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IN CONGRESS

The House Declines to Seat Roberts the Utah Member for the Present.

Washington, Dec. 6.—After an interesting debate of three hours the house yesterday, by a vote of 302 to 30, adopted the resolution offered by Mr. Taylor, of Ohio, yesterday for the investigation of the charges against Brigham H. Roberts, the Mormon representative-elect from Utah.

Previously the house had rejected a substitute resolution offered by Mr. Richardson, the leader of the minority, to allow Mr. Roberts to be sworn in and to send the whole case to the judiciary committee.

By the terms of the resolution, Mr. Roberts is now not only excluded from all participation in the proceedings of the house until the committee reports and the house passes upon his case, but he is denied a seat in the hall.

The reading of the president's message was completely overshadowed by the dramatic proceeding, which resulted in the action of the house yesterday.

The galleries were thronged with spectators, mostly women, who sat patiently through the three weary hours that preceded the debate, and they waited three more until it was concluded. The most remarkable feature of the debate was the fact that Mr. Roberts' presentation of his own side of the case, which lasted almost an hour, became so absorbing that he won the sympathy of many of those in the galleries, and was several times showered with applause.

Representative Corliss, of Michigan, introduced in the house a bill for the Pacific cable to be built by the government to Hawaii, the Philippines, Japan and China, at a limit of cost of \$3,000,000, of which \$500,000 is to be immediately available.

The general control is placed under the Pacific cable commission including the postmaster-general and chief signal officer of the army.

New York, Dec. 6.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: "If Mr. Roberts is finally rejected by the House of Representatives, as seems suggested that if Mr. Quay is seated by the senate the Democratic governor of Utah may appoint Mr. Roberts to fill the vacancy that exists in Utah's representation in that body."

Nebraska City, Neb., Dec. 6.—United States Senator Hayward died at 6:20 a.m. today. He was elected to the United States Senate by the last legislature. He was a veteran of the civil war.

Canadians in Good Company

Associated With the Black Watch and Seaforth Highlanders.

How the Boers Disregard the Laws of War.

All Was Well at Mafeking on Tuesday Last.

Boer Women Intercede With Joubert to End the War.

Heavy Cannonading Heard at Ladysmith on Wednesday.

The Colenso Bridge Totally Destroyed by the Boers.

Mobilization of the Fifth Division To Be Ordered at Aldershot—The Queen Gives a Flag for the Hospital Ship Maine.

London, Dec. 6.—A delayed dispatch from Cape Town describes the departure of the Canadian contingent of troops for the front. The streets were decorated and dense enthusiastic crowds lined the principal thoroughfares. Governor Milner bade the Canadians farewell at the railway station. All the officers were individually presented to the governor, who was heartily cheered by the Canadian soldiers. They also sang the National Anthem.

A party of Canadians remained at Cape Town, as the men had not passed the medical inspection. The Canadian contingent will act in concert with the Black Watch and Seaforth Highlanders.

Anxiety as to the welfare of the Windsor (Ont.) boys who are reported to have been sent on the fighting line, was relieved by the receipt of the following cable message from Lieut. R. B. Bowden, dated from Cape Town: "Windsor boys all well."

Ottawa, Dec. 6.—Col. Otter's late dispatch from Cape Town, includes the following sentence: Battalion strength 1,038; special 22—(Signed) Otter."

The strength of the regiment is a surprise to the authorities here. When the contingent left Quebec the strength was 1,010, but Col. Otter has found the number to have increased to 1,038. There may have been a few stowaways on board.

It is learned that the contingent, from the moment that it sets foot on African soil, coming as it does under the regulations of the Imperial army, will entitle the men to imperial pensions or compensation allowance in case of losing a limb or being incapacitated.

CANADIANS AT THE FRONT.
Rochester Democrat and Chronicle: The Canadian contingent has been ordered to the Modder River with other reinforcements for Lord Methuen's force. Their career will be watched with great interest in the United States as well as in Canada. Some of the young men in the command marched in Rochester on the Fourth of July, and showed good military training. In all probability there is no better material in the British army. Under able and reliable officers the contingent will doubtless distinguish itself. There is some doubt in Canada as to the competency of the general officers, but the doubt may not be well founded. It will be an honor to the Canadians to form part of the corps marching to the relief of Kimberley. The expedition of Lord Methuen promises to be the most important of the war.

NEWS SHUT OFF.
London, Wednesday, Dec. 6, 4:30 a.m.—The censorship continues to be of the strictest character. Virtually no news is allowed to pass except the diaries of events within the beleaguered garrisons and positions. According to late accounts of the battle of Modder River the Boer fire was the hottest on record and will revolutionize existing theories. It was effective up to 1,800 yards, but the casualties among the prone troops was trifling. It was found impossible to bring the British ammunition reserves to the firing line.

BOERS DISREGARD THE LAWS OF WAR.
Many Boers, wearing Red Cross badges, were actually employed in serving out ammunition. In connection with the many accusations against the Boer indifference to the laws of war, a letter, published in Cape Town, asserts that before the Transvaal ultimatum was sent, the Boer leaders discussed the policy of using the white flag, when driven into a corner, in order to deceive the British commanders, and this policy was generally approved.

Mobilization of the Fifth Division.
It is reported that the mobilization of the 5th Division will be ordered at Aldershot as a precaution for emergencies.

The Morning Post complains that there are many cavalrymen available at home, but that parsimony prevents their being sent to South Africa, where they are urgently needed.

"ALL WELL."
London, Dec. 6.—The Daily Mail has a dispatch from Mafeking, dated Tuesday, Nov. 28, which says: "All well. It is reported that the Boer commander, Snyman, who succeeded Cronje there, was killed in battle."

HOT WEATHER.
Cape Town, Dec. 6.—The heat here is great. If it is equally hot northward, Gen. Methuen's force must be suffering severely.

"SHOOT THE ENGLISH."
The Cape Town correspondent of the London Daily News says: A memorial has been started praying Great Britain to consider the claims of Natal when settling the future of South Africa. The Natalians desire to annex the Orange Free State or Pondoland, and the new republic taken from Zululand in 1886. Papers found on captured Boers indicate that the Transvaal Government expected to occupy Durban not later than Nov. 29.

At Ladysmith.
New York, Dec. 6.—A dispatch to the Herald from Pietermaritzburg, says: "News from Ladysmith is beginning to come in more freely. The latest dispatches state that from the 1st of the investment up to Nov. 25 there were 83 killed and wounded, including both military and civilians. The Boers shell the town from all sides, their favorite time for opening being at midnight. The heaviest casualties occurred on Nov. 9, when the Boers made a determined attack, advancing close to the camp. They were routed with heavy loss, our casualties numbering 21."

Some news has come through from Ladysmith, showing that while, on the one hand, the Boers' bombardment was becoming severe, on the other that one of the navy guns had once more silenced the big Boer 40 or 100 pounder.

BOER WOMEN AT THE FRONT.
London, Dec. 6.—The Ladysmith correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, cabling under date of Nov. 24, says: "The Boer women arrived near Ladysmith yesterday in order to intercede with Gen. Joubert to stop the war. Eleven hundred shells have fallen in the town since the siege began."

HEAVY FIRING.
The Daily Telegraph's correspondent at Frere, Natal, in a dispatch dated Nov. 29, says: "Heavy firing was heard yesterday at Ladysmith. It continued until the afternoon, and was resumed today." The Boers from Weenen have recrossed the Tugela River, leaving Colenso and Weenen.

COLENSO BRIDGE WRECKED.
An Estcourt dispatch, published by the Telegraph, under date of Nov. 30, says: "Throughout the night and the greater part of the day there was heavy cannonading in the direction of Ladysmith. The Colenso bridge is a total wreck. Several of its piers are gone. The news was flashed to Ladysmith by means of searchlight. The Boers swam at Grobler's Kloof, opposite Colenso."

DELAY DEPRECATED.
A special dispatch from Estcourt censures Sir Robert Harris, commanding-in-chief of the Cape of Good Hope and West African squadrons, for his delay in sending Capt. Scott and Capt. Lambton with guns to Ladysmith. "It is notorious," says the correspondent, "that only at the last moment, on Oct. 30, while a decisive action was pending, did Capt. Lambton (of the Powerful) arrive at Ladysmith. A week, a day, a few hours, might, and I doubt not would have, saved the situation, and delayed the investment, if it had not ended the Boer attempt."

LANCERS MEET THE BOERS.
London, Wednesday, Dec. 6.—A Modder River special, dated Thursday, Nov. 30, says: "The Boers occupy a strong ridge about six miles north of this point. Today the lancers came into contact with them."

DE BEERS MINES FLOODED.
Pretoria, Friday, Dec. 1.—The Standard and Diggers News say that Wednesday last Mr. Cecil Rhodes' dispatches, intercepted near Kimberley, said the De Beers mines were filling with water and that Mr. Rhodes estimated the damage at \$50,000 per day.

OFFICIAL BOER REPORT.
The following is a Boer version of the battle of Modder River: "Pretoria, Wednesday, Nov. 29.—De la Rey's official report states that a large force of British attacked his command at Modder River. Heavy fighting lasted for hours. Cronje and De la Rey took up strong positions, the Free Staters being reinforced. De la Rey had 17 killed and wounded, including his eldest son. The Free Staters' losses are unknown. At dark the Boers retired slowly to their positions, having prevented the British from forcing their way to Kimberley."

BOER IGNORANCE.
Orange River, Dec. 6.—A Transvaal commandant, who was one of the prisoners captured at Gras Pan, asserts

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Hat Brushes,
Hair Brushes,
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that when he joined the command he found a large number of the burghers absolutely ignorant of the meaning of the Red Cross. They thought it was part of the British flag. They were also convinced that the British cut the throats of all the wounded Boers they captured. The Boers relied on their ability to hold Belmont for six months.

