

## CHAMBERLAIN CLAIMS 100 MAJ.

## BALFOUR SEES A MODEST 60; PERCY'S DEATH EMBARRASING

Clip Power of Lords at Polls, Says Sir William Robson, and Charges Unionists With Holding Out False Inducements to Working Classes—Balfour on Stump Again and Denounces Home Rule.

London, Dec. 30.—The Canadian Associated Press is informed that Mr. Balfour is looking forward to a majority in the Commons of sixty, while Mr. Chamberlain hopes for one hundred.

Sir Gilbert Parker at Aylesbury said that "since Canada gave us a preference England has doubled its shipping with her, and last year the English workmen got nine millions in wages out of the purchases of Canada."

Through the death of Earl Percy, a candidate in South Kensington, the Conservatives have found themselves in a somewhat difficult position, but another candidate will be chosen immediately, says the secretary of the Conservative Association.

Rt. Hon. C. E. H. Hobhouse, at East Bristol, said it was the experience of all nations that had tried protection that the consumer and not the foreigner had to pay the duty. The Liberal alternative was the budget. The Liberals hoped by the free trade policy to attract to the country as much capital as possible. When it was in full work they would take from it toll according to the wealth it produced, and the convenience it afforded to the public.

## CLIP POWER OF LORDS.

Sir W. Robson, at South Shields, said what the Government had done was for the country. They had attempted a good deal more than they had done. The failure of their attempts, however, was due to the power exerted by the hereditary chamber, which he hoped would receive a clipping at this election. Conservatives said that if they taxed bread the foreigner would pay it. That was a serious charge, but he was going to suggest that the promise that the foreigner would pay their taxes was made by men who knew in substance that the inducement they were holding out to the British working class was false.

## BALFOUR STUMPS AGAIN.

London, Dec. 31.—Mr. Balfour, partially recovered from his recent illness, addressed electors of Haddington last night. He avoided tariff reform, devoting himself largely to denouncing the Government's home rule declaration and alliance with the Socialists.

## The Dreadnought Clamor.

Who clamored for additional Dreadnoughts said Mr. Lloyd-George, in a recent speech. He remembered a great meeting in the city, presided over by Lord Rothschild (blessed be), who demanded that eight Dreadnoughts should be instantly laid down. The Government had ordered four, and Lord Rothschild would not pay. (Laughter.) There was a very cruel king in the past who ordered Lord Rothschild's ancestors to make bricks without straw. (Loud laughter.) That was a much easier job than making Dreadnoughts without money. The Government had to get money for pensions, which their opponents did their very best to upset. Now they said they did not object to paying for the pensions, but that in order to obtain the money, the Government ought not to put a tax on the land of the country; and they asked, Why

not tax food? (Cries of "Shame!") Tax the food of the workingman's children in order to spare the acres for the landlord's child, so that the workman's spare store to feed his child should be diminished in order that the estate should be preserved for the landlord's heir. (Laughter.) When the budget was brought in trade was not good; but trade was just like the sea in that it ebbed and flowed. Since the budget was introduced trade had steadily improved, unemployment had gone steadily down, imports and exports had gone steadily up. The trade of the woolen mills of Yorkshire was improving. In spite of the budget, people would wear tweeds. (Laughter.) What they really ought to be wearing was sackcloth and ashes. (Laughter.) Sackcloth and ashes was made from jute and ashes came from coal. Their use would improve the trade of Dundee and Wales.

## SPECTACULAR FIRE IN HEART OF PITTSBURG

Five Buildings in Business Section Consumed at Great Loss.

Pittsburg, Dec. 31.—The most spectacular fire seen in this city for several years caused a loss estimated at \$150,000 to five buildings located in the heart of the downtown section here today. With the temperature hovering about zero and the water freezing to their persons, the firemen fought the blaze, which enveloped one of the buildings within three minutes of the time it was discovered. The fire started in the Union Electric Company, supposedly from crossed wires, and spread rapidly to the Foster Dye Works Company, occupying the two adjoining buildings. It is said that gasoline in these buildings added to the fierceness of the fire. Other buildings damaged were the McCandless & Gordon Men's Furnishing Company and the J. J. Gillespie Art Store.

Several people living in the buildings were removed by firemen and policemen, while the occupants of a bath house which was threatened were forced to leave the hot room and come into the cold.

## EIGHTEEN MONTHS FOR SUIT THIEF

George Bell, of Strathroy, Got All That Was Coming to Him.

George Bell, of Strathroy, who stole a black serge suit from Mr. J. M. Moore on Dec. 11, appeared before Magistrate Noble, of Strathroy, Wednesday and was sentenced to 18 months in the Central Prison.

## JUDGMENT FOR PLAINTIFF

Case of Denham vs. Patrick Heard at County Court.

Judgment has been handed down by Judge Macbeth in the case of Wm. H. Denham against J. H. Patrick, of London Township, heard at the last session of the county court. The action arose out of the dismissal of Denham from the employ of Patrick, the former claiming that there had been no sufficient grounds for such action. The defendant brought into court \$210 in full satisfaction for the claims for wages made by the plaintiff. Judgment was given for the plaintiff for \$120 in addition to this amount, and the costs of the action. Messrs. P. H. Bartlett and E. W. Scatcherd for the plaintiff and Messrs. Gibbons, Harper & Gibbons for the defendant.

## CANDIDATES AGAIN ASK FOR VOTES

Meeting in the City Hall Last Night Was Fairly Well Attended.

## A VERY TAME AFFAIR

Ald. Ferguson and Ald. Beattie Place Their Records Before the Electors—An Evening of Speeches.

The final meeting of the present campaign was held last evening at the city hall, a score of aspirants for public office asked the support of the ratepayers. There was a good crowd present in the earlier stages, but it gradually thinned out until a number of candidates found no audience to address, and refrained from oratory at the midnight hour.

In keeping with the present campaign, the meeting was a very quiet one, nothing happening at any time to disturb the tranquility of the most highly-strung individual present.

## Bylaws Favored.

One of the pleasing features of the meeting was the strong support given the storm sewer and garbage system bylaws. Ald. Ferguson, Ald. Beattie and Mayor Stevely particularly came out strong for these public works, and insisted that both were absolutely necessary to protect the citizens. The sentiments expressed appeared popular, and the presentation of the merits of the bylaws will undoubtedly result in their success on Saturday.

Ald. D. A. Stewart, on motion of Mr. W. R. Colby and Dr. J. D. Balfour, was selected as chairman.

## Ald. Beattie.

Ald. Beattie was the first speaker. He expressed his pleasure at addressing such a gathering, and thanked the electors for past favors. On every occasion when he had presented himself he had been given most generous support. At this time he was asking a continuance of that support in his candidature for the mayoralty, and he hoped that he would be elected on Saturday.

Ald. Beattie dealt with the necessity of inducing industries to come to London, if the city was to advance and grow. He objected to the criticism that the present council, or any other council, had been responsible for the failure of industries to come to the city. The fault was not there, but it was due to the fact that the city offered nothing, and could give nothing.

## Bonusing Industries.

Other cities were going out into the open market and bidding for industries. (Continued on Page Six.)

## THERMOMETER CREEPING UP BUT IT IS VERY SLOW WORK

Six Above Zero Last Night Compared With Zero the Night Previously—Some Ice Is Being Harvested on the North Branch.

The thermometer is showing a tendency toward creeping upward lately, but its progress in that direction has been so slow that the man on the street has hardly noticed it. There have been periodic though slight snowfalls during the past few days, not enough to be a serious inconvenience, but sufficient to cause a little exercise before breakfast.

It is eminently good for him, but judging from father's language as he dons his bath robe and carpet slippers to take a look out and see that it has been blowing and snowing again, a philosophic listener would judge that weather did not care so much for his welfare as for his comfort.

## The Temperatures.

It has been fairly cold, too, lately.

Wednesday night the mercury took a sudden dive, stopping only when it reached zero, while on the day following the best it could do was 12.5 degrees above, which on "paper" looks fairly warm, but in reality is quite frigid enough to make the outlying portions of the pedestrian's anatomy places of some anxiety.

Last night it was 6 above zero, which is somewhat more comfortable than zero, but it is not enough to give many a harassed householder a busy morning thawing out the water pipe.

At 8 o'clock this morning it was 12.5 degrees above, and with 24 up to 20. It has been about the same since, but it has been taken off the north branch of the river. That part of the river is completely frozen to a depth of 11 or 12 inches.

## CITY'S NATURAL INCREASE 298 STATISTICS SHOW FALLING OFF

Fewer Births, Marriages and Deaths in 1909 Than in 1908—Marriages Were Equally as Popular in July as in June—Big Reduction in Number of Deaths From Tuberculosis.

The vital statistics for the year show a slight falling off in every department, although the proportions of former years have been fairly well preserved.

During 1909 there have been 961 births, 433 marriages, and 663 deaths as compared with 1,040 births in 1908, 457 marriages and 745 deaths. The city's natural increase in 1909 was 298.

The birth rate shows a falling off to the extent of 40 approximately, and it is clear proof that the birth rate has not been as thrifty a bird during the past year as it should have been.

## All Round Falling Off.

Dan Cupid has shown a disinclination for work also, and his total number of jokes on men and women is less than last year, which was not considered one of his busiest years.

The Grim Reaper has shown a disinclination also to desert in his efforts, the number of deaths this year is 82 less than in 1908.

February, in spite of the storms,

shows the greatest birth rate during the year, 102 "kiddies" being ushered into rather a chilly world during that month.

March showed the greatest death rate during the year, pneumonia and other spring diseases carrying off 71.

The twelfth of June may be popular with those matrimonially inclined, but July was just as popular in 1909. In both months 52 couples were more or less happy.

During the year 35 illegitimate children were born. There are no statistics for comparison, so it cannot be learned whether this is larger or smaller than usual.

## Work of Tuberculosis.

The death rate from tuberculosis shows a most gratifying decrease. In 1908 there were 54 deaths from this dread disease, while this year there were but 32, a difference of 22, or nearly 50 per cent. Better care and more knowledge of the best methods of treatment are responsible for the change.

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## A PURSE OF GOLD FOR ARTHUR JOLLY

Popular City Hall Official Who Has Resigned Is Kindly Remembered.

Mr. A. E. Jolly, who for the past eleven years has been connected with the assessment department, was this noon paid a purse of gold by the city hall employees. Mr. Jolly leaves today to take over his father's business.

The presentation was made by Assessment Commissioner Grant, who referred in eulogistic terms of Mr. Jolly's services for the city. He regretted the cause of his leaving, but wished him great success in his new undertaking.

## A Competent Man.

"The department is losing a most competent man, and the city an obliging official," said Mr. Grant. "We are sorry to lose you, but wish you God-speed."

Mr. Jolly replied briefly. It was with considerable regret that he was leaving the city's service, but it must be. He thanked the city officials for their unfailing kindness to him during his years of service and hoped that the new year would be most prosperous for all. Several others spoke in complimentary terms of Mr. Jolly.

Presentation to Miss Westman. Rev. J. W. Baird, of Hyatt avenue Methodist church gave a series of Ingleth views in the school room at 11:30 p.m. last evening. Solos by Miss Bloom, Miss Grant, Miss Harding, and recitations by Miss Grace Rowntree and Rowland Reynolds were also illustrated. Miss Hilda Westman, who is leaving for Toronto, to take up deaconess work was presented with an engraved address.

## THE WEATHER

## TOMORROW SNOWY.

## FORECASTS.

Today—Fresh southwesterly winds; moderately cold, with light snowfalls.

## TEMPERATURES.

| Stations.                   | 8 a.m. | Min. | Max. | Weather. |
|-----------------------------|--------|------|------|----------|
| London                      | 19     | 11   | 27   | Fair     |
| Victoria                    | 19     | 11   | 27   | Snow     |
| Calgary                     | 14     | 4    | 18   | Snow     |
| Winnipeg                    | 12     | 2    | 16   | Cloudy   |
| Port Arthur                 | 12     | 2    | 16   | Cloudy   |
| Perry Sound                 | 22     | 8    | 28   | Snow     |
| Ottawa                      | 16     | 6    | 22   | Cloudy   |
| Montreal                    | 16     | 6    | 22   | Cloudy   |
| Quebec                      | 8      | 4    | 12   | Cloudy   |
| St. John's                  | 8      | 4    | 12   | Cloudy   |
| Minus (—) means below zero. |        |      |      |          |

THE ADVERTISER'S NOTES.—The Atlantic coast storm has passed away to the eastward of Newfoundland. The weather has moderated a little in Manitoba, Ontario, but is now turning cold again in Alberta.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.—Toronto, Dec. 30.—5 a.m.—During last night the disturbance of the Atlantic coast developed into a very severe storm, which is now centred in Newfoundland, and heavy snows, with snow, have prevailed in Nova Scotia. The weather has moderated somewhat in Ontario and Manitoba, and continues mild in the far West.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, zero—20; Victoria, 22—24; Vancouver, 37—42; Edmonton, 20—30; Battleford, 10—22; Calgary, 34—44; Moosejaw, 12—30; Qu'Appelle, 16—31; Winnipeg, 2 below—14; Port Arthur, zero—16; Perry Sound, 16 below—12; Toronto, 2 below—17; Ottawa, 4 below—14; Montreal, 2 below—8; Quebec, 14 below—8; St. John's, 14—12.

## 185 FIRE ALARMS DURING THE YEAR

Local Brigade Had a Busy Time of It in 1909.

## LOSSES TOTAL \$130,000

Insurance Aggregated a Million Dollars—Very Many False Alarms Were Sent in to the Department.

The fire department had a busy year in 1909. During the twelve months they responded to 185 alarms, 50 more than in 1908.

Of these 140 were fires, 17 were for chimneys, 20 were false alarms, and two were test runs.

Over the telephone 115 alarms were received. Forty-five boxes were pulled, 19 verbal alarms were given and 6 private alarms were sent in.

False Alarms. A serious feature of the statistics is that 26 alarms out of 185 were false alarms, or practically 15 per cent.

During the year the department travelled 259 miles. Over 8 miles of hose were laid, or to be exact, just 45,900 feet. There were 4,880 feet of chemical hose laid in addition, and 1,186 feet of ladder were used.

The insurance on buildings, where fires were discovered, amounted to \$145,400, and the loss by fire amounted to \$67,530.

The insurance on contents amounted to \$505,260, and the loss was \$63,425. The total loss by fire was \$130,955.

The most serious fires during the year were the following—Jan. 19, Globe Casket Company; May 28, W. J. Reid & Co.; Aug. 31, Parisian Laundry and barns in rear of same, and Nov. 11, Whiting of the First Methodist Church in Spring Bed and Mattress Company.

"We have had quite a lot of work to do," said Chief Aitken. "There have been many runs, and some serious fires. However, the report is quite satisfactory."

## FIVE PERSONS KILLED IN ROCK ISLAND WRECK

The California Special Derailed Near Town of Trenton, Missouri.

Trenton, Mo., Dec. 31.—Passenger train No. 3, westbound, on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific, known as the California special, was derailed three miles west of Trenton at 8:40 this morning. All of the cars were overturned and the train caught fire, burning fiercely. At least five lives have been lost.

Details of the wreck from the out-of-the-way point on the Hudson River, where the accident occurred, indicated that Mr. Trask and the other victims of the collision were in the rear sleeper of the second section of the Montreal Express on the Central, when it was rammed by a south-bound freight lurching up suddenly out of the river mists.

