances indicate that more than the usual "pep" is being injected into the situation, and it is understood that efforts are being made to induce a number of prominent residents to offer themselves as candidates for the council. A spirited meeting is expected with a full review of the year's work by the present council.

## COUNTERFEITER GETS TEN YEARS

TORONTO, Dec. 19.—Ten years in the Kingston Penitentiary was the sentence which Judge Coatsworth, in the sessions court today, handed out to Mike Nesher, who was convicted last week of having coined fraudulent 50-cent pieces.

## \$15,000 LOSS IN TILBURY FIRE

[Special to The Advertiser.]  
CHATHAM, Dec. 19.—The Baughle block in Tilbury was destroyed by fire at an early hour this morning, the loss being in the neighborhood of \$15,000. The cause of the fire is unknown.

## FEDERAL EMPLOYEES TO ASSIST UNEMPLOYED

OTTAWA, Dec. 19.—That owing to the majority of the Ottawa civil service receiving salaries that do not permit them to make any very large contributions to the relief of unemployed in the city, the heads of the various governmental departments be requested by the incoming administration to ascertain how much each employee is willing to contribute for this purpose, and such voluntary contributions to be deducted from monthly pay checks. A portion of the text of a letter sent

by the local union of the Associated Federal Employees, to Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, premier-elect of Canada, in regard to unemployment in the city.

**DIED IN HOSPITAL.**  
ST. THOMAS, Dec. 19.—The death took place Sunday evening in Amasa Wood Hospital of William Kinsman after a year's illness. Mr. Kinsman leaves to mourn a wife and eleven children, William, Detroit; George, Louis, Gordon, Lorne, Norman, Mrs. Rogers Avery, Londonville; Lena, Garnet, Susy, Ada, his mother, Mrs. William Hudson, Appin; three sisters, Mrs. Robert Chute, Union; Mrs. William Walker and Mrs. Archibald Hattaway, a member of Orange Lodge, No. 521, and was employed at the M. C. R. round-house.

The funeral takes place Thursday at 2 o'clock from C. A. Towers' parlors to South Park Cemetery.

**SILENCE WIFE? NOT HE.**  
Shoreditch, England.—"Ask your wife to keep quiet," Judge Chier told a defendant in a court action. "I would much rather you did it," replied the man, feebly.

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The Pacific Scandal.

Discussing the Pacific Scandal, as it is referred to in Canadian history, a Conservative contemporary seeks to make out that much of this was political propaganda directed against the late Sir John A. Macdonald. Surely this is a lenient view of the matter, and one that an impartial historian could hardly take.

An inkling of what was going on in the Conservative party even before the breaking of the Pacific Scandal can be gathered in part from a phrase in a letter which Sir John wrote to Lord Monck following the election of 1872. After referring to his strenuous work in the campaign, and to the issues that were being considered, he concluded: "Added to this, of course, were all the sins of omission and commission that gather round an administration of so many years' duration as ours."

Parkins' life of Sir John A. Macdonald, referring to the Pacific Scandal, declares: "As a chapter in Canadian history the story of the Pacific Scandal is not a pleasant one for Canadians to read, or for a biographer of Macdonald to deal with."

It is not necessary to go further into the matter, when documentary evidence exists in the form of the charge by Lucius Seth Huntington, member for the county of Shefford. His charge read as follows:

"That in anticipation of the legislation of last session as to the Pacific Railway, an agreement was made between Sir Hugh Allan, acting for himself and certain other Canadian promoters, and G. W. McMullen, acting for certain United States capitalists, whereby the latter agreed to furnish all the funds necessary for the construction of the contemplated railway, and to give the former a certain percentage of interest, in consideration of their interest and position the scheme agreed on being ostensibly that of a Canadian company, with Sir Hugh Allan as its head—

"That the government were aware that negotiations were pending between these parties—

"That subsequently an understanding was come to between the government and Sir Hugh Allan, and Mr. Abbott, M.P., that Sir Hugh Allan and his friends should advance a large sum of money for the purpose of aiding the election of ministers and their supporters at the general election, and that he and his friends should receive the contract for the construction of the railway—

"That accordingly Sir Hugh Allan did advance a large sum of money for the purpose mentioned, at the solicitation and under the pressing instance of ministers—

"That part of the money expended by Sir Hugh Allan in connection with obtaining the acts of incorporation and charter were paid to him by the said United States capitalists under the agreement with him—

"It is ordered that a committee of seven members be appointed to inquire into all the circumstances connected with the negotiations for the construction of the Pacific Railway with the legislation of last session on the subject, and with the granting of the charter to Sir Hugh Allan and others; with power to send for persons, papers and records, and with instructions to report in full the evidence taken before, and all proceedings of said committee."

Historians, of course, differ in detail as to what followed. One thing is certain, Sir John, in a letter to the governor-general, admitted the spending of the money, claiming extenuating circumstances. Then followed one of the stormiest and most memorable sessions of the Dominion house, at the conclusion of which, on November 5, 1873, Sir John handed in his resignation, and Alexander Mackenzie was called upon to form a government.

Our Banking System.

Unless something unexpected turns up, the Bank of Montreal will take over the Merchants Bank. It may take a year or so for the plans to be worked out, but that is merely an item in the general plan.

Financial institutions owe it to themselves, to the public and to other concerns of a similar nature to be open and frank in their dealings.

The Merchants Bank, until a few days ago, was apparently in good shape. Its stock on the market showed nothing to indicate that things were not in first-class shape. The public is not in a position of going to a bank and finding out things. The elaborate statements handed out annually are accepted in most cases as read by the non-technical public.

The first intimation the public have of anything being wrong is a crack in the market, and the stock registers a drop of several points. Then comes the announcement that an investigation had been ordered of the bank's conditions, and as a

result it had been found "that the bank's rest was seriously impaired."

In other words, all at once a supposedly strong concern finds out that it cannot carry on, and a stronger bank comes in and takes over the impaired institution.

We are not discussing this from the standpoint of the banker, who may have 150 very fair reasons to give for what has happened, but rather from the angle of the average man, in business or agriculture, in whose mind it is necessary right now to build a feeling of optimism and faith for the business recovery that is now taking place. It is positively necessary, if this is to be done, that public confidence in our financial institutions be maintained. Those responsible for the management and inspection of these places owe a duty to the public and to themselves to maintain the high standing that Canadian banking institutions have held.

England and France.

Although affairs between nations seem to be progressing well at Washington, there is a very outstanding note in the press in England concerning the demands that France is pressing at the peace conference.

In many cases suspicion and re-priming have taken the place of confidence and goodwill. Removed as we are by some thousands of miles from the actual scene of operations, and from the birthplace of international prejudices, it may be difficult for the average Canadian to understand this latest development.

An English correspondent of The Advertiser says in explanation of the trend of feeling that "it is many years since the English press has been so outspoken or so unfriendly towards our ally, and naturally we think that there is great justification for our attitude. It is not so much the successive pin-pricks that are responsible for the present deplorable situation—the Angora agreement with Turkey or the Weisbaden agreement with Germany—as the widespread belief that France blocks the way to world resettlement and disarmament by a policy which seeks to secure for France the same predominant position in Europe which Germany held before 1914.

"It must not for one moment be thought that Englishmen are indifferent to the peculiarly difficult geographical position of France. On the contrary, it is because they are so fully alive to the dangers of that position that they view with increasing alarm the isolation which France, by her irreconcilable attitude, is creating for herself. France refuses to contemplate the reconstruction of Germany and Russia, because she fears the military strength which such reconstruction must bring with it. England, on the other hand, urges that until Germany and Russia are on their feet again there can be no real peace for Europe—and that until these countries are invited to the council-chamber and permitted to take part in deliberations which concern the welfare of the entire world, there can be no guarantee as to the effectiveness of any proposals which the other powers may make.

A crippled Germany and a sick Russia are not going to make France any better or any stronger. Great bodies of people, millions of them, laboring under the impression that the rest of the world is camping on their neck, find no progress toward world understanding, without which the Washington conference can accomplish nothing of a lasting nature.

Many of the world problems thought out at Washington will have to be worked out in Europe. In this process no single nation can scheme for domination. It is against the whole tenor of the Washington proceedings.

Robbing the Barber.

The Tillsonburg News tells of a barbershop in that town being broken into, and among things taken were "the best razors, a new pair of clippers, 12 boxes of cigars, 1,000 cigarettes, chocolate bars and \$30 in silver."

Now, we can grieve and sympathize with that barber in the loss of his best razors, and we can like wise grieve and sympathize with his patrons, unless he takes quick action to replace those "best razors." It's no fun at all getting scraped with a second-best razor.

But what a change has come over the old barbershop. Think of the tonsorial parlor when you were young having cigars, cigarettes and chocolate bars, and \$30 in silver.

If it ever leaked out in our old town that the barber had \$30 in his possession the chances are the editor of the town paper would be around trying to borrow half of it.

The most impressive thing about the old barbershop was the ingenious use that was made of the government blue books. When cut in two the pages made ideal resting places for the whiskers of the community. The old-time barber had found out why governments issued blue books, although no person else ever seemed to know for sure, so it was quite possible in those golden days to be parted from your whiskers and have the certain and rather comforting assurance that your facial decorations were being ushered into the box-stove along with a mass of figures and facts

carefully prepared at Ottawa and carefully discarded every place else. The other thing the barber was famous for was that he knew everybody. He could recite the community roll-call and put the front part right on every name. But, good land, he didn't sell chocolate bars and cigarettes. These are new styles, and, of course, we must bow to them.

The old blue book has gone from the barbershop, and specially prepared papers camp in its place. That's why the government is cutting down on publishing so many of them. The barbers were the only folks who used to holler for more and more of this class of reading matter.

We just can't reconcile this idea of the barbershop being robbed of cigarettes, chocolate bars and \$30 in silver. But it's just another case where bang goes one of the ideas and memories that we picked up in a village when quite young and have been harboring and nursing ever since.

LITTLE 'TISERS

Another upheaval seems to be due in Mexico. A volcano has started working.

Santa Claus, despite all the seed and bulb catalogs says, is still the greatest of all perennials.

Quite a lot of green stuff is always displayed around Christmas time, including quite a bit of green backs.

Washington may decide something about the future of Turkey, but right now the price of 55 cents per pound seems enough to save its neck locally.

Judging from the number of handkerchiefs that are being sold this Christmas, there's something more than the north wind going to blow this winter.

When doing the Christmas shopping at the end of the list that carries nuts, candies, lemon peel, raisins, cheese, candy canes, etc., better put down this item: "One bottle castor oil."

People who blame all our troubles on prohibition should look at Ireland, where they haven't prohibition. And no doubt if Ireland were dry folks would be blaming the trouble on the dry law.

The charge is made by reputable papers that bootlegging has become so profitable in United States that in many cases those engaged in it are investing their money in non-taxable securities, running into millions of dollars.

The Ottawa Journal, at considerable length, discusses the "Cost of the Christmas Plum Pudding." It moralizes quite a bit from one end to the other, but it doesn't say for sure if the editor of the Journal is going to have one at his house. Boy, call Ottawa.

Already many wild guesses are made as to what the King government will do. One thing is certain, there are no great processions of promises to be filled. The premier-elect made it plain all through that his future course would be determined by the collective wisdom of the men associated with him.

The Monetary Times expresses the opinion that "one reason why business is dull at the present time is that it is handicapped by excessive taxation and government supervision." And in those few words the situation is well stated, and almost any businessman can bear witness to the truth of the statement.

Just received a lot of literature about California oil wells, also blanks for ordering stock in oil company. Some place in our attic is a trunk, and in said trunk are some beautiful oil shares, with wells in the corners. From said oil wells the oil spouts like streams of gold. It's the only place the oil ever did spout in connection with the venture.

Western Canada has started an invasion of Ontario in the turkey business, and crates of western turkeys are being brought into Ontario cities at lower prices than quoted for the home-grown birds. Formerly Ontario was looked upon to supply the West with turkeys, but now the West grows a big enough turkey crop to spill over into Ontario.

An exchange draws attention to the fact that a Canadian newspaper as late as the month of May, 1915, published the following advertisements, illustrating the existence of slavery in this province in the latter part of the eighteenth century:

To be sold—A negro wench about 18 years of age, who lately came from New York with the Loyalists. She has had smallpox. The wench has a good character, and is exposed to sale only from the owner having no use for her at present. Likewise will be disposed of a handsome bay mare. For particulars, inquire of the Printer.

A gentleman going to England has for sale a negro wench with her child, about 26 years of age, who understands thoroughly every kind of housework, particularly washing and cooking. And a stout negro boy, 13 years old. Also a good horse, cariole and harness. For particulars

25 YEARS AGO TODAY  
Here We Have Items of Local and District Interest, As Recorded in The Advertiser of 1896.

TUESDAY, DEC. 20, 1896.  
Rev. Mr. McVitty of Rodney is the guest of Rev. R. N. Knowles, 427 Ridout street.

A successful concert was given in St. George's school house last night by the boys of Miss Andrew's class, assisted by Miss Milligan and Messrs. McMillan, Spence, Chapman, Webster, Lester and Shury.

The local market, as reported by A. M. Hamilton & Son:  
Wheat, per bu. 75c to 80c  
Oats, per bu. 14 1/2c to 20c  
Peas, per bu. 35c to 44c  
Corn, per bu. 22 1/2c to 33 1/2c  
Buckwheat, per bu. 24c to 29c  
Rye, per bu. 25c to 30c  
Barley, per bu. 24c to 29c  
Beans, per bu. 50c to 65c

The Stratford Young Liberal Club will hold their inaugural meeting to-night, when addresses will be delivered by Hon. Chas. Fitzpatrick (solicitor-general), Hon. E. J. Davis, ex-Speaker Balfour and others.

About 30 members of St. Thomas Council, No. 35, Royal Templars of Temperance, paid a visit to Lambeth Council, No. 562, Wednesday night, there being a large turnout of Lambeth members. The following program was ably rendered: Trio, Messrs. W. Hunt, T. Vanstone, and T. Hamlyn; Lambeth reading, Miss S. Mann; Lambeth dialog, Messrs. B. Waterhouse and C. Bush; duet, Messrs. W. Hunt, T. Vanstone, Lambeth; address, Mr. W. J. Jordan, St. Thomas; solo, Mr. W. Hunt, Lambeth; recitation, Mr. K. Doyle, Lambeth; reading, Walter Jordan, St. Thomas; address, Mr. Alex. Houston, Petrolia; reading, Mr. B. Waterhouse, St. Thomas.

At the annual Collegiate Institute of the presentation of prizes was made by Dr. McCabe, chairman of the Collegiate Institute board. The winners were as follows: For best essay, Form VI, Elain Wetherell; Form V, Muriel Hill, Form III, and IV, Nellie Pearce; Form I, and II, Sarah Heard. Two of the matriculants were present, W. T. Baskerville and A. B. Walker, one of the senior leaving class, C. H. Barnes and F. L. Letta. Of the

Inquire at Mr. William Boxburgh's, Upper-town, Quebec, 10th May, 1875.

From the number of clergymen or ex-clergymen who have been elected to Parliament or the legislatures in the last few years it would seem that the ministry of the church was becoming, to some slight extent at least, a stepping-stone to political life. Whether it is a step up, or a step down, remarks the Winnipeg Free Press, the future will tell, and no doubt will depend upon the individual. No less than five clergymen, or men who have been "of the cloth," have just been elected to Parliament from the Prairie Provinces. Three of them are from Manitoba—Rev. T. W. Bird, Methodist pastor at Benito, who was elected as a Progressive in the constituency of The Pas; Rev. J. S. Woodsworth, who is in charge of the Central Labor Church in Winnipeg, and Mr. E. A. Hoey, Progressive, in Springfield. In Saskatchewan, Rev. A. J. Lewis, Progressive, was elected in Swift Current where he has a church. He has just received a call to a church in Moose Jaw, but, upon his election, decided to remain where he is. In Alberta William Irvine, a former clergyman, was elected as Independent in East Calgary with the support of Labor and the U. F. A.