THE QUEEN'S GIFT.
London, Dec. 6.—The Queen has given a Union Jack for the hospital ship Maine, which the Duke of Connaught will

THE ADVANCE ON KIMBERLEY.

Methuen Expected to Resume the March Today.

Relief of Ladysmith Will Be the Beginning of the Campaign.

Transvaal Likely to be Invaded From Natal Instead of the Free State.

Gen. Joubert Is Ill and Has Gone to Volksrust.

British Loss in the Kimberley Sortie of Nov. 23 Was 22 Killed and 31 Wounded.

News From Ladysmith Up to Wednesday Last—The Garrison Strong, but Suffering From Confinement—Boers Preparing to Withdraw.

New York, Dec. 6.—A feeling of anxiety and irritation was in the air last evening, at the clubs, hotels, theaters, and wherever men were congregated, and was reflected in the columns of several great London dailies in criticism of the manner in which the war censor is holding back the news, says London cable advices. What makes the suspense more difficult to endure is the knowledge that it is caused, not by the natural circumstances of the case, but by the deliberate determination of the military authorities. From Natal comes word that the Boers have retired from Weenen, southeast of Colenso. It looks as if part of Sir Francis Clery's division had been detached to make a wide detour on the east of Frere station. The first result of such a movement would be to drive any outlying force of Boers across the Blaauwkrans River. Its subsequent object would be to work around so as to menace the enemy's position at Colenso from the east.

THE BOER POSITION.
The Boer position on the Tugela has been made exceedingly strong as against any front attack, while the character of the country in this region largely helps Joubert's dispositions. The Boers are reported to be in very great numbers at Grobler's Kloof and elsewhere around Colenso. From a British point of view it is hoped that the Boers will stand and await the attack in a given position. Should they spread themselves in mobile bodies for miles along the course of the Tugela the result will be something like guerilla warfare.

THE DELAY.
The delay which has occurred in the British advance can be explained not only by Gen. Buller's desire to get up an overwhelming number of batteries, but also by some carefully planned and extensive movement, whereby the Boers' position at Colenso can be simultaneously cracked from the north, south, east and west.

The Boers are said to be confident of capturing Ladysmith, unless their lines can be turned. The conflict will be a most desperate one, and will task Buller's resources.

ON KIMBERLEY.
Gen. Methuen, it is reported, resumes his advance towards Kimberley today in personal command of his column. His delay is explained by the need of bringing up more ammunition and concentrating large supplies for Kimberley, which is in great straits for food.

FIGHTING AT ARUNDEL.
It is reported that fighting has taken place at Arundel between Gen. French's force, which is advancing from Naauw Port, and the Free State commandos. The two relief expeditions now in progress ought not to be confused with the general scheme of invasion of the Boer republics. When Kimberley is relieved most of its inhabitants will go south, and it will become the advanced base for the invasion of the Free State. Stores of every kind will have to be brought from De Aar to Kimberley before any advance toward the east can begin. This is a matter of weeks, not of days.

The relief of Ladysmith will be the beginning of the Transvaal campaign. The Natal operations will be directed mainly against the Transvaal Boers. It is quite possible that the defeat of Gen. Roberts' force will be followed by the invasion of the Transvaal, not from the Orange Free State, as originally intended, but from Natal.

GEN. JOUBERT ILL.
Pretoria, Saturday, Dec. 2, via Lorenzo Marquez, Monday, Dec. 4.—Gen. Joubert is indisposed, and has arrived at Volksrust, across the Transvaal border (not far from Charlestown, in the extreme north of Natal), for medical treatment.

A dispatch from the head laager, where Gen. Buller is in supreme command during the absence of Gen. Joubert, announces that a council of war was held Dec. 2 with reference to assaulting Ladysmith. The state attorney has arrived at the camp to advise the Boer commander. Everything is quiet at Ladysmith. Dispatches from the west report that there was a heavy artillery duel at Mafeking during the morning of Dec. 2.

ALL IS QUIET AT KIMBERLEY.
Comfortable wood and iron houses have been erected at Waterfall, a few miles from Pretoria, for the rank and file of the British prisoners. Count De Ville Leblond, a colonel in the French

CANCER

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army, has joined the Transvaal forces as an authorized military attaché.

THE POPE INTERESTED.
New York, Dec. 6.—Leo XIII. follows the vicissitudes of the Transvaal war with the keenest interest, and every morning before attending to the usual affairs of state with the cardinal, secretly insists on hearing the latest war news, translated from the English papers, says the Rome correspondent of the World. The Holy Father strongly disapproves of the war, as he has more than once said to the cardinals and prelates of his court. That his sympathies incline towards the Boers is proved by his own words, and by the attitude of the official Vatican press. Leo XIII. has not relinquished the idea of intervening, even at the eleventh hour, to mitigate the disastrous effects which the present war may ultimately have for the Boers. Dr. Leyds, the Transvaal's representative in Europe, wrote a long letter to the Holy Father last week, inquiring whether in the event of an attempt on the part of Great Britain to suppress the South African republics, the Holy See would raise its voice in protest. The pontiff directed Cardinal Rampolla to answer in the affirmative.

Active negotiations are going on between the Vatican and the French Republic concerning a joint action of Catholic powers to prevent the obliteration of the South African republic. The French ambassador of the Holy See has been recalled suddenly to Rome and is a daily visitor at the Vatican, where he has long interviews with Cardinal Rampolla.

Ladysmith Strong

London, Dec. 6.—A budget of news from Ladysmith, which arrived this morning, brought the history of the beleaguered garrison up to Nov. 23. In spite of rumors of a retrograde movement upon the part of the Boers the stories just received show the garrison, although still strong, was suffering from confinement, restricted diet and the increasing volume of the Boer artillery fire, especially that of the additional heavy-calibre gun placed in position 5,000 yards from the western defenses. The dispatches relate that the Boers had discovered the most vulnerable positions of the garrison, and that the shelling was becoming disagreeably effective. The rations had been reduced, and there was

A GREAT DEAL OF SICKNESS.
Nevertheless, the troops of the garrison were in every way preparing to meet the assault, which it was anticipated the Boers would carry out in a final effort to reduce the city. The belief was current in Ladysmith that the Boers were preparing for a retrograde movement after another attack. Several bodies of burghers were reported to have been seen on Nov. 23 moving in the direction of the Drakensburg range, while on Nov. 22 detachments were observed journeying northward with wagons.

Discord between the Transvaalers and Free Staters is also reported. There was no indication that the Boers were preparing to dismantle their gun positions, but the idea was prevalent in some quarters of Ladysmith that the continued shelling of the place was intended to cover the retirement of other Boer forces towards the Transvaal frontiers.

The Pretoria dispatch of Saturday, Dec. 2, via Lorenzo Marquez, Monday, Dec. 4, however, announced that a Boer council of war of Dec. 2 was planning a renewed assault on Ladysmith.

CASUALTIES.
A dispatch from Frere, dated Sunday, Dec. 3, reports that in Col. Turner's reconnaissance, near Colenso, fifteen Boers were killed and many were wounded. The road bridge across the Tugela River is intact. The same message reports that President Kruger is anxious that the burghers leave Ladysmith in order to oppose the British marching in the direction of Pretoria from the west. Advice from Putter's Kraal, the headquarters of Gen. Gatacre's division, dated Saturday, Dec. 2, say the Boers entered Dordrecht this morning. This is probably Gen. Grobler's force of 1,500 men from Stormberg.

LOSSES AT KIMBERLEY.
The war office has received the list of casualties during the sortie from Kimberley, Nov. 23, as follows:

Killed—Major Scott-Turner, of the Black Watch.

Lieut. C. Wright, of the Kimberley Light Horse.

Twenty non-commissioned officers and men.

Wounded—Capt. Wallack, Lieut. Clifford and Lieut. Watson, and 23 non-commissioned officers and men.

VICTIMS OF THE WEATHER.

Georgian Bay District Thankful for Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Kincaidine, Dec. 4.—This month has been the worst in years in the Lake Huron and Georgian Bay districts. Victims of rheumatism who probably keep their limbs on the edge of the ice, and other people, are all bound in their assertions as to this season being a record-breaker for dampness and raw biting winds. If these good people, instead of keeping tabs on the weather, would follow the example of Herbert Brown, of Watson & Malcolm's furniture factory, Kincaidine, they would be conferring a blessing upon themselves.

Mr. Brown says: "I had been feeling very bad with backache from my kidneys (Lumbago, a form of rheumatism). I have taken three boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills and the pain has left me."

FIGHTING IN VENEZUELA.

Caracas, Venezuela, Dec. 6.—After a fight lasting 15 hours, the town of Maracaibo, capital of the State of Suila, is in the power of the Hermandad revolutionary forces.

MILLER STILL AT LARGE.

Montreal, Dec. 6.—Wm. E. Miller, the fugitive manager of the Franklin syndicate, of Brooklyn, N. Y., has not been arrested in Montreal or Quebec, as reported. Five detectives are here looking for him. One of the local detectives, who is working with New York men, states that they have trace of the fugitive in this city. The visiting detectives are said to be working for a New York newspaper.

CRIME RAN IN THE FAMILY.

Toledo, Dec. 6.—Capt. E. A. Abbott, of the United States secret service, identified in Cyrus Davis, arrested here on Thanksgiving day, as Charles Johnson, one of the last of the Johnson family, who have been counterfeitters through three generations. The grandfather of the Toledo prisoner was the first counterfeiter of Canadian currency, and died in a Dominion prison. John Johnson, father of Charles, was an expert engraver, three years ago Johnson was arrested at Detroit for uttering "Grant fives." He escaped, fled to Canada, was arrested and served ten years for counterfeiting the "Commercial tens." Capt. Abbott found an outfit in Johnson's possession.

ICE FORMING IN LAKE ERIE

Northwest Gale and Cold Weather at Amherstburg.

Michigan Gets the Full Benefit of the Storm.

Hoosiers Are Shivering—Natural Gas Supply at Crawfordsville, Ind., Has Failed—Cold Wave Reaches Florida.