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## SEVERAL BYLAWS IS POPULAR

PEOPLE ARE ALIVE TO THE ISSUE

## Prominent Citizens Have No Hesitation in Indorsing the Construction of a System to Take Away the Storm Water in London.

Two of the three money bylaws to be submitted to the people will undoubtedly carry. They are the storm sewer bylaw and the garbage system bylaw.

The underground system bylaw has apparently no friends, and it is said it will be beaten.

The expenditure of \$70,000 for storm sewers in every section of the city is meeting with hearty approval. Last evening practically all the candidates for the leading municipal offices took a stand in favor of it.

In consideration of the subject, it would be well to consider some of the opinions of men who understand the situation thoroughly.

## Some Opinions.

Engineer Willis Chipman—The hydraulic sewer is sufficient for that purpose for a city of 100,000 inhabitants. It was never intended for a storm-water sewer, nor is it sufficient for such purposes. Another system for storm water is necessary.

City Engineer Graydon—A storm-water sewer has been a necessity for years, and it is badly needed at the present time. We cannot get along very well without it. I have urged such a system be established for years.

Mayor Little, in 1897—No attempt should be made to carry off storm

water in any sewer not intended by the engineers to be used for such purposes.

Storm Sewer Necessary. Ald. Ferguson—It has been recognized for some time that a storm sewer was necessary for the proper draining of the city. In our efforts to economize, we have failed to commence a necessary work. It must be built soon.

Ald. Beattie—The ratepayers will be penny wise and pound foolish if they defeat the storm sewer bylaw.

Mayor Stevely—A work of necessity, upon which depends the efficiency of the present system of the city.

Ald. Gerry—It should have been laid years ago. We cannot delay laying it much longer.

East End Is Interested. Many other opinions of competent citizens could be given, but these are typical.

The east end of the city is particularly in need of such a system, and it would make a vast improvement in the other sections.

All the ratepayers consulted appear impressed by the necessity of such a work, and will undoubtedly support the bylaw.

This is one bylaw that should be voted for.

## BANKER SPENCER TRASK KILLED IN ACCIDENT

A Noted American Financier the Victim of a Rear End Collision.

New York, Dec. 31.—Spencer Trask, one of New York's best known bankers, met death today in a disastrous rear-end collision on the New York Central Railroad near Croton, N. Y., in which three other passengers are reported to have been killed. Several persons were injured, some of them fatally.

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## BUILDING PERMITS DOUBLE IN LONDON

Tremendous Increase Over 1908 Is Shown By the City Engineer.

Engineer.

TOTAL \$850,134 IN 1909

Figures for the Twelve Months of This Year and Last Year Will Be Found of Interest.

The building returns for the year are most satisfactory, and show that nearly double the amount of building was done in 1909 as compared with 1908.

During the twelve months just closed there were 684 permits issued, for a total of \$850,134, as compared with 234 permits in 1908, for a value of \$164,190.

The difference in value amounts to \$285,944.

April took the palm for building, not less than \$177,250 worth of permits being taken out.

A Steady Growth. The growth has been steady, and shows that the citizens as a rule have faith in London.

This year there have been many houses built, some 400 or 500—rather a good showing. There have been some big jobs, including the Garvey warehouse, the Wortley road school, the Murray Shoe Company's building, a large addition to the Hyman tannery, and many others. Many fine houses, costing from \$5,000 to \$15,000, have been built during the year.

The figures for building this year is as follows:

|                  |     |        |
|------------------|-----|--------|
| January          | 15  | \$ 71. |
| February         | 21  | 79.    |
| March            | 53  | 69.    |
| April            | 109 | 127.   |
| May              | 95  | 88.    |
| June             | 117 | 127.   |
| July             | 69  | 73.    |
| August           | 24  | 64.    |
| September        | 41  | 51.    |
| October          | 49  | 29.    |
| November         | 37  | 37.    |
| December         | 17  | 32.    |
| Totals           | 634 | \$857. |
| Permits in 1903. |     |        |



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men's accident liability, under the new provincial workmen's compensation act, which goes into effect on Saturday. The increase in rates will range all the way from 40 to 400 per cent, and it is claimed there are many ambiguities in the act, and some stop probably will be taken with a view to having some changes made.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS  
Fire at Essex, Ont., yesterday did \$50,000 damage.  
Part of Ludwig Mond's collection of masterpieces is to become the property of the British nation.

Three deaths in New York City due to cold wave.  
Montreal City Council takes active measures to stamp out typhoid fever epidemic.  
John Tilk, a cigar traveller of Guelph, is dead.

Fire underwriters give merchants of Guelph a 50-cent rate, with discount.  
A gyroscopic railway is to be built in the Okanagan Valley in British Columbia.

Railways in Nova Scotia badly tied up by blizzards.  
Moroccan tribesmen are once more on the warpath.

Portland, Oregon, was shaken by an earthquake yesterday.  
Canadian railways have refused to help in the Montreal winter carnival.

Long lost masterpieces of Mino da Fiesole discovered in Italy.  
Delagrang, the French aeronaut, flies 124 miles in a monoplane.

The southern cold wave is so severe that there was skating yesterday at New Orleans.  
Striking switchmen and railways still in conference at Chicago in attempt to settle trouble.

Nine concerns are to tender for the new Quebec bridge.  
The fire in the hold of the White Star liner Celtic has been extinguished.

H. P. Liscombe, formerly of Blenheim, is dead at Winnipeg.  
RETIRING ALLOWANCE FOR INSPECTORS

A Deputation Interviews Minister of Education on the Matter.  
Toronto, Dec. 31.—A deputation of 50 public school inspectors, headed by Major J. J. Craig, M. P. P., himself an inspector, waited on the Government yesterday with four proposals for dealing with inspectors who will be retired under the statute passed last spring by the Ontario Legislature.

The four schemes suggested were:  
That a retiring allowance or annuity of \$500 per year be given each retired inspector, the Government and the county to share the cost.  
That the Government and the county jointly provide the money for the annuity, and to decrease by \$100 each year for the advance for the next ten years. By this plan inspectors retired 11 years from now will get nothing.

That a retiring allowance of \$2,000 should be provided, less the present value of annuities which may accrue under the proposed superannuation of teachers and inspectors.  
That no consideration be given in inspectors appointed since 1900, but an annual payment of \$20 per year for every year of service be allowed to those appointed prior to that date.

Hon. Dr. Pyne promised to give the matter careful consideration.  
THREE CANADIAN CORPS

Imperial Government Approves of Dominion's Plan of Revival.  
London, Dec. 31.—The Canadian Associated Press says it is probable the Imperial Government at an early date will announce its approval of the re-organization of the old Canadian regiments of infantry.

This probably means that, in connection with the Imperial defence movement, these regiments of Canadian militiamen might be exchanged for duty with Imperial units.  
THE PITRE CASE.

Montreal, Dec. 30.—Judge Bruneau concluded the hearing today of the breach of contract against Didier Pitre, the hockey player who signed with the Nationals and then went to the Canadian club. The case was taken on deliber.

## TAFT PLEDGED TO ANTI-CANNON WAR

President Will Unsheath Sword the Instant Speaker Betrays Him.

Washington, Dec. 30.—President Taft has pledged himself to do all in his power to bring about the downfall of Speaker Cannon.

This statement comes from a member of the House, who has been commissioned by the President to deal with the insurgents.

The President's plan is to postpone any active campaign against the speaker until after he has submitted his legislative programme shortly after Congress convenes in January. He has reason to believe that some promises made to him in regard to that programme will be broken, and if his suspicions prove to be founded on fact he will lift up against Cannon on the spot.

It is, of course, well known that the President is particularly anxious to pass a ship subsidy bill at this session. He is equally desirous that the party pledge for postal savings banks be redeemed and he wants the Sherman anti-trust laws and interstate laws amended.

Cannon to Violate Pledge.

On these four propositions the president has a solemn pledge of support from Cannon. The prediction is made by a member of the house who knows of the pledge that the speaker intends to keep only a portion of it. He has already lined up the house organization for the ship subsidy bill, and the present intention is to have it go through the house late in January or early in February.

Representative John W. Weeks, chairman of the house committee on postoffice and post roads, has already declared that his committee will not report a postal savings bank bill. He prefers to do nothing on that kind of legislation until after the monetary commission, of which he is a member, makes its report.

Weeks' statement reflects the attitude of the speaker, and the president, therefore, can expect no support from the house organization in the matter of a postal savings bank bill.

Sherman Law to Be Protected.  
If the President adheres to his original plan of asking for somewhat radical amendments to the Sherman law and the interstate commerce law, under the leadership of Townsend, of Michigan, he will find serious opposition in the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce. There is good reason to believe that a majority of the committee is already committed to the policy of "Let well enough alone," and will oppose any important changes in existing law.

The President, then, will have the support of the Cannon organization on the ship subsidy bill, and will not have that support on postal savings banks and Sherman law and interstate commerce law amendments.

When it becomes apparent that the pledges for support of his legislative programme will not be kept, the president, according to those who have been in consultation with him, will make his first move against Cannon.

Insurgents Await Command.  
White House explains the apparent inactivity of the insurgents. The president does not want to endanger his legislative programme by fighting the house organization before his recommendations are sent to congress, and he wants to give the house leadership a chance to redeem their pledges. He will ultimately be found against Cannon, but he will make that move quicker than he had originally intended unless he receives what he regards as fair treatment.

The President's promise to aid in deposing Cannon, it was learned today, was made not long after the trip down the Mississippi river. He had been besieged on the one hand by the radical house insurgents and on the other by Cannon's friends. The latter persisted in expressing the belief that, inasmuch as Taft had given Senator Aldrich his endorsement, it would be only fair to treat Uncle Joe likewise.

The fact that the President declined to do so is now a matter of history. Neither did he deal with the insurgents on the trip as a body. He did, however, send for a member of the insurgent group, prominently identified with the insurgents up to the tariff session, when he became "regular" at the earnest solicitation of the President.

RAILWAYS WILL  
KEEP RIVER CLEAR  
Combine to Prevent Another Ice Blockade Like That of Last Week.

Detroit, Dec. 30.—"While the river is now comparatively open, owing to our having cut out the ice near Amherstburg," said C. L. Morehead, commodore of the Pere Marquette steamship fleet yesterday, "all is not as rosy as it would be in summer time. I have no doubt, however, that we will be able to keep enough clear water to enable us to avoid any such blockade as existed last week."

The Wash, Grand Trunk, Canadian Pacific and the Pere Marquette are now co-operating in the work of keeping a way cut out, and, as I said before, I believe we will succeed in keeping traffic open.

"The trouble lies in the head of Lake Erie, which is badly choked with ice. This is shown from the fact that there is no current in the river, and by the inability of the steam to get through into the lower lake. All the water flowing seeps through the ice."

"Of course, while we will keep the ice chopped as fine as possible, it will wedge into the lower wall. The tug Hackett, Pere Marquette, No. 14, and the Lansdowne, I think, will be able to do the work and avoid any further blockade. It was a hard fight to release the river, but the river, but it was accomplished with no damage."

Only one "BROMO QUININE"  
That is LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. Used the World over to Cure a Cold in One Day.

The Gauscheffel is simply an open air sanatorium for healthy people, opened last year by the municipality of Vienna. What the automobile is to the United States the motor boat is to Canada, especially along the St. Lawrence and in British Columbia.

WEATHER PROBS.  
MILDER.

## Store Closes at Six o'Clock Today

## Special Prices

In Ladies' Tailoring, Skirt and Waist-Making Departments. We are taking orders now for January in these departments, at prices advertised in Thursday's paper, which show savings as much as \$8.00 on a Tailored Suit. Select your goods and have your measures taken, as no orders will be booked or time reserved before selection of goods is made. This is necessary, as these orders must be put in operation at once, and only a limited number of orders will be taken, sufficient for the winter months.

## In the Restaurant

### Dainty Afternoon Teas

Special service today from 2:30 to 6, when appetizing luncheons will be served continuously. There is scarcely anything you might ask (that is served in a first-class restaurant), but will be found on our menu card.

### Afternoon Parties

During the winter months special attention will be given to afternoon parties. We are now in a position to handle large numbers. Our new, enlarged restaurant can be arranged to seat nearly 300 people at one time, and informal teas or luncheons can be arranged for on short notice, serving you a course at almost any price you wish.

### Inspect Our Kitchen

This is one of the best-equipped kitchens in the Dominion, and all modern cooking, warming and other devices have been installed. An inspection will be very interesting to all who are interested in the kitchen. You are invited and welcome to go through.

FOURTH FLOOR—TAKE ELEVATOR.

**SMALLMAN & INGRAM**  
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## HANNA'S PROHIBITION DUBBED A FARCE

The Lid Was Lifted for Fair  
Up Cobalt Way on Christmas Day.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—The provincial license department has learned that a paid campaign has been launched by the liquor interests with a view to forcing the hand of the Government to relinquish its present prohibitive policy in Northern Ontario and decide to grant licenses.

The campaign, the department declares, has several phases, emphasis being given to those calculated to cast discredit upon the departmental attempts to enforce the local option law and to stamp out illegal selling. This is being done by the publication from time to time of grossly exaggerated and untruthful stories of conditions alleged to be prevailing in non-licensed districts.

"Every time a newspaper repeats one of these stories," an official stated, "it is unwittingly publishing what some papers are being paid to originate."

The recent cancellation of the liquor license of the Halleybury clubs by the department, and its announced intention to adhere to its non-license policy, has precipitated a battle royal on the part of hostile interests.

Reports are now in the hands of the head of the department, Hon. W. J. Hanna, which are interesting in character, and may lead to unusual developments. A recent contribution to the campaign is a report from Cobalt to the effect that "blind pigs" were doing a land office business over Christmas, and that the lid was lifted for fair."

According to the department the cloven hoof is disclosed in the closing sentence which read, "For an out and out farce the Ontario Government's so-called prohibition in a mining camp is about the most absurd known in this wide Dominion. It is too pitiable to be laughable."

The origin of several of these advertisements is being officially investigated. In many cases the local officers declare them to be untruthful and libellous.

A CRITICAL TIME  
FOR CHRISTIANITY

Ambassador Bryce Speaks to Students on Evangelization of the World.  
Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 31.—British Ambassador James Bryce was the chief speaker at the night session of the convention of the student volunteer movement in Convention Hall, Bishop Hartwell, of the Methodist Church, whose field is Africa, also spoke.

Ambassador Bryce characterized the present time as a critical and auspicious one for Christianity. There had been such progress in recent years,

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Sold Everywhere. In Boxes 25 cents.

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It's nice getting them in, it's getting them out. But there's a way. CASCARETS are known to hundreds of thousands for the natural and easy way they clean out the system of over-drinking. Be prepared, a box in your pocket of CASCARETS—take one or two sure when you go to bed—then tomorrow will be pleasant.

CASCARETS—too box—Week's treatment. All druggists. Biggest seller in the world. Million boxes a month.

He said that today nine-tenths of the habitable earth was under the control of the so-called Christian powers, and, though vast multitudes remain non-Christian there is scarcely a spot in which the influence of the white race is not felt, and in which the uncivilized and semi-civilized native peoples are not being penetrated by the ideas and habits of those more advanced nations.