Several former clergymen also sit in the Manitoba Legislature, and there are a number of others in the legislatures of the provinces.

NOAH'S POETRY

Speakin' of Cures.

When drafts come blowin' in the door about this time of year, they come and play around my dome and camp upon my ear.

And in a day or so from then, no matter how I try, the cold is sproutin' in my nose, and running from my eye.

'Tis then I sally out to work to join the dollar race—a grouch is written on my brow and planted on my face.

My friend next door he has his crock to fix this sort of thing, it takes ten minutes for to turn my winter time to spring.

While on the other side, my friends they swear by Lickem pills, to take the kink from out the ribs, and cure the ache and chills.

Down at the shop I meet a man who's full of pep and zest, he wants me to lie down at once with mustard on my chest. Another knows a dose of salts, a quart of catnip tea, will make my carcass look brand new, a wondrous thing to see.

Another has a favorite quack, another castor oil, another has hot lemonade, drunk while she still doth boil.

So when I start to reckon up just what results might be, if all these curin' sort of things was squirted into me, I stop and rub my achin' spine and scratch my burnin' head, and think that rather than be cured, I'll keep my cold instead.

—NOAH.

TO THE EDITOR

THE CANTEEN FUNDS.

Editor Advertiser:  
Sir—Re the canteen funds disposal committee's impudent and uncalled for suggestions as to the disposal of profits from the expeditionary force canteens.

Whilst no ex-soldier would in any way object to the establishment of any or all of the projects mooted on the ballot-form, yet I would suggest that any such projects should be financed by the whole country and not by a comparatively few men who were during their service working for a lower wage than any other body of men in this Dominion, and certainly not by this method which is

Junior leaving graduates the following received their diplomas: A. E. Clarke, S. McGibbon, D. A. McLachlan, L. T. Miller, F. E. Saxton, Jennie Clark, Kate Gallagher, Julia Griffith, Mary Johnson, Frances McKellar, Eliza Payne, May Rason, Lulu Ray, Corrie Thompson and Olive M. Thompson.

The model school examiners, Inspectors Carson and Dearness of this city; Inspector Johnson of Strathroy, and Mr. S. S. Jones of the Collegiate Institute staff here completed their examination of the work of the candidates at both the London and Strathroy schools yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Alex. Milne, city, has gone on a three months' business trip to New York.

Miss E. Leonard will receive the McRoberts gold medal at Princess Avenue School tomorrow afternoon.

Superintendent Copp and Assistant Superintendent Dunn of the Askin Street Methodist Sunday School entertained the teachers and officers of the different societies connected with the church to a social last evening in the schoolroom.

Rev. R. L. Holden's jubilee singers gave a concert last night at the asylum, which was greatly appreciated. Mrs. Holden gave several recitations. Mr. Percival's impersonation of a female soprano was fine.

The second of the series of lectures was delivered last night in the Waterloo Street Presbyterian Mission by Rev. J. G. Stuart. Rev. Walter Moffatt acted as chairman, and previous to the lecture introduced the following program: Reading, Miss Hignam; solo, Miss Higgins; solo, Miss Templeton; duet, Mrs. Milliken and Miss Ker-math; solo, Mr. Price. Mr. V. Colwell presided at the organ.

Rev. Mr. TenEyck will conduct a Christmas service and say good-bye to his congregation next Sabbath evening.

Mr. TenEyck has been appointed assistant to the rector of the Memorial Parish in London.

Practically a confiscation of these moneys.

The return of these funds direct is said to be impracticable, so I would suggest that the money be divided into say 2,000 prizes of \$1,000 each and that these prizes be drawn for by some public man.

Lord Byng would no doubt help the ex-soldiers in this matter.

In this way everybody, I feel sure, would feel satisfied and the funds disposed in a proper manner.

I would especially urge all veterans' associations to bring this matter before their members before they cast their ballots. The suggestion space only be marked on the ballot-card with the word "drawing." Faithfully yours, W. B. CURTIS.

READ YOUR CHARACTER

[By Digby Phillips.]

NO. 65—VOLATILE EYEBROWS.

Many people think that giggling is the sign of volatility. It isn't. As has been explained, it is the sign of an unusually active brain and a high-spirited temperament. The true sign of volatility lies in the distance between the eye and the eyebrow.

Young ladies who insist on transforming their eyebrows into those thin, sharp lines should be careful to pluck the hairs from the top rather than the bottom of the eyebrow, so as to make its location as close to the eye as possible, for it's the distance from, not the closeness, between the brow and the eye which denotes volatility of temperament.

Incidentally, volatility does not mean inability to think, but a lack of tendency toward thoughtfulness. It's a tendency to a habit more than an inability. This is an important thing to remember when facing a person who has such eyebrows, for there is always the possibility, if not the probability that the person has realized and corrected this habit.

If the high eyebrows are arched it denotes an artistic and impractical temperament coupled with the foregoing characteristic. If they're straight it indicates a certain modifying element of practicality back of the tendency toward thoughtlessness.

Tomorrow—Candid Lips.

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LEGAL QUERIES

ROOM RENT.

When one is boarding in a private family and going away for two weeks at Christmas, what is the customary thing to do re one's room? Please answer soon.

Answer.—When a room is rented by the week, payment is made regardless of whether the room is occupied all the time. If you go away at Christmas you are responsible for your room rent, unless you make some other arrangement with the party from whom you rent the room.

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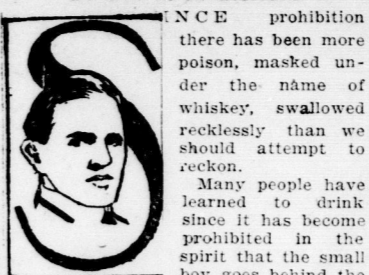
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does stop coughs

WAYS TO KEEP WELL  
THE LIVER

BY DR. R. H. BISHOP.



ANCE prohibition there has been more poison, masked under the name of whiskey, swallowed recklessly than we should attempt to reckon. Many people have learned to drink since it has become prohibited in the spirit that the small boy goes behind the barn or garage to indulge in a cornish cigarette. Were they drinking ante-prohibition liquor, the harm to their systems and especially to their livers would not be so great.

The liver will bear up under continued strain for an amazing length of time. But when it does break down it is difficult to repair it.

The quickest way to wear out the liver is by making it continually fight against poisons thrown into the body. One of the liver's greatest duties is to protect the body from toxins or poisons. It will do this effectively for a long time.

For instance, a man drinks a little too much whiskey some other alcoholic beverage. Even if it is good whiskey he throws a strain on the liver. The liver does its work and the man either feels no effect or he finds the need for a purge after which he feels better. He keeps up this habit for years and then suddenly he finds he has developed cirrhosis of the liver.

Persons against which the liver protects are not always poisons when they are swallowed. The bacteria in the large intestines make poisons or toxins out of certain parts of the food substances. They are absorbed into the blood streams of the intestines, and the liver, when working properly, can convert them into harmless chemicals.

Some organs like the lungs are liable to infection, but the liver is very seldom crippled except from overwork. Bad habits, again we see, are the forerunners of much illness.

THE JEST.

The Bingley Board of Selectmen had had many sessions, and finally formulated a set of auto laws that was the pride of the county. So the constable felt no worry when he stopped a motorist.

"Ye're pinched for violatin' the auto laws," he pronounced.

"Which one?" inquired the traveler.

"Turned if I know, but ye certainly hain't come all the way down Main street without bustin' one of them."

A CULINARY BATH.

In the cook's absence the young mistress of the house undertook, with the help of an inexperienced maid, to get the Sunday luncheon. The flurried maid, who had been struggling in the kitchen with a coffee grinder which refused to work, confessed that she

had forgotten to wash the lettuce.

"Well, never mind, Marie," said the considerate mistress, "go on with the coffee and I'll do it. Where do you keep the soap?"

SHE OBJECTED.

A man and his wife who were invited to a reception given by a certain vicerey of India received, by mistake, tickets of different colors—one white, one blue.

They didn't know it, but the vicerey had decided to make some distinction between his personal guests and those who were not quite so intimate. Accordingly, blue and white tickets were sent out. The "whites" were to

enter a certain door, which gave them precedence over the "blues," who were to gain admittance by another entrance.

When the man and his wife arrived at the "white" entrance, the A. D. C. on duty told them they could not enter together, for the lady, having a blue ticket must present herself at the other door.

The wife, says Mr. Frederic Villiers in his book, "Five Decades of Adventure," refused to be separated from her husband by such an absurd regulation, and fixing the young official with a stony glare, said: "Young man, my husband and I are not a Selditz powder!"

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Two chairs and one table with each set.  
\$3.95 for ..... \$2.95  
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DOLLS  
All Canadian-made, each, 29c, 39c, 79c, 95c, \$1.35, \$1.95.

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\$1.95, \$2.95, \$3.75, \$4.95, \$6.50, \$9.90.

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Without tracks, set, ..... 99c  
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These are the best-made toys in the world.  
75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50.

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Reg. \$150, for, ..... 90c

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15c, 40c, 60c, 75c, \$1.75, \$1.95.

DRUMS  
25c, 45c, 95c, \$1.69.

GAMES  
2 for 25c, 40c, 50c, 95c, \$1.39, \$1.75.

KEENE BROS.  
125 TO 127 KING STREET.

WALTHAM  
THE WORLD'S WATCH OVER TIME

This Christmas  
Give a Waltham

WHEN you choose a Waltham, you select a gift which, by its reliable service and enduring beauty, will be sure of enthusiastic appreciation. The unique suitability of Waltham Watches when a gift of great distinction is desired, is strikingly shown by the presentation of a Waltham Watch to Marshal Foch, by the people of Boston, Mass., on November 14th, 1921.

The sturdy Waltham "Vanguard" is the gift to choose for any man who wants the watch that times the leading railroads. Priced at \$75.00 (Movement only) and upwards.

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This is the Waltham "Riverside" — a model that appeals unfailingly to business and professional men. Priced at \$50.00 (Movement only) and upwards.

The company's guarantee of quality goes with every Waltham Watch.

Waltham Watches are a product of Canadian Industry

Ask Your Jeweler to Show You the Special Waltham Models at \$15. and \$25.

They combine reliability, with good appearance and moderate price. Be sure to see them.

Waltham Watch Company, Limited, 189 St. James St., Montreal  
Makers and Distributors of Waltham Products in Canada

GIFTS THAT LAST

## HAS NEVER FELT THE RHEUMATISM

Since Taking "Fruit-a-lives"  
The Famous Fruit Medicine

P. O. Box 123, Parrsboro, N. S.  
"I suffered with Rheumatism for five years, having it so badly at times I was unable to get up. I tried medicines I saw advertised, and was treated by doctors, but the Rheumatism always came back."

"In 1916 I saw in an advertisement that 'Fruit-a-lives' would stop Rheumatism, and took a box, and got relief; then took 'Fruit-a-lives' right along for about six months, and have never felt my Rheumatism since."

JOHN E. GUILDERSON.  
50c a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size 25c. At all dealers, or sent postpaid by Fruit-a-lives, Limited, Ottawa.

## SUMMONS GANDHI TO APPEAR AT CONFERENCE

London, Dec. 20.—(Canadian Press Cable.)—According to a Reuters cable from Calcutta, an important development in the political situation in consequence of Viceroy Reading's readiness to receive on Dec. 21 a deputation at a round table conference on the question of the Indian unrest, is the prospect of Gandhi, the revolutionary leader, attending the viceroy's conference. He has been summoned from Delhi to proceed to Calcutta.

## NINTH RUSSIAN SOVIET TO DEAL WITH FAMINE

Congress of Delegates Will  
Hear Kamenoff Report On  
Food Situation.

## LENINE HEADS COUNCIL

Belief Current That Govern-  
ment Seeks Opinion On  
Economic Changes.

MOSCOW, Dec. 18.—Many formidable questions appear on the agenda of the Ninth All-Russian Soviet Congress, which is to convene here tomorrow. Foremost among these are the consideration of the preliminary results of the new economic policy, which abandons communism to a considerable extent, and the famine which threatens to wipe out millions of Russians in the Volga districts before the next harvest.

It is more than a year since the last meeting of the all-Russian Soviet congress, and the congress has actually become much less important than might be imagined from reading the Soviet constitution. It has over 2,000 members. Village and town soviets call elections by means of which delegates are selected to attend conventions in provin-

## Unemployed of British Capital Make Extra Christmas Demand

LONDON, Dec. 20.—(Canadian Press cable.)—London's organized unemployed, who recently secured higher maintenance grants from the local authorities are now making supplementary demands for extra allowances for Christmas. Most of the local unemployed are demanding double the allowances which the authorities generally have refused, and also toys for their children, which in some cases have been granted.

As an instance of extreme demands, at Lewisham, the unemployed demanded an increased maintenance amounting to four guineas weekly, and also double rations for Christmas, with extra for clothing. The head of the deputation declared that "if you don't give us a decent dinner for Christmas, it is time we helped ourselves." The demands of the deputation were firmly rejected.

Generally, London's borough councils are adopting a sympathetic attitude towards the unemployed, especially with labor majorities, but are unable to help the men to a great extent, owing to the financial stringency and the impoverishment of the rate payers.

Only Workers Vote.  
Only workmen, soldiers, sailors and peasants who do not employ any laborers, and whose families are entitled to vote under the constitution. Bolsheviks make no claim that the elections to the congress are democratic. They frankly call their system a dictatorship of the proletariat, and do not pretend that their government has the support of a majority of Russians.

At every session of the All-Russian Soviet congress, a central executive committee of about 200 members is elected, which holds office until the next congress is called, and is the body in which the chief functions of government are vested by the constitution.

In practice, this committee, whose members are scattered all over the Russian republic and federated governments, has been found unwieldy. It is too large to assemble conveniently. By degrees the actual control of affairs shifted to the council of commissars, which corresponds to a cabinet, and is under the chairmanship of Nikolai Lenin.

## Heads Government.

Lenine, who is the legal head of the government and is generally spoken of as president of the republic, will preside over the ninth All-Russian Soviet Congress by virtue of his position as chairman of the central executive committee of that body. He signs treaties, grants pardons, receives diplomatic representatives and performs other more or less formal tasks, but has no such powers as are vested in the American president.

The calling of the all-Russian Soviet Congress at this time is probably due to the fact that the government desires a formal approval of its changes in economic policy by a more or less representative body.

## Will Discuss Famine.

Leon Trotsky will address the congress concerning the army and military affairs. Lenin will speak on the changed economic policy. Kamenoff will discuss the famine. Chicherin will report on international relations and Bagdasarian will discuss the progress of plans for the revival of industries. The re-establishment of agriculture will also be considered. Sessions of the congress generally last about a week and resemble the national convention of an American political party more than a session of the American congress. Commissars make reports to the congress, and nominations are made for a new central executive committee, which is promptly elected, and the session adjourns.

## CRITICIZE LUXURY TAX RESTRICTIONS

French Newspapers Term U.  
S. Action "Misplaced  
Generosity."

Paris, Dec. 19.—Several French newspapers are protesting against what they term "the misplaced generosity" of the government in refunding to Americans when they return to the United States the 10 per cent luxury tax they have paid on purchases. The newspapers say the government is giving away hundreds of thousands of francs in this way which rightfully belong to the country.

Americans have read these protests with not a little surprise. Many who have tried to get back the total of their luxury tax have discovered the difficulties of the process. The first and most essential demand of the government officials at the port of embarkation is that all receipts of purchases must be presented. Luxury tax concerns women almost entirely, and most of them forget or lose these receipts.