Amherstburg, Ont., Dec. 5.—Ice is making rapidly in the head of Lake Erie, where navigation was first blocked last December. There is a northwest gale, and the weather is very cold. The unknown steamer reported aground at Bar Point last night was the Progress. She was released this morning, but in the work the steamer got a line in her wheel. A diver will cut it out as soon as the weather permits.

BLIZZARD AT SAGINAW.

Saginaw, Mich., Dec. 5.—A blizzard has struck Saginaw, and it has been snowing all morning.

Coldwater, Mich., Dec. 5.—Eight degrees above zero this morning; six inches of snow.

St. Joseph, Mich., Dec. 5.—Robert Henry, of Austin, Tex., was found in a semi-unconscious condition along the Chicago and West Michigan Railroad tracks in the snow early this morning. He had both feet frozen.

SNOWSTORM AT BUFFALO.

Buffalo, Dec. 5.—A heavy snowstorm has prevailed here all day, accompanied by high winds. Street car traffic has been delayed. The storm has not yet interfered with street roads, but they are now in a very bad way.

HOOSIERS SHIVER.

Crawfordsville, Ind., Dec. 5.—The natural gas supply of Crawfordsville has failed completely, and the distress yesterday and today has been great. The city has depended solely on gas for years, although last winter the supply ran short. When the cold wave struck Crawfordsville yesterday the gas supply suddenly failed, and the fires in hundreds of homes went out, and today the supply has failed completely. There is much actual suffering from cold.

COLD WAVE REACHES THE SOUTH.

Detroit, Dec. 6.—The cold wave has extended over the Southern States, and there is a heavy frost over Northern Florida. All over the lake region cloudy skies will prevail today, with snow flurries.

The Michigan Central has received reports to the effect that there are fifteen inches of snow at Buchanan, in Berrien county.

Fires are now burning in all the great cars. The average cost of heating cars is 16 cents a day. It is just a year ago that all the wires on Grand River and Michigan avenues were swept down by the severe storm of Sunday evening.

MERELY MENTIONED

A starch works may be established at Kingston.

The Dominion steamship Ottoman has been requisitioned by the British Government for use as a transport ship.

Yellow fever has developed among a detachment of 600 troops from Buena Ventura, who were bound for Carthage.

George Nicholson, foreman in a Brooklyn foundry, had one of his legs badly shattered by the explosion of a tank beside which he was working.

Ignace Paderevski and Madame Paderevski, who were in the city to arrive from abroad by the steamship Oceanic today (Wednesday).

Mr. James Ross, the well-known Montreal millionaire, has been elected a director of the Bank of Montreal, to succeed the late Mr. Hugh McLennan.

His Excellency Lord Minto Sir Sanford Fleming and Dr. John Thorburn have been invited to attend the celebration of the centenary of the Canadian Institute, of Toronto.

The steamers Monarch and United Empire, of the Northwest Transportation Company, both arrived at Sarnia Monday on their last trip, after a most successful season's business.

Thomas Powell, residing at Summit Station, near Ancaster Station, is dying of blood-poisoning, the result of a knife wound, sustained while whittling a stick with a rusty jack-knife some weeks ago.

A dispatch from Burlington, Vt., says that Julia Marlowe Taber, the well-known actress, has applied for a divorce from her husband, Robert S. Taber, on the grounds of intemperance, severity and neglect and refusal to support.

Colonial advices say several Jamaicans have been impressed by the cold government and have been compelled to go to the front and fight the insurgents. It is expected that a British diplomatic inquiry will be made into the statement.

Two hundred and twenty samples for examination were received in the mineral assay office at Belleville, Ont., during November, of which 98 were assayed for gold, 23 for gold and silver, 35 for copper, 3 for nickel, 1 for platinum and 1 for zinc.

The Commercial Travelers' Association of Canada on Saturday evening, at Toronto, re-elected by acclamation President C. E. Kyle, and elected by acclamation Mr. C. Ellis, first vice-president; Wm. Canfield, second vice-president, and J. C. Black, treasurer.

Joseph W. Millette, son of Dr. J. D. Millette, of Quebec, who has just returned from Dawson City, a year ago, according to what he says, paid the last dollar he had for a meal. He is now the owner of three rich claims within a range of twenty miles from Dawson City.

IMMENSE INCREASE in the sale of the D. & L. Menthol Plaster evidences the fact that it is useful for all rheumatic pains, lumbago and lame back, pain in the sides, etc. Day & Lawrence Co., Limited, manufacturers.

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24 single and double-breasted tweeds, sizes 36 to 42, guaranteed all wool, regular \$13.

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Men's Heavy Storm Ulsters

21 fawn, black and Oxford shades, heavy tweed lining, storm collars and muff pockets, regular \$7.50.

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Men's Dress Overcoats

15 blue and black beaver, imported chevots, satin-lined, sizes 37 to 42, regular \$17.50.

Bargain Day, \$12.98

Men's Worsted Pants

31 pairs, hair-line and check worsteds, up to date in style and finish, regular \$3.50 and \$4.

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11 blue, brown and black, regular \$3.50 and \$4.

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Boys' 2-Piece Suits

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Bargain Day, \$2.48

12 Boys' Sailor Collar Reefers, regular \$3.50 and \$4.00, for.....\$1.98

15 Boys' 3-piece Suits, sizes 29 to 33, regular \$6.50, for.....\$4.48

BARGAINS IN GENTS' FURNISHINGS.

2 dozen All-Wool Heavy Winter Underwear, regular 50c, for.....38c
3 dozen All-Wool Heavy Winter Socks, regular 15c, for.....9c
4 dozen Leather Mitts, calfskin face, regular 50c, for.....35c
8 dozen 4-ply Linen Collars, regular 15c, for.....5c
5 1/2 dozen Fancy Braces, regular 25c, for.....10c
7 dozen Up-to-date Neckwear, regular 25c, for.....10c
120 pairs of Blue Bib Overalls, regular 75c, for.....59c

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- Dainty appointments for afternoon tea in Five O'Clock Tea Sets, Teapots, Sugar, Creams only, or Fine Eggshell China Cups and Saucers, exquisite designs, at 25 Per Cent Discount Off.
- On all Lamps, including Decorated Glass, Porcelain, Bronze and Brass Parlor, Table or Hanging Lamps.
- 10 Per Cent Discount Off.
- On all Dinner Sets, Tea Sets, Breakfast Sets, Dessert and Game Sets.
- 10 Per Cent Discount Off.
- On all Cut Engraved Porcelain, Sherries, Decanters, Tumblers and Finger Bowls.
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SCORES OF CRACK SHOTS

In the International Contest at St. Thomas.

Progress of the Six-Day Bicycle Grind at New York—Tur, Athletic and Other Sporting Matters.

TRIGGER.

TOURNAMENT AT ST. THOMAS.
St. Thomas, Ont., Dec. 6.—The third annual international shooting tournament commenced here yesterday. Most of the crack shots of Canada and the United States are in attendance. The shooting was exceptionally good, considering the very unfavorable conditions of the weather.

First event, 10 targets, \$20 guaranteed—Heikes 10, Fanning 10, Gilbert 9, Price 9, Budd 8, Young 8, Kirkover 8, Boone 7, Blake 7, Mariatt 5, Emille 5. Second event, 15 targets, \$30 guaranteed—Gilbert 14, Fanning 14, Boone 14, Darr 13, Kirkover 12, Young 11, Mariatt 10, Budd 10, Price 9.

Third event, 20 targets, \$50 guaranteed—Young 20, Gilbert 19, Tripp 18, Boone 17, Kirkover 16, Blake 16, George 16. Fourth event, 10 targets, \$20 guaranteed—Budd 10, Gilbert 10, Young 9, George 8, Bates 8, Boone 8, Kirkover 7, Price 7, Mariatt 6, Emille 6.

Fifth event, 15 targets, \$30 guaranteed—Kirkover 15, Heikes 15, Hollis 14, Gilbert 14, Fanning 13, Boone 12, Young 12, Tripp 11, Mariatt 10, Emille 10, Darr 10, Blake 9.

Sixth event, 20 targets, \$50 guaranteed—Budd 20, Heikes 20, Gilbert 19, Kirkover 18, Boone 18, Price 18, Boone 17, McKerson 14, Darr 14, Bates 13, Graham 13.

Seventh event, 10 targets—Kirkover 10, Boone 10, Tripp 10, Blake 10, Gilbert 9, Hollis 9, Mariatt 9, Young 8, Price 7, Graham 7.

Eighth event, 15 targets, \$30 guaranteed—Emille 15, Kirkover 15, Young 14, Tripp 13, Darr 12, Bates 12, Blake 11, Boone 11, Graham 11.

Day's average—Gilbert 108, Heikes 103, Kirkover 101.

Ninth event, miss and out, live birds over, Tripp and Fanning divided the purse, with 15 straight killed.

Tenth event, miss and out, live birds over, Heikes, Fanning, Donley, Budd, Work and Boone divided the purse, 7 killed.

AT NEW ORLEANS.

New Orleans, Dec. 6.—Imp Mint Sauce and Bonville were the only winning favorites yesterday. The latter was sold for \$3,000 before the race.

SUMMARY:
First race, 5 furlongs—Imp. Mint Sauce won, High Time 2, St. Christopher 3. Time, 1:10 1/2.

Second race, selling, mile—Russell R. won, Saddle Burnham 2, St. Fitzhugh 3. Time, 1:42 1/2.

Third race, selling, mile and 30 yards—Dewey won, La Grange 2, Monk Wayman 3. Time, 1:44.

Fourth race, handicap, 7 furlongs—Bonville won, Molo 2, J. Lucille 3. Time, 1:28.

Fifth race, one mile—Virgie won, Donngita 2, Kisme 3. Time, 1:42 1/2.

AT TANFORAN.

San Francisco, Dec. 6.—Tanforan results yesterday.