Attention was called to the breaking up of the old ideas and customs in backward nations, and the advance of western civilization, and with these changes the necessity that was laid upon Christian nations to "implant a new and better faith."

The address closed with an exhortation to live lives "in the true gospel spirit," whether at home or in foreign fields.



1. CONFIDENTIAL

**CORRESPONDENCE.**

**Mr. Lloyd-George and Others.**  
To the Editor of The Advertiser:  
Some twenty-five years ago the late Mr. Erastus Wyman, with the help of Liberal politicians and newspapermen, conducted a campaign throughout Canada in favor of unrestricted reciprocity with the United States. One of the main arguments, which appeared

strongly to many Canadians, rest upon the fact that trade between the various states of the Union was free and untrammelled; and to this was ascribed their wonderful progress and prosperity. The agitation culminated in a political contest in favor of

Today the same newspapers and politicians are denouncing in unmeasured terms Mr. Chamberlain's preferences for trade proposals and are endeavoring to scorn all those who are endeavoring to bring about a new order of things.

Another thing that perplexes me is this: During the Balfour-Chamberlain regime Canadians were urged to take no part in British politics; otherwise the great principle of autonomy would be violated. "Hands off" was the cry. This wise and excellent counsel, however, no longer prevails, and today see newspapers in Canada putting

a campaign in behalf of the Asquith Government, only equalled by that of the British Liberal organs themselves, am at a loss to account for this character also. Can it be explained?

Like many others, I am deeply interested in the present campaign in Great Britain, and especially with the Canadian end of it; and to me the situation is a bit confused. How is it that men who support a Canadian tariff of 30 to 40 per cent hold up both hands for free trade as it is in England? Is it a Canadian statesman to advocate

tariff for revenue purposes is good or wise; but for a British statesman, to suggest a tariff of 5 or 10 per cent. is very bad and foolish. He becomes an enemy of the human race!

Again, We are developing a large system here, and especially in the Northwest, identical in every respect with that of Great Britain. We have individual men and corporations in possession of thousands of acres. They will be the rich, wealthy landlords of the future, and the thousands of em-

In a recent editorial, "Rosebery reigns the Peers" (Dec. 19), you quip with much approval a portion of speech. Amongst other things,

said: "There are some who will say the majority who will not greatly count, if they will allow me to say so for reasons which I don't think unnecessary to themselves when roll of names is called over." Again: "Their names will not greatly count a division." Your own comment follows: "Nothing more bitter, more unparliamentary has been said of the House of Lords by Mr. Lloyd-George himself."

Let us see. There are about 15,000 names on the voters' lists of our country. Without investigation, I venture

the assessor offhand that not more than half of this number was ever received in any election in London during the past 50 years, and that frequently less than 25 per cent of the total vote have been polled. In other words "Their names will not greatly count a division." So then his critical amounts to nothing at all for it applies to democracies as well as aristocratic forms of government. The criticism is directed not so much against institutional forms of government as

I shall not attempt to account for this fierce tirade of abuse which has been heaped upon the House of Lords, but venture the opinion that the British aristocracy has furnished its full quota of talented men for the service of the Empire. Such papers, however, as the Ottawa Citizen and the Manchester Guardian would have us believe them "Sinners above Galleons," in short the very scum of the earth.

After all, the Lloyd-George budget will be considered on its merits, as the hard-headed British elector will ask himself, What will be the probable results if the proposed legislation is enacted? It is safe to say that the golden prospects now being held out will hardly be realized. The improvement in the working-classes will be almost imperceptible. It will not solve the problem of the unemployed. Some of the money to be raised under the budget will probably go to old age pensions and some to build up

But so far as the wage-earning classes are concerned, the same grinding conditions will prevail. The cost of living will not be reduced. The price of brooms, bananas and beef steak will still continue to mount upward. Nor will it remove the glaring inequalities which now exist between the various classes of society. It will not touch the pockets of such men as Andrew Carnegie, John D. Rockefeller

to give their costly, luxurious be-  
quests **to a few favored guests**—  
\$200 a **wife**, and nursery children  
continue to gaze through the sh-  
win, lows at "the cheap loaf," but  
no money to buy it. Yours truly,  
F. W. DALL

London, Dec. 29, 1909.

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## Personal Mention

Miss Kathleen Smith, Grey street, visiting in Toronto and Montreal.

Mr. F. Dalton has returned to Toronto after spending Christmas with his parents, 556 Maitland street.

Miss M. McCoy has returned to Toronto after spending Christmas with her mother, Waterloo street.

Mr. and Mrs. D. McArthur, of London, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Spittler, in Fingal.

Miss Lizzie Newton, of London, spent Christmas the guest of her brother, Newton, at Iona.

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## TORONTO'S CLEARING BIGGEST ON RECORD

Toronto, Dec. 31. — Toronto's financial growth is seen in the following comparison of bank clearings. For year ended today, clearings at Toronto

year ended today earnings were the largest on record, totaling \$1,437,700,477, which is \$270,798 greater than 1908.



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LONDON, FRIDAY, DEC. 31.  
THE BRITISH ELECTIONS AND CANADIAN OPINION.

Mr. Fred Daly's letter in another column reminds one of the old college song, "What's the Good of Anything? Why, Nothing!" He sees no good to the working classes in the Lloyd-George budget. In the House of Commons the other day Mr. Lloyd-George pointed with pride to the drop of 29 per cent in the consumption of liquor during the few months in which the new scale of liquor taxes had been in operation. He characterized this as "surprising," and a cheering omen for the temperance cause. One would think, in view of his record, that this aspect of the budget would appeal strongly to Mr. Daly, as it does to the temperance workers of the United Kingdom.

The budget is mainly a plan of financing great schemes of social betterment—insurance against unemployment, sickness and invalidity; the rescue of men, women and children from the workhouse; the afforestation of waste lands; the building of roads; the break-up of the land monopoly; and the division of the land among small holders; and, generally speaking, the scientific development of natural resources of the country. There are British statesmen who earnestly believe the working classes will benefit by these policies. At any rate, they propose to try to remedy social evils, instead of turning from them helplessly or callously.

Mr. Daly complains that Canadian newspapers and politicians, who favored closer trade relations with the United States some years ago, are "holding up to scorn all those who are endeavoring to strengthen the bonds of Empire." There are Canadians who honestly cannot see, as Mr. Daly can, that the bonds of Empire will be strengthened by levying duties on Canadian products which now enter the British market free of charge. Probably more than half the British people are opposed to taxes on imported food-stuffs. They will not love Canadians or Australians more if they imagine that they must pay these taxes as the price of Canadian and Australian loyalty. "Pretty plainly," says the Canadian correspondent of the London Times, "the increasing preponderance of foreign population in the Canadian west cannot be kept loyal to the Empire unless it is given a bribe in the shape of a tax on the food of the people of Britain." It is humiliating to self-respecting Canadians to read such stuff, and to think that it is being circulated in Great Britain in the name of Imperialism. The attitude of the London Morning Post is the honest one. It dismisses the cant about imposing taxes to please the colonies, and admits that the tariff scheme is conceived in the interest of British producers.

Canadian newspapers are discussing British politics from the same motives that prompted Mr. Daly to write a letter—because they are deeply interested in the issues. Mr. Daly seems to have a notion that only Liberal parties in Canada are "interfering," as he calls it, in British affairs. As a matter of fact, the Asquith Government is being as bitterly attacked by Conservative newspapers in Canada as if the election were being fought in this country. They are as ardent defenders of the anti-budget peers and of the hereditary principle as Mr. Daly seems to be. No one denies his assertion that the British aristocracy has contributed many talented men to the service of the Empire, but this is no argument for making its undistinguished scions the rulers of the people. It will be news to the Ottawa Citizen and the Manchester Guardian to hear that they have been calling the aristocracy the scum of the earth. The Citizen is a Conservative journal, moderate in its tone, and the Manchester Guardian is a newspaper of the highest ideals, considered by many to be the best in Great Britain, an opinion which The Advertiser, as a constant reader of it, shares.

## LOOKING TOWARD CANADA.

It is interesting to note that while a royal commission is engaged in looking into the trade relations between Canada and the British West Indies with a view to their improvement, South American republics are turning to this country as a market for their products. These include many things which Canada must import, such as tropical fruits, coffee, cocoa and cotton, while there are a number of lines of manufactures in which we might do a profitable trade with the south.

Little, if any, Venezuela coffee, which is declared to be superior to the Brazilian article, reaches Canada, the great bulk of the exports going to the United States, where the coffee is the prevailing beverage.

A leading journal of Caracas, El Progreso, discussing the possibilities of opening up trade with the Dominion, declares that Canada, owing to the degree of industrial development to which she has now attained and her position as an important part of the British Empire, must henceforward be considered as one of the prime factors in the struggle for the capture of the markets of Spanish-America and the opening up of those torrid regions. "Up to the present time," says the Caracas paper, "Venezuela has not sought to enter into trade relations of any kind with Canada. The capitalists of that extensive and wealthy Dominion are now investigating the best means for establishing navigation lines between its ports and those of the southern continent, for developing asphalt and petroleum deposits, working mines, cultivating and exporting acid and semi-acid fruits, and fostering the production of some of the most valuable prime materials of this zone." The paper suggests the establishment of a consulate of the first-class at Montreal, and the appointment thereto of a man capable of furnishing the Dominion with full information as to the possibilities which Venezuela offers to Canadian capital and of sending to Venezuela data as to the most practical manner for strengthening relations between the two countries. Canada is willing to do business with Venezuela and other South American republics. With Castro out of the way, the former country is doubtless now a safer place for investment.

## THE WORLD'S SEA-BORNE COMMERCE.

Practically one-half the vessels and one-half the tonnage of the world's merchant marine flies the British flag. Sea-borne commerce has assumed tremendous proportions, and with the development of Canada, Australia, Spanish America, Siberia and even China, it is bound to expand rapidly. The latest report of the United States bureau of statistics apportions ships and tonnage among the various nations as follows:

| Nation                            | No. of Vessels | Tonnage    |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|------------|
| British                           | 11,563         | 18,700,000 |
| American (including lake traffic) | 2,250          | 4,860,000  |
| German                            | 2,173          | 4,232,000  |
| Norwegian                         | 2,148          | 2,000,000  |
| French                            | 1,517          | 1,882,000  |
| Italian                           | 1,300          | 1,300,000  |
| Russian                           | 870            | 1,142,000  |
| Japanese                          | 1,409          | 1,000,000  |
| Swedish                           | 1,550          | 900,000    |
| Dutch                             | 565            | 900,000    |
| Spanish                           | 551            | 700,000    |

London's trade is greater than that of any other port in the world, amounting to \$1,620,000,000 a year, and Liverpool's is almost as much. The incoming and outgoing ships of Hamburg and Bremen combined carried freight to the value of \$2,625,000,000 during 1907, while Antwerp's share last year was \$1,000,000,000. The French ports of Marseilles and Havre do an annual business of close on a billion dollars between them. The growth of Japanese merchantmen since 1880 has been remarkable, the tonnage having increased from \$9,000 to 1,142,000, while the trade of the three ports of Yokohama, Kobe and Nagasaki now totals \$350,000,000 annually.

One striking feature of the statistics is the indifference showing made by the United States. It is true that country ranks second in vessels and tonnage, but if what is employed on the inland lakes is deducted the ocean-going tonnage will be found almost negligible. The American flag has almost vanished from the high seas, whereas fifty years ago the United States merchant marine was challenging Britain's supremacy. The ship-building industry in the republic has been almost killed by the tariff upon every material that enters into the construction of ships. It lives upon the lake business, of which it has a monopoly under the coasting laws. The United States is low in the scale, too, as regards commerce. Shanghai, with trade amounting to \$256,000,000, outranks New Orleans, the second United States port, by \$50,000,000, while Calcutta, Bombay and Singapore, with \$910,000,000, exceed by \$40,000,000 annually all United States ports excepting New York and New Orleans. In view of the competition of the Canadian route, which bears particularly hard on New York, there does not appear any likelihood of an improvement in the showing of United States ports in the near future.

Good-bye, 1909!

It will be a happy New Year for at least some of the municipal candidates.

The year 1910 opens without a war-cloud. This is a cause for anxiety, according to Lord Rosebery's theory of an "ominous hush."

The Toronto Star says with truth that in his lifetime Gladstone was as fiercely assailed as Lloyd-George is today, and for the same reason.

A Saturday election has some advantages. The public will have a day of rest after the terrible strain of this year's municipal campaign.

The British and German Governments are trying to find a basis of cooperation on certain problems. If it included the question of armaments, the angel of peace would sing for joy. But it will come in spite of the classes in both countries who have a selfish interest in preventing it.

Issues, such as home rule, the educational question and the constitutional right of the peers to reject finance bills, could not be kept out of the contest because masses of people feel strongly upon them. Many Churchmen, for instance, are divided between admiration for the budget, and distrust of the Government's school policy. The Irish party asks Irish voters to support the Government, and the English hierarchy insists that the educational issue take precedence over home rule. Many militant Nonconformists also put the educational bill before everything. To the Welsh people disestablishment is the principal subject of interest. Perhaps the majority of the electors are of the opinion that the question of the absolute veto of the House of Lords dominates everything else. There are a dozen cross-currents and side-issues. If the House of Lords can reject a budget and refuse supplies every year, it can turn a government out every year and destroy democratic institutions.

## CANADA'S THE WISER COURSE.

The present Canadian Government has been attacked because it would not throw its weight on the side of the advocates of preferential trade in Great Britain. Such a course would have been a very serious blunder. It would have identified Canada as a nation with the cause of one of the British political parties. It would have enabled the British Tory party to say that Canada, as a whole, was opposed to the Lloyd-George budget because it makes no provision for protective or preferential duties. It would have placed Canada definitely on the side of the House of Lords, which rejected the budget in order that a protective budget might be substituted. It would have identified Canada with a policy of taxing the food of the British people for the supposed benefit of the colonies. Mr. Winston Churchill at the imperial conference of ministers, held in 1907, said that it would be a dangerous thing to associate the idea of empire and of the colonies with an enhancement, however small, of the necessities of life and industry in the United Kingdom. The result, he said, might be to breed anti-colonial sentiment, perhaps even sullen hatred. Our motives would certainly have been regarded as selfish.

It was far wiser for Canada to keep out of the fight, and let the people of the United Kingdom settle the question of free trade or protection without reference to Canadian interests or opinions. We are disinterested, though we are not uninterested.

## BEARING FRUIT.

The decline in the number of deaths from tuberculosis shows that the educational campaign carried on for some years past is bringing results.

## BURN IT.

It is not for Christmas, what would one do with one's money?

## A HIGH IDEAL.

Many a man would do well to live up to the steady necktie he received on Christmas.

## SURE TO GET ALONG.

Bells—but do you think you and he are suited for each other?  
"Well, oh, perfectly! Our tastes are quite similar. I don't care much for him and he doesn't care much for me."

## PROOF OF THE PUDDING.

Shoe Dealer—Here are a pair of boots that will suit you exactly in your next dash for the gold.  
"How did you like the last pair I sold you?"  
Aretic Explorer (greeniscently)—The best I ever tasted.

## SINGED HIS WHISKERS.

An extremely heavy loss of Santa Claus whiskers by fire is also reported.

## SNOW BLANKET.

Winter wheat need just such a white counterpane. The flakes will be transmuted into a fine lot of farthings.