Those who know of this demand are comparatively few, so the luxury tax, so far as most foreign-bound Americans are concerned, usually remains in France.

## AWAIT SINN FEIN VOTE ON TREATY

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The Irish Independent, in a seven-column headline this morning, the newspaper declares that, according to information in well informed Dublin circles, there is grave danger that the result of the debate may not be ratification.

The Independent adds: "It is stated that a few members who are not satisfied with the terms of the treaty, and at the same time consider they cannot in honor repudiate the plenipotentiaries, will probably abstain from voting."

Commenting on the delegates' speeches yesterday in justification of their signing the agreement, the Freeman's Journal says: "That they should be called upon to defend and even struggle to save their work from destruction at the hands of persons calling themselves representatives of the Irish people is one of the most amazing tragedies in a tragic history."

## MASSEY-HARRIS COMPANY HEAD DIES IN TORONTO

Thomas Findley, Captain of  
Canadian Industry, Succumbs  
After Lengthy Illness.

## BORN IN YORK COUNTY

Had Brilliant Career, Advanc-  
ing From Telegrapher To  
General Manager of Firm.

TORONTO, Dec. 19.—Thomas Findley, president and general manager of the Massey-Harris Company, agricultural implement manufacturers of Toronto, Brantford and Batavia, N. Y., died at his home here tonight after an illness extending over a year.

Outside his connection with the Massey-Harris Company, Mr. Findley was associated in the management of a large number of industrial and financial concerns, including the Verity Plow Company, Brantford, director; president and director of the Bain Wagon Company, Woodstock, Ont.; director of the Canadian Bank of Commerce; director of the National Trust Company, Toronto; director of Blackstone and Merchants Mutual Fire Insurance Company, Providence, R. I.

Thomas Findley was born at Bond Lake, in York County, in 1870, and attended school at Sutton, Western Ontario. When 15 years old he left the farm and went to work in the general store at Sutton, where he helped in the postoffice and the local telegraph office. He learned telegraphy, and when 20 years of age he joined the Massey-Harris Company as telegrapher, and remained in that position five years. Promotion with the company came rapidly. From 1897 until 1902 he was chief accountant for the Massey-Harris Company, assistant to the president from 1902 until 1907, and following that he held the office of assistant chief accountant, director, vice-president and president and general manager in turn.

Mr. Findley took an active part in the work of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, and was a member of the board of finance of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

As early as five years ago the deceased had sought medical advice. It was only a year and a half ago, however, that his constitution showed signs of a serious break-up, and at that time he resigned the onerous duties of active management of the Massey-Harris Company to Thomas Bradshaw. He sought also medical advice of the Mayo brothers at Rochester, Minn., who were unable to check the progress of his illness. The cause of the late Mr. Findley's career is the tale in real life of the farm boy who rose to not merely riches, but to outstanding influence.

Under Mr. Findley's direction, free medical attention, old age pensions and cafeterias and recreational facilities for employees were inaugurated by the Massey-Harris Company. The help of his success in industrial recreation schemes was reached by the organization of the workmen's council to adjust grievances of employees within the plant, while an objective, which death prevented his attaining, was the solution of the problem of the protection of the dependents of those employees who should die prematurely before they had established a competency for their families.

## DETHRONEMENT OF HAPSBURG CELEBRATED

Budapest, Dec. 19.—After the sitting of the National Assembly at which the dethronement of the Hapsburgs was pronounced, the members of the small farmers and agrarian party went to the Kerepesi cemetery, where Louis Kossuth is buried, and the leader of the party, Szabo, minister of agriculture, placed a magnificent wreath on the tomb, with an inscription on the ribbon, "Kossuth, Thou Hast Conquered."

In a short speech, the minister recalled how the hero of the war for Hungarian independence pronounced the dethronement of the Hapsburgs in 1849.

## NERVOUS BREAKDOWN

## COULDN'T SLEEP NIGHTS

To those on the verge of a nervous breakdown the following symptoms present themselves: nervous headaches, a feeling of depression, fitful, disturbed, restless and unrefreshing sleep, often troubled with frightful dreams, avoidance of crowded places, dread of being alone, horror of society, etc.

When the nerves become affected in this way the heart generally becomes affected, too, and on the first signs of any weakness of the heart or nerves, flagging energy or physical breakdown do not wait until your case becomes hopeless, but get a remedy that will at once quieten the nerves, strengthen the heart and build up the entire system. This you will find in

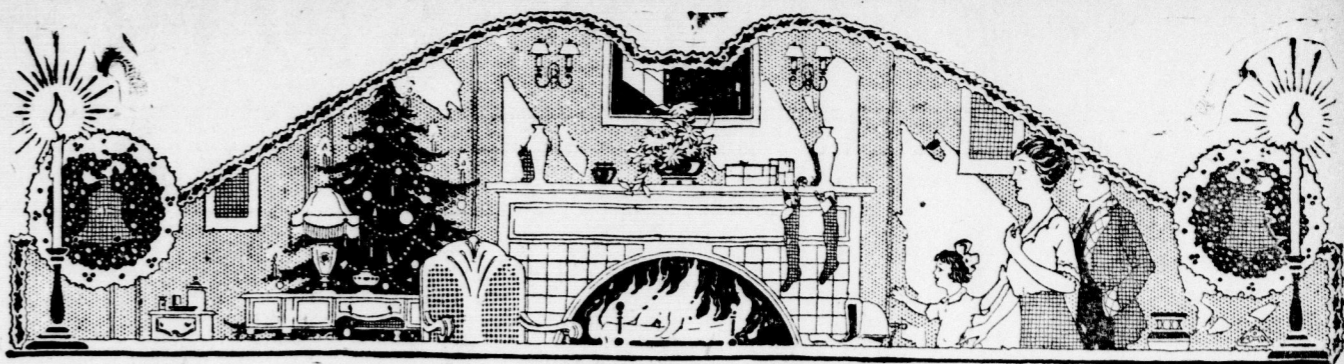
## MILBURN'S HEART AND NERVE PILLS.

Mrs. M. Dammond, Young's Cove Road, N. B., writes: "I was bothered very much with my heart and nerves, had nervous headaches and dizziness, could not sleep at nights, and my appetite was all gone. I was on a nervous breakdown when a neighbor told me to try Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills. This I did, and before I had the second box used I was better and would advise anyone who has nerve trouble to take them."

Price, 50c a box, at all dealers, or mailed direct on receipt of price by The T. Milburn Company, Limited, Toronto, Ont.—Advt.

## London & Port Stanley Railway

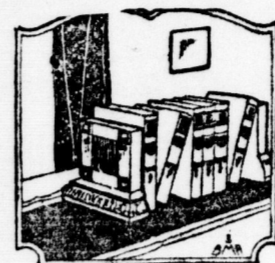
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\*Limited, London to St. Thomas.  
†Daily except Sunday.  
All trains stop at Glenworth.



## Inexpensive Gifts of Furniture

The type of Furniture represented in this advertisement is typical of the inexpensive Gift Furniture to be found on our sales floors. There are hundreds of gift suggestions on our floors that are very moderately priced and brought within the means of everyone, and how much more practical it is to give gifts of this sort than to spend the same amount of money for knick-knacks that do not mean anything, and are soon forgotten.

For the  
Book Lover, \$4.50



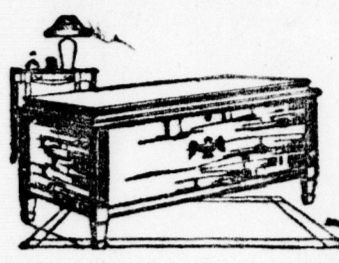
Anyone who is fond of reading will appreciate these book blocks. They add much to the refined atmosphere of the home. Many different styles at this price.

Solid Oak Buffet,  
\$59.00



Comes in fumed or golden finish. A big, handsome piece that would grace any dining-room. Others from \$40.00 up.

An Ideal Gift for  
Sister or Mother, \$25



These beautiful Cedar Chests provide not only a place for a woman's wearing apparel, but also make very attractive window seats. The style pictured above is an unusual value at the price quoted.

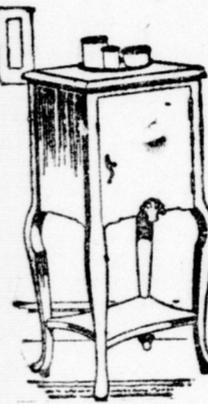
Special Sale of Silk  
Floor Lamp Shades,  
\$29.00

We have just placed on display a most colorful collection of Silk Floor Lamp Shades. No matter what shape or color combination you wish, you can find certain of finding it in this collection. There are mulberry, blue, old rose and various color combinations. All 24-inch Shades and with very solidly constructed frames.



Practical Humidor

Smoking  
Cabinets,  
\$22.00



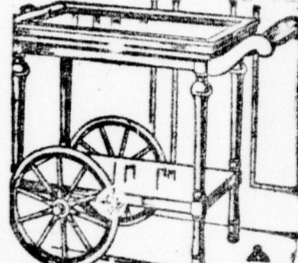
Here is a gift that will tickle any man who loves to smoke. They will keep his cigars in perfect condition, and add much to the pleasure of smoking in the evening. Are just as beautiful as they are practical.

Ferneries Are  
Also Very  
Popular at \$9.50



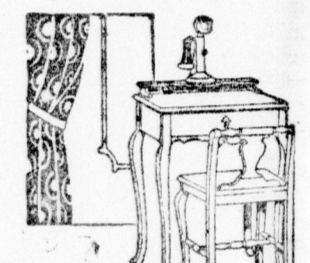
These Ferneries have galvanized iron troughs. The frame and box are made of brown fibre. Very decorative in appearance and splendid values at this price.

Remarkably Low  
Prices on Tea  
Wagons



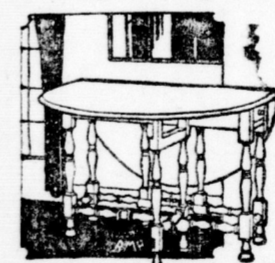
This Tea Wagon proves conclusively the lowness of price that prevails at this store. Think of being able to buy a beautiful and sturdy-built Tea Wagon like the one pictured in oak or mahogany finishes at the extremely low price of \$35.00.

A Convenient  
Feature for Every  
Home



These artistic Telephone Tables and Chairs can be had in either walnut or mahogany, beautifully finished. A special compartment for the telephone book is provided under the table. We have other styles, ranging in price from \$15.00 up.

Gateleg Tables Are  
Always Popular



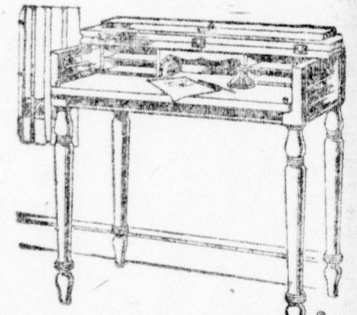
No home is quite complete without one of these very attractive and extremely practical Tables. They can be used for light luncheons, card parties, etc.; in mahogany and walnut. Starting in price at \$25.00

## Crash Go the Prices of Dolls

Hundreds of Dolls To Be  
Cleared Out This Week  
at 1-3 to 1-2 Off

We positively will not carry any Dolls over this Christmas. Every price has been cut. Come tomorrow, while they are here.

Spinnet Desks  
Moderately Priced at  
\$55.00.



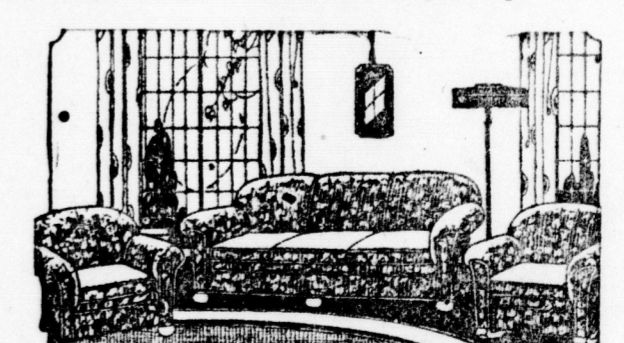
Here is a very unusual opportunity to secure a beautiful Spinnet Desk at a price seldom advertised. These Desks are beautifully finished.

Exquisite Table  
Lamps



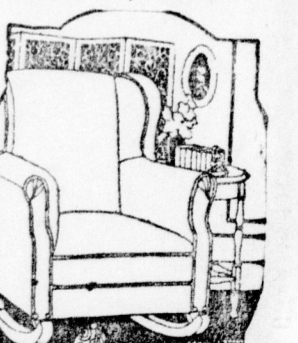
There are all styles of Lamps with silk shades, in the very newest patterns and shapes; vase standards of porcelain, mahogany and polychrome bases, and all are so inexpensively priced. Come in now and make your selection.

There's a Real Surprise in Store for the  
Recipient of This Fine Tapestry Suite.



Most likely it will be dad's gift to the family, and no more sensible, practical gift, worthy of expressing a father's supreme love for his "own," could be selected than this luxurious Suite. It comes, as pictured, in richly-colored, long-wearing tapestry, each piece full spring filled, with loose cushion seats. It is on sale now at the reduced price of \$189.00

Big Roomy  
Rockers, \$17.95



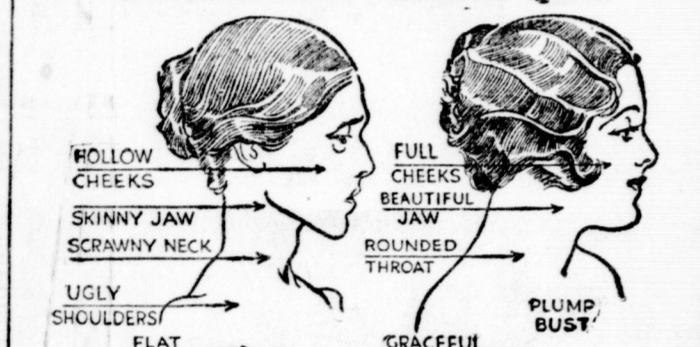
These Rockers are upholstered in Bradley leather, which assures long service. They have spring seats and spring construction backs, and are mounted on long rocker base, which gives maximum comfort.

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## Mastin's Vitamon Tablets Round Out Face and Figure

With Firm Flesh, Increase Energy and  
Beautify the Complexion—Easy to Take  
and Economical—Results Quick

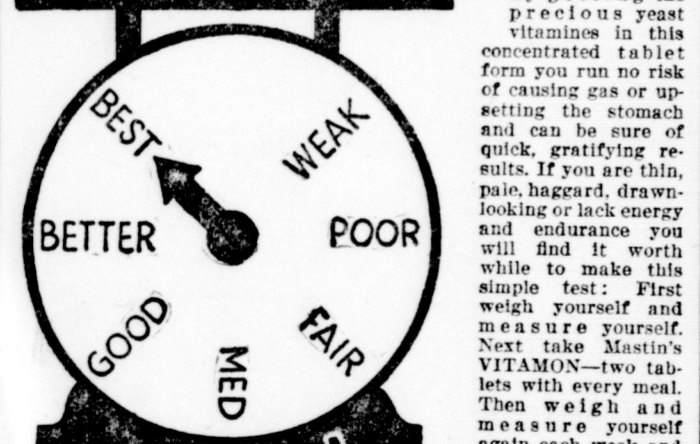


Of What Use Are Beautiful Features If You Have an Ugly Skin. Flabby Flesh, Hollow Cheeks, or a Scrawny Neck? MASTIN'S VITAMON TABLETS are Positively Guaranteed to Give You New Health, Beauty and a More Well-Rounded Face and Figure Whether You Are Young or Old, or Money Back. Try Them Yourself and See.

Thin or run-down folks who want to quickly get some good, firm, solid flesh on their bones, fill out the hollows and sunken cheeks with strong, healthy tissue and build up increased energy and vitality should try taking two of Mastin's tiny yeast VITAMON tablets with their meals.