First race, 6 furlongs, selling—Dunblaine won, Decoy 2, Tar Hill 3. Time, 1:15.

Second race, 11-16 mile, selling—Good Hope won, Sainly 2, Sir Urian 3. Time, 1:08 1/2.

Third race, mile, selling—Espionage won, Cascade 2, Stormo 3. Time, 1:42 1/2.

Fourth race, 7 furlongs, purse—Nanamax won, True Blue 2, San Venado 3. Time, 1:43 1/2.

Fifth race, 1 1/16 miles—Sweet William won, Racivan 2, February 3. Time, 1:58 1/2.

Sixth race, 1 1/16 miles—May W. won, Maker 2, Flomora 3. Time, 1:07.

BASKETBALL.

EASTERN LEAGUE.
The annual meeting of the Eastern Basketball League will be held at New York Dec. 19. The Hamilton Herald remarks: "Both Hamilton and London will send strong representations to the Eastern League meeting, and it is believed that the league will be made for these cities. One thing seems assured, anyway, and that is that neither Hamilton nor London will ever again enter into any proposition to form a Canadian League with the smaller cities."

SOCKEY.

GALT'S MATERIAL.
Galt has reliable hockey material. Deaton, Twiss, Hancock, Fraser, the Dietrichs, the Scotts, Coding, Dougherty and Aitken are mainstays. A new man, though not a beginner, is Mat Brush, who, with an eight-year record, is as handy with a hockey stick as with a lacrosse stick. There are others as well, so there is no lack of talent.

GALT REFORMER.

WHEEL.
The four leading teams were 16 miles ahead of the record at the close of the 42nd hour. Gimm made the former record in 1898, with 767 miles and 660 yards to his credit. Harley Davidson, the Canadian, withdrew at 5 p.m., having 329 miles and 5 laps to his credit.

The riders were 79 miles ahead at the end of the 45th hour.

Score at 9 o'clock: Miller and Waller, 963.3; Maya and McEachren, 963.3; Gimm and Pierce, 963.2; Fisher and Chevalier, 962.7; Stevens and Turville, 962.5; Babcock and Stinson, 962.4; Schinner and Forster, 960.7; Thomas and Dickerson, 917.1; The and Pastors, 916.4.

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FOR WELL PEOPLE.
An Easy Way to Keep Well.

It is easy to keep well if we would only observe each day a few simple rules of health.

The all-important thing is to keep the stomach right, and to do this it is not necessary to diet or to follow a set rule or bill of fare.

Such pampering simply makes a capricious appetite and a feeling that certain articles of food must be avoided.

Prof. Wischold gives pretty good advice on this subject. He says: "I am 68 years old and have never had a serious illness, and at the same time my life has been largely an indoor one, but I early discovered that the way to keep healthy was to keep a healthy stomach, not by eating bread crackers or dieting of any sort; on the contrary, I always eat what my appetite craves, but for the past eight years I have made it a daily practice to take one or two of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets after each meal, and I attribute my robust health for a man of my age to the regular use of Stuart's Tablets."

My physician first advised me to use them, because he said they were perfect for my case, and were not a secret patent medicine, but contained only the natural digestives, pepsines and diastase, and after using them a few weeks I have never ceased to thank him for his advice.

"I honestly believe the habit of taking Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets after meals is the real health habit, because it brings health to the sick and aging, and preserves health to the well and strong."

Men and women past 50 years of age need a safe digestive after meals to insure a perfect digestion and to ward off disease, and the safest, best known and most widely used is Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.

They are found in every well-regulated household from Maine to California, and in Great Britain and Australia are rapidly pushing their way into popular favor.

All druggists sell Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, full-sized packages 50 cents, and for a weak stomach a 50-cent package will often do \$50 worth of good.

ENGLISH SOLDIERS MAKE THEIR WILLS.
[Chicago Tribune.]

How does the soldier killed in battle or fatally wounded, dispose of his property, providing he has any to leave behind him? The list of casualties reported regularly from South Africa and the Philippines lend pertinence to the inquiry. Every English soldier has served out to him when he enlists, a little volume, which contains, among other things, three blank forms on which he is at liberty to fill out at his leisure. In a majority of cases, however, he pays no attention to this pocketbook, and goes into battle with his will still unmade.

After he has been hit by a bullet and begins to realize that his chances of getting home are small, the soldier begins to think more carefully of the loved ones left behind him, and of the provisions he had made for their comfort. As a result many queer and pathetic wills have been found upon the bodies of dead soldiers, and in every case the wishes of the testator have been respected.

During the Sudan campaign of 1894 the body of one soldier was found on the battlefield of Tel Ed, who, before his death, had scrawled with the end of a lead bullet on the inside of his helmet, the words, "All to my wife." When an English army invaded Afghanistan a soldier was caught while doing scout duty, and shot down when one of his comrades was in sight. Weeks afterwards his body was found lying before a tall rock, on which he had written in letters of blood, "I want all to go to mother." In both cases the war department held the wills to be valid, and saw that the proper distribution of the property was made.

ROBBED OF \$8,000.
Pontiac, Ill., Dec. 6.—The bank at Cornell, Ill., eight miles from here, was robbed of \$8,000 in currency Monday night. The robbers secured entrance through the front door of the building and blew the large safe open with dynamite. Two men suspected of the crime have been arrested.

We need to suffer that we may learn to pity.—London.

Temper, if ungoverned, governs the whole man.—Shakespeare.

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JOTTINGS FROM NEAR-BY PLACES

A case of smallpox has developed near Middlemiss. A young man named Walker, employed by Richard Riley, Muncey road, who has been hunting in Essex with some other young men, also from the Muncey road, is down with the disease.

Dr. Routledge, of Lambeth, has purchased from Dr. Wilson, of St. Thomas, his Almedum mare for \$200.

Mrs. Lince, another of the old residents of Missouri township, was carried to her last resting-place the other day. She was the widow of the late William Lince, who was buried a couple of months ago. Internment was made in Vining's burying ground. The deceased was 88 years old.

STRATHROY.
Advertiser Agent, J. D. Meekison.

Strathroy, Dec. 5.—The W. C. T. U. will hold their annual point social day morning at Decker late residence. Proceeds will be for the poor of the town.

Applications to enter the Western Dairy School as students have been brought to Strathroy, the general and other points. Supt. Smith looks for a successful term.

Missionary anniversary services will be held in the Frank Street Church on Sunday, Dec. 10, when Rev. Dr. Mead, of Sarnia, will preach both morning and evening.

Mrs. Carrie Macdonald, relict of the late Wm. Macdonald, died yesterday morning at her late residence, Central avenue, London, was a former well-known resident of Strathroy, and her death was heard of here with deep regret. The remains will be brought to Strathroy, the funeral taking place from the residence of her brother, Fred L. E. Evans, Front street, tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock to the Strathroy cemetery.

The annual Collegiate concert held on Friday evening in the Lyceum, was a decided success. The attendance far exceeded that of other years. The supreme attraction of the evening was Miss Jessie Alexander, who was received with warm acclamations, and liberally encored during the evening. The rest of the programme, which was contributed by the pupils and local artists, was exceptionally well rendered, reflecting much credit upon the committee of management.

Mr. Richard Taylor has purchased the Banghart lot at the corner of Hood and Front streets.

Arrangements for the entertainment by the Strathroy Dramatic Club and Strathroy Orchestra on Dec. 13, are progressing, and indications are that it will be one of the best entertainments ever attempted by local talent. The Dramatic Club will present "Le Cid" and "Le Franchouille."

Charles O. Lutton and family, of Springfield, intend returning to London in December. Mr. Lutton is one of the instructors at the Dairy School.

It is expected by the managers of the Strathroy Church that service will be held in the basement next Sunday.

Mrs. W. K. Pearce and children, of Seaford, are the guests of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Hoare, Caradoc street.

HOWLETT.
Howlett, Dec. 6.—A number of the young people of the Sharon Epworth League paid a visit to the Dairy School on Friday evening, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Milson. All returned home safely at an early hour, with the exception of a few who happened to get their legs broken.

Miss Maud Bell is lying very ill at her home. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. Thomas Adams has returned home after spending a few days with friends in the city.

Messrs. Howlett and Bignell shipped a double-deck of lambs and calves on Monday to the Buffalo market. They will also ship a load of horned cattle and sheep to the old country market on Friday.

Wedding bells will soon be ringing in this neighborhood.

A number of farmers of this neighborhood complain that chickens, turkeys and grain have been stolen from them.

The friends of Miss Ella Adams, who has been ill long, regret to hear that she is no better.

Every moment of resistance to temptation is a victory.—Faber.

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WOMEN FENCERS

Sword Practice a Form of Feminine Amusement in Berlin.

The latest society amusement for the ladies is Berlin is fencing. The scene of their activity in this direction is the aristocratic Berliner Fechtklub, situated in a fine, large hall on Prince Louis Ferdinand street. This club was founded only a few years ago and at first saw many vicissitudes, but the ladies' marked interest in military sports and encouragement of such enterprises has done much to make the club a success, says the New York Herald.

Its membership is drawn almost entirely from court circles, offering, as it does, an interesting variation from staid court functions. The introduction of the ladies is the latest improvement in the club's arrangements. Here they come frequently to practice with the foils, especially in the mornings, when the men are not around. Some of the members of the gentler sex have become experts at fencing, which is not nearly so easy as it appears, and find that their health is greatly improved by the good exercise which it affords.

The teachers are highly pleased with the progress of their lady pupils, and say that many of them will soon be able to hold their own with some of the male members of the club.

The privileges are, of course, extended to none but the wives and daughters of members of this club, and as it is a most exclusive organization, none but the leaders of art and fashion are admitted. The walls of the fencing hall are hung with rapiers and swords of various kinds, with fencing masks and other paraphernalia necessary for the sport.