## A BUDGET SPEECH.

Prepared by London Punch for a Backwoods Baron.

Ladies—and gentlemen, I have been asked to explain to you the budget of the budget. When I was last in London in 1892—I helped to reject the home rule bill—I was proud to have done my duty then—and I am equally proud to have done my duty today. There are amongst us—certain progressive spirits—upon whom all true patriots must act as a check. My father-in-law once told me he could not understand the introduction of railways into this country. His advice was in the end disregarded. When I travelled up to London last week I was surprised to find that my father was right. The country, gentlemen—has been spoiled. On my way yesterday to the Zoological Gardens—I was disgusted to learn—that these vandals had burrowed—even under the earth. Coming back from the British Museum last Monday—I was horrified to discover that trans passed along the Embankment. Had I not been ill—I should have voted against that measure—as, I understand—did many of my colleagues in the House. At Mrs. Tussaud's—two days ago—I looked back-upon all that has happened—in the last fifty years. And all the misery—and unhappiness—that is to be found—in the villages and towns today—must (I decided)—be put down to the curse of elementary education. Ladies and gentlemen, I say—without hesitation—that the lower classes—should have been left where they were—that in raising them you have raised a monster—worse than any that Frankenstein brought into being.

Gentlemen, we rejected the budget—because it sought to create war between the classes. England will never be at peace—unless the classes keep to their proper stations. The upper class to lead—and the lower class to obey. (Loud applause.)

## WOEFUL IGNORANCE.

[Ottawa Free Press.]  
When will sensible English public men cease talking nonsense about Canada? A London cable tells us that the British Schoolmasters' Association has solemnly decided that it is necessary to export public school boys to offset the American "invasion" of the West, and to solve the problem of whether the flag to fly over the Parliament buildings here shall in twenty years be the Union Jack or the Stars and Stripes. Somebody ought to cable over the fact that at least seventy per cent of the American "invaders" take out their naturalization papers just as soon as is possible under the law, and become good British subjects.

## NEW NAME FOR FIREMEN.

[Buffalo Express.]  
A farmer was driving in Elk street a few days ago. Coming close behind him was a fire engine.

"Look out for the fire department!"

shouted a man on the curb.  
The farmer pulled in close to the curb, and after the engine had passed started toward the middle of the street again. Then a hook and ladder crew whizzed by and took off one of the rear wheels of his wagon.  
"I told you to look out," said the man at the curb.

"I told you to look out," said the farmer, "and I did look out, but I got out what those drunken painters with the wagon load of ladders did to my rig."

## JUST IN TIME.

[Lippincott's.]  
A German shoemaker left the gas turned on in his shop one night, and upon arriving in the morning struck a match to light it. There was a terrific explosion, and the shoemaker was blown out through the door almost to the middle of the street.

A passer-by rushed to his assistance and after helping him to arise, inquired if he was injured.  
The little German gazed at his place of business, which was now burning quite briskly, and said:  
"No, I ain't hurt. But I got out 'shust in time. Eh?"

## WEST LONDON.

Mr. Arthur Keene's new red pressed brick residence on Surrey avenue is just about completed and is a creditable addition to West London.

Miss Mae Clarke, Wharncliffe Road, West London, has returned home after spending the Christmas holidays with her brother, Mr. Chester E. Clarke, manager of the Grand Union Hotel, Toronto.

The many friends of Mr. Herbert Kiddle, 59 Wilson avenue, West London, will be sorry to learn of his illness at his home with an attack of acute bronchitis.

Mrs. Hodgins and two children, formerly of the Hodgins House, are new arrivals in West London and have taken up a residence on Alexander street.

Hundreds of small children dotted the ice at the foot of Dundas street yesterday afternoon and enjoyed the excellent sport afforded as a result of the steady cold weather. A little snow fell during the night but it was not nearly so laborious for the youngsters to clear the large space in the morning as it would have been to shovel a path for their mother at home. Many home-made snow-shoes and brooms were brought into play, and in a short period the snow-covered river was turned into one of the most beautiful skating rinks in the city. Several men stood on the bridge and remarked that it would be a good money-making proposition for them to keep the large square in shape and charge an admission. The children, however, they heard the remark, would no doubt have taken very unkindly to the proposition.

Mr. Walter Sage, son of Rev. Mr. Sage, of St. George's Church, is home on a visit. He resides in Toronto.

Court Excelsior, A. O. F., have vacated their lodge rooms in the Old Collins' Hall, West London, and have secured more convenient quarters near the centre of the city.

Abundance of ice is now obtainable on the river, and west end ice-men state that their source of supply will not run short for a long time to come. Large numbers of men are employed cutting and hauling. "Ice will be plentiful and of a superior quality next summer," stated a dealer, "but you can safely say that ice will never be cheaper than it has been."

Mr. Leathorn and family, of Wyatt street, West London, are moving to Ingersoll, where Mr. Leathorn has secured more convenient quarters near the centre of the city.

A resident of Wharncliffe road, West London, had a narrow escape last evening from being burned severely about the face and arms. The gentleman and his wife had just returned after spending the evening at the home of a friend. They found that the heater had burned itself out owing to a lack of fuel. In a very few minutes the remaining clinkers were raked out and the wood laid preparatory to starting a fresh fire. A single stick of coal oil and a lucifer and all was ready. In placing the lighted match to the paper a flame was caused to shoot through the open door of the stove, burning off parts of a fine pair of eyebrows and narrowly missing scorching the eyeballs. Except for the burned eyebrows the gentleman is none the worse for the experience, but declares that never more will he use the coal oil can in lighting a fire.

Mr. and Mrs. Birmingham, who reside at 38 Dundas street west and who had the misfortune to be both taken ill at Christmas time, are now able to be around again, although not entirely recovered from the effects of their ailments.

An elderly lady had the misfortune to slip on an icy sidewalk yesterday afternoon on Wilson avenue, West London, and sprained her ankle. She was placed on a street car and sent to her home in the east end of the city.

The need of a physician's office in West London is becoming more noticeable every day. This is the weather when there are many ills and pains, and cases which need immediate attention, and the absence of a doctor who can be called in on short notice is deplored. In the centre of this ever-growing city there are many doctors' shingles hanging out, but alas, poor West London has been given the go-by. Why does not some young doctor grasp the situation and locate in the suburb? His success is already assured, as a glance over the population of the west side will prove.

Miss Nell Wood, of Grand Rapids, is visiting at Mrs. Newman's, 28 Rogers avenue, London West.

## GENIALTY.

The preacher said there is no place in heaven for sour people; nor is there really any place on earth, but these are some people who too often insist upon occupying such a place. They wouldn't if they knew how little they were liked. A person may show sorrow and feel the pressure of a gloom upon his heart, but to be sour, crabbed, ill-natured, is to express a phase of disposition that is extremely distasteful, if not disgusting.

To be sour is to find fault with everybody except oneself. It is the worst side of egotism. It is being mad at the world. Nobody enjoys being that way. It is punishing oneself, in order to evoke sympathy, but it never works. Nobody cares for a sour person. One feels more like kicking him.

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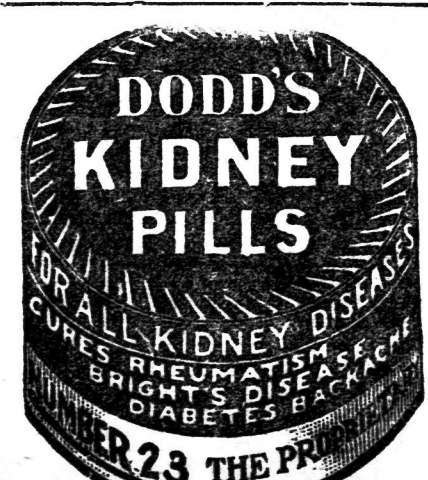
## DRINKING AT MEALS.

One by one old and cherished ideas are giving way before the simple application of practical tests. Perhaps no other one idea with reference to eating habits has been more widespread and more persistent than that it is injurious to drink water at meals. The old medical rule against eating before going to bed has been discontinued by the medical profession itself for a long time now, and it has been repeatedly shown that a reasonable amount of food taken before retiring is beneficial to many nervous people, and is not infrequently a cure for insomnia.

The rule against drinking at meals has been more persistent, but it appears to be doomed, now that the professors in the physiological chemistry department of the University of Illinois have set about making experiments to prove the digestive value of copious draughts of water taken while eating. One quart of water at each meal was the prescription followed, and it was found that the subject actually thrived on it. The theory is that the water, diluting the saliva, "causes the digestive fluid to assume greater digestive activity."—Manchester Union.



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BY PAULINE BEVERLEY.

"I wanted to see her," he repeated, now looking back at me, with a deep color creeping up under the clear pallor of his dusky skin. "Perhaps I shall be able to do so tomorrow."

"Oh, yes, I should think so," I answered, carelessly. "She'll be visible then, no doubt, if it's anything very important."

"It is," I received a letter this morning which renders it necessary for me to decide at once whether I return to Jamaica or remain in England. I must see her before answering it. You understand, I see. Good-bye for the present, then."

Of course, I understood, and I could not help showing that I did, as I unconsciously felt when I confessedly gave him my hand, and started off toward Redpots again. Confound the fellow, I thought, taking me into his confidence in such a fashion. So we were not at the end of the "pickle," yet, it appeared. He was going to communicate matters now a little more than they were already, complicated, bad luck to him! I wished St. George

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at Jericho, or Jamaica, which would have suited me quite as well just then. I turned in at the gates of Redpots a good deal more miserable and out of temper than I had been when I left Mount Chavasse.

Dr. Yorke was at home, the servant who admitted me said, but added that he had a patient with him just then. No doubt, he would be at liberty directly, if I would wait. I said I would wait, and decided to do so in the hall, since from there I could keep my eye upon the door of the surgery. I had not been there a minute when it creaked and opened to let out Lotty Wilde, looking as pretty as a little Red Riding-hood, with a scarlet cloak on, and a puffed hood of the same color drawn over her dark curls. The little cry she gave at the sight of me brought Yorke to the door, too. He started as he saw me, and then came out and shook hands.

"I thought I should see you today, Ned," he said, as Lotty, dropping her demure little courtesy, took her departure by means of a side door.

"Come into my den. There's no one there but the skeleton, and you can say whatever it is that you want to say, and I the same."

But, when we got into the room, and I had initiated him in dropping into one of the big chairs by the fender, it seemed that we were both tongue-tied. Yorke sat staring blankly at him, wondering how I could best contrive to tell him about Fraser Froude. Pale, gloomy, and miserable enough he looked, but obstinate and angry, too, and I began to see that Miss Natalie Orme had contrived to rouse a temper as fiery and to instill a pride as resolute as her own. Even if she were ready to speak now, it would want more than a few soft words to mollify Roger Yorke. And now, between these two who should have been together, there loomed in my mental vision the tall, stiff figure, the white face, the watchful keen black eyes, and the cold perpetual smile of the master of Holme-deane. It was in this very room that Yorke only a few weeks ago had blurted out to me the story of his love for Ned; and now things were in this precarious pickle. I thought of it as I glanced about me, and my heart sunk lower and lower. Roger, looking up, caught my eyes, understood, and gave a short bitter laugh.

"You're thinking that I'm a bigger fool now than I was then, eh, Ned? Well, you're right. I had made a fool of myself then—a thing which any man can do when he likes; this time, anybody has made a fool of me—that's all the difference. No more, is it?"

"For goodness' sake don't talk in that way!" I said, helplessly, feeling unable to say anything else.

"Why not? It's only to you. What does women tell, though, don't they?" "Lies," I repeated.

"Not them, at any rate—I don't see much difference. What else do you call it?"

"Not that," I returned, feeling relieved that here at least there was something upon which I could speak out, and speak energetically. "It's enough to make you say so, old fellow, of course—or to say anything, for that matter—upon my honor you're wrong there."

"How do you mean?"

"In thinking that Natalie was either speaking or acting a lie in saying that she loved you and in behaving as she did. The only lie there has been is in pretending that she doesn't—the little simpleton!"

"Did she tell you to say that?" he asked, turning upon me quickly.

"No, I was obliged to admit, awkwardly.

"Of course not. She played the game as long as it pleased her, and then dropped it. Well, she is the first woman to whom I ever gave the chance of making a fool of me, and—well, with a deep breath—"she shall be the last!"

"It's she that's made a fool of you, not you," I retorted, "and she loves you."

"Ah, I don't care about that sort of love, you see, Ned, my boy. It's too changeable, eh? Well, I shall get away from here."

"What do you mean?" I cried, startled, and recalling old Dizzart's words of the preceding night. "Get away?"

to him before going away; but now, when he himself introduced Froude's name, I felt my face redden, and knew that I looked like a fool. Yorke's eyes were too keen not to see it, and for a moment he started and stared at me. Of course, I only reddened more furiously and looked more stupid, if that could be. "I see," he said, slowly—"I see. No need for me to tell, eh, Ned? Which of them is it?"

"Froude," I answered, blurring out the name, and anxious, now that the plunge was made, to get it over. "It was only last night, after you had gone, and upon my word, Roger, I think she must have been half-crazy when she did it. She screamed and fell down in a dead faint directly after telling me."

Well, I said that, and a great deal more, enlarging upon Ned's hysterical state and wild talk when she told me, and also upon her eagerness to see him again, before that interview with a mysterious someone at the gate in the park fence had poisoned her mind and aroused her passionate temper against him. Blunderingly I reiterated over and over again, as earnestly as I felt, my firm conviction that, despite everything, the willful little damsel's love for him would conquer all, and as strong as his for her. I repeated, too, as many as I remembered of the thousand and one shy, loving speeches of which I had performed been the only recipient. But I might as well have held my tongue. Well as I had thought that I knew my friend, I found that he had more obstinacy and sternness in his nature than I had fact, that he had nothing to take with me but his reiterated resolve to get out of Whitteford as soon as possible.

(To Be Continued.)

## GREAT OIL TANK BURNS; LOSS HALF A MILLION

Twenty Million Dollar Plant of Standard Oil Company Was Imperilled.

New York, Dec. 30.—A fire which threatened to destroy the \$20,000,000 plant of the Standard Oil Company at Williamsburg, Brooklyn, was got under control after a ten-hour fight this morning. The blaze started with an unexplained explosion in one of the 30,000-barrel storage tanks, and a vat-man turned in an alarm, and routed out the emergency night force, which set about emptying the forty other tanks scattered about the plant, which occupies two large blocks.

The firemen prevented the blaze from spreading beyond the tank where the explosion occurred. They suffered severely from the cold. Every building in the plant is covered with a heavy coating of ice this morning, the deluge of water poured on by the firemen having frozen as it fell. The loss is about \$500,000.

## A CRAMPTON WEDDING

Miss Rosa Howe Becomes the Bride of Mr. Chas. M. Rickard.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Lowe, of Crampton, was the scene of a very pleasant event yesterday, being the marriage of their only daughter, Miss Rosa Lillian, to Mr. Charles Miles Rickard. The bride was charmingly arrayed in a gown of white tulle, with a white tulle veil, and wore the conventional bridal veil. She entered the room leaning upon the arm of her father, who was playing the piano. The groom, who was dressed in a tuxedo, followed her. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. Knowles, M. A., of Avon, under a beautifully constructed arch of evergreens and mistletoe. After the ceremony, the guests, to the number of 35, repaired to the drawing room, where a sumptuous wedding breakfast was served. The presents were both costly and numerous, showing the popularity and esteem in which the young couple are held. Mr. and Mrs. Rickard have gone to points west on their tour, and their many friends join in extending congratulations.