Mastin's VITAMON Tablets contain a proper dose of highly concentrated yeast-vitamins, as well as the two other still more important vitamins, Fat Soluble A and Water Soluble C, all of which Science

says you must have to be strong, well developed. They seem to banish pimples, boils and skin eruptions as if by magic, strengthen the nerves, build up the body with firm flesh and tissue and often completely rejuvenate the whole system. By getting the precious yeast vitamins in this concentrated tablet form you run no risk of causing gas or upsetting the stomach and can be sure of quick, gratifying results. If you are thin, pale, haggard, drawn-looking or lack energy and endurance you will find it worth while to make this simple test: First weigh yourself and measure yourself. Next take Mastin's VITAMON—two tablets with every meal for seven days. Then weigh and measure yourself again each week and continue taking Mastin's VITAMON Tablets regularly until you are satisfied with your gain in weight and energy. It is not only a question of how much better you look and measure



YOUR WEIGHT INDICATES YOUR HEALTH. ARE YOU GAINING OR LOSING?

If you want that firm-flesh "pep" and healthy glow of youthful beauty, eat whatever you like, but be sure to take two of Mastin's Yeast VITAMON Tablets with every meal to supply the precious vitamins your body lacks. Then watch the truly amazing results.

feel, or what your friends say and think—the scales and tape measure will tell their own story.

IMPORTANT! While the remarkable health-building value of Mastin's VITAMON tablets has been clearly and positively demonstrated in cases of lack of energy, nervous troubles, anemia, indigestion, constipation, skin eruptions, poor complexion and a generally weakened physical and mental condition, they should not be used by anyone who OBJECTS to having their weight increased to normal. So rapid and amazing are the results that success is absolutely guaranteed or the small price you pay will be promptly refunded and the trial will cost you nothing. Be sure you remember the name Mastin's VITAMON—the original and genuine yeast-vitamin tablet—there is nothing else like it, so do not let anyone substitute. You can get Mastin's VITAMON Tablets at all good drug stores, such as Standard Drug Co., Ltd., Cairncross & Lawrence, Liggett Drug Stores.

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THE ORIGINAL TABLETS  
YEAST VITAMON TABLETS  
GENUINE

Are Positively Guaranteed to Put On Firm Flesh, Clear the Skin and Increase Energy When Taken With Every Meal or Money Back

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FRANK D. L. BENEDICT & CO., Limited, Distributors, 45 St. Alexander Street, Montreal, Canada.



**MINERS REFUSE  
TO ACCEPT CUT**

MONTREAL, Dec. 19.—Conferees which have been carried on here since Friday last between representatives of the coal companies operating under the British Empire Steel Corporation and the representatives of the members of the United Mine Workers of America, District No. 26, terminated this afternoon with the positive refusal of the mine's representatives to accept the reduction in wages offered by the coal companies.

Following the termination of the conference instructions were sent from here to press notices at the collieries in force, effective Jan. 1, of a reduction of 25 per cent in wages paid to miners prior to the Montreal agreement, which went into effect Nov. 8, 1920.

**ASK 21 DEMANDS  
BE CANCELLED**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Declaring they still "represent China in truth," despite the resignation of the Peking cabinet, the Chinese delegates stated today that unless the 21 demands enforced by Japan on China in 1915 "are cancelled, the principles adopted by the Washington conference amount to nothing more than a scrap of paper."

**CLAIMS PLOT TO  
TERRORIZE U. S.**

Lindenfeld Declares Intention  
Was to Kill J. P. Morgan and  
Show Defiance to Wall St.

**FLED FROM POLAND**

WARSAW, Poland, Dec. 19.—Wolfe Lindenfeld, alias William Linde, arrested here at the instance of the United States secret service for alleged connection with the Wall street bomb explosion of September, 1920, has made three written statements to the police, one of which, in English, covers his activities for the last sixteen years.

Silvester Cosgrove, the operative who brought about Lindenfeld's arrest, yesterday called the United States department of justice the name of a blacksmith who, according to Lindenfeld, manufactured the bomb and engineered the details of the explosion. Cosgrove declares that Lindenfeld's confession corroborates his previous statements that the plot was financed in Moscow, and that the motive was to kill J. P. Morgan, striking terror into America and showing the world that Wall street was not beyond defiance.

(At the time of the explosion Mr. Morgan was in England.)

The Polish authorities are particularly interested in Lindenfeld's Russian connections in 1906. They claim he was then active in the Polish Social Democratic party opposing Russian rule, but that he turned traitor to the Poles, joining the Russian secret service and working against the Polish revolutionaries. These activities on his part became so widespread that eventually they were exposed, and he fled to America.

Lindenfeld's statement regarding his movements since March of this year, now in the hands of the Polish political police, is said to show that he has been working against the Poles again, this time in co-operation with the Russian communists.

On behalf of Lindenfeld, his friends say he lived humbly with his father while in this city, and they discount the Polish accusation that he was involved in espionage plots. They assert he never displayed much money in their presence, and that when not with his father here he usually was with relatives at Lodz.

**CANADIAN DOLLAR  
HITS NEW LEVEL**

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—(Canadian Press).—Owing to an unusually heavy demand for Canadian exchange here today, the Canadian dollar reached 92 cents, the highest point it has touched since Dec. 19, 1919, when the rate was 94.50 cents.

Banks dealing in Canadian funds said it was impossible to assign any special reason for today's high quotation, beyond the fact that there was heavy buying of Canadians.

**PROGRESSIVES TO HOLD  
CAUCUS AT SASKATOON**

WINNIPEG, Dec. 19.—A caucus of the Progressive members-elect of parliament of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta will be held at Saskatoon on Tuesday of this week, Hon. T. A. Cregar, leader of the Progressive party, is out of town, and it is believed he has left for Saskatoon to attend the caucus, which is expected to go a long way towards removing uncertainties of the present political situation.

The call of the Progressives to a conference follows a visit to Winnipeg last week of Andrew Hayden, national organizer of the Liberal party. It is currently reported he came as a representative of Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King to place before Mr. Cregar and Hon. A. B. Hudson a basis on which they were invited to co-operate in the administration which Mr. King is about to set up. If such a proposal was made to the Progressive leader, it will be placed before the conference at Saskatoon on Tuesday.

**STEAMER CREW WINS  
HARD FIGHT WITH GALE**

ST. CATHARINES, Ont., Dec. 19.—After weathering the severest storm in years on Lake Ontario, the steamer "Cyde," bound from Philadelphia to Chicago, started this morning to look through the Welland Canal, which was kept open for her, although officially closed on Thursday.

The "Cyde," with Capt. Kendall in charge, had just "picked up" the Niagara light, on the south shore of Lake Ontario, when the blizzard struck her at 4 o'clock Sunday morning. The entire crew was called to duty to fight the gale for the remaining twelve miles to Port Dalhousie. Keeping the steamer well off shore, Capt. Kendall reached Port Dalhousie pier at 1 p.m., having taken nine hours to make the twelve miles. It was nearly three hours later when Capt. Kendall decided to run into Port Dalhousie, making the space between the piers safely. The cargo of 800 tons of sugar was undamaged.

**EXPECT W. D. EULER TO  
GET CABINET POSITION**

KITCHENER, Dec. 19.—Kitchener citizens, as well as the citizens of North Waterloo, are waiting with keen interest the cabinet announcement of the premier-elect. General opinion throughout the city and riding, as gathered by local representatives of the press, indicate a desire on the part of the electors for the appointment of W. D. Euler to a cabinet position. Most of the prominent citizens who have expressed themselves on the subject feel that, aside from the fact that Mr. Euler, as a result of his record in the last session of the house, is entitled to appointment, his riding because of its importance as an industrial center, and because of support given to the Liberal candidate should be recognized by the premier-elect in the selection of his cabinet. Indications are that if Mr. Euler fails to recognize his native riding in the cabinet appointments, there will be widespread disappointment throughout the riding.

**NEILL RECOMMENDED  
FOR NEW CABINET**

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 19.—Allen W. Neill, elected as an independent member for Comox-Alberni, but who has announced his intention of giving the Liberals his support, is recommended as one of two ministers from British Columbia under Hon. Mackenzie King if present plans are carried through.

A fight to put Mr. Neill in the cabinet has been launched here by some of his supporters from Comox-Alberni and backed by prominent Liberals from

**Their License Will Cost \$250!**

Princess Mary, Viscount Lascelles, and William Bull engraving their marriage license.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Behind the locked doors of his study, William Bull, 75, is engraving the license that will legalize the marriage of Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles.

He's doing the job just as he has done the license of Princess Mary's parents years ago—with a score of antique quill pens and special inks.

The license is on a big sheet of parchment, and looks like a treaty. The characters are in Old English "black letter."

Bull's been making licenses for nobility and royalty all his life. He's attached to the faculty office of the Archbishop of Canterbury. He engraved the license of Princess Patricia, who won the heart of all Canada when her father, the Duke of Connaught, was governor-general of the Dominion.

The license will cost \$250.

**WIPE OUT AN  
OVERDRAFT AND  
HAVE SURPLUS**

St. Thomas Board of Education Closes Most Successful Year in History.

**ATTENDANCE GROWING**

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 19.—The last meeting of a most successful year was held by the board of education Monday night. In his report to the many trustees from the various members, including four who retire this year, Rev. J. W. J. Andrews, chairman for the past two years, thanked each member for the kind help given and announced that although the board started with an overdraft of more than \$8,000 two years ago, it would at the end of this year show not only all debts paid, but a neat sum of money as a surplus.

The board dealt with a petition from the mothers of the Mantling Street school asking that the lighting system there be changed. Dr. F. E. Bennett

commercial department of the College Institute, also resigned to accept a position in Chatham.

The resignation of Reg. W. Kidner as a member of the industrial advisory committee of the board of education, was received and accepted. Pressure of work was given as the reason. The board accepted the resignation with the deepest regret.

Although the registration at the various schools showed a decrease of six during November over the corresponding month of last year the average attendance showed an increase of 166 in the same period. The school nurse reported making a total of 636 routine inspections in November and 24 complete physical examinations.

The trustees retiring this year, namely, Trustees R. W. Johnston, Mrs. McCulley and Dr. F. E. Bennett thanked the other members of the board, and

the chairman, who is also retiring, for kindness and help shown throughout the year.

Each of the members in turn, including Secretary Newton, Inspector Taylor and Dr. Voaden of the College Institute paid tribute to the retiring members, especially to the work of Mrs. McCulley. One and all expressed the hope that she is re-elected at the coming election. Trustee Conley especially paid glowing tributes to the chairman, Mrs. McCulley, and Dr. Bennett.

**CLAIMS FINGER PRINTS  
THOSE OF EX-CONVICT**

Cornwall, Dec. 19.—Chief of Police Paterson has received a letter from Albert J. Cawdron of Ottawa, superintendent director of criminal investigation, Royal Canadian Mounted Police,

in reply to the finger prints sent by Chief Paterson. Superintendent Cawdron says they are identical with those of number 12394, Harry F. Findlay, who has served sentences for passing bogus checks in Ottawa, Port Arthur, Fort William, Toronto and Hamilton. Findlay is also wanted in Winnipeg and Sherbrooke. Harry F. Findlay used to pose as an officer in the militia.

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**TWO KILLED IN GUN BATTLE.**

Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 19.—Deputy Sheriff Lewis R. Jones, 22, son of Sheriff W. H. Jones, and Hassen Kaled, a strike sympathizer, both were fatally wounded in a gun fight early today. They died

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| April Showers (from Bombs)                                  | Al Jolson                     | A-3500 |
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| Mary O'Brien  | Edwin Dale                    | 85c    |
| I'll Be Good but I'll Be Lonesome                           | Southern Quartet              | A-3489 |
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| Sextette from Lucia di Lammermoor—"Chi raffrena il mio furore" (Why Do I My Arm Restrain). Barrientos, Hackett, Stracciari, Mardones, Noe and Meader |                          | 49768  |
| Le Coq d'Or—"Salut à toi soleil" (Hail To Thee, Sun)   | Maria Barrientos         | 49386  |
| Long, Long Ago   | Hulda Lashanska          | 49963  |
| Shipmates O'Mine   | Louis Graveure           | A-3492 |
| Five and Twenty Sailormen  | Louis Graveure           | \$1.00 |
| Sleep, Baby, Sleep   | Zimmerman and Grandville | A-3462 |
| Homeland Switzerland   | Zimmerman and Grandville | 85c    |

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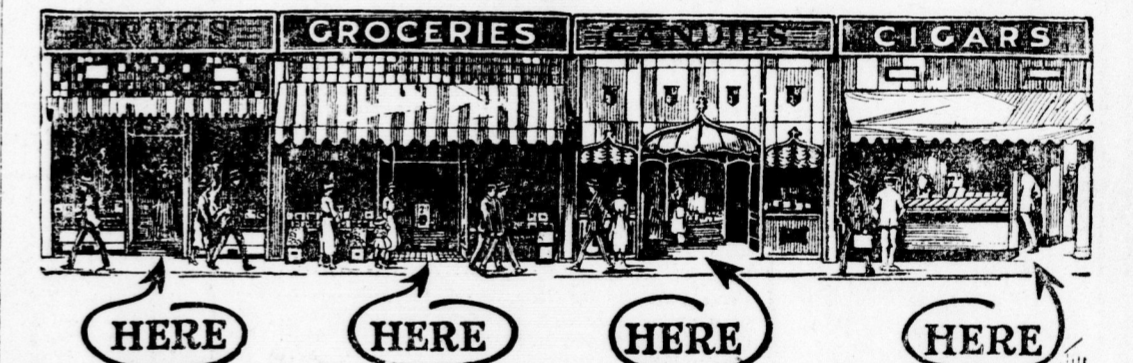
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# SOCIETY and NEWS of INTEREST to WOMEN

## Twin Contest Prize Winners!



OLIVE ROBERTS BARTON.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The author of "The Adventures of the Twins," Olive Roberts Barton, tonight wired Christmas greetings to the fifteen Western Ontario children who won gifts in The London Advertiser contest.

So splendidly did the small readers of The Advertiser respond to the "Twins Contest," just closed, that the judges have had great difficulty in deciding on the winners. Not only did hundreds of budding Western Ontario authors and authoresses send in original adventures of the twins, but these adventures were so well written that it was almost impossible to make the choice. In deciding on the winners the judges finally took into consideration the age of the writer, as well as the merit of the story.

The first prize, five bound volumes of "The Adventures of the Twins," written by Olive Roberts Barton, and entitled "Helter-Skelter Land," "Scrub-Up Land," "Topsy-Turvy Land," "Land of Dear-Knows Where" and "Land of Nearby," is awarded to Shirley Fraser, 8 Victoria Apartments, age 8.

The second prize, a golden-haired doll, goes to Mary Hinnegan of Sombra, Ont., age 8.

The third prize, also a doll, goes to Millie Weidendorf, R. R. 4, Elmwood, Ont., age 7.

The fourth prize, a doll's tea set, is awarded to Grace A. Forrest, R. R. 2, Kippen, Ont., age 10.

The fifth prize, a two-pound box of candy, goes to Edith Schmidt, 351 Ontario street, Stratford, Ont., age 13.

As only one of the winners of the sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth prizes, is a resident of London, all will be delighted to know that each will be sent a crisp one dollar bill in place of two tickets to Lewis's Theatre, as promised. This will buy them seats in any of the London theatres or may be spent in whatever way they desire.

The winners are Margaret Howard, 229 Burwell street, London, age 13; Laura Robinson, R. R. No. 7, Thamesville, age 13; Margaret Ellen Jackson, R. R. No. 1, Wilton Grove, age 12; Florence Bon Fonte, 119 Nelson street, Stratford, age 13; and Carlyle Rumble, R. R. No. 1, Belton, age 10.