Lockers are provided for the men and women, in which they keep their "fencing clothes," the apartment and ladies' dressing-rooms being of course separate from the men's. None but ladies are admitted during the morning hours when they are practicing.

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Yesterday's Nominations.

Nominations were held yesterday for the provincial bye-elections in East and West Elgin, South Brant and South Ontario.

In South Ontario Mr. Charles Calder, Conservative, defeated Hon. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture, in the general election of March, 1898. Mr. Calder was unseated in the following September for corrupt practices by agents, and Mr. Dryden was successful in the bye-election, but lost his seat for the same reasons as Mr. Calder. The causes which defeated Mr. Dryden in the first place were purely local and personal, some dissatisfaction having arisen over the patronage in the riding. The irritation has been forgotten, and it is pretty certain that Mr. Dryden will be elected on his public record, as the best friend the farmers of Ontario ever had in office.

South Brant has been opened by the resignation of Hon. A. S. Hardy, whose majority was 527. Mr. Hardy's popularity, his long services to the riding, and his prestige as Premier, were factors in creating such victory, but the riding is normally Liberal, and a strong candidate like Mr. Preston will command the full party vote. His opponent, Mr. Henry, was sufficiently popular to defeat Hon. William Patterson in 1896, but was unseated for corruption (by agents), and in the bye-election was badly beaten by Mr. Heyd. Mr. Henry's chronic candidature is beginning to pall on his own party.

In East Elgin Mr. Brown, Conservative, had a majority of 29 at the general election but was unseated by the courts. The narrow margin by which his victory was won will probably disappear in this contest, as bye-elections have a tendency to swing toward the powers that be. Mr. D. McIntyre is again opposing Mr. Brown and is conducting a vigorous campaign.

In West Elgin the vicissitudes of party fortunes bewilder speculation. Mr. McNish, Liberal, and Mr. Macdonald, Conservative, are again in the field. The latter won by a majority of one in the general elections but was unseated and defeated. Mr. McNish, in turn, resigned his seat when he learned of the grave wrongs perpetrated by outsiders who came into the riding unknown to himself or the local Liberal organization. There are special reasons why the Liberal party in West Elgin should pool its full strength in this election. A victory for Mr. McNish will wipe out the stain unjustly put upon the good name of West Elgin Liberals by the attempt to associate them with the tactics imported into the last campaign. Let them show that they can win by their own efforts. It is also due to Mr. McNish to give him the fullest measure of support as an answer to the calumnies which have been heaped upon him undeservedly. Mr. McNish knew nothing of the devious methods employed in the bye-election and the people of West Elgin, who know him as a sincere and straightforward man, should feel it a point of honor to vindicate him in the eyes of the province.

The President's Message.

President McKinley's annual message to Congress is not a sensational document. The most positive feature of it is the recommendation that the gold standard be adopted absolutely and entirely. There has usually been some equivocation in official utterances on the currency question, but the President evidently thinks the time has come when the silver forces in Congress can be safely challenged and the sound money programme carried to its logical conclusion. The present abundance of gold in the country makes it an opportune period to insure the continuance of the gold standard by providing adequate gold reserves. The President also reiterates the need of amending the national banking act so as to allow of greater elasticity in circulation. The American banking system is one of the worst in the world, but Congress has always failed to take hold of it in a thorough, courageous manner.

The message contains some commonplace strictures on the trust evil. To say that combinations are obnoxious to the common law and the public welfare, when they control the market in some particular line "by suppressing natural and ordinary competition whereby prices are duly enhanced to the general consumer," is the veriest platitude. The President recommends that action be taken to check monopolies and trusts, but he does not suggest the remedy. Neither he nor his party will touch the root of the evil, which is the tariff. As a sop to public opinion, Congress may pass some laws, ostensibly aimed at trusts, but the chances are that any new steps will be as ineffectual as the present mass of anti-trust legislation.

In his reference to the joint high commission, the President reiterates that the American commissioners proposed that the Alaskan boundary question be laid aside, and the remaining issues between the two countries be proceeded with, but this the British commissioners declined to accede to. The inference of the President's remarks is that the onus rests upon the British commissioners for the failure of the conference. But Canadians know that the boundary dispute was the crux of the negotiations, and that upon the action of the Americans in that matter depended the terms the Canadians were willing to offer in the other questions under discussion. It is gratifying to note the President's cordial references to Great Britain, and to the attitude of

the United States toward the South African war. The American people will be pleased to note that the revenue bids fair to balance the expenditure again after a long series of deficits. For the first time since the civil war the number of pensioners shows a decrease, but the roll is apt to be swelled later on by the present war.

The School Remains.

Our Ottawa correspondent wires that the Military School in this city will not be closed up, nor will No. 1 Company, R. R. C. I., be transferred from this city to Toronto.

The inference is that the Minister of Militia has vetoed General Hutton's proposition, which, if carried out, would be highly detrimental to the interests of the Western Ontario militia.

The Minister's decision was no doubt hastened by the urgent representations of Col. Leys, M. P. P., who went to Ottawa specially for that purpose. It is fortunate that London and the military district of which it is the center, have had so vigorous a champion, as the City Council or no other public body made any move in the matter.

Truth is stranger than some of those war dispatches.

The unhappiest Canadians today are the 39 who have been left behind at Cape Town.

A British bayonet charge was always irresistible. The Boers take it for granted, and don't wait.

Newfoundland will come into the Dominion some day, but the Dominion has no desire to annex Newfoundland's political squabbles.

The evil that men do lives after them, and the question of the justifiability of the present war will linger for many a long day in the debating societies.

The report that the Boers are without sufficient medical equipment is a sorry reflection on the Transvaal Government, which has been spending millions every year on military preparations. If it has neglected the humanitarian side of war, it has been guilty of a heinous crime.

The Canadian regiment has been thought worthy to keep company with the best of them. It has been placed side by side with the Black Watch and the Seaforth Highlanders. These crack corps usually have hot work to do, and if it comes to that they will have no reason to be ashamed of their colonial brethren.

There are seven vacant seats in the House of Commons—Berthier, Chambly and Vercheres, Lotbiniere, Sherbrooke, LaSalle, West Ontario, and Winnipeg. The member for Berthier, M. Beauséjour becomes postmaster of Montreal; Chambly is opened by the death of Hon. Mr. Geoffrion; Sherbrooke, by the death of Hon. W. E. Ives; Lotbiniere, by the appointment of Dr. Rivest to office; LaSalle, by Mr. Bourassa's resignation; West Ontario, by death of Sir Jas. Edgar, and Winnipeg by the death of Mr. Jamieson. There are also six vacancies in the Senate.

What Others Say.

Bully.
[Toronto Star.]
Bull, Buller, bullet.

Spirited.
[Hamilton Spectator.]
If Dutch courage is induced only by consumption of schnapps, Oom Paul's men must be the greatest jag carriers on earth.

Big Programme, Big Man.
[Brockville Recorder.]
Conservatives complain that Hon. George W. Ross has mapped out a big programme. So he has, but Mr. Ross is a big man.

No. Only Ham Bones.
[Kingston Whig.]

The London Advertiser invites the closest scrutiny into election methods in London. "Let us have a thorough house-cleaning," it remarks, "from cellar to attic, and especially the attic." Does that mean that we are to have more about the pig's feet? Surely not!

Deadly War Missiles.
[Chicago Democrat.]

In 1870 an ordinary shell when it burst broke into from 19 to 30 pieces. Today it bursts into 240. Shrapnel fire in 1870 scattered only 37 death-dealing missiles. Now it scatters 240. A bomb weighing about 70 pounds 30 years ago would have burst into 42 fragments. Today, when it is charged with peroxide, it breaks up into 1,200 pieces, each of which is hurled with much greater velocity than the larger lumps which were scattered by a gunpowder explosion.

Boers and Diamonds.
[Woodstock Sentinel-Review.]

The Orange Free State Boers, who are investing Kimberley are playing for a big stake. A writer in an American paper declares that there are probably at this time \$100,000,000 worth of diamonds stored in the besieged town. What a "snap" it would be if the Boers could capture the diamonds and, above all, that political Koh-i-noor diamond, Cecil Rhodes. But it strikes us that before many moons the Boers will need food and shelter much more than Kimberley diamonds on their shift fronts. Still, a few millions in diamonds hidden away might come handy to some of the chief footers after the cruel war is over.

Origin of Lyddite.
[London Telegraph.]

Lydd, the little Kent town at the southern extremity of Romney Marsh, on the Southeastern Railway, known for its government artillery range, has the distinction of giving its name to this explosive, which the general public regarded as the result of ingenious

experiments by the scientific officers at Hythe, rather than a practical munition of war. Its terrible nature may be judged from the fact that it has been known to kill at a distance of 150 yards by its mere concussion.

Numbers Not Everything.

[Ottawa Citizen.]
There is one grain of comfort for Canadians in this Transvaal war. It is exemplifying the fact, not for the first time, that the numerical strength of a people is no criterion of their power in offensive or defensive operations. The relative strengths of Canada and the United States in 1812 contrasted more unfavorably for us than it does at the present time, yet there were Queenston Heights, Capture of Detroit, Stony Creek, Lundy's Lane, Chateaugay and Beaver Dams. Canada more than held her own on land.

Light and Shade.

Mrs. Flashout—Yes, Bobby; all these beautiful silk dresses of mine come from a poor, little, insignificant worm! Bobby Flashout—Yes, mamma, and papa is the worm, isn't he?

"I wonder if all men are fools," snapped Mrs. Enopet during a little domestic tiff the other morning. "No, indeed, my dear," replied her husband. "I know a number of men who are bachelors."

"Is your husband a courageous man, Julia?"
"Courageous? He went down street and told my dressmaker positively that she shouldn't make my street gowns trail."—Detroit Free Press.

Hoax—I have just patented an invention that will be of incalculable benefit to the human race?
Hoax—What is it?
Hoax—A photographic collar-button that will make its own profanity when it rolls under the bureau. — Chicago News.