## DR. BEAMAN DEAD.

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—Dr. Wm. C. Beaman, one of the leading physicians of the city, died rather unexpectedly this morning. He had been ailing for several years, but trips to Europe and South Africa it was thought had restored his health. He was taken suddenly in bed this morning, and died in a few moments. Dr. Beaman was born near Ottawa, and was a graduate of Queen's. He was a member of the city council and board of health for four years, being first elected in 1901.

## DOCKS BURNING.

New Orleans, Dec. 30.—It is reported here that the docks at Galveston, Texas, are burning. The report is being investigated.

## LIQUIDATOR NAMED.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—Mr. J. J. Langley has been appointed liquidator of the National Press Company, which is to be wound up on the application of W. A. Spence. The assets and liabilities of the concern are not yet known.

## ELECTRICAL SUPPLY CO. LOOKING FOR MERGER

Recent Competition Has Proved Unprofitable to Three Big Concerns Involved.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—The World says: Mergers in connection with some of the large companies have turned attention to the electrical supply interests, and it is now asserted that the leading electrical machinery construction companies are making overtures for an amalgamation.

The three large Canadian electrical supply concerns are the Westinghouse Company of Hamilton, the Allis-Chalmers Company of Montreal, and the Canadian General Electric Company of Toronto.

Recent competition among these companies in which tenders were given to have lost money to the concern which has obtained the contract, and has evolved the idea that the combination of electrical supply interests would be beneficial to these companies. It is rumored that there is already an effort under way to assimilate the large electrical interests into one whole and thus avoid future cutting of prices.

Besides the British preference works harm to the electrical manufacturing interests, so much harm, in fact, that drastic measures are called for on the part of the financial institutions behind many of the companies.

## FARMS GROW BY MILLION IN DECADE

U. S. Holdings Worth Thirty Billions—Values Are Nearly Doubled.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—An enormous increase in the value of U. S. farm lands and livestock during the last ten years is revealed by an investigation conducted by the Orange Judd Farmer of Chicago, co-operating with eastern agricultural journals.

According to the report of the investigators the land in farms, with their buildings, implements and livestock, is today worth almost thirty billions of dollars, his is 44 per cent more than 1900. The figures for the latter year show an increase of about 25 per cent over the previous decade. Present values are two and one-half times the farm values 30 years ago. No such increase in agricultural land values has ever before known in the history of the world in any country.

Nearly one million new farms have been created in the United States during the past ten years. This increase is as great as the previous decade, though the relative proportion is less. The number of farms has increased in the north Atlantic states 6 per cent, in the south Atlantic states 9 per cent, in the central states 17 per cent, in the west 100 per cent. In the south-east states, as well as in the mountain and valley states, there is a marked increase in the number of farms.

In the older states from Ohio eastward there has been going on for 20 years a tendency toward the amalgamation of farms, and the other hand, the larger holdings, on the other hand, this section has witnessed the breaking up into smaller sizes of many farms, and the result has been that the movement has more than offset the former, so that there is a slight increase in the number of farms in most of these states during the past ten years.

The increase in the number of farms in the states of the old south is probably the most noteworthy feature of the movement, and will probably next ten years. It is substantial evidence of a more diversified agriculture, and reveals the cutting up of worked by farmers or tenants.

Taking the United States as a whole, there are now almost three times as many farms as in 1870 and 2,000,000 more than so recently as 1850.

## BACK TO ENGLAND.

London, Dec. 30.—Elliott Saunders, an Englishman, brought here two years ago by the Salvation Army, and who is to be sent back to England, as he has found shifting around the States and here found himself in a bad way. He was found last night, and is now in the hospital.

## WIRES STILL DOWN.

St. Johns, Nfld., Dec. 30.—The telegraph lines are still down as a result of the recent storm. The steamer Home, which arrived from Labrador today, reaching a tempestuous passage through the Straits of Belle Isle, which is now filling with Arctic ice. Seals are numerous in the straits, and 700 have been taken in the straits this week. This is said to be a good spring fishing. The board of trade, at a meeting last night, decided to establish a big cold storage plant next spring. Premier Morris attended the meeting.

## COMMISSION DEOS GOOD WORK IN DES MOINES

Dr. Chester W. Millar Tells of Progressive Civic Government in Western City.

Dr. Chester W. Millar, of Des Moines, Iowa, an old school friend of Inspector C. B. Edwards, B. A., was in the city today, and while visiting Mr. Edwards was seen by an Advertiser reporter.

Dr. Millar spoke in glowing terms of the success of the city government of Des Moines under a new system. The city is at present governed by a commission in place of aldermen.

Members of the commission, as heads of departments, and are held responsible for their acts by the citizens. The mayor receives \$3,600 a year and the commissioners \$3,000. The success of the system is clearly evidenced by the phenomenal growth of the city in the past few years. In 1900 the population was 62,000, while today it numbers 105,000.

## NEWS FROM EMBRO

Marriage of Miss Maggie McCormick and Mr. Edwin Marshall.

Embro, Dec. 29. Mr. H. Ross, of Lockwood, Sask., has arrived here on a visit to relatives in the vicinity. Miss Barbara Ross spent Christmas in Ingersoll, where she attended the funeral of her cousin, the late Mrs. (Rev.) McDonald.

Mr. Robert B. Ross, of Calgary, is visiting at his home here. Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Campbell and little daughter Julia spent the holiday with Woodstock friends.

A quiet wedding took place at the manse on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 22, when Mr. Edwin Mitchell and Miss Maggie McCormick were united in marriage by Rev. James Barber. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell will reside on the third floor.

Mr. and Mrs. James McBurney are in Westminster attending the golden wedding of her sister, Mrs. Beag. Misses Ada and Irene Kirkpatrick, of Woodstock, are holidaying with their grandmother, Mrs. J. McCurdy.

Mr. W. W. Murray, of the C. P. R. construction camp, at Port Hope is receiving acquaintances in the village.

Mr. and Mrs. John McLellan are spending the holiday season at Mrs. McLellan's parents' home in Ingersoll. Dr. and Mrs. Green and children are visiting with Woodstock friends.

Dr. and Mrs. G. A. Sutherland and son Bruce spent Christmas in Ingersoll.

Miss May Cody, of the Rockland school, is spending the holidays at her home here.

Mrs. J. H. Davies, of Woodstock, spent a day in the village recently. Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Bain and little daughter Isabel, of Woodstock, are visiting Mrs. Bain's mother, Mrs. Hugh Munro.

Mrs. Mary Jane Gunn and Mr. Chas. D. Gunn, of Detroit, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh M. Gunn.

Miss Helen McDonald, of Toronto, and Belle, of Woodstock, are visiting their mother, Mrs. H. McDonald.

Miss Mabel McKinnon is the guest of Tweed friends.

Mr. S. Finlayson, of the Traders' Bank, is holidaying at his home in Glenora.

Dr. and Mrs. John Matheson, of St. Marys, paid a flying visit to friends here on Tuesday.

Miss Davidson, of the public school staff, is visiting at her Peterboro home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Fair and children are the guests of friends in London.

Mrs. Clarke and children, of Scarborough, spent the holiday with her mother, Mrs. Angus McKay.

Mr. Charles D. Vannatter, of Burlington, spent Christmas at his home, Messrs. Chas. Porter, of St. Thomas, and Roy, of the Traders' Bank, Ingersoll, were visiting at their home for Christmas.

The grand Scotch concert which has been looked forward to for some time was held in the town hall under the auspices of Knox Church Ladies' Aid Society. The hall was taxed to its utmost to accommodate the large audience which greeted Miss Jessie McLachlan. Miss McLachlan has always been a favorite with Embro audiences, but her singing on this night surpassed all other occasions.

The remainder of the programme was furnished by Mr. Alexander, humorist, of London, and the quartette, consisting of Messrs. Wm. J. Campbell, Jas. Matheson, W. A. Ross and Wm. McKay. The chairman for the evening was Dr. John Matheson, St. Marys.

The following gentlemen were nominated on Monday: For reeve, George M. Creighton and A. E. Campbell; for councillors, Thomas Holohan, J. H. Williams, John Douglas, D. R. Ross, James Bales, D. M. Sutherland, Dr. Green and W. H. Beaver, Messrs. J.

# THE GREAT Stock-Reducing Sale Starts Monday



In the year's programme of merchandising movements our January Stock-Reducing Sale is the most important of all. It's the greatest economical bargain event of the year. This month we take stock, and as we have moved inventory day to a date a week earlier than previous years, the time is short in which to reduce the stocks in the different departments. However, we combat this circumstance by GREATER REDUCTIONS IN PRICES THAN EVER. Every department in the store is affected, and we can save you money on any Drygoods want you have. Watch Monday's papers for particulars of this big bargain event.

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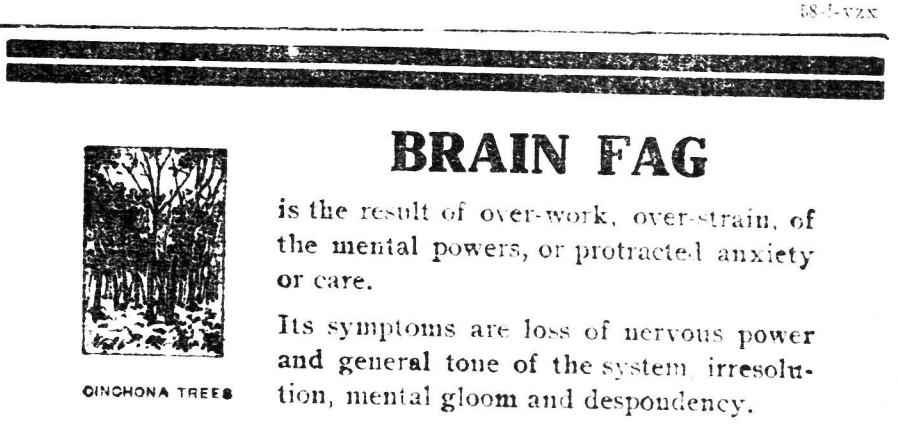


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The RAYO LAMP is a high grade lamp sold at a low price. There is no lamp that costs more but there is no better lamp as an price. The Rayo Lamp is the only lamp that is all are vital things in a lamp; these parts of the RAYO LAMP are directly constructed and there is nothing known in the art of lamp-making that could add to the value of the RAYO as a high-grade device. Suitable for any room in the house. Every dealer everywhere. If not at your, write for descriptive circular to the nearest Agent of

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Its symptoms are loss of nervous power and general tone of the system, irresolution, mental gloom and despondency.

## WILSON'S INVALIDS' PORT

(A la Quina du Perou)

—A Big Bracing Tonic

promptly relieves from prostration, nervousness, lack of energy, vigor and activity. Especially good for keeping the brain clear and active.

Dr. R. W. BUCKER  
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"I have prescribed 'Wilson's Invalids' Port' and have used it personally, finding it an excellent tonic as well as a very palatable one. I have no hesitation in recommending it."

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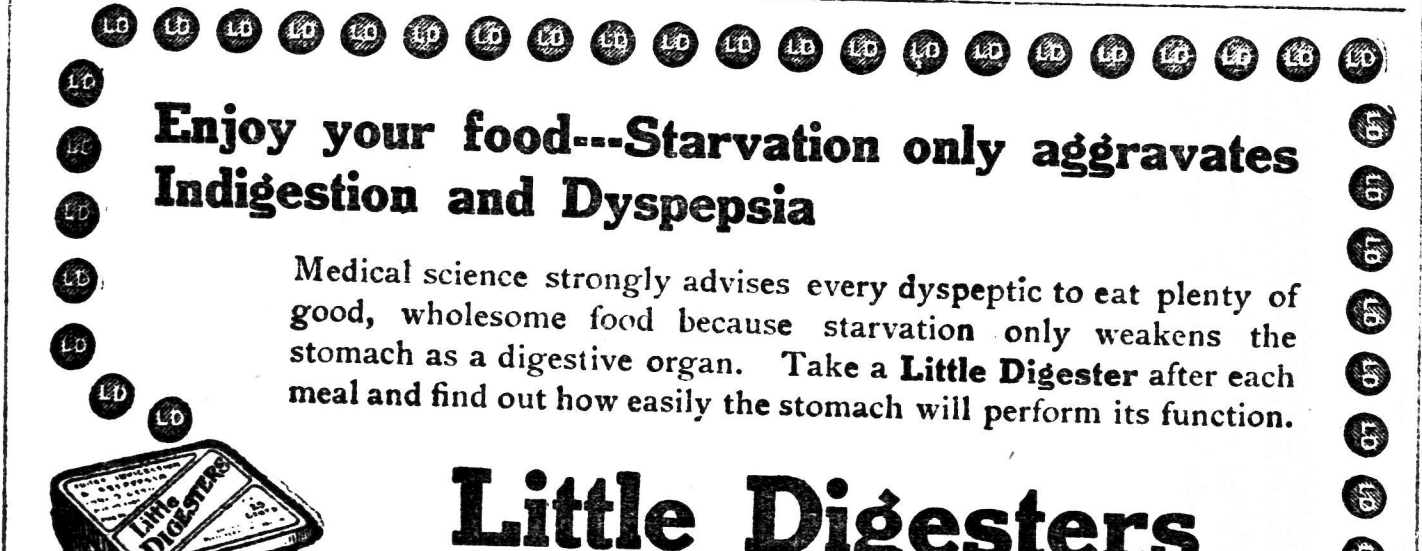
W. Gordon, A. M. Riddell and W. J. Dillane were elected trustees by acclamation.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. has been used for over THIRTY YEARS by MILLIONS OF MOTHERS for their CHILDREN WHILE TEETHING. With PERFECT SUCCESS. IT SOOTHES THE CHILD, SOFTENS THE GUMS, ALLAYS ALL PAIN, CURES WIND COLIC and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. Sold all over the world.

The most spectacular fire ever witnessed in the oil industry was at one of the Dos Bocas wells in Mexico. About 60,000 barrels of oil were burned up daily for nearly two months. The flames rose to heights of 500 to 1,400 feet.

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Medical science strongly advises every dyspeptic to eat plenty of good, wholesome food because starvation only weakens the stomach as a digestive organ. Take a Little Digester after each meal and find out how easily the stomach will perform its function.

## Little Digesters

are a compound of the purest drugs procurable—just the sort of prescription your family physician would write out for you. It costs nothing to try Little Digesters. These dainty tablets are put up in little red boxes—made to slip in the smallest purse or vest pocket. Your money will be cheerfully refunded if they do not effect a cure. Recommended by eminent physicians and sold by all druggists—25 cents the box.

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Send 10 cents for sample.













# DONALD FERGUSON

**For Mayor for 1910**

Thanking citizens for past support and hoping my record will entitle me to a continuance of same.



Your Vote and Influence for  
**William J. Underwood**  
District Manager, Federal Life,  
AS ALDERMAN.  
I stand for Clean, Progressive and  
Economic Civic Government.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY  
OF LONDON:

Ladies and Gentlemen: Your Vote  
and Influence solicited for

**H. KILBOURNE**  
Cement Stone Manufacturer.  
As Alderman for 1910



**HENRY POCOCK**  
President and Manager of the London  
Concrete Machinery Company,  
Limited.  
Respectfully solicits your VOTE  
AND INFLUENCE to secure his elec-  
tion as  
**Alderman, 1910**  
Clean, Progressive and Economic  
Civic Government for London.