The difficulty of selecting the best stories from the large number of cleverly-written adventures of "The Twins," sent to compete in The Advertiser contest, has made it necessary to give five consolation prizes, which will take the form of boxes of candy.

The winners are Irene West, 261 Talbot street, age 12; Margaret Mann, 1025 Dundas street, age 12; Margaret McNeven, R. R. 8, London, age 12; Anna M. Dobie, R. R. 3, Blyth, age 11; Bessie Rogers, Lynedoch, age 12.

The Advertiser is endeavoring to mail all the prizes so that they will reach the winners by Christmas Day. The winning stories follow:

**SHIRLEY FRASER, 8 VICTORIA APARTMENTS, AGE 8.**

In Jack Frost's hand one bright winter day, when the sun shone brightly on the snow making each little flake look like a tiny piece of silver, Nancy and Nick, the twins, got their sled and went up the hill. They started up the hill and went on and on until they saw that they were on the wrong road. They passed through a snowdrift and on the other side they found King Winter's fairy land. Then they went up a little hill, and then out popped a little creature, who stopped them.

"Who are you?" they asked. "I'm Jack Frost," he said, as he started to pinch their toes, and pushed them on through the door he had just come out of. They did not stop until they came to a light place, when out from the magic door came another little creature. Spring warmed the twins up and pushed them along another path. They went on and on until they came to another door, when out came Summer. "Then it became warm and the twins came up and found that they had fallen asleep at the top of the hill and dreamt it all."

**MARY HINNENAG, SOMBRA, ONT., AGE 8.**

Twins at the Farm. Nancy and Nick, the twins, went out to their uncle's farm for a visit. After dinner they decided to visit the barnyard. There they found old Mrs. Hen sitting on a nest. "Go 'way! Go 'way!" she cried. "You are just a silly little girl and a silly little boy. You haven't any eggs to hatch or any chicks to feed. I have so 'n't bother me."

Just to please Mrs. Hen, the twins went behind a bush and waited. Pretty soon the old hen went to the trough to get a drink. Nancy and Nick then

to be happy on Christmas was to make somebody else happy.

**EDITH SCHMIDT, 351 ONTARIO STREET, STRATFORD, AGE 13.**

Visit An African Jungle. One day Nick and Nancy were sitting out in the woods. "I know," said Nancy, "let us play that we are in an African jungle."

"So do I," said Nancy. "Just at that moment a mushroom stood in front of them and said: 'Here are two pairs of green slippers. Put them on, and when for whatever you like.' With that the mushroom was gone again."

"Let us wish to go to an African jungle, then," said Nancy. "Yes," said Nick, and then they both wished that way. No sooner did they wish, than they were walking in an African jungle."

As they were strolling about the jungle they thought that they had not seen any animals yet. Suddenly in front of them stood a big lion. He told them to jump on his back. They did so, and he took them to his cave. He stopped right in front of the doorway. The twins got off and followed him into the cave.

Here they found a little baby lion crying. The lion took them close to the little one and said: "He is crying because he has a broken leg."

"Will I bandage it up?" asked Nancy to Nick in a whisper. "Yes, of course," said Nick, "and here is my handkerchief to do it with."

So Nancy bandaged up the baby lion and it stopped crying and licked Nancy's hand several times. The lion, too, thanked Nancy and Nick and took them to see the rest of the jungle, after which they went home again, and told their mother all about the jungle.

**MARGARET HOWARD, 229 BURWELL STREET, AGE 13.**

Adventures of the Lost Lamb. Nancy and Nick, the twins, were great friends of the fairies. They started out to find a key which had been lost. On their way they met an old man who was watching sheep. Nick spoke to him. The old man returned Nick's greeting, and asked Nick if he had seen a lamb that had strayed away from his flock.

Nick said that he had not seen any lamb that day. But Nick and Nancy set off to hunt for the lost sheep. They found it lying in a field exhausted from its wandering. Nick picked it up and carried it back to the shepherd. The shepherd was very pleased with Nancy and Nick, and to their astonishment the old man turned into a fairy, whom they knew to be Topsy-Turvy.

He had been sent to watch the flocks on the mountain-side because he had told a secret of the fairies to a gnome, who pretended to be his friend.

Twelve-Dee then told the twins that the key they were searching for lay under a large rock beside the river and that the river was a day's journey from where they now were. The twins thanked Twelve-Dee and they said that they would start at once.

After traveling a day they found the key and took it to the Queen of the Fairies, who thanked them. They told her the story of how they found it, and the Queen was so pleased with Twelve-Dee, who had helped the twins so much, that she persuaded the King to restore him to his place among the fairies.

**LAURA ROBINSON, R. R. NO. 7, THAMESVILLE, AGE 13.**

"With The Alligators." One day Nancy and Nick were walking along when up came Mr. Alligator. They were very much frightened for he was coming towards them. They expected every minute that Mr. Alligator would make a rush and eat them up. They sat down behind a large tree and watched him from behind a branch. To their horror they saw him swallow two or three of their wigglefin friends.

Then he came slowly on. Nick and Nancy took a large stone and threw it down the alligator's throat. While he was swallowing the stones their green shoes carried them upon his back and right off at his tail. Mr. Alligator thought he had swallowed them. Nancy and Nick got off his back as fast as they could, leaving Nancy and Nick very much surprised to think that they had escaped so easily. Mr. Alligator was so excited that he ran on and every one he met he told them about swallowing Nancy and Nick.

A few days later Nancy and Nick went to visit their Wigglefin friends, and everyone said: "You were dead."

Nancy and Nick then told them of the big joke they had played Mr. Alligator by throwing stones down his throat.

Once upon a time there were two little twins, Nancy and Nick. One hot summer day they went to the river to bathe. As they were bathing they suddenly struck a deep spot. Their dog Rover had missed them, however, and had followed their tracks, coming to the river just as they were about to sink.

He sprang into the river at once and got Nick out. As he went back into the water Nancy had come up for the second time. He caught her, and quickly pulled her to shore. By this time Nick had run for further help. When Nancy's father came she was taken quickly home in the car, and it was found that the doctor, who had been phoned for, was already there.

He soon got the water from her lungs and then she was put in bed, with hot water bottles around her. Two hours later she was feeling well again. This was one of the twins' many adventures, and they will never forget to show their kindness to their dear old dog Rover. They also learnt a lesson—not to go back to the river to bathe again.

**GRACE A. FORREST, KIPPEN, R. R. NO. 2, AGE 10.**

Twins Play Santa Claus. Once upon a time there lived two twins, Nancy and Nick. They were very kind to everybody, and so a fairy gave them a pair of magic shoes. They could have whatever they wished from fairy.

The twins had an uncle who was very sick at this time. His family was poor, too, and the twins thought that they should get some presents for their cousins, John and Alice. John was 4 years old and Alice 8.

The fairy gave them a number of presents from the good fairy, and some medicine to make their uncle better. On Christmas Eve the twins went quietly into their cousins' home and filled their stockings, leaving their uncle the turkey in the oven ready to roast.

When Alice and John got up next morning they were surprised to see their stockings so full and their father already much better. It turned out to be the happiest Christmas that Alice and John had ever had, because they gave some of their toys away to other children. They thought that the way

to be happy on Christmas was to make somebody else happy.

**FLORENCE BON FONTE, 119 NELSON STREET, STRATFORD, AGE 13.**

"A Visit to Santa Claus." One day Nancy and Nick were sitting beside the fire-place in the library reading a book about Santa Claus. Nancy said to Nick: "Wouldn't it be nice to visit Santa? I wish the Fairy Queen would take us there."

Just then out of the fire jumped a Brownie, carrying a pair of green shoes for each of the twins. "I will take you there," said the Brownie. So slip on these magic shoes."

They put them on and out of the fire popped another Brownie with two fur

caps and two fur coats. They put them on and were ready to start.

They were carried towards the North Pole. Nancy and Nick did not get cold on the way. They went on and on over the house-tops and bare white country, until they were set down in front of a large snow-house. They walked towards a door which was opened by a Brownie. They walked in and were welcomed by a cheery greeting from Santa Claus, who was making a jack-in-the-box.

He showed them his work-shops and store-houses. He was very busy, and asked the twins if they would help him make up parcels of candy, as most of his Brownies were minding down in the Land of Unleashed. The twins said they would be delighted to help. Santa gave them a big box of candy and some pretty colored paper bags. They filled these quickly and then Santa gave them some stockings and small toys to put in the stockings.

The twins were very sad when Santa Claus told them that it was already midnight, and they must start for home. He gave them each a bag of candy and some pretty toys, and sent them home to his reindeer sled. When the ride was over a Brownie took their shoes, caps and coats back to Fairyland, and Nick and Nancy went to bed, tired but satisfied with their adventure.

**CARLYLE RUMBLE, R. R. NO. 1, BELTON, AGE 10.**

"Adventure of the Mouse." One day Nancy and Nick were playing in their garden. Suddenly a mouse ran past them. They immediately followed it. Soon they came to a tree in which a magic door flew open. The mouse entered and the children followed.

They went down a narrow passage and came to a huge castle. They saw a woman cooking meat. When she saw the children she hurried over and asked them how they got there. Nick related his story. She told them that the mouse became a giant when he reached the Underground Land. If he found the children, he would eat them. The children were about to hurry away when they heard a noise like thunder. The woman told them the giant was coming. She hid them in the pantry. The giant came and asked them how they got there. The woman said that it was the meat she had been cooking. The giant was about to hunt for the meat, but being tired he went to bed.

When he came to snore loudly the children hurried away to their own land. The next day they saw the mouse and killed it, thus ending the terrible

**IRENE WEST, 261 TALBOT STREET, AGE 12.**

Twins Visit Santa Claus. One day, as the twins were playing in the snow, a little old man approached them. "Who are you?" said Nick. "I am Santa's messenger, who keeps track of the children who are good," he replied.

"I am now about to return to the North Pole to report to Santa Claus. Would you like to come with me?" "Oh! It would be wonderful!" they exclaimed.

"I will make my hand and we'll soon be there," he said. They did so, and soon found themselves facing a large ice castle. They knocked at the door and a small elf appeared, who took them to Santa Claus.

They walked through the rooms and saw many elves at work making dolls and toys.

Santa then took them to his wife, who was busy sewing, and told her to give them something to drink. As soon as they had drunk, they found themselves being hurried through the air. They finally touched ground, and found themselves in their own garden. Soon after, recovering from the shock, they ran to relate their adventure to their mother.

**MARGARET MANN, 1025 DUNDAS STREET, AGE 12.**

Twins in Dreamland. The twins were about to start on another journey with their green shoes. They went through a queer little doorway to Dreamland, where it was all shady and cool. They had a hard job to keep their eyes open, but managed to do so with the help of the green shoes.

Very soon they came to a tree under which a child sat weeping. They asked her what was the matter, and she replied: "Some wicked gnome has run away with my golden ball, and I can't find him."

The twins told her to stop crying, and they would get her ball for her. They wandered on through the woods and found themselves by the side of a cave. They went inside and found there the gnome who had stolen the ball and hidden it. He tried to persuade them to live with him.

When the gnome was asleep the children awoke, and proceeded to search the cave for the ball. They found it in a crevice in the wall near a large hole, and if someone had gone over that way they would have fallen down the hole.

They hid the ball inside of Nick's

sweater, and started for home. In the morning the gnome awoke, and when he found them gone he quickly overtook them. He was just going to tie them up when they made themselves small and ran back to the child under the tree. They gave her her golden ball, and she thanked them gratefully.

**MARGARET MCNEVEN, R. R. NO. 8, LONDON, AGE 12.**

"Adventure With the Frog." Nancy and Nick slipped on their magic shoes and started on a Fairyland trip. At last they came to a large forest, composed entirely of cedars. The grass was soft and green, and covered with the rarest flowers.

After walking around they became thirsty. Just then they spied a bubbling fountain of the clearest water. They did not have any cup, so Dick dipped his hand into the water, when it was a little green frog, much prettier than frogs generally are, jumped into his hand.

Nick looked astonished, but the little frog casting her little eyes on him said: "I am a Fairy."

"In Mrs. Green Frog, a friend of your Fairy Queen. If you follow this path it will lead you to one of the most beautiful castles."

The twins went on and at last spied the beautiful castle. It was even more beautiful than they had expected, for it was built of crystal, and its ornaments were of massive gold.

However, they had no time to spare for its beauty, so they wished themselves home, and told the Fairy Queen all about meeting Mrs. Green Frog, and the castle.

**ANNA M. DOBIE, R. R. 3, BLYTH, AGE 11.**

Twins See Santa's Toys. Nancy and Nick were playing under the old oak tree. They were throwing stones at it. One stone disappeared into the tree. They both had their magical shoes on, so they crawled through the crack into a lighted hallway. They went on until they came to a room. It's door was open, so they went in.

The room was full of toys. There were dolls, sleds, skates, books, rocking-horses and candy. On a bench, close to a large leather bag lay a beautiful doll.

"Read what's on the tag," said Nancy. Nick read: "To Nancy from Santa." "Oh!" said Nancy, "this is where Santa Claus lives."

Then they heard the jingle of bells. Another door opened. They ran out quickly into the hall and out of the tree, and ran into the bush to hunt for a Christmas tree. They pushed their way through the undergrowth. There stood a sleigh with reindeer hitched to it. The sleigh was full of toys.

All at once a head popped out of a hole in the ground. They did not wait to see who it was but thought it was Santa. They did not tell anybody about their adventure.

**BESSIE ROGERS, LYNEDOCH, AGE 12.**

"The Magic Horse." There once lived a wonderful horse. No one could ever catch it, and very few had ever beheld it. Now this horse was like other horses, only it could fly, which other horses can't. It had a favorite place where it loved to go and get a good drink.

One day a clear spring of water bubbled up out of the ground. Many people had tried to catch it but had failed. There was a little boy who used to hide behind the bushes and watch it descend out of the sky and drink of the clear water.

This horse's favorite feeding place was up on a high mountain, where Gnomes and Brownies dwelt. The Gnomes and Brownies used to play tricks on the horse, such as tying its wings with spider's webs. Well, Nancy and Nick decided to get this horse to go flying around Fairyland.

Mr. Mushy, their very dear friend, gave them a wonderful bottle. When the bit was placed in the horse's mouth, it would at once become submissive to any one.

Nancy and Nick went to its favorite spring, and when it came to drink, they jumped lightly as feathers onto its back, put the bit into its mouth and away they went to Fairyland, to show their wonderful horse to Mr. Mushy.

**CYNTHIA GREY'S Mail-Box**

THINKS GOOD FELLOW FUND WONDERFUL.

Dear Miss Grey: I have been a reader of your Mail-Box page for some time and certainly enjoy the letters.

I know a gentleman who is a friend of the family. He is an elderly man. Do you think it would be proper to accept presents from him. I am only nineteen years old. Don't you think the Good Fellow Fund is a wonderful thing? I do, as there are so many little children in want of warm clothing. Hoping this letter escapes the W. P. B. Wishing every reader of this Mail-Box a Merry Christmas. SHOE TREES. Certainly it would be proper to accept.

**DON'T THROW YOUR OLD CARPETS AWAY!**

They Make New REVERSIBLE "VELVETEX" RUGS. Send for Velveteen Leaflet.

Canada Rug Co., London, Ont.

**THE SORCERER'S SPELL**

[By Olive Roberts Barton.]

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not there yet. Nancy and Nick, you'd better wish yourself in Brownland at once. Take Kip's key and begone. The rest of us will follow.

Nick shook his head. "We won't desert our friends," he said loyally. "But alas! If he had only known what was happening at that minute! Crookabone was consulting his chief sorcerer, and telling him what had happened."

"The children up in the world must not have Christmas," he finished. "How can we prevent it?"