Shooting Tenant (just arrived for the game). "What a beautiful place to live, Dougald!"
Dougald—"It's no a bad place to live. But what was ye think o' havin' whusky fifteen miles for a glass o' whusky?"

Shooting Tenant—"But why don't you buy some and keep it?"
Dougald—"Ah, mon, but whusky will na' keep."—Punch.

CIGARETTES KILLED HIM
The Habit Barred Him From the U. S. Army—Fatal Gunning Accident.

CIGARETTES KILLED HIM.
Charlotte, Mich., Dec. 6.—George Lohr, a well-known young man, died yesterday of consumption, brought on by the excessive use of cigarettes. At one time Lohr went to Fort Wayne to take the regular army examination but was rejected on account of the cigarette habit.

HANGED HIMSELF.
Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 6.—A cattle buyer and farmer of Pympton, named Sheppard, hanged himself at his barn yesterday. Dependancy is supposed to have caused the suicide. Sheppard was about 40 years old.

KILLED HIS BROTHER.
Hanover, Mich., Dec. 6.—The 17-year-old son of Will Crispell had his leg shot off at the knee by the accidental discharge of a shotgun in the hands of his older brother. He died from the shock 36 hours later.

DEATH FROM DRINKING LYE.
Ottawa, Dec. 6.—The victim of an unusual case in medical practice died at the Protestant Hospital Sunday morning. Edward Wilson, 4 years old, drank a quantity of lye about a year ago, which caused an obstruction of the tube leading to the stomach, the result of which was that the child, who was attempting to swallow stuck in the throat. On Thursday last, in eating an orange, either a seed or some of the pulp of the fruit lodged in the tube, and the little fellow's efforts to vomit produced a dangerous abscess. The abscess pressed on the child's heart, causing death. The effect of lye in the throat is said to almost invariably result in a similar affection, and cases of a like nature in Montreal, Toronto and New York have terminated fatally.

The Nineteenth.

"The Nineteenth and Their Times" being an account of the four cavalry regiments in the British army that have borne the number "nineteen," and of the campaigns in which they served, by Col. John Edgall.

The origin of this regiment goes back to 1759, during the "Seven Years' War," and it was then known as "Drogheda's Horse," and numbered "the Nineteenth." It was disbanded three times, and the fourth regiment that now bears the title "Nineteenth Princess of Wales's Own Hussars," was originally raised by the East India Company on the outbreak of the mutiny of the Bengal army, and received its present number in the transfer of its services to the crown. The regiment, during the 140 years of its existence, has had an eventful career and seen much active service. Twenty-four years in India, from Warren Hastings to Wellesley, gave it opportunities of

distinguishing itself on many a battlefield.

The regiment was sent to Canada and one squadron took part in the famous battle of Lundy's Lane with which all Canadians are familiar. Coming down to later times it formed part of the famous Lord Wolseley's Egyptian Expeditionary Force. The regiment took part in nearly every engagement of that campaign and won for itself honor and renown. A list is given of "special honors" granted to some of its officers for the Sudan campaign of 1885, and among them we find the name of one (now deceased) who was a brother of our respected citizen, Mr. C. J. Beale, of Prospect avenue. Sergeant-Major W. T. Beale was "mentioned in dispatches" for particular acts of bravery and also received the "Distinguished Service Medal."

The work gives a full and complete history of the regiment from its formation, also the names of all its officers from 1760 down to 1899. All who have ever served in the regiment or who have had friends or relatives in its ranks, will find it a most useful and interesting work. It has several excellent plates, also maps and diagrams of the localities where the battles took place, and in which the regiment participated. The work is published by John Murray, Albemarle street, London, Eng. The price is 16s. 6d.

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Shoe Department

Christmas Slippers, Etc.

Women's Felt Julietts, fur trimmed, turn soles, very soft and comfortable \$1.35, and \$1.65
Women's Satin Julietts, fur trimmed, turn soles, pretty shape and color \$2.00
Men's Fancy Velvet and Leather Slippers, fine, stylish and comfortable, at \$1.50 and \$1.75

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CRYSTAL CORDS SILKS, 20-inch, in white, cream, red, blue, pink, sky, etc., at special Christmas prices, per yard 75c and \$1.00
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Japanese Art Silks for Christmas fancy work, cushion tops, screens and drapes, blended in art patterns and floral designs, all pure silk, 27-inch, per yard 75c

Taffeta Silk, in all the new tints of blue, cerise, cherry red, gray, garnet, turquoise, sky, bluet, brown, dawn and pure white, 21-inch, pure silk, at per yard \$1.85 and 75c

Satin, in all the bright, new shades, blue, pink, sky and black, 24-inch, beautiful, heavy-faced satin, at per yard 75c, 65c and 50c

BLACK DRESS SILKS—21-inch Peau-de-Soe, a beautiful French dress silk, warranted not to cut, and of desirable, special price for Christmas trade, at per yard 75c, 55c, \$1 and \$1.25

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BLACK BENGALINE SILK, a beautiful corded dress silk, for skirts and waists, 21-inch, warranted, special prices for Christmas trade, at per yard \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.69

Ribbons

Baby Ribbons for Christmas sale, in all shades, satin and silk, from 10c to 60c
Our special line of Baby Ribbon, 36 yards for 25c
Fancy and Plain Ribbons, large assortment, 4 to 6 inches wide, special, at 15c and 25c

Ebony Goods

Silver-mounted Hat Brushes, Cloth Brushes, Hair Brushes, Novelties in Paper Knives, Manicure Pieces.

Our 25c Tables contain dainty Bisque Figures, Handsome Paper Weights, Hand-painted Trays and Boxes, Crystal Vases, Candlesticks, Penholders, Blotters, Inkstands, Novelties in Tape Measures, Fancy Pin Cushions in Watermelon, Corn, Peas, Apples, and numerous other fancy designs. Fancy Match Safes, Vaseline Boxes, Stamp Boxes, Brush and Comb Trays, and dozens of other pretty and useful gifts.

On our 50 and 75 cent tables you will find dainty and useful articles worthy of anyone's consideration. Wedgewood Novelties are among some of the unique things we are showing in Fruit Boxes, Trays, Plaques and Fern Pots.

Basement Specials

We invite your inspection of the Basement for Holiday and Christmas Gifts.

Two tables of direct import Japanese China, consisting of the latest designs that can be procured.

One table of Havell's Limoges China Goods, consisting of Dinner, Tea and Breakfast Sets, Cups and Saucers, Bon-Bons, Pickle Dishes, Butters, Soup, Dinner, Bread and Butter Plates, Vegetable Dishes, Casseroles, and, in fact, anything you may require in Havell's China Goods at import prices.

One crate of J. & G. Meakin's Gold Traced Dinnerware, in any combination to suit yourselves. If you are wanting a set see the goods before placing your order.

Printed Dinner Sets, as usual, at the closest quotations.

Also we would draw your attention to our carefully selected stock in Choice Family Groceries, etc. In both case and barrel Currants, selected Valencia Raisins, Sultanas, Dates, Figs, in mat and box; Nuts, Peels, Oranges, Lemons, Shell Almonds and Walnuts, Layer Raisins, Prunes, Dates, Extracts, in all flavors; Lemon, Orange and Citron Peels, Spices, etc., all new goods and at rockbottom prices.

Christmas Handkerchiefs

On sale now at special prices: 30 dozen Ladies' Fine Lace-Trimmed, Silk Center, with insertion. Very special, each, 58c, 75c and \$1.00

10 dozen Ladies' Fine Handkerchiefs, trimmed with 3-inch Oriental lace, extra special for opening sale at 25c

Large assortment Fine Embroidered Handkerchiefs, new patterns, special at 25c, 30c, 35c, 50c and 65c

Ladies' Pure Linen Embroidered Handkerchiefs, special at 25c, 30c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00

30 dozen Ladies' Embroidered Handkerchiefs, special at 10c, 12c, 15c and 20c

Ladies' Fine Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, with lace insertion and lace corners, special at 12c and 15c

Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, narrow and wide hems, very special at 10c, 12c, 15c, 17c and 25c

Special lot of Fine Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, with lace corners and lace trimmed, at 3 for 20c

Our Very Special Handkerchiefs, with fancy hemstitching, also plain hemstitched, at 5c

Four Extra Specials

For Tuesday and Wednesday: 10 pieces of our best Plain and Twill Gray Flannel, 27-inch, regular 20c a yard. Tuesday and Wednesday 15c

10 pieces best 34-inch Fine English Ceylon Flannel, all good colors, pink and blue, regular 18c to 20c a yard. Tuesday and Wednesday 14c

Our best Ladies' \$1 Underwear, plain and ribbed, all sizes, vest or drawers. Tuesday and Wednesday, each 75c

Our best 40c and 45c Plain and Ribbed Cashmere Hose, sizes 9c, 9 and 9 1/2. Tuesday and Wednesday, per pair 30c

Smallwares

In Stationery we are showing the daintiest assortment of Fancy Papers in Wedgewood fancy colors, azure and cream, per box, 25c

One table of Purse and Leather Goods, Card Cases, Reticules, Music Holders and Small Fancy Purse.

Kid Body Dolls, ranging in price from 10c to \$3.75

We are selling the best 25c and 50c Kid Body Dolls to be had in the market.

Furnishings Department

Bright Holiday Specialties. Silk and Satin Ties, flowing ends, puffs, knots, four-in-hands, etc. 25c to 60c

Fine Silk Handkerchiefs, hemstitched and plain, fancy borders, etc. 25c, 40c, 50c and \$1.00

Big assortment of Mufflers, Linen Handkerchiefs, etc., etc.