**VOTE FOR  
HUBERT  
ASHPLANT**  
Of Hubert Ashplant & Sons'  
Shoe Store.  
For Alderman for 1910

A BETTER LONDON THAN HAS  
BEEN.

**JOHN  
DUNKIN**  
Fellow-Electors, I respectfully solicit  
your vote and influence for my  
election  
**As Alderman for 1910**  
In the interests of clean, progressive  
and economic civic government.  
75,000 population in ten years, 64-u

**CLEAN  
ECONOMICAL  
CITY  
GOVERNMENT**  
A Greater and a  
More Progressive  
London.  
"Equal Rights and  
Fair Play to All."  
That Means You.

**A. J. MORGAN**  
ALDERMAN, 1910.

**VOTE AGAINST  
Compulsory Vaccination**  
SUPPORT

**Weekes, Hunt,  
Westland, Spence  
For School Trustees**

The only candidates representing the  
Anti-Vaccination League, and all for  
Double Sessions in the Kindergarten.

**ROY LAMPHERE DEAD.**  
Michigan City, Ind., Dec. 30. — Roy  
Lamphere, convicted of arson in the  
famous Guinness case, died in prison  
here tonight, death being due to con-  
sumption.

## BRAKEMAN W. PRENTISS ALMOST ASPHYXIATED

He Awoke in Nick of Time—  
Physician Attended Him and  
Pulled Him Through.

Walter Prentiss, of Niagara Falls, a  
brakeman on the Grand Trunk, had a  
close call from being asphyxiated yester-  
day, when, after coming in from his  
run, he went to his room in a local  
hotel, and left open the door of a stove  
in the room and went to sleep.

It seems that Prentiss had just put  
fresh coal in the stove, and being very  
tired, went right off to sleep. He  
awakened some time after, and was  
very sick, but managed to summon as-  
sistance.

Dr. H. A. Kingsmill was called and  
had Prentiss removed at once to Vic-  
toria Hospital. He was very sick for  
some time, but had recovered suffi-  
ciently last night to go to his home at  
the Falls.

## JACK FROST RULES IN SUNNY SOUTH

Southern States Experience the  
Lowest Temperature of  
its History.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 31.—A cold wave  
prevailed over the entire South yester-  
day, not even the orange belt of  
Southern Florida being exempt from  
the freezing temperature. The mercury  
ranged from 2 degrees above zero at  
Asheville, N.C., to 32 degrees at El  
Paso, Texas, with 28 at Tampa. A  
few Texas points and the extreme  
southern portion of the Florida penin-  
sula alone escaped the cold.

This, according to the local weather  
bureau, was the coldest day of the  
coldest December the South has ever  
experienced.

At 8 o'clock yesterday morning the  
thermometer registered ten degrees  
above in Atlanta, and for twenty days  
past freezing weather has been ex-  
perienced here. There has been much  
suffering among the poor, especially  
the negroes.

At Birmingham, Ala., where the  
minimum was twelve degrees above  
zero, two negroes were frozen to death,  
and near Decatur, with the thermom-  
eter around five above zero, a family  
of six rescued yesterday were more  
dead than alive, with one of the chil-  
dren expected to die.

For the first time since 1886, there  
was ice in the Chattahoochee River at  
Atlanta. Similar conditions prevailed  
in the rivers of Tennessee, North  
Carolina and the western part of North  
Carolina.

While it is believed that no serious  
damage has been done the Florida  
orange crop, Fernandina reports that  
oranges were frozen in that section.  
Cotton planters of the southwestern  
section hail with delight the severe  
cold, believing that millions of the  
boll weevil have been destroyed.

## ISMAILIA NOBLES SELECT DR. ALEXANDER

Unanimously Elected Illustrious  
Potentate at the Annual  
Meeting.

[Special to The Advertiser.]  
Buffalo, Dec. 31.—At the annual  
meeting of Ismailia Temple, held last  
evening, Ill. Noble Dr. W. L. Alexander  
was re-elected unanimously as illus-  
trious potentate. This will make his  
second year in this office, and when it  
was found that there would be no  
opposition to his re-election, there was  
great enthusiasm.

When rising to thank the nobles for  
the distinguished honor done him, Dr.  
Alexander was given a fine reception.  
In a short speech he thanked the  
nobles for the dignity conferred.

The election of Ill. Noble Dr. Alex-  
ander as illustrious potentate for Is-  
mailia Temple is a matter of congrat-  
ulation to Mocha Temple Shriners,  
with whom he is very popular. Con-  
gratulatory messages were sent him by  
a number of nobles.

Ill. Potentate A. L. Davis sent the  
following message on behalf of Mocha  
Temple: "Heartiest congratulations on  
your unanimous election as potentate  
for the second year. Three cheers and  
a tiger for Ismailia Nobles."

**MONTREAL FEVER FIGHT.**  
Montreal, Dec. 31.—Since Wednesday  
morning 75 new cases of typhoid fever  
have been reported to the health de-  
partment. Steps will likely be taken  
to provide a temporary hospital to  
relieve the suffering and distress among  
poor patients who cannot receive  
proper treatment at home.

## Vote For - MATTHEWS

**WATER COMMISSIONER**  
INDEPENDENT VOLUNTEER CANDIDATE.

TO THE PEOPLE OF LONDON:  
Ladies and Gentlemen.—Having had a large experience as Alderman and  
three years on the Niagara Power Union Executive, I offer myself as a  
candidate for Water Commissioner (Public Utilities) and trust that you will  
use your best efforts to insure my election.

## The Dominion Savings and Investment Society

**Dividend No. 75**  
Notice is hereby given that a dividend at the rate of four per  
cent per annum upon the paid-up capital stock of this society has  
been declared for the current half year, and that the same will be  
payable at the offices of the Society, Masonic Temple, Richmond  
street, London, on and after the third day of January, 1910.  
The transfer books will be closed from the 15th of December,  
instant, to the 3rd of January, 1910, both days inclusive.

**NATHANIEL MILLS,**  
Managing Director.

## WOULD CLOSE BARS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

An Attempt Will Be Made to  
Amend the Liquor  
License Act.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—At the coming  
session of the Legislature which will  
be called to meet in the last week of  
January an amendment to the liquor  
license act is to be made whereby the  
sale of intoxicating liquors is to be  
prohibited on Christmas Day. Temper-  
ance people desire that the restriction  
should be made to apply to Good Fri-  
day and Thanksgiving Day as well as  
Christmas. It is not likely that the  
Government will go this far, but con-  
siderable measures to Christmas  
Day. Police records here for three  
years show 155 drunks for three  
Christmas days and five for three New  
Year's days, when hotels are closed on  
account of municipal elections.

## ONTARIO GOVERNMENT STOCK FOR SALE

Any Multiple of Fifty Dollars  
Can Be Had at 2 Per Cent  
Per Annum.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—The Ontario Gov-  
ernment is now offering Government  
stock for sale in any multiple of fifty  
dollars at two per cent per annum.  
The principal will be paid on the first  
of June, 1910, and the interest is paid  
by check half-yearly on the first of  
June and December.

This is a "trustee and executor in-  
vestment" and can be transferred in  
the same manner as stocks. This stock  
is free from all provincial taxation,  
including succession duty.  
The issue is part of the loan of \$2-  
500,000, arranged by the Provincial  
Government last June.

## A GOOD SHOWING BY INTERCOLONIAL

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—It is expected that  
Hon. G. P. Graham will make during  
January the annual statement to Par-  
liament respecting the Intercolonial  
Railway, and unusual interest attaches  
to it inasmuch as this is the first year  
of management by commission. It was  
stated that the commission expected  
to make an even break at least of this year,  
revenue and expenditure, and it is be-  
lieved that this will be the result even  
though labor trouble in Nova Scotia  
have interfered with coal shipments.

## DENTAL TEACHERS ELECT

Pedagogics Select Dr. Bryant, of In-  
dianapolis, for President.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—The seventeenth  
annual meeting of the Institute of  
Dental Pedagogics was concluded yester-  
day. The principal business was the  
election of officers. The vote was  
taken quickly, and in every case but  
one the election was unanimous. In-  
J. Q. Bryant, of Indianapolis, was pro-  
moted to the office of president. Dr. D. M.  
Gallie, of Chicago, is vice-president.  
Dr. P. W. Gethro, of Chicago, was pro-  
moted to secretary-treasurer, and Dr. B.  
E. Fischer, of St. Louis, was appointed  
to the executive board, in the place  
left vacant by Dr. Gallie. This last was  
the only office contested.

## THE JUVENILE ACT FOR THIS PROVINCE

Moral Reformers Will Ask the Legisla-  
ture to Adopt It.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—Moral reformers  
have decided to make application to  
the Ontario Legislature at the coming  
session for an act bringing into force  
the Juvenile Delinquents' Act of the  
Dominion of Canada.

Under this act children under the  
age of 21 are placed in an institution of  
detention, different altogether from  
the jails and the prisons, where they  
are saved from contact with the hard-  
ened criminals and old offenders.

The indeterminate sentence and the  
extension of the provisions of the juve-  
nile act in first offenders and by kindly  
and sympathetic treatment reform  
and young those who seemed des-  
tined for lives of crime.

## TO CENTRALIZE OFFICE

The Ontario Government Closes Its  
Agency at Liverpool.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—The Provincial  
Government has decided to close the  
branch offices of the Ontario coloniza-  
tion department at Liverpool. Under  
cabinet instructions the offices will  
cease operations tonight.

The decision to close the office at  
Liverpool is incidental to the plans of  
the government for the general ex-  
pansion and development of the cen-  
tral offices on the Strand, London. A  
careful expansion is, it is understood,  
under consideration by the Govern-  
ment, and an official announcement of  
early next week.

## ANALYSIS OF STRONG'S BAKING POWDER

By J. F. Snell, Professor of Chem-  
istry, Macdonald College, Quebec,  
Canada.

To W. T. Strong, druggist, 134 Dun-  
das street, London:  
Dear Sir,—I have recently had oc-  
casion to test a sample of your Baking  
Powder for alum and acid phosphate  
of lime, the two substances commonly  
substituted for cream of tartar in the  
poorer brands of Canadian baking  
powders. I found your product entire-  
ly free from these substances. I note  
that Bulletin 174 of the Laboratory of  
the Inland Revenue Department not  
only classes yours among the pure  
cream of tartar powders, but gives  
such results on the amount of gas  
produced per pound of powder as  
would place your brand among the  
most efficient powders of its class.

## PETERS' Cake, Candy and Ices For Holiday Entertainments

**PETERS' Two Shops**

## OPPOSE INCREASE IN OCEAN RATES

Toronto, Dec. 31.—The board of trade  
at a special meeting of the council  
passed a resolution that an urgent ap-  
peal be made to all Canadian ship-  
ping companies to resist any proposed  
increase in ocean rates from Britain  
and other European countries to Can-  
ada on the ground that any such in-  
crease must tend to divert to the  
factories of the United States trade  
which the preference was designed to  
encourage with Britain. Copies of  
the resolution will be sent to the  
Prime Minister, one to the Minister  
of Trade and Commerce and the Min-  
ister of Marine.

## GUERIN FOR MAYOR

Citizens' Association of Montreal  
Issue Reform Slate.

Montreal, Dec. 31.—The Citizens  
Association, which is fighting for  
civic reform, announced the following  
slate for mayor and board of control:  
Mayor—Dr. J. J. Guerin.  
Board of Control—Dr. E. P. Lachapelle, president of the provincial board  
of health; Mr. P. E. Warkentin, presi-  
dent and managing director of the  
Dominion Coal Company; Louis  
N. Dupuis, retired merchant, and Jos.  
Aime, a carpenter and prominent  
labor man.

A strong campaign will be engineer-  
ed by the Citizens' Association for  
these candidates, while the contests  
for the reduced seats on the council  
will be left to local influence.

## WILL GO TO ST. THOMAS

Rev. G. F. Salton Accepts Invitation  
to First Methodist Church, St.  
Thomas.

Stratford, Dec. 31.—Rev. G. F. Sal-  
ton, Ph. B. pastor of the Central  
Methodist Church, has accepted an in-  
vitation to become pastor of the First  
Methodist Church, St. Thomas, at the  
close of his present term on Jan. 1,  
1911, subject to the usual conditions.  
Mr. Salton went from Stratford to  
the church in St. Thomas in 1896, af-  
ter his last pastorate in the Central, so  
that the people know him not only by  
reputation, but from actual experience  
as a pastor. He has had two or three  
other invitations, but after deliberation  
he has now decided as stated.

## REV. DR. CURRIE DEAD

Was Lecturer on Hebrew in the Pine  
Hill College.

Halifax, Dec. 31.—The death occurred  
here yesterday of Rev. Dr. John Currie,  
professor of Hebrew in the Pine  
Hill College, a Presbyterian theological  
institution. He was in his 81st year.  
The deceased was born in Tasmania,  
Gordon, N. S., and was educated in  
Scotland. He spent some years in  
the active ministry in Nova Scotia be-  
fore being appointed to the chair of  
Hebrew and Exegesis at Pine Hill.  
He was recognized as an able Hebrew  
scholar. Dr. Currie leaves eight chil-  
dren.

## DENY MERGER STORY

Manager of Westinghouse Says They  
Are Not in It.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 31.—Mr. Paul  
J. Meyer, manager of the Canadian  
Westinghouse company, today gave  
an unqualified denial to the story that  
his company, the Allis-Chalmers Com-  
pany, of Montreal, and the Canadian  
General Electric Company are about  
to amalgamate.  
"There is absolutely no truth in the  
story," said Mr. Meyer.

## A SMALLPOX CASE ALLOWED TO ESCAPE

Said to Have Had Suspicious Sym-  
ptoms While at Large.

Windsor, Dec. 31.—Dr. Bell, provin-  
cial health inspector, is investigating a  
case of smallpox now in an isolation  
hospital at St. Thomas.  
The man was in Windsor two weeks  
and a physician reported to Dr. Alex-  
ander, the local health officer, that  
the man had had suspicious symptoms. Dr.  
Alexander went to the hotel at once,  
but the man had left and no trace of  
him could be found.

Dr. Bell is inclined to blame the  
Windsor physicians, who discovered  
Johnson's case, for allowing him to  
escape their observation, and travel  
about from city to city.

He also proposes to have the law  
amended which gives physicians 2  
hours in which to report contagious  
disease cases.

## WEIGHING OF COAL

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—In amendment  
to a former order regarding the  
weighing of coal at frontier points in  
Ontario, the railway commission has  
issued a new order whereby the coal  
must be weighed by automatic scales  
at the points where it is imported.  
In this way coal dealers will be re-  
lieved of the prevailing and much  
complained trouble of accepting  
shippers' weights.

YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE  
SOLICITED FOR

**W. J.  
WILSON**

As School Trustee  
Against Compulsory Vaccination.

SCHOOL TRUSTEE FOR 1910  
**W. R. COLBY**

PLATFORM: No compulsory vaccination;  
fair play to the kindergarten staff;  
thorough reorganization of the College  
Institute.