"I'll hold nine toad's warts," said the sorcerer, "and when the steam gets into the secret passage, the passage will twist, and instead of coming out in Brownland, the twins will find themselves in the Cave at the End of the Earth. The way that leads to this cave goes in one direction only. There is no way to come back."

(To Be Continued.)

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All at once a head popped out of a hole in the ground. They did not wait to see who it was but thought it was Santa. They did not tell anybody about their adventure.

**ADVERTISER PATTERNS**

A Smart Dress in One-Piece Style For the Little Tot.

Pattern 3769 is here portrayed. It is cut in 4 sizes: 1, 2, 4 and 5 years. A 4-year size requires 2 1/2 yards of 40-inch material.

This style has pocket section under the "apron" front. The sleeve may be finished in wrist or elbow length. Gingham, chambray, calico, linen, chintz, cretonne, lawn and glingham, linen and pongee may be combined.

A pattern of this illustration mailed to any address on receipt of 10c in silver or stamps. Address all pattern orders to Pattern Dept.

Name ..... Town ..... Age (if child's or misses' pattern) ..... Measurement: Bust ..... Waist ..... CAUTION: Be careful to inclose the above illustration, and send size of pattern wanted. When the pattern is sent measure, you need only mark 38, 44, or whatever it may be. When in waist measure, 22, 24, 26, or whatever it may be. If a skirt give waist and length measure. When misses' or child's pattern, write only the figure representing the age. It is not necessary to write "inches" or "years." Patterns cannot reach you in less than one week from the date of application.

ADVENTURES OF THE TWINS.

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DOWN in the secret passage a little procession was creeping stealthily back to Pim Pim's domain. First came Nancy, then Nick, then Kip the Brownie, and Mike Mole. After them, at the end of the procession, came the chimney-sweep and the toy-maker.

They were going to help Pim Pim dig up the ruby-red and the blazing-blue and sapphire-shine and golden-glitter and silver-sheen for the Christmas tree ornaments out of his magic mines in Brownland. And then the Twins, the sweep and the toy-maker were going to wish themselves to the North Pole to Santa Claus' house and help all they could with preparations for Christmas.

Everybody was very happy. "Ha, ha!" laughed Kip and he gave a hop, skip and jump. "Won't Crookabone be angry when he finds that we have got back the key and the Magic Shoes?"

"Shush, be careful!" said the mole. "Who laughs last laughs best. We're stood a sleigh with reindeer hitched to it. The sleigh was full of toys.

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**OFFERS SHOES.**

Dear Miss Grey.—We have taken The Advertiser for years, and are all interested in your corner. I often see letters from Boxes who ask for old shoes. I have three or four pairs of shoes, all size 3, which I would be glad to send to any of the needy ones, if they will pay postage. My address is with Miss Grey. GERTRUDE.

It was very good of you, Gertrude, to give these shoes, and I am quite sure some one will take advantage of the offer.

**WANTS PATCHES.**

Dear Miss Grey.—In the issue of your 22nd or 23rd, Eastern Star would forward velvet patches for a quilt to nary who would pay postage on same. Kindly find inclosed postage and also a small donation to the hospital fund. WESTERN STAR.

Eastern Star tells us that her patches have been all sent out, so I put the mine in the hospital fund. Is that all right?

**SCARLET.**

A flicker of scarlet in black frocks designed for day wear is a smart and enlivening touch.

**Ontario Dry Cleaners**

We specialize in cleaning furs. Parcels called for and delivered.

516 TALBOT ST. PHONE 6555W

**Give a BLOUSE FOR XMAS**

You can't go wrong We gladly exchange

**D'Alland's**

Blouses 212 1/2 DUNDAS STREET.

**SNOWY CHRISTMAS LINENS LAUNDERED JUST RIGHT**

Call 558 or 559 for our service wagons to call.

Someway and Somehow.

**THE PARISIAN LAUNDRY**

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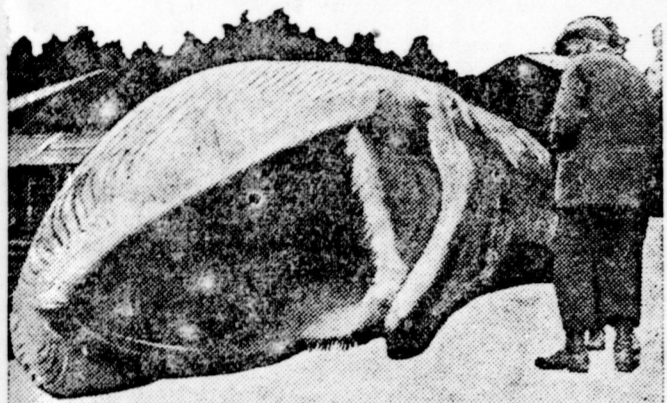
## News of the World of Today as Told by the Camera

## Asks for Accounting of Mother's Estate



**A** Nina Hilda, shown on the stage as Elaine Carrera, has entered an action in a court of law to procure a statement of the financial standing of her famous mother's estate.

## Here's an Opportunity to Emulate Jonah



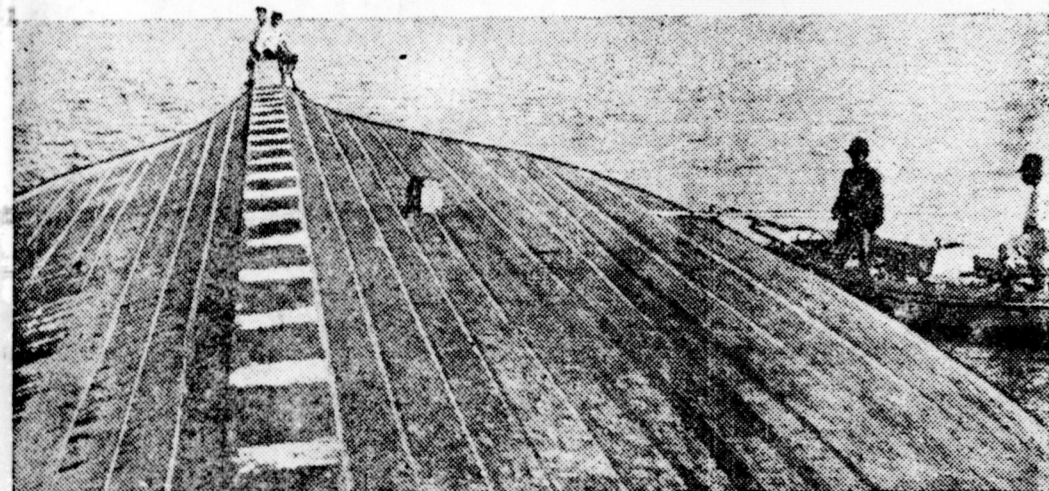
**Y**OU could walk right into the mouth of this hump-back whale without bumping your head. It was caught off the coast of Vancouver Island.

## Farm Life Not So Dull in Kent, England



**W**HISKERS change in a quiet game of pushball with plow horses for mounts.

## Tragedy of Great Lakes Repeated on Atlantic Seaboard



**A** boat recently found floating bottom up recalls the fate of the freighter Price, which turned turtle during the great storm on the lakes a few years ago.

## Come On, Girls!—High, Low, and Over We Go!

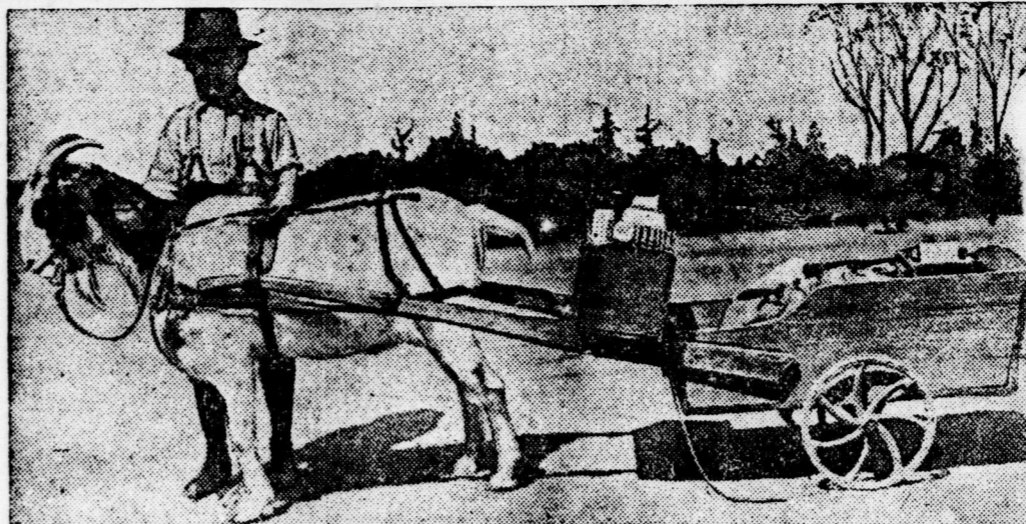


**C**AMEL girls enjoy playing backwards. They claim they are playing golf peal, but they can't fool us. We know it's only leap frog spelled backwards.



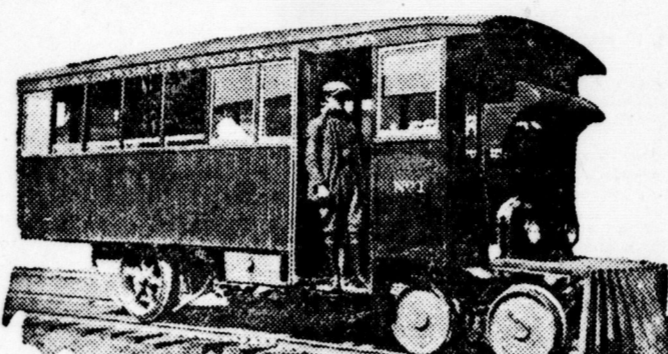
**W**ARREN G. Harding, president of the United States, is unusually fond of horseback riding. Last summer he rode on a long camping trip with Edison, Henry Ford and Howard Firestone.

## End Transportation Worries—Buy a Goat and Forget Them



**T**hese ingenious young fellow bids fair to be a milkmaid some day. With a goat and a toy wagon he runs a delivery system for a grocery store.

## Farmers Own and Operate Railway



**W**HEN the steam road, serving their territory, went out of business some farmers in Kansas bought the rails and rigged up an old auto as a train.

## They Believed in Having a Splashy Wedding



**J.** J. ASHLEY and Miss Ella M. Robbins of London, England, thought there wasn't enough splash to a church wedding, so they hired a motorboat, and after that everything was plain sailing.



**J**IM Joe, a Chinese merchant of Agua Prieta, Mexico, made \$250,000 by smiling. He landed in Mexico knowing neither Spanish or English, but could smile in all languages. His customers liked his smile and his business prospered.



**H**is Majesty Queen Victoria, Empress of India, a granddaughter of Victoria, the Good of England, in her hospital uniform looks quite like any other Red Cross worker.



**H**ARRY W. Haley has been released from the Military Prison at Leavenworth, Kansas, after serving five months of a six months' sentence for desertion, under the name of his friend, Thomas G. Jones. Prior to deserting from the American forces, Jones saved Haley's life in France. Later Jones went to Canada and married. Haley, learning that Jones was "wanted" for desertion, assumed his name and surrendered. Recently officials learned of Haley's self-sacrificing deception, and released him, but they claim that Jones, if he returns to the United States, will still be required to serve out his full sentence.

## First German Consul Since Bernstorff Left



**B**AKKE, formerly an American agent, is being named as German charge d'affaires at Washington. He is the first diplomatic representative since 1917.

## Trio of Fair Admirers Are Aged From 6 to 60



**G**ENERAL Pershing, who headed the U. S. forces in the world war, remains as much a national hero as ever. Whenever he leaves the disarmament parley at Washington, which he is now attending, there are always eager admirers to greet him.

## Foch Lays First Brick of New Fraternal Hall



**W**HEN Marshal Foch visited New York City recently he laid the cornerstone (it happened to be a brick), for a new Knights of Columbus hall. The brick was handed to Marshal Foch by Babe Ruth. Archbishop Hayes attended the ceremony.

## Lady Astor Kicks Off at London-Plymouth Game



**F**OOTBALL crowds cheered the tiled daughter of Marshall Field when she opened the game between London (Eng.) University and Plymouth Albion recently.



**M**ISS CLARA HUMPERT is a school teacher near Saginaw, Mich., for love of whom Richard "Champlain," a veteran of the "Lost Battalion" of Argonne Forest fame, killed, according to his own confession, his father and his stepmother, who objected to the intended marriage.



**M**RS. ROBERT E. SPEER is president of an organization that is raising a half million dollars to aid destitute students in European universities.

## Italians Take Politics Very, Very Seriously



**A**T Bergamo, Italy, rival political factions, the Communists and Fascists held an election recently, in which dynamite and bombs played a prominent part. Obviously, as the wrecked buildings and debris showed after the battle, it was a still hotter campaign than the one recently waged in London, Ont.



**D**ON E. DE BOW of Omaha, Neb., is part owner of the biggest ruby in the world. His partner is John Mihok. The ruby weighs 23 9-10 carats and is worth \$119,500, but the owners are really poor men. They don't want the ruby recut, and it is so large no jeweler will buy it in its present size, fearing a resale would not be possible.



**A**LANSON B. Houghton owns one of the largest glass factories in the world, is worth thirty million dollars, and has a good knowledge of Germany. He has been slated for United States ambassador at Berlin.

## MIKE HAD TO PAY FOR TAXI RETURN TRIP

Hired Car To Go To Crumlin,  
Stayed So Long Chauffeur  
Came Back Without Him.

DRIVER WANTED BRANDY

Tagney Declares He Will Get  
Receipt Next Time He  
Rides.

Next time Mike Tagney hires a taxi cab he is going to get a receipt for his money. He had some harsh words for taxi operators in general, and Ed Kerr in particular, when he stepped into the witness box in police court Tuesday morning to tell the magistrate the truth and nothing but the truth about a certain taxi ride he took on the evening of Sept. 20 last.

"I hired his taxi at the G. T. R., and he drove me over to Billy Bell's for a drink," said Tagney, when given an opportunity to state his side of the case. "He bought the drink and then he drove me out home in Crumlin. He was to wait for me, because I had to come back and see a man about a horse, but I guess he got sore and ran away from me, because he didn't get any brandy. I had no brandy to give him, much less myself."

"I might have said something to him about brandy in a joking way. I had a drink in me and he smelled it, and must have thought I had a barrel of it."

Figuring on the Brandy.

"I've been in London a long time and have never beaten any taxi driver, but they have beaten me. I paid this man \$2.50 to take me out, but nothing was said about coming back. I guess he was kind of figuring on the brandy. However, he beat it and I had to walk into town."

When Kerr was giving his evidence, Mike insisted on interrupting, and the court finally became so annoyed that Tagney was threatened with a cold dark cell if he didn't keep quiet.

"He said he was going to give me a bottle of brandy when I got out there," said Kerr, who couldn't explain the satisfaction of the court how he came to give Tagney \$1 when the latter was supposed to owe him \$2.50.

"If you are figuring with this man for liquor, you won't get any satisfaction here," said Magistrate Bartlett.

Will Get a Receipt

"I drove him out to Crumlin," continued Kerr, "after we had a bottle of beer and he told me he was going to wait for me. I waited outside the house from 9:30 o'clock till 11, but he never came back, so I drove back to town."

"But why did you give him \$1?" questioned the court.

"I don't understand myself why I did it, and that's the truth, so help me," replied Kerr.

"I don't know what to make of this transaction," said the court.

"Tagney, you will have to pay this man \$2.50 for his trip back to the city. You apparently owe him that."

"All right, but I'll get a receipt for the next drive I take," stated Tagney.