Laces and Ties

Large assortment of Laces, in all widths, white, cream and black, Oriental, Valenciennes, Torchon, Gimpure, Chiffon, Brussels, Flemish and Battenberg. Special prices, from \$1.00 to \$5.00

Plain and Lace-Edged Footings for Handkerchiefs. Special, from 20c to 15c

Ladies' Fancy Ties, in net, chiffon and silk, black, cream, champagne and white, at 50c, 60c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00

Children's Hemstitched Lawn Handkerchiefs, at 2 for 50c

Children's Picture Handkerchiefs, special, at 3 for 50c

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THE MARKETS

Mining Stocks.
Toronto, Dec. 5.—Following are to-day's closing quotations on the Toronto Mining and Industrial exchange:

Stock	Asked	Bid
Hammond Reef	20	19
Golden Star	20	19
Orville	20	19
Sawhill	20	19
Cariboo	20	19
Minchaha	15	14
Vancouver	15	14
Cariboo-Franchise	10	9
Fairview	5	4
Old Ironides	10	9
Knob Hill	10	9
Toronto and Western	10	9
Kentley	10	9
Albion	10	9
Dandee	10	9
Dandee	10	9
Noble Five	10	9
Payne	10	9
Rambler-Cariboo Con.	10	9
Wonderful Group	10	9
Alce A.	10	9
Empress	10	9
Island	10	9
Brandon & Golden	10	9
Morrison	10	9
Winnipeg	10	9
Evening Star	10	9
Homebake	10	9
Iron Mountain	10	9
Montreal Gold	10	9
Monte Cristo	10	9
Northern Belle	10	9
Novelty	10	9
Okanagan	10	9
St. Paul	10	9
Silver Bell	10	9
St. Rimo	10	9
Victoria	10	9
Victory	10	9
War Eagle	10	9
White Bear	10	9
R. C. Gold Fields	10	9
Can. P. S.	10	9
L. X. I.	10	9
Gold Hill	10	9
Tamarac	10	9
Crow's Nest Pass Coal	10	9
Republic	10	9
Deer Trail	10	9
Bonanza	10	9
Van And	10	9
Big Three	10	9

MORNING SALES.—Evening Star, 500 at 8 1/2; Monte Cristo, 200 at 7; 5,000 at 6 1/2; 5,000 at 6 1/2; 1,000 w. d. at 6 1/2; R. C. Gold Fields, 1,200 at 6 1/2; Fairview, 5,000 at 4 1/2. Total sales, 25,250 shares.

AFTERNOON SALES.—Waterloo, 1,500 w. d. at 13 1/2; 500 at 13 1/2; 100 at 12 1/2; Winnipeg, 200 at 10; Bonanza, 500 at 11; Van And, 500 at 11; 500 at 11; Big Three, 100 at 11; St. Paul, 500 at 11; Victory, 100 at 11; White Bear, 500 at 11; R. C. Gold Fields, 500 at 11; Can. P. S., 500 at 11; L. X. I., 500 at 11; Gold Hill, 500 at 11; Tamarac, 500 at 11; Crow's Nest Pass Coal, 500 at 11; Republic, 500 at 11; Deer Trail, 500 at 11; Bonanza, 500 at 11; Van And, 500 at 11; Big Three, 500 at 11. Total sales, 7,000 shares.

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Local Market.

A. M. HAMMOND'S REPORT.
London, Wednesday, Dec. 5.

Wheat, white, per bu	66c to 67c
Wheat, red, per bu	66c to 67c
Oats, per bu	27c to 28c
Peas, per bu	27c to 28c
Corn, per bu	42c to 44c
Barley, per bu	42c to 44c
Rye, per bu	55c to 62c
Beans, per bu	\$1.00 to \$1.30

WEEKLY.

The deliveries of wheat were poor today, and with only one exception this week's daily receipts show the same experience. Prices were dull and milling circles evince considerable disposition to put them lower, giving as their only reason the dull flour market. The week's sales were made between \$1.05 for thin and \$1.12 and \$1.13 for the very best; at today's and Tuesday's session \$1.10 was the top price.

Oats held their own, but sales were expected to range being 83c to 85c. There was good demand and light receipts.

Barley, corn, buckwheat and rye quotations as given in the foregoing table are based on transactions at least a week old, there being none offered this week.

Beans—Deliveries were very light and prices away up. One small lot of damp and salt unpecked sold at \$1 a bushel. A few lots of good old primes brought \$1.25, and some new hand-picked, \$1.30 to \$1.35. Chickens and Ridgeway quote new prime at \$1.30 to \$1.35 on track, there.

Peas were very scarce; \$1 was paid for good stock and 85c to 88c for poor. Timothy seed—Quite a few lots of home-grown seed are offering; most of them are poor, dirty and badly hulled. They met a very indifferent market. There is little or no price for the article. No. 1 seed would bring \$1.25 to \$1.35.

No clover seed offering here and none of any consequence to come, there being almost no crop. Most of this year's business will be done in American-grown seeds, and even with them the crop is light and prices high.

Dressed hogs ranging \$17.50 to \$22.50, according to quantity and quality; the supply was fair and the demand steady.

Live hogs sold at \$3.75 for singers; there was little or no inquiry for heavy hogs.

Hay—Sales ranged from \$9 to \$10; the demand was steady and the supply a little uneven; at the close \$9 to \$9.50 were selling prices.

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St. Thomas Market.

St. Thomas, Dec. 4.—Wheat, old, per bu, 63c to 65c; new, 63c to 65c; oats, new, per bu, 25c; peas, per bu, 60c to 65c; barley, per bu, 55c to 60c; rye, 60c; corn, per bu, 45c to 50c; flaxseed, per cwt, \$2.45 to \$2.50; timothy seed, \$1.50 to \$1.75; clover seed, per bu, \$6.70.

English Markets.

The following table shows the quotations per cental at Liverpool for the three previous market days. In the case of wheat highest prices are given.

Dec. 1. Dec. 2. Dec. 3.

WHEAT—

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TODAY'S MARKETS

Montreal Stock Market.	
MONTREAL, Dec. 6.	
ASK.	OFF.
Canadian Pacific.....	94 1/2
Duluth, common.....	7 1/2
Duluth, preferred.....	17 1/2
Commercial Cable.....	191
Com. Cable Company.....	102
Commercial Ry. Bonds.....	102
Montreal Telegraph.....	175
Richelle and Ontario.....	112 1/2
Montreal Street Railway.....	102
Toronto Railway.....	102 1/2
Montreal Gas Company.....	102 1/2
Bell Telephone.....	102 1/2
Royal Electric.....	102 1/2
Bank of Montreal.....	102 1/2
Ontario Bank.....	102 1/2
Molson Bank.....	102 1/2
Bank of Toronto.....	102 1/2
Merchants' Bank.....	102 1/2
Bank of Nova Scotia.....	102 1/2
Bank of Commerce.....	102 1/2
Northwest London.....	102 1/2
Montreal Cotton.....	102 1/2
Canada Colored Cotton.....	102 1/2
Dominion Cotton.....	102 1/2

New York Stocks.
Reported by F. H. Butler, 16 and 18 Masonic Temple, for the Advertiser.
New York, Dec. 6.

Yesterday's	
Close.	Open.
Acheson.....	64 1/2
Acheson Pfd.....	64 1/2
Brooklyn Trans.....	64 1/2
C. & N. W.....	64 1/2
C. & N. W.....	64 1/2
Chicago Gas.....	64 1/2
Con. Gas.....	64 1/2
Gen. Electric.....	64 1/2
Jersey Central.....	64 1/2
K. & T. Pfd.....	64 1/2
L. & N. W.....	64 1/2
Manhattan.....	64 1/2
Metropolitan St. Ry.....	64 1/2
M. P. Ry.....	64 1/2
N. Y. Central.....	64 1/2
Norfolk and W.....	64 1/2
Northwest Pacific.....	64 1/2
Ont. & Western.....	64 1/2
P. M. Ry.....	64 1/2
Pennsylvania.....	64 1/2
R. I. Ry.....	64 1/2
Reading.....	64 1/2
S. P. Ry.....	64 1/2
Southern Ry.....	64 1/2
Southern Pacific.....	64 1/2
T. C. Ry.....	64 1/2
U. S. Ry.....	64 1/2
W. U. Ry.....	64 1/2

Montreal Produce Market
Montreal, Dec. 6.—Flour—Receipts, 900 barrels; market quiet and unchanged. Flour quotations: Patent winter, \$3.75 to \$3.80; patent spring, \$3.80 to \$3.85; extra, \$3.85 to \$3.90; superfine, \$3.90 to \$4.00; strong bakers, \$3.90 to \$4.00; Ontario bags, \$1.60 to \$1.65; Manitoba, \$1.65 to \$1.70; 2 Manitoba, \$1.70 to \$1.75; 3 Manitoba, \$1.75 to \$1.80; 4 Manitoba, \$1.80 to \$1.85; 5 Manitoba, \$1.85 to \$1.90; 6 Manitoba, \$1.90 to \$1.95; 7 Manitoba, \$1.95 to \$2.00; 8 Manitoba, \$2.00 to \$2.05; 9 Manitoba, \$2.05 to \$2.10; 10 Manitoba, \$2.10 to \$2.15; 11 Manitoba, \$2.15 to \$2.20; 12 Manitoba, \$2.20 to \$2.25; 13 Manitoba, \$2.25 to \$2.30; 14 Manitoba, \$2.30 to \$2.35; 15 Manitoba, \$2.35 to \$2.40; 16 Manitoba, \$2.40 to \$2.45; 17 Manitoba, \$2.45 to \$2.50; 18 Manitoba, \$2.50 to \$2.55; 19 Manitoba, \$2.55 to \$2.60; 20 Manitoba, \$2.60 to \$2.65; 21 Manitoba, \$2.65 to \$2.70; 22 Manitoba, \$2.70 to \$2.75; 23 Manitoba, \$2.75 to \$2.80; 24 Manitoba, \$2.80 to \$2.85; 25 Manitoba, \$2.85 to \$2.90; 26 Manitoba, \$2.90 to \$2.95; 27 Manitoba, \$2.95 to \$3.00; 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"Does she think so," whispered the same voice.