Electors of London  
Your Vote and Influence  
Respectfully solicited for

**JOHN I. A.  
HUNT**

(MILLER)

FOR—

SCHOOL TRUSTEE

**DR. J. D.  
BALFOUR**

Solicits the votes of the Ladies and  
Gentlemen of London.

As School Trustee  
For 1910

Platform—Against Compulsory Vac-  
cination.

To the Electors of the City of London.  
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

Your Vote and Influence Solicited For

**W.A. WILSON**

AS ALDERMAN, 1910.

YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE  
Respectfully Solicited for the  
Election of

**DR. W. J. Stevenson**

As Alderman for 1910

To the Electors of the City of London:  
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

Your Vote and Influence Solicited for

**W.S. Davidson**

AS ALDERMAN.

**VOTE FOR  
GEO. E.  
ROSE**

For Re-Election as  
ALDERMAN FOR 1910

VOTE FOR

**J. H.  
SAUNDERS**

AS ALDERMAN 1910

WILLIAM

**GERRY**

Solicits Your Vote and Influence  
for Re-Election

As Alderman for 1910

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN  
Your vote and influence respectfully  
solicited for the election of

**JOHN G.  
RICHTER**

General Manager the London Life  
Insurance Company,

For Alderman

Vote for the Following  
Candidates

**Equal Rights  
to All**

NEIL COOPER.

W. S. DAVIDSON,

R. C. ECKERT.

J. GARRATT.

JAS. JEFFRIES.

E. ROSE.

J. H. SAUNDERS.

W. J. UNDERWOOD.

W. A. WILSON.

G. WOOD.

CITIZENS OF LONDON

In the evening edition of the Free  
Press, also of The Advertiser, under  
date of Dec. 29, also other issues, an  
advertisement appeared with the fol-  
lowing heading, "Vote for the Follow-  
ing Candidates, Equal Rights to All,"  
then followed a list of 10 names,  
amongst which appeared our names.  
This is to say that we gave no author-  
ity to anyone to insert our names on  
said list, and it was done without our  
authority or knowledge, and we hereby  
repudiate the said advertisement or  
any cards circulated bearing our names,  
other than those issued by the Cit-  
izens' Municipal League.

W. J. UNDERWOOD.  
J. H. JEFFRIES.

London, Ont., Dec. 31, 1909.

## VOLUNTEER Rigs Wanted

Citizens of the city having rigs at their  
disposal, and are willing to volunteer  
them for the use of the Citizens' Munici-  
pal League, to bring voters to the polls  
on Saturday next, Jan. 1, will kindly call  
at or notify the secretary, 100 Dundas  
street, not later than Friday evening,  
Dec. 31, or Saturday morning.

YOUR VOTES AND INFLUENCE  
Respectfully Solicited for

**SAMUEL  
STEVELY**

As Water  
Commissioner

A candidate who has a thorough  
knowledge of the water and power  
question.

If you desire Clean, Progressive,  
Economic Civic Government, vote for

**J. A.  
TANCOCK**

AS ALDERMAN FOR 1910.

TO THE ELECTORS OF LONDON:  
Ladies and Gentlemen,—I am a candi-  
date for the office of

**SCHOOL TRUSTEE**  
for 1910. You are responsible as to who  
fills the office.

**A. S. MACGREGOR**  
INSURANCE AGENT.

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# FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

## HAY ONLY OFFERING ON LOCAL MARKET

Sold at From \$14 to \$15 a Ton  
—Other Products Unchanged.

There was a very small showing on the local market this morning, and there was practically no change from the figures of yesterday.

Hay was the only thing that was offered in any quantity, and it showed a tendency to be slightly easier. The highest figure paid during the morning was \$15, while some loads of inferior quality went as low as \$14. There was a fair demand, owing to the approaching holiday, but the showing was not at all what had been expected.

There were a few loads of oats, but they, too, were easy in price, \$1.20 being the top figure, while the majority of loads went at about \$1.15 or \$1.16.

One load of wheat was reported to have been sold at \$1.05, but this could not be verified, and the standard price remained at \$1.05.

The price for live hogs for Monday has not yet been given out, but it is expected that it will remain at about \$7.60.

Other prices remain as follows:

| Grain.          | Price              |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| Wheat, per bu.  | \$1.05             |
| Oats, per bu.   | \$1.20             |
| Barley, per bu. | \$1.15             |
| Rye, per bu.    | \$1.10             |
| Hay, per ton    | \$14.00 to \$15.00 |
| Straw, per ton  | \$8.00             |

| Dairy Produce.        | Price  |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Butter, creamery, lb. | 24 1/2 |
| Butter, salted, lb.   | 24 1/2 |
| Eggs, fresh, dozen    | 24 1/2 |
| Eggs, fresh, dozen    | 24 1/2 |
| Honey, strained, lb.  | 12 1/2 |
| Honey, in comb, lb.   | 12 1/2 |

| Poultry, Alive.   | Price  |
|-------------------|--------|
| Turkey, per lb.   | 12 1/2 |
| Ducks, per lb.    | 11 1/2 |
| Geese, per lb.    | 11 1/2 |
| Chickens, per lb. | 11 1/2 |

| Butcher's Meat. | Price |
|-----------------|-------|
| Beef, per lb.   | 7 1/2 |
| Pork, per lb.   | 7 1/2 |
| Lamb, per lb.   | 7 1/2 |
| Veal, per lb.   | 7 1/2 |

| Stocks.                 | Price |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Small lots, per share   | 5.00  |
| Select lots, per share  | 7.00  |
| Pat. adv., per share    | 2.00  |
| Stages, per share       | 2.00  |
| Tenent stock, per share | 5.00  |
| Milk cows, per head     | 50.00 |

| Hides and Wool.         | Price |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Tambling, per head      | 25.00 |
| Wool, washed, per lb.   | 12.00 |
| Wool, unwashed, per lb. | 11.00 |
| Hides, No. 1, lb.       | 11.00 |
| Hides, No. 2, lb.       | 10.00 |
| Hides, No. 3, lb.       | 9.00  |

| Potatoes.        | Price |
|------------------|-------|
| Turnips, per bag | 25.00 |
| Carrots, per bag | 25.00 |
| Onions, per bag  | 25.00 |
| Beets, per bag   | 25.00 |
| Spinach, per bag | 25.00 |
| Peas, per bag    | 25.00 |

| Fruits.            | Price |
|--------------------|-------|
| Apples, per bag    | 25.00 |
| Apples, per barrel | 1.50  |
| Oranges, per bag   | 25.00 |
| Pears, per bag     | 25.00 |

| PRODUCE.       | Price   |
|----------------|---------|
| Wheat, Dec. 31 | 112 1/2 |
| Wheat, Jan. 1  | 112 1/2 |
| Wheat, Feb. 1  | 112 1/2 |
| Wheat, Mar. 1  | 112 1/2 |
| Wheat, Apr. 1  | 112 1/2 |
| Wheat, May 1   | 112 1/2 |

| COTTON.           | Price |
|-------------------|-------|
| New York, Dec. 31 | 15.00 |
| New York, Jan. 1  | 15.00 |
| New York, Feb. 1  | 15.00 |
| New York, Mar. 1  | 15.00 |
| New York, Apr. 1  | 15.00 |
| New York, May 1   | 15.00 |

| OILS.                   | Price |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 31 | 15.00 |
| Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 1  | 15.00 |
| Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 1  | 15.00 |
| Pittsburg, Pa., Mar. 1  | 15.00 |
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## SUGAR.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Sugar—Cane was firm but quiet; Java, 13 3/4; beet is quiet at the advance; December, 12 1/2 1/2; January, 12 1/2 1/2; May, 12 1/2 1/2; October, 12 1/2 1/2.

TORONTO, Dec. 30.—Sugar—Montreal granulated, in barrels, cwt. \$4.50; do, in bags, \$4.40; yellow, in barrels, \$4.40; do, in bags, \$4.30; Acadia, bags or barrels, \$4.50.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Sugar—Raw steady and unchanged; refined quiet. Molasses—Steady.

## COFFEE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Coffee—Futures opened steady at unchanged prices to a decline of 5 points, in response to the partial liquidation of one-half frame at 11 1/2. The market was quiet, but the early buying demand from local bulls, in the absence of important offerings, the early two months, was recovered later by one or two, the market closing steady, net 10 1/2.

Sales.—2,600 bags were reported of 7,000 bags, including December and January at \$3.63 1/2 to \$3.75; 100 lbs. at \$3.62 1/2 to \$3.75; 50 lbs. at \$3.61 1/2 to \$3.75; 25 lbs. at \$3.60 1/2 to \$3.75; 12 1/2 lbs. at \$3.59 1/2 to \$3.75; 6 1/4 lbs. at \$3.58 1/2 to \$3.75; 3 1/8 lbs. at \$3.57 1/2 to \$3.75; 1 3/4 lbs. at \$3.56 1/2 to \$3.75; 7/8 lb. at \$3.55 1/2 to \$3.75; 3/4 lb. at \$3.54 1/2 to \$3.75; 1/2 lb. at \$3.53 1/2 to \$3.75; 1/4 lb. at \$3.52 1/2 to \$3.75; 1/8 lb. at \$3.51 1/2 to \$3.75; 1/16 lb. at \$3.50 1/2 to \$3.75; 1/32 lb. at \$3.49 1/2 to \$3.75; 1/64 lb. at \$3.48 1/2 to \$3.75; 1/128 lb. at \$3.47 1/2 to \$3.75; 1/256 lb. at \$3.46 1/2 to \$3.75; 1/512 lb. at \$3.45 1/2 to \$3.75; 1/1024 lb. at \$3.44 1/2 to \$3.75; 1/2048 lb. at \$3.43 1/2 to \$3.75; 1/4096 lb. at \$3.42 1/2 to \$3.75; 1/8192 lb. at \$3.41 1/2 to \$3.75; 1/16384 lb. at \$3.40 1/2 to \$3.75; 1/32768 lb. at \$3.39 1/2 to \$3.75; 1/65536 lb. at \$3.38 1/2 to \$3.75; 1/131072 lb. at \$3.37 1/2 to \$3.75; 1/262144 lb. at \$3.36 1/2 to \$3.75; 1/524288 lb. at \$3.35 1/2 to \$3.75; 1/1048576 lb. at \$3.34 1/2 to \$3.75; 1/2097152 lb. at \$3.33 1/2 to \$3.75; 1/4194304 lb. at \$3.32 1/2 to \$3.75; 1/8388608 lb. at \$3.31 1/2 to \$3.75; 1/16777216 lb. at \$3.30 1/2 to \$3.75; 1/33554432 lb. at \$3.29 1/2 to \$3.75; 1/67108864 lb. at \$3.28 1/2 to \$3.75; 1/134217728 lb. at \$3.27 1/2 to \$3.75; 1/268435456 lb. at \$3.26 1/2 to \$3.75; 1/536870912 lb. at \$3.25 1/2 to \$3.75; 1/1073741824 lb. at \$3.24 1/2 to \$3.75; 1/2147483648 lb. at \$3.23 1/2 to \$3.75; 1/4294967296 lb. at \$3.22 1/2 to \$3.75; 1/8589934592 lb. at \$3.21 1/2 to \$3.75; 1/17179869184 lb. at \$3.20 1/2 to \$3.75; 1/34359738368 lb. at \$3.19 1/2 to \$3.75; 1/68719476736 lb. at \$3.18 1/2 to \$3.75; 1/137438953472 lb. at \$3.17 1/2 to \$3.75; 1/274877906944 lb. at \$3.16 1/2 to \$3.75; 1/549755813888 lb. at \$3.15 1/2 to \$3.75; 1/1099511627776 lb. at \$3.14 1/2 to \$3.75; 1/2199023255552 lb. at \$3.13 1/2 to \$3.75; 1/4398046511104 lb. at \$3.12 1/2 to \$3.75; 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Christmas Beef, per lb. 10c to 12c  
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## CLACHAN.

Clachan, Dec. 30.—Charles MacKay, who has spent the past summer in the west, is home for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McColl and children are home from the west.

Gordon Meyer, of St. Thomas, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Meyer.

John Scott, of Chatham, is spending his holidays at his home here.

Roy MacKay, of Chatham, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Josiah MacKay.

Robert Johnston, who has been in the west for the past three years, is visiting friends here.

The remains of the late Harley A. Gibb, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gibb, were laid to rest on Monday afternoon in Purcell Cemetery. The funeral was largely attended. Deceased leaves to mourn his loss his parents and three sisters, who have the sympathy of the community at large in their sad loss.

Leaf and twig diseases, difficult to combat, are gradually lessening India's annual production of coffee.

A machine has been invented to wrap wire a telephone or telegraph pole to save it from gnawing horses.

## D., L. & W. Pea Coal

\$6.00 Per Ton

Have you tried it? NICE and LARGE, for ranges and small baseburners.

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All the correct necessities. Our egg-shaped bosom shirt will not bulge, and gives the wearer every satisfaction.

## A Happy New Year

It is our heartiest wish that our many friends may enjoy a year of greater happiness and prosperity than they have ever known.

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Mixed Nuts  
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Solid Meat. No Water. No Ice.  
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Store Open Till 11 p.m. Tonight.

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## Morning Paper on Saturday

Saturday, New Year's Day, The Advertiser will publish an early morning edition only. It will be supplied to all subscribers.

## LONDON AND DISTRICT

Canadian Club Greeting.

Mr. C. B. Edwards, the president of the Canadian Club, has received New Year's greetings from kindred clubs in Vancouver, Hamilton, New York and Boston.

\$27,000 For Hotel.  
It is said that the Hodgins House, corner of King and Talbot streets, which recently changed hands, was sold to Mr. H. Bastia for \$27,000.

A Watchnight Service.  
A watchnight service will be held tonight in the First Methodist Church at 11 p.m. The pastor will deliver "Old Year Meditations." The choir will be in attendance. Everyone is cordially invited.

Painfully Injured.  
Mr. Joseph Johnson, of Nilestown, met with a painful injury recently, being thrown by a colt he was riding, and having two ribs broken. Dr. Banghart was called and set the fractures.

Mr. Carr's Promotion.  
Mr. C. E. A. Carr, who formerly managed the street railway company of this city, was yesterday appointed general manager of the Quebec-Richmond Light and Power Company.

In succession to Mr. E. A. Evans, who resigned that position to become chief engineer of the system.

Lumber Contract Let.  
At a minority meeting of the board of works held last evening, W. Howie was awarded the contract for lumber for bridges at \$40 per 1,000 feet. The usual accounts were passed. Those present were Ald. Geary and Ald. Cooper and Mr. Atholl Marshall, acting secretary.

Local Option Sermons.  
On Sunday next, under the Dominion Alliance, special services will be delivered in three of the Episcopal churches of London Township by Rev. Professor T. H. Cotton, of Wycliffe College, Toronto. Professor Cotton will preach on "Present Day Questions of Moral Reform" in the morning at St. John's Church, afternoon at Emmanuel Church, and evening at St.

## Do You Wish a New Year's Gift

Jewelry makes an ideal present. Our stock contains innumerable suggestions of suitable gifts for persons of all ages. It will be a pleasure to us to tell you the prices of the different articles. They range from 15 cents to hundreds of dollars each. You are invited to call.

## C. H. Ward & Co

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## First Day, Second Day, Third Day, Every Day

Of the New Year, on which you desire to place before your family exquisite Cakes, Biscuits and other dainty morsels, begin right by using "Purity" Baking Powder. "Purity" never fails, never disappoints, and is always pure and wholesome.