Chief Birtrell asked a few words in behalf of the prisoner, and stated that a warrant had been issued for his arrest after his failure to appear in court. Tagney was arrested Monday night.

## PRESBYTERY HOLD MONTHLY SESSION

Discuss Question of Visiting  
Out-of-Town Patients in  
Hospital.

The monthly meeting of the London Presbytery, held at the First Presbyterian Church, Tuesday morning, reports from the various committees were received and general business conducted. Rev. John Elder, moderator of the presbytery was in the chair.

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## FIVE ESKIMOS KILLED IN ARCTIC SHOOTING

Edmonton, Dec. 20.—Five Eskimos—three men, a woman and a child—were murdered, and a fourth man shot, probably fatally, at a point thirty miles east of the Hudson's Bay Post on Wager Bay, Kent Peninsula, in a shooting affray which took place on Aug. 1, according to a report just received by Superintendent Jennings of the R. C. M. P. from Inspector S. T. Wood of the Free River Detachment, Arctic Circle.

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## Eats for Christmas Dinner Same Price as Last Year

Christmas dinner! what visions the thought brings of stalwart goblins who were always pompous as they strutted kings of the farmyard, and who maintain their dignity right to the day when they are brought, legs in air, to the Christmas table, and the smallest male member of the family scarce able to move with eyes bulging after an astonishing gourmand performance, pronouncing it, I believe, the remains of Paterfamilias who must struggle with the bugbear H. C. of L., will find on going to purchase the traditional bird that they are the same as last year, 50 cents per pound.

Geese are cheaper this year. They

are four cents per pound less last season, being 35 cents a pound last year and are retailed this Christmas at 31c. Cranberries, inseparable from turkey, are 35 cents a quart this year, five cents more than last.

A quick survey of grocery stores revealed the fact that those ingredients which go to make up the delectable plum pudding, are mostly the same price as last year; vegetables are dearer while raisins, currants and peels are cheaper.

Christmas fruits and nuts are almost identical in price with last year. In the cafes turkey dinners will bring from 85 to 90 cents per plate, which is also the same as last year.

## EXPRESS THANKS FOR "U" SUPPORT

University Authorities Ex-  
tend Appreciation to the  
Chamber of Commerce.

At the directors' meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday letters were read from Dean Fox of the arts faculty of Western University and Col. Brown, executive secretary of the university, thanking the members for the work done in connection with the university bazaar.

A letter was received from the Theodora Roosevelt International Highway Association regarding the marking of the highway that extends from Portland, Me., to Portland, Ore. It was the intention to mark this highway right across Canada, but the provincial government objected, and will only allow it marked at Niagara Falls and Windsor.

No decision has yet been reached by the directors regarding the Made-in-Canada train for the tour of France, but it is hoped that some arrangement will soon be reached.

A recommendation will be sent to the provincial minister of agriculture for the inspector of immigration to be retained in London all the year round, and that some arrangements be made whereby immigrants coming to London from seashore can be accommodated the same as in Toronto. Immigrants arriving at Toronto are house free of charge, and consequently more settle around that district than anywhere else. It is requested that London be given the same chance in this respect.

Capt. Watt reported several new names of members, and stated that he was getting 100 per cent cooperation from the membership committee.

The Hope Baptist Sunday School held their Christmas concert Monday night at the Hope Church, Westminster Township, a mission of Egerton Street Baptist Church, organized only three months ago, and having since that time made very rapid strides.

The talent, which was largely local, was supplemented by entertainers from the city church.

Special features of the program were humorous dialogues and choruses rendered by the classes of the school under the supervision of the teachers.

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After the concert a lunch and a box of candy were presented to all the scholars. The concert attracted a very large turnout.

## SPANISH FORCES TAKE VILLAGE FROM MOORS

Tetuan, Morocco, Dec. 20.—The village of Axilla has been captured by the Spanish forces from the Moors. The operation proved difficult, the place being defended by a strongly entrenched Moors force which fought with great obstinacy.

The Moors suffered heavy losses and in their retreat abandoned many of their dead and much munitions.

## TIMBER PROBE SESSION POSTPONED FOR DAY

Toronto, Dec. 20.—On account of the sudden illness of Mrs. Riddell, wife of Commissioner Riddell, no session of the timber probe was held this morning. It is hoped Mrs. Riddell will have recovered sufficiently to permit the inquiry to proceed tomorrow, when George R. Gray, assistant manager, and director of the Spanish River Pulp and Paper Company, is to continue his evidence.

## Obituaries

MRS. MARY McATEER DIES.  
The death took place in St. Joseph's Hospital Monday night of Mrs. Bridget Mary McAttee of this city. Besides her husband, Mrs. McAttee is survived by one son, John, and one daughter, Nora.

MRS. ANN SHOPLAND DIES.  
The death took place at the family residence, 439 Quebec street, Monday, of Mrs. Ann Shopland, 44 years old. The funeral will be held from her residence Wednesday. The funeral services will be held in St. Matthew's Church at 3 o'clock. Interment will be made at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

SUGAR.  
NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The early raw sugar market was unchanged with no sales. Spot centrifugal, 2.27c and later deliveries 2.30c for uncontrolled, while the committee quoted old crop Cubas at 2 1/2c cost and freight, equal to 2.35c. Raw sugar futures were quiet. Prices were one point higher to one point lower at noon.

CUT STEEL JEWELRY.  
Paris.—The latest fashion in jewelry here consists of cut steel buckles, necklaces, beads and other adornments. The steel is highly polished and lacquered in brilliant colors.

## \$5,000 Damage Caused by Bomb Explosion in New York City

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Damage estimated at \$5,000 was done by the explosion early today of a bomb which had been thrown at a place in the hallway of a building on Grand street. The scene of the explosion was only one block from police headquarters, and the explosion caused officers there a scare, as they believed for a few minutes that threats to bomb Wall street had been carried out. No one was hurt.

## GRABS TURKEY, ESCAPES FROM LIMB OF LAW

Constable Shaver Gives Chase  
to Man With Christmas  
Bird.

## FARMERS REPORT THEFTS

Chased by County Constable Alex. Shaver through the downtown section of the city Tuesday morning, a turkey thief made good his escape from the clutches of the law shortly after 11 o'clock by mingling with the crowds at the Grand Trunk depot.

Mr. Shaver says he knows the man, and he will spend Christmas Day in the good old county jail.

Citizens who were on the line of travel from the market square to the Grand Trunk via King, Richmond and York streets, had visions of a regular daylight robbery and discreetly drew into stores downways as Mr. Man hustled along with Shaver and a large crowd straggling behind.

The thief skidded dangerously as he took the corner of York and Richmond and became so excited that he threw his ragged overcoat over the fence with a perfectly good bird which he had obtained on the market.

He vanished into the Grand Trunk station, and here the guardian of the laws in the city more followers ran into a snare for the poultry expert had apparently vanished into thin air.

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## SURE MERGER OF BANKS WILL MEET SUCCESS

Officials Think Ratification of  
Proposed Amalgamation Is  
Inevitable.

PRESIDENT ALLAN SILENT

Refuses To Discuss Opposition  
To Plan Until Later  
Date.

OTTAWA, Dec. 19.—That ratification of the proposed merger between the Bank of Montreal and the Merchants Bank is inevitable, is the opinion of officials here.

Had it not been, Sir Henry Drayton and the outgoing government would never have granted preliminary leave for the carrying on of the necessary negotiations to lower the consumption of the absorption. It is possible that the finance minister was in fuller possession of the facts regarding the selling bank's condition than is the public.

In any case, the question was thoroughly canvassed in council, and while the outgoing government was naturally averse to taking responsibility in the matter, it was decided that the only course possible in the public interest was to grant preliminary sanction.

It is not recorded that any of the prospective members of the incoming government were consulted, but to the new administration will fall the responsibility of ratifying the final merger.

Securities Not Hindrance.

It is held here that a mere impairment of reserve would not prevent a bank from carrying on, providing that the impairment did not exceed, say, 50 per cent. It has been held that the assets sustained by the Merchants Bank were primarily the failure of the Thornton, Davidson Brokerage Company of Montreal, but there had been some impairment also of securities held by the bank.

Had there been any other solution feasible than the proposed merger, it is considered certain here that Sir Henry Drayton and the outgoing government would have proposed the sale of the bank to the incoming government.

The bank, so far as can be seen, could only meet the situation by increasing its capital, and for a bank to secure new capital today is difficult, especially in view of the fact that investment involves double liability.

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## FINANCIAL AND COMMERICAL GEESE FIND READY SALE ON MARKET

Turkey Quotations Remain  
Unchanged On Local  
Square.

There was a fair attendance on the local market of geese today. Poultry was the feature of the day, and for quantity and moderate prices geese held first place.

Turkeys were plentiful, the prices ranging from 50¢ to 55¢ per lb. Geese were in abundance, and sold readily at 25¢ to 30¢ per lb.

Ducks were slower, prices being quoted at from 25¢ to 30¢ per lb. Chickens were scarce, and sold at 20¢ to 25¢ per lb. wholesale and 25¢ to 30¢ retail.

Butter remains unchanged at 40¢ to 45¢ per lb. Eggs are in good demand. Storage new-laid were scarce, and sold readily at 75¢ to 80¢ per dozen.

Live hogs remain steady at 50¢ to 55¢ per cwt. Dressed pork sold at 13¢ to 14¢ per cwt.

Fresh pork by the quarter sold at 15¢ to 17¢ for fronts, and 17¢ to 19¢ for hindquarters. Several loads of hay were offered, but prices were slow although a slight advance in price was noted; now quoted at 17¢ to 20¢ per ton.

Grain, per Cwt.—  
Barley, per cwt., \$1.40 to \$1.50  
Oats, per cwt., 1.40 to 1.50  
Wheat, per cwt., 1.65 to 1.75  
Corn, per cwt., 1.15 to 1.30

Hay and Straw—  
Hay, per ton, 17.00 to 20.00  
Straw, per ton, 10.00 to 11.50

Vegetables—  
Cabbage, new, each 1.00 to 1.20  
Do, per doz., 1.00 to 1.20  
Carrots, per doz., 1.00 to 1.20  
Hubbard squash, each 1.00 to 1.20  
Lettuce, per doz., 1.00 to 1.20  
Mint, per doz., 1.00 to 1.20  
Onions, green, doz., 1.00 to 1.20  
Do, dried, doz., 1.00 to 1.20  
Peppers, green, doz., 1.00 to 1.20  
Potatoes, new, peck 1.00 to 1.20  
Do, old, doz., 1.00 to 1.20  
Pumpkins, each 1.00 to 1.20  
Raspberries, per doz., 1.00 to 1.20  
Spinach, per bu., 1.00 to 1.20  
Squash, per doz., 1.00 to 1.20  
Vegetable marrow, 1.00 to 1.20

Fruits, retail—  
Apples, per doz., 3.00 to 5.00  
Do, No. 1, bag, 5.00 to 10.00  
Do, cooking, bu., 1.00 to 1.20  
Do, eating, bu., 1.50 to 2.00  
Do, per peck, 3.00 to 4.00  
Honey, wholesale—  
Honey, 5-lb. pails, 80 to 90  
Do, 1-lb. jars, 17 to 18  
Do, comb., 35 to 38  
Honey, retail—  
Honey, 5-lb. pails, 90 to 95  
Do, 1-lb. jars, 20 to 25  
Do, comb., 40 to 45  
Butter, creamery, lb., 40 to 45  
Do, dairy, lb., 42 to 45  
Do, salted, lb., 40 to 45  
Eggs, new-laid, doz., 75 to 80  
Dairy Products, Wholesale—  
Butter, creamery, lb., 40 to 45  
Do, dairy, lb., 42 to 45  
Do, salted, lb., 40 to 45  
Eggs, doz., 75 to 80  
Poultry, Dressed, Retail—  
Chickens, each, 1.00 to 1.25  
Do, per lb., 25 to 30  
Ducks, each, 1.00 to 1.25  
Do, per lb., 25 to 30  
Geese, per lb., 25 to 30  
Do, each, 2.25 to 3.00  
Turkeys, per lb., 25 to 30  
Olive fowl, per lb., 18 to 25  
Poultry, Dressed, Wholesale—  
Olive fowl, per lb., 18 to 25  
Chickens, per lb., 25 to 30  
Ducks, per lb., 25 to 30  
Geese, per lb., 25 to 30  
Turkeys, per lb., 25 to 30  
Live Stock—  
Hogs, dressed, 50 to 55  
Sows, fat, cwt., 5.00 to 5.50  
Pigs, small, pair, 8.00 to 10.00  
Dressed Meats, Wholesale—  
Hefers and steers, 12.00 to 13.00  
Cows, 400 to 500  
Lbs. per head, 9.00 to 10.00  
Beef, hinds, 17 to 18  
Do, fronts, 10 to 11  
Hogs, dressed, cwt., 13.00 to 14.00  
Hams, cwt., 23 to 24  
Do, hinds, 30 to 35  
Do, fronts, 22 to 25  
Veal, cwt., 10 to 12  
125 lbs. cwt., 14.00 to 15.00  
Do, 100 lbs., 25 to 28  
Hides, from 18 to 20  
Cow hides, No. 1, 55 to 65  
Do, No. 2, 45 to 55  
Do, No. 3, 35 to 45  
Do, No. 4, 25 to 35  
Horse hides, each, 2.00 to 3.00  
Do, small, pair, 8.00 to 10.00  
Lamb skins, each, 20 to 40  
Wool Unwashed—  
Wool, medium, per lb., 7 to 10  
Do, fine, lb., 12 to 13

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE  
London, Dec. 20.—Closing prices today were:

British 5 per cent loan, 92 1/2  
British 4 1/2 per cent loan, 89 1/2  
Consols, for money, 109 1/2  
Canadian Pacific, 110 1/2  
Baltimore & Ohio, 41 1/2  
Canadian Great Western, 68 1/2  
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, 23 1/2  
Do, Great Northern, 24 1/2  
Denver & Rio Grande, 25 1/2  
Erie, com., 12 1/2  
Erie, 1st pfd., 13 1/2  
Illinois Central, 116 1/2  
Louisville & Nashville, 128 1/2  
Missouri, Kansas & Texas, 11 1/2  
Norfolk & Western, 11 1/2  
Ontario & Western, 11 1/2  
Pennsylvania Railway, 39 1/2  
Reading Railway, 27 1/2  
Southern Railway, 22 1/2  
Southern Pacific, 24 1/2  
Union Pacific, 149 1/2  
United States Steel, 99 1/2

Canadain Stocks  
Toronto, Dec. 20.—The following quotations for Canadian stocks in London were received by A. J. Pattison & Co. today:

Brazilian Traction, 31 1/2  
Canadian Pacific Railway, 110 1/2  
Canadian General Electric, 106 1/2  
Canada Steamships, voting trust, 15 1/2  
Dominion Express, 25 1/2  
Shawinigan Falls Power, 115 1/2

Standard Exchange  
Toronto, Dec. 20.—Trading on the Standard Mining Exchange was fairly strong this morning, but no startling changes were recorded. Monty was unchanged at 199. Schumacher recovered 1/4 to 30, and Teek-Hughes 1/4 to 15 1/2, but Holly was 2 points below yesterday's close, and Lake Shore lost 1 point.

Kirkland Lake was steady at 28, and Keora & Sio Threthway at 9

FOURTEEN

AMUSEMENTS, LECTURES

Every Day  
**GRAND NIGHT**  
2:15.  
7 and 9  
**BIG TIME VAUDEVILLE**  
FEATURE PHOTO PLAYS.

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"THE PLEASURE SEEKERS."  
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—PRICES—  
MATINEES—10c and 15c.  
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All Evening Seats Reserved.