## Only 20c Pound

## Cairncross & Lawrence

Chemists and Druggists,  
216 DUNDAS STREET, LONDON, ONT.

## Spend Your Christmas-Box Money for New Furs at BELTZ

PRACTICAL FURRIERS.

Rev. Ernest H. Peatfield, B.D., pastor of the First Congregational Church, will commence on Sunday, Jan. 2, a series of addresses on the wonderful revelation of St. John. The subject for the evening will be "The Vision of the Golden Candlestick." The addresses will be continued for 21 weeks.

Miss McVean Improves.  
The condition of Miss Theresa McVean, night supervisor at the Bell Telephone office, shows slight improvement in St. Joseph's Hospital, and every hope is now held out for her recovery. Miss McVean has been very dangerously ill with blood poisoning.

GOOD TEACHER GONE  
Nilestown Trustees Pay Mr. Charles F. Walker a Well-Earned Compliment.

Nilestown, Dec. 30.—The annual meeting of the Nilestown public school was held on Wednesday, A. E. Barnard was elected chairman, and C. P. Walker secretary. The auditors and trustees were adopted, J. Byrd, J. E. Barnard, and C. P. Walker.

Mr. John Byers was chosen as secretary and treasurer, and C. P. Walker was chosen as auditor. The school was closed for the year.

The janitors duties will rest upon H. Greenfield. The necessity for a new school building is being discussed, and they will be provided in the near future.

It was unanimously voted that a recommendation, voicing the testimony of trustees and section as to the high-class qualifications and efficiency of Mr. Charles F. Walker, whose duties here ended at Christmas.

Mrs. S. Rolph and her son Harry and daughters, formerly of this place, but recently of Michigan, are now located at London.

Mr. A. Barnard is visiting his brother Carlos, of Port Huron.

Mr. R. Elliott has been making his Canadian friends a visit.

R. C. ECKERT FOR 1910 ALDERMAN

The friends of R. C. Eckert prevailed on him to run as candidate for 1910. Since announcing his candidature, he has worked diligently to elect him. Mr. Eckert's experience as a businessman and his connection with Gorman, Eckert & Co. fit him well for the office.

One of his friends met him yesterday and said: "Well, Dick, how's it going? Are you elected yet?" Mr. Eckert replied: "Not yet. I need more votes—but they're coming my way fast. I hope to get the few more needed. I succeeded I will give the city's business my best attention." THAT'S THE G.O.P. OF MEN THE CITY NEEDS.

A good, clean, practical businessman, who will give the city's business close attention. VOTE FOR R. C. ECKERT FOR ALDERMAN. (Advertisement.)

According to the London Hospital, some English physicians are ordering patients to eat oysters that have been well soaked in sea water, as a cure for dyspepsia and tuberculosis.

## Come in tonight and get a box of our fun-making crackers for your New Year's gathering

At both our stores we have a big assortment from 25c to 50c a box.

We have the best of good things to eat.

Choice Layer Figs, a pound ..... 15c to 20c  
Fard Dates, 2 pounds for ..... 25c  
Stuffed Dates, a box ..... 30c  
Best Mixed Nuts, a pound ..... 20c  
Pink-Tinted Malaga Grapes, a pound ..... 25c  
Crystallized Fruits, a box ..... 50c  
Genuine Turkish Delight, box 20c  
Choice Table Raisins, a pound ..... 35c  
Select Figs, in bottle ..... 35c  
California Navel Oranges, a dozen ..... 30c, 40c and 50c  
Cranberries, Celery and Lettuce.

THREE PHONES:  
Dundas Street, 3051 and 3052.  
South London, 969.

## T. A. ROWAT & CO.

## FORMER LONDON WOMAN DIED W. I. E. IN FIT

Said to Have Left Here for Hamilton a Few Months Ago.

Hamilton, Dec. 31.—Lying full length on the floor of her bedroom at 138 Mary street, where she roomed, Hannah Leeman was found dead Wednesday night by Mrs. Smith, the lady of the house. The dead woman's face was covered with blood, and she looked a ghastly sight when Dr. Baugh and Constable Yaxley arrived. She had been dead about three days. The last time she was seen alive was on Sunday morning.

Mrs. Smith's children were in the habit of watching for Miss Leeman as she returned from her work at the Canadian colored cotton mill. Last night, when Mr. Smith returned home, the children, thinking it was Miss Leeman, shouted, "No mail," as they were in the habit of letting deceased know if there was any mail for her. Then Mr. and Mrs. Smith remembered that they had not seen deceased since Sunday, and, becoming suspicious, they went upstairs to her room and beheld the gruesome spectacle.

The police were at once notified, and P. C. Yaxley hurried to the house. When he arrived he found the gas stove burning, which he quickly turned off and opened the windows. He at once summoned Dr. Baugh, coroner.

No Foul Play.  
The doctor on his arrival examined the body and contents of the room, and satisfied himself there had been no foul play. He then asked the two young girls, who had been about three days, for face, breast and hands and swollen and were discolored, besides being covered with blood. She was fully dressed, and had a small amount of food on the table. She had had a fit, followed by a hemorrhage. Nothing in the room in the way of tablets or drugs could be found. However, an inquiry was made of the neighbors, and a visitor was moved to the city hospital morgue. The police took charge of her belongings.

The jury met and viewed the body this morning and adjourned until Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, at No. 3 police station.

Worked in London.  
Hannah Leeman came to this city about three months ago from London, Ont., where she had worked in a clothing factory for two years. She was between 40 and 45 years of age and belonged to Milltown, New Brunswick, where her relatives are living. She was a sister of Mrs. Murchie, of St. Croix.

N. B. Mr. Woodside, foreman in the weaving department in the Canadian Colored Cotton mill, knew the deceased and had seen her several times since she came to London.

He says she was the most reticent woman he ever met. She would not mix with any of her workmates, and had been somewhat despondent, owing to her inability to acquire the speed that other girls could. She made fairly good money. Her pay that she in the cotton mills office now amounts to \$10 a week, but she had not been paid for some time. The last time she was seen alive at the factory was on Friday night, and she was expected back on Monday morning.

Relatives in Milltown.  
There is nothing strange in the fact that Mrs. Smith did not discover the woman before, for those in the habit of rooming or taking roomers know it is possible to go days without seeing another member of the household.

Miss Leeman, Mrs. Smith said, was a very reserved girl, and did not mingle with the other people in the house. She had lived with Mrs. Smith only three weeks; prior to that she had lived next door, with Mr. and Mrs. Franklin, who left for the old country three weeks ago.

Miss Leeman boarded herself, and in the room were eatables of all kinds, besides cooking utensils and a gas stove. Her hat and gloves were on the table, apparently laid there when she returned from church.

Chief Smith today sent word of Miss Leeman's death to her relatives in Milltown.

FREE!

New Year's Day only. We will give absolutely free one large photo, size 16x20 with every order of a dozen or our best cabinets. Come early and avoid the rush. Sanders Studio, corner Dundas and Richmond.

Pianos to Rent.  
Pianos to rent from \$2 per month upwards, six months' rent allowed in case of purchase. Williams Piano Company, Limited, 561 Dundas street.

Closed, heated carriages for all occasions. Huxford's Livery.



## Big Reduction Sale of Ladies' Coats

What does this mean to the woman who needs a new Coat these cold winter days to have these high-grade Coats reduced now, instead of the end of the season?

When we say we believe our stock of Coats to be unequalled in this city in style, in quality and in tailoring, we are saying what we believe to be the truth.

These Coats are of the high standard that we aim to carry in all our Ready-to-Wear Clothing, with the prices greatly reduced.

### \$18 Coats Now \$7.95

This lot of Coats are of earlier styles than the rest of our Coats All are of the best all-wool melton, in blue and black and mixed tweeds, well tailored and neatly trimmed with braid and jet buttons, velvet or moire colors. These coats are well worth more than twice the sale price, but to clear, only \$7.95

### \$14 Coats Now \$9.75

Coats of good style, well tailored in semi-fitting designs, in blue and black all-wool meltons and fancy tweeds; lined to waist with extra quality satin, all seams finished, trimmings are braid and jet buttons; some coats have military collars, others plain notched collars. Any of these coats for ..... \$9.75

### \$16.50 Coats now \$12.75

Women's Winter Coats, in correct styles, as skirt or panel coats, tailored in meltons and kersey cloth, in black, green and blue; military or shawl collars. All are neatly trimmed with large buttons, and well worth \$16.50. To clear, only ..... \$12.75

### \$19.00 Coats now \$14.75

Beautiful Coats in blue, grey, green and black, in kerseys, meltons and best styles, styles as coats with side skirt pleatings or diagonal front fastenings; military or shawl collars, trimmings as jet buttons. Coats are lined to waist with black or colored satin. To clear, only ..... \$14.75

### \$30.00 Coats now \$19.75

High-grade Coats of "Wooltex" brand in broadcloth, kersey and meltons. In popular colors and fancy covers. These coats are advanced in style and will be good style for next year, but we clear everything each season. So reduced these to ..... \$19.75

## Open Evenings Raphael & Co. Dundas St. 236

## A SPLENDID CANTATA IN BROUGHDALE CHURCH

An Entertainment of Unusual Interest in St. Luke's Church.

An entertainment of unusual interest was given last night at St. Luke's Church, Broughdale. It took the nature of a cantata, "The Crowning of Christ," under the direction of Mr. Ed. Gardner, assisted by members of the choir and Sunday school. The basement of the church was crowded, and the audience was enthusiastic.

The program was given by Miss Mina Crockett, followed by the children's chorus, "Come Holiday's All." Following this, there were representations of the New Year, and the last season. The former was represented by Miss Edna Nagel, Winter, Miss Irene Gardner, Spring, Miss Emma Hole, Summer, Miss Anna Belle Blackall, Autumn, Miss Gertrude Ward.

St. Valentine's Day.  
St. Valentine's Day was represented by a song from Miss Nina Crittle. Following this twelve young ladies from the choir went through a very pretty recitation in honor of Queen Alexandra, who was represented in a very attractive manner by Miss Irene Stockwell. The drill closed with the singing of "God Save the Queen," in which the audience joined heartily.

Children's Day was represented by a cantata, "The Children's Sabbath," and a recitation by Miss Edna Nagel. Dominion Day was represented by a recitation by George Allison, and the chorus "Hail the First of July."

Thanksgiving Day.  
Thanksgiving Day was amusingly characterized by Miss Alice Broadrick and Mr. W. A. Young engaged in preparing the Thanksgiving dinner.

The last representation was that of Christmas Day, which was represented by a song from Miss Edna Nagel. Christmas Day was represented by a recitation by Mr. A. L. G. Clarke, who was received by a chorus of little tots. The chorus, "O, Bring the Crown," was then sung, during which Santa was crowned by Miss Bertha Allison. The cantata was brought to a close by the singing of the chorus, "O, Come, Now All Ye Holidays," followed by a Christmas hymn.

A very pleasant feature of the evening's entertainment was the distribution of gifts to the Sunday school children, and the presentation of the accompanist of the evening was Miss Beatrice Richardson, while in the Grand March and on several other occasions she was assisted by Miss Minnie Raymond.

The cantata was such a decided success, that many requests have already been received to have it repeated in the near future.

## FEWER PRISONERS IN THE COUNTY JAIL

Statistics Show That Place Is Growing Unpopular With Certain Classes.

The jail statistics and those of the county constabulary will not be ready for publication until some time early in the new year. But unless there is a very pronounced change in conditions in the jail during the year, the conditions to be reported will be very much improved over last year. There have been considerably fewer prisoners incarcerated in the jail during this year than in the year preceding.

Big Falling Off.  
Especially is this noticeable in the last quarter, which has hardly had one-half of the number of prisoners who were entered for the corresponding quarter of 1908. The highest number in the jail during the past three months had been 25, while last year the number went as high as 50. There has been an average population in the jail during October, November and December of about eighteen, while the year before hardly dropped below 40.

The Indian Listers.  
One of the reasons suggested for this state of affairs is the rigid enforcement of the Indian list idea, which has prevented many of the headquaters from making the jail their headquarters.

## J. C. College

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FOREST CITY, ILL., AND SHORTLAND, ILL., LONDON, ILL. J. W. WESTERVILT, Principal. J. W. WESTERVILT, Vice Principal.

As they were accustomed to do in the past. Whether the enforcement of the system has resulted in a permanent reform, or has only meant that the listers have been driven from the locality, it is of course difficult to tell, but in any event the result is currently satisfactory.

MR. AND MRS. TRIGGER WERE HIGHLY HONORED

Southwestern Traction Company employees Made Presentation to Both.

On Thursday evening, Dec. 23, the employees of the Southwestern Traction Company met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Trigger, St. Thomas, and after a neatly worded address by Conductor George McCreagh, Motorman John Campbell, presented Mr. Trigger with an elegant secretary, and Motorman E. Cole handed Mrs. Trigger a beautiful clock. Although completely taken by surprise, Mr. Trigger made a suitable reply, thanking them most heartily for their kindly wishes and splendid gifts, and expressing regret at having to sever his connection with them.

Mr. Trigger has been a valued and trusted employee of the Southwestern Traction Company for the past four years, and has recently resigned. He intends conducting a general store at Glenworth, which he has recently purchased from Mr. K. Turnbull.

After a very pleasant evening spent in social intercourse, the company dispersed after wishing Mr. and Mrs. Trigger every success in their new home.

SUCCESS

The police magistrate of Ontario states that during six months prior to local option the crown attorney appeared sixteen times in court; for the six months after he appeared only once. The work of the court has fallen off three-fourths. Before local option there was an average of one drunk in the cells every night. Now they are so rare that they scarcely have any.

In West Toronto builders state men do more work, earn more money, and take better care of their families. In Mount Brydges men do less work, earn less money, and take less care of their families.

The township of Canada are coming in better than in previous years. Westminster Local Option Committee. (Advertisement.)

## HOPING FOR NEW INDUSTRY

St. Marys May Have a Customer for the Smallwares Building. (Special to The Advertiser.)

St. Marys, Dec. 30.—Mr. Hayward, teller of the Bank of Montreal, has been transferred to Walla-Walla.

Mrs. McLaren, of London, is a holiday visitor with her daughter, Mrs. J. Jackson, Water street.

The town council held a special meeting today to consider routine business was transacted.

Very little interest is apparently being taken in the nearby municipal elections.

Miss McDonald, of New Ontario, a niece of Mr. John Gray, is a holiday visitor with Mrs. George P. Sutherland, North Ward.

An option has been taken on the Canadian Smallwares building on Water street north by W. E. Eggleton, of Waterbury, Conn., an expert artisan and inventor, and who has a financial syndicate at the back of an important industrial proposition.

Queries Answered.

Women Voters.  
Vancouver, Dec. 28, 1909.

"Please let us know in your first issue after you receive this, if spinners and widows who have votes in all municipal matters, can vote in the local option vote next Monday. Many

Germany "Interested."  
But this dream of a Greater Germany, which shall extend from the Danube to the Scheldt, is not confined to the Austrian Pan-Germans. The eventual annexation of the Lowlands is one of the principal planks in the programme of the Pan-Germans in Germany itself.

A consular report calls attention to the fact that the exports of canaries from Germany to the United States were valued at \$130,000 in 1908, as against \$136,000 in 1907.