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Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 27-28

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BORN, MARRIED, DIED

**COOPER**—At Victoria Hospital on Monday, December 19, 1921, Russell Cooper, beloved husband of Clara M. Cooper, in his 57th year. Funeral will leave his late residence, 183 Richmond street, on Wednesday, December 21, at 2:30. Services at 2 o'clock. Interment at Mount Pleasant Cemetery. b

**McATEER**—At St. Joseph's Hospital on Monday, Dec. 19, 1921, Bridget Mary, dearly beloved wife of John McAtter, also mother of John and Nora McAtter. Funeral notice later. 11u

**SHOPLAND**—At the family residence, 429 Quebec street, on Monday, Dec. 19, 1921, at 12 o'clock, the body of John Shopland, in her 44th year. Funeral services at St. Matthew's (English) Church on Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 2 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation. Interment at Mount Pleasant Cemetery. 11u

**CARD OF THANKS.**  
Mr. Thomas Adams and family wish to thank their many friends and neighbors who have so kindly and sympathetically shown in their recent sad bereavement, also for the beautiful floral tributes and kind sympathy shown in their recent sad bereavement. 10u

**Mr. and Mrs. Blake** and family wish to thank their many friends for the beautiful floral tributes and kind sympathy shown in their recent sad bereavement. 10u

**Mr. James McLean** and Mr. James Stevenson and family wish to thank their friends and relatives for the kindness shown to them in their recent sad bereavement. 10u

**LOST AND FOUND**  
LOST—34x4 GOODYEAR CASING AND TIRE, evening, 1921. Tuesday morning. Finder please return. Griffith & Sadler, 418 Talbot street. Return to Griffith & Sadler. 10u

**LOST—A SIMMONS MATTRESS**, BETWEEN CENTRAL and York on Adelaide. Will finder please phone 19603? b

**LOST—PLATINUM THE PINE LEAF** dog, jeweled. Reward at The Advertiser. b

**LOST—AT LOEW'S THEATRE**, ON Dec. 16, a purse, containing small sum of money, bank book and pearl ring. Finder please notify Victoria Hospital. b

**LOST—LADY'S GOLD WRIST** watch, face of watch, Kimble, return 512 St. James street. Reward. 11u

**LOST—PURE SCOTCH COLLIE** bitch, sable and white. Believed to be in near London. Reward. J. Ashworth, Denfield P. O. Granton phone. b

**LOST—TWO CHECKS**, ONE \$275, other \$17, drawn on K. Kimble, in favor of W. A. Patton. Payment has been stopped at bank. Please return to this office. Reward. 10u

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MEETINGS

**OFFICES OF REEVE, FIRST** and second deputy reeves, and councilors of the township of London, meeting of the electors of London Township will be held in the Town Hall, 100 Dundas street, on Monday, Dec. 20, at the hour of 12 o'clock (noon), for the purpose of nominating fit and proper persons to serve for the year 1922. Dated the 19th day of December, 1921. Mary Grant, clerk, London Township. b

**A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE ELECTORS** of the township of London will be held in the Town Hall, St. Johns, on Tuesday, Dec. 27, at 12 o'clock (noon), for the purpose of nominating fit and proper persons to serve in the offices of reeve, first and second deputy reeves, and councilors for the year 1922. Dated the 19th day of December, 1921. Mary Grant, clerk, London Township. b

**AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF** the township of London will be held in the Town Hall, St. Johns, on Tuesday, Dec. 27, at 12 o'clock (noon), for the purpose of nominating fit and proper persons to serve in the offices of reeve, first and second deputy reeves, and councilors for the year 1922. Dated the 19th day of December, 1921. Mary Grant, clerk, London Township. b

**ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY** will hold a social this evening at 8 p.m., 10 E. Hall, corner king and Richmond streets. 10u

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING** in Public Library Tuesday evening. Paper by Mrs. Bowker on "Items From Some Oldtime Chronicles of London Township." Public welcome. 10u

**LONDON ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER** meets this (Tuesday) evening at 7:45 in chapter rooms, Masonic Hall, Victoria street, London. J. H. C. Woodward, Scribe E. P. b

**NOMINATION.**  
A public meeting of the ratepayers of the township of Delaware will be held in the Town Hall, Delaware, on Monday, the 26th day of December, 1921, at 12 o'clock (noon), for the purpose of nominating fit and proper persons to serve in the offices of reeve, first and second deputy reeves, and councilors for the year 1922. Dated the 19th day of December, 1921. J. H. C. Woodward, Scribe E. P. b

**DAYTON & MCMORRICK'S DANCES.** Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. Dancing lessons any time. Phone 10c

**MODERN DANCING TAUGHT IN ONE** lesson, lady assistant, 322 Nelson street. b

**BUSINESS CHANCES**  
**MEAT BUSINESS IN TOWN OF 5,000.** Turnover about \$5,000 a month. Financing for live stock and some capital. Business Brokerage Bureau, Dominion Bank Chambers, London. b

**\$500 CONNECTIONARY STOCK** with 75c and 10c cash and carry grocery; boot and shoe stock. Sydney Smythe, Market Lane. b

**MISCELLANEOUS**  
**Dominion House CAFE.** Businessmen Lunch 45c. Served from 11:30 to 2. A la carte at all hours. Sunday Special Chicken dinner, 50c. b

**WONG'S**  
LONDON'S POPULAR CAFE.  
Come and enjoy a dish of  
**VENISON, LIVE LOBSTER**  
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Parties Our Specialty.  
Lombard Orchestra.  
Daily 12 to 1:30; 6 to 7:30; 11 to 1 p.m.  
Saturday Night—10 to 12 p.m. 10c

**PERSONAL**  
**RESPECTABLE COUPLE** would like to have someone, either man or woman, who have no home or friends in the city to spend Christmas Day with them. Address Box 165, Advertiser. 11u

**HAPPINESS HAS AT LAST COME** to our home. Mother has consented to give up her wash, since she has found how well it is done at the Forest City Laundry. (Signed) Joy Sisters. b

**THE SALVATION ARMY INDU-**  
STRIAL Department, 749 Dundas—We are looking for a teacher of guitar, piano, violin, and all instruments. Write to 749 Dundas. Fall and winter clothing needed, especially underclothing and bedding or old furniture. b

**PROFESSOR LADINE, PHRENOLO-**  
GIST—new address, 445 Ridout street. b

**TATTOO ARTIST—ALL KINDS OF** designs; also tattooing removed. 172 Grey street. b

**HELP THE POOR BY GIVING YOUR** cast-off clothing. Poor People's Store. Clothing, boots, bedding, furniture needed. Phone 428 or 647. 10c

**GLENWOOD PRIVATE HOSPITAL.** Massage and electrical treatments. Neurotic, rheumatic and all nervous diseases. 455 Ridout street. b

**WHY WALK AROUND IN** wrinkles? Crawford & Deacon cleaning and Pressing Parlors are now open. Service, efficiency combined with speed, is our motto. Crawford & Deacon Pressing Parlors, 110 Dundas street. Phone 144. 10c

**PRIVATE MATERNITY HOME—MRS.** T. White, 1009 Maitland street—Phone 16423. b

**DRESSMAKING, REMODELING** and alterations. Mrs. M. Webster, Beatrix Bldg., 119 King St. b

**VIOLET RAY INSTITUTE, CORNER** Dundas and Wellington streets. Consultation free. Hours, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. b

**HUTCHES LIVERY—FINE DRIVING** and light carriages. 375 Dundas street. Phone 57. b

**PLAIN AND CHILDREN'S SEWING** done by Mrs. B. Thurland, 575 York St. b

**OSTRICH FEATHERS, CAPES,** leather hats curled. 1098 York street. b

**MOVING AND STORAGE**  
**MOTOR TRUCK SERVICE—PROMPT** attention to all work. Phone 5878. E. A. Fowler. b

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\$22,000—Richmond street, store, very central, four stories, wide frontage, now used as wholesale.

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BUT SHE WOULDN'T HINT AT DADDY—OH NO, OF COURSE NOT!

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TWO FLOORS, 16x100, SUITABLE FOR office and warehouse; excellent location, 340 Richmond street; very low rent. Apply The Signy, Limited, 288 York street. Dec. 31

## FINDS CARNAGE BLIGHTED LIVES OF YOUNGSTERS

Williams Sees Many Obstacles in France To European Comeback.

## PROVE WAR SENSELESS

Complicate Task of Diplomats in Restoring World's Equilibrium.

Whiting Williams, in his tenth article in the London Advertiser, gives more of his personal experience as a day laborer in France, Belgium and Germany.

BY WHITING WILLIAMS.

"Over there was formerly a quiet little village of a few thousand," one of the residents was telling a group of friends up on the hills outside Verdun.

There was not a sign of brick or stone—nothing except a collection of mounds and shell holes. But he was right. The bombardment had had its effect. Everything into the air.

It is the same with most of the bodies of the French and German soldiers who died there. They are still unburied. Because they were too many times buried! Burying the collection of heads and arms and legs, brought to the surface by the last shell served only until the next one came.

"This must be for an officer, m'sieur, because it is six inches deeper than the others."

The laborer was from Morocco or Algeria—one of the thousands kept busy burying the war's dead. He has doubtless by this time grown accustomed to these "crosses row on row," which bear the legend of "French unknown," or worse, because nothing but an assortment of human parts could be found. "French unknowns."

The question is "Can Europe 'come back' after such a loss of blood?" It is bad enough for a country to have paid for its security the price which France has paid in more than 50 per cent of its young men of fighting age. It is bad enough for the wives and children of those who remain to accommodate themselves in 600,000 fewer homes than before.

But an even deeper and less obvious wound, perhaps, is one that is not shown by either painted crosses or leaning roofs.

"That's what they all say, but I am 18," replied the little day-laborer at Lens when I said his age was unbelievable. He had been living through

four years of bombardment in the cellars of Lens—living worse than a rat in a drain.

Thousands of children in France have suffered not only from lack of food and shelter, but from the necessity of learning to be thieves. One told me that as a prisoner he had never tasted a square meal unless he could steal it from his captors. Hundreds of thousands of youngsters in Germany are undernourished because of the blockade.

On all sides workmen told me of their troubles—their war troubles—in their homes. In thousands of families divorce and other domestic difficulties have arisen.

Still further, in Germany and especially in Austria and Central Europe, the best educated people are at present suffering most. Though they set the same number of money units as before, the depreciation is so great that sometimes a whole year's salary hardly buys a single suit of clothes.

Such wounds in the heads, hearts and bodies of whole peoples are sad enough to contemplate in comparison with the gains—the scanty gains which have followed from the war. They do

more than prove the foolishness of fighting as a means of settling disputes.

They also complicate enormously the job of the world's statesmen in trying to restore that delicate equilibrium of international relationships which fur-fure domestic jobs.

Fifteen or twenty years from now the world may be surprised at the unbalanced action of some parliament in Germany or France or the Balkans. The reason will have to be sought in the demoralized lives of the children of Europe in 1914-18.

(In tomorrow's London Advertiser Williams jumps from the industrial regions of Europe and looks at the assembly meeting of the League of Nations from a workman's viewpoint.)

OLAF NISHOL, 853 PRINCESS avenue, a fourteen-year-old boy, found a small roll of bills at the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets, Saturday afternoon, at 1:30 o'clock. The lad immediately walked over to the traffic

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**ANNOUNCE WINNERS IN  
SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST**

Pupils of grade 6 classes in all the  
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ber 9 in an essay contest, the winners  
of which were announced Monday by  
V. K. Greer, senior school inspector.  
The scholars were given the choice of  
some Canadian history.

School Trustee Mrs. Hunt  
donated the prizes, and a book  
dealing with the last great war, one for  
each school. The following is the list  
of successful writers and their schools:  
Aberdeen, John Keith; Alexandra, Nor-  
man Drake; Chesley avenue, Edward  
Hobbs; Baling, Pearl Long; Empress  
avenue, Alton Jeffries; Lord Roberts,  
stewart Murray; Lorne avenue, Mary  
Heasman; Potteryburg, Elaine Moffat;  
Rectory street, James Joyce; Riverview,  
John Burdett; Ryerson, Fred Burr;  
Simcoe street, Sophie Fleishman; St.  
George's, Helen McCormick; Tecumseh  
avenue, Nellie Gerard; Victoria, George  
Slann; Wortley road, Lenore Crawford;  
Boyle Memorial, Harry Prouse; Talbot  
street, Dorothy Cole.

**ADMIT KING'S SON TO  
COMPANY OF TAILORS**

LONDON, England, Dec. 19.—Ancient  
connections between British royalty and  
the City of London have been reaffirmed  
by the ceremonial admission of the Duke  
of York, King George's second son,  
to the "Worshipful Company of Mer-  
chant Tailors," the first honorary mem-  
ber of which was Edward III, who  
reigned some 600 years ago.

After the swearing in, the duke said,  
that having been previously admitted  
to the drapers, the mercers and the  
needlemakers' guild, he was happy in  
rounding off his connection with the  
clothing trade by becoming a "tailor";  
also, but he confessed that he was glad  
he did not live in the days of James I,  
when the banquet given in honor to a  
new member included a dish of owls  
and cuckoos.

**WAR TOYS SHUNNED.**  
London.—Stores displaying warlike  
toys have found a decided slump in  
their Christmas trade. Children are  
turning to mechanical playthings this  
year.

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**JUSTICE ORDE  
LOSES FRIEND  
THROUGH DEATH**

Supreme Court Sittings Sus-  
pended During Funeral of  
Judge Ermatinger.

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 19.—In respect to  
the memory of Senior Judge Ermatinger,  
who died in Amasa Wood Hospital on  
Friday night last and who was buried  
this afternoon, today's session of the  
supreme court did not begin until 2  
o'clock this afternoon.

In opening the court Hon. Mr. Justice  
Orde made a touching reference to the  
death of the late judge, who for 35  
years had been one of his closest per-  
sonal friends.

"It was 25 years ago, at a meet-  
ing of the senate of the English Church  
in Montreal that I first met Judge  
Ermatinger," he said. "And the friend-  
ship which began then became a warm  
one indeed."

"I always found the judge to be a  
true Christian, and possessed of out-  
standing ability both in judicial and  
church work. The last time I presided  
here, which was also my first, I visited  
at the family home every evening, and  
I had looked forward to doing the  
same thing on this occasion. It is sad  
that I should arrive here on the day of  
his funeral."

Crown Attorney Angus McCrimmon,  
the oldest member of the bar in Elgin  
County, said that he spoke for the bar  
as a whole when he stated that the  
death of the judge was a decided loss  
to the community as a whole and one  
which could not be easily replaced.

W. H. Cameron, barrister, also made  
reference to the great loss sustained  
by the bar and the city of St. Thomas.

**UNABLE TO GET DATA.**  
ST. THOMAS, Dec. 18.—Nothing de-  
veloped from the visit of Crown At-  
torney McCrimmon and an official from  
the provincial fire marshal's department

**WINS DOLL IN CONTEST  
OF GOOD CHEER CLUB**

Mrs. George Mathew, 524 Grosvenor  
street, is the winner of the beautiful  
doll in the contest conducted by the  
"Good Cheer" Girls' Club, the drawing  
being made by the news editor of The  
London Advertiser in the editorial rooms  
Monday night.

The contest was carried on with con-  
siderable zest by the members of the  
club and the impartial selection of the  
winner will allay the expectancy of a  
wide range of contestants, who had taken  
a deep interest in it and the charitable  
aims this unique club seeks to fulfill.

**STAY DECISION IN  
L. & P. S. R. CASE**

OTTAWA, Dec. 19.—(By Canadian  
Press.)—Judgment was reserved Tues-  
day by the board of railway commis-  
sioners on the application of the London  
and Port Stanley Railroad for a settle-  
ment of the rates under agreement made  
between the London Railway Commission  
and the Michigan Central Railroad  
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