"I do not know. I cannot tell. I have never dared to ask her."

Then you should not come to rash conclusions, she answered quickly. I saw the flush on her face, the light in her eyes. "Good night," she said hurriedly, holding out to me her left hand—good night, Mr. Gordon."

"Stop, Miriam!" I cried. "One minute!"

But she was gone before I knew what to say, leaving me bewildered with happiness, fear, and doubt. Did she know that I loved her? and had she spoken so to encourage me? No, that could never be. I waited as long as I dare, but she did not come back. Then, growing desperate, I said—

"I should like to see Miss Dacre."

The little maid servant came back to tell me that Miss Dacre was tired, and had gone to her room. Mrs. Dacre looked up in mild wonder and said—

"Dear me, what a strange thing for Miriam to do!"

I went away then, longing to be out in the moonlight alone. "Oh, love, my love," I sang to myself, "do you love me?"

CHAPTER VI.

I know it at last—knew the truth of my hopes, the falsity of my fears. I knew that I had won for my own the truest, noblest, and most faithful heart that ever beat. I did not see Miriam after that evening until Sunday, and then I managed to meet her coming out of the church door.

"May I take you home, Miss Dacre?" I asked quickly. "And shall we go round by the forest?"

"Not through the forest," she replied. "I have but half an hour, Mr. Gordon."

"Well, round by the forest, without going into it," I said.

And she consented.

But, though she talked to me, her eyes dropped from mine, and never rested on my face. We went by the pretty shaded path which led to the forest. I longed to be alone with her, to be where we should see no faces, hear no voices, under the broad, blue sky—where I could talk to her at my will, and without fear. We were there at last, the scene retired to me as it has done a thousand times since. It was in the beginning of February, and the day was mild and bright. There was a faint odor of violets, and away in the garden the snowdrops had raised their sweet heads. There was a splendid view of the forest from where we stood—of the great trees, with their bare branches rising like giant arms in the sky.

"Miriam," I said—her name came quite familiar to me in moments of great emotion—"I want to ask you a question. My life or death depends on your answer. I love you as I honestly believe no man ever loved a woman before, with the trust and force of my heart and soul, with all the love of my heart. Could you ever care for me? Oh, love, my love, be pitiful to me!"

"I cannot learn to love you," she said in a whisper.

A low, passionate cry came from my lips.

She looked up with the faintest, sweetest smile. "Listen why," she said.

"Why, my darling," I cried.

"Because I love you already," she said. "I learned that lesson some time since. And then I clasped her in my arms. I kissed her fair face and her sweet lips over and over again. She was mine at last. My darling, whom I had loved so long.

"You really love me, Miriam?" I cried.

"I really love you," she answered. "And you will be my wife?" I asked.

"I will be your wife," she replied. I was faint and giddy with my own emotion. I was dazed with my own great happiness.

"You do not think that I shall wake up and find this a dream?" I asked.

My darling laughed a sweet laugh that thrilled me with joy.

"Do I look like a dream?" she said. "You hold my hand tightly enough. It is not a phantom hand."

Nor was it, this sweet, rosy, soft hand that lay in mine. Still I was dazed.

"Miriam, do or say something that will prove to me I am awake and not dreaming."

My darling, so pure, so shy, so bewitching, placed her tender hands on

my shoulder, and raised her charming face to mine.

"I love you, Hubert," she said gently, "with all my heart."

With that I was content. Content? That is a weak word. I was unutterably blessed.

Only half an hour, she had said; but two hours had gone by since we had left the church. I had so much to tell her. All the pent-up love of those long months, all my doubts and fears. I found that she had seen me on that bright June evening, and had noticed how keenly I had watched her; that she had known of my pilgrimage to Lime Cottage, and—bless the dear lips that owned the truth—had loved me as long as I had loved her. Then, standing under the blue sky with a pure, beautiful girl I had won for my wife, I realized for the first time the full bitterness of my fate. I longed to tell her my history, the story of my poor father and his buried wrong; I longed to say every secret of my heart bare before her; but I could not. There must always be a secret in my life from her. Perhaps that clouded my face, and saddened me, for two white hands were placed trustfully in mine, and a dear voice said—

"You have looked at me the last time in your life, Hubert. I shall make you happy always. There must never be a cloud on your face."

"Have you seen many clouds there, Miriam?" I asked.

"Sometimes. You have a fashion of looking sad and thoughtful, as though you had experienced some great trouble; but that must be nonsense. What trouble can you have?"

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"I like you," said Mr. Dacre. "And I trust you; but my beloved daughter must not marry into poverty; you must work for her, make a position, make a home for her, and then she shall be yours."

With that I had to be content, and Miriam owned it was more than she had expected. She stood before me, her sweet face raised to mine, her little white hands folded in my grasp.

"Papa is proud of me, Hubert," she said; "and he thinks a little more of this world than mamma does. He has always said that I should marry money."

"I am very rich, with interest enough to make him a dean or a bishop," we must be patient with him if he seems a little disappointed," she continued, and made allowances for him. He does not know what you are, my darling."

"And you, Miriam—did you ever dream of marrying a rich man?" I asked, half sadly.

(To be Continued.)

my shoulder, and raised her charming face to mine.

"I love you, Hubert," she said gently, "with all my heart."

With that I was content. Content? That is a weak word. I was unutterably blessed.

Only half an hour, she had said; but two hours had gone by since we had left the church. I had so much to tell her. All the pent-up love of those long months, all my doubts and fears. I found that she had seen me on that bright June evening, and had noticed how keenly I had watched her; that she had known of my pilgrimage to Lime Cottage, and—bless the dear lips that owned the truth—had loved me as long as I had loved her. Then, standing under the blue sky with a pure, beautiful girl I had won for my wife, I realized for the first time the full bitterness of my fate. I longed to tell her my history, the story of my poor father and his buried wrong; I longed to say every secret of my heart bare before her; but I could not. There must always be a secret in my life from her. Perhaps that clouded my face, and saddened me, for two white hands were placed trustfully in mine, and a dear voice said—

"You have looked at me the last time in your life, Hubert. I shall make you happy always. There must never be a cloud on your face."

"Have you seen many clouds there, Miriam?" I asked.

"Sometimes. You have a fashion of looking sad and thoughtful, as though you had experienced some great trouble; but that must be nonsense. What trouble can you have?"

I could not tell her about the green grave at Culross, of the grand old Hall, or the name of Fane, on which men said a curse rested. I could only kiss her and caress her, and pour out the whole wild worship of my heart on her.

As we walked back to Lime Cottage we met Sir Aleck; he was driving a pair of mettlesome horses; but he did not prevent him from looking long and earnestly at us. I touched my hat. Miriam looked up in sweet wonder.

"Do you know Sir Aleck?" she asked me.

"He is the owner of the great stone quarry," I replied. What would she have thought of me if I had told her the truth? Do you know him, Miriam?"

"He has called at Lime Cottage once or twice," she replied.

Fierce, hot, maddening jealousy seized me.

"Called at Lime Cottage for what?" I cried.

"To see my father. Sir Aleck goes to Carnarvon Church, but he takes some little interest in ours."

"Do you like him?" I asked abruptly.

"Like him?" she replied. "I do not know him. No, I do not think I like him; his face does not please me, and he does not look what I call good."

Well might she wonder why I caught her in my arms and kissed her. I could not help it, although it was the high road.

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 ed, when it encroaches upon the rights
 of others.—Quessell.

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 —Chamfort.

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 ant, sure and effectual. If your drug-
 gist has none in stock, get him to pro-
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Toronto, Dec. 5-8 p.m.—Pressure is
 now below the average throughout the
 greater part of Canada. There is a
 tendency to an increase to the north
 of the lakes, which will likely give
 colder weather in the eastern pro-
 vinces; otherwise the outlook is for
 milder weather in Assiniboia and Mani-
 toba and slowly rising temperature
 over Ontario. Minimum and maxi-
 mum temperatures: Victoria, 42-46;
 Calgary, 30-42; Prince Albert, 0-18;
 Qu'Appelle, 4-30; Winnipeg, 6-18; Port
 Arthur, 4-18; Parry Sound, 4-26; To-
 ronto, 8-28; Ottawa, 16-20; Montreal,
 18-22; Quebec, 12-18; Halifax, 34-38.
 Local temperature.—The highest and
 lowest readings of the thermometer
 at the observatory on Tuesday, Dec. 5,
 were: Highest, 23.5°; lowest, 17°.
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 4:42. The moon rises at 10:35 a.m.;
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A LOCAL BUDGET

—The executive committee of the
 Synod of Huron will meet in Bishop
 Cronyn Hall tomorrow at 2:30 p.m.

—At the next meeting of St. James'
 Literary Society, Mr. C. B. Edwards
 will give an address on the "Life of
 Cromwell."

—A 11-year-old boy who had been in
 jail for some days because of incor-
 rigibility, was yesterday sent by In-
 spector Sanders to a foster-home in
 an eastern town.

—A man named Lawrence has been
 named in the inebriate home here, by
 the Sarnia authorities, who have en-
 tered into a contract with the home to
 pay that institution \$3 per week for
 Lawrence's keep as long as he lives.

—Miss Etta M. Wilson, daughter of
 Market Clerk Wilson, has received the
 appointment of head nurse in the Sag-
 inaw hospital, and leaves Monday to
 assume her duties. Miss Wilson was
 graduated recently from the Guelph
 General Hospital.

—Miss Gertrude E. F. Forsythe
 (formerly of London), who has been
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—The Bishop of Huron will hold an
 ordination in St. Paul's Cathedral on
 Dec. 21 (St. Thomas Day), when St.
 Simpson, Brigham, of Huron College,
 will be ordained deacon, and several
 deacons advanced to the priesthood.

—Reading Revs. T. H. Farr, of At-
 twood; W. B. George, of Charing Cross;
 W. E. V. McMillen, of Milverton; and
 J. G. Hooper, of Morpeth.

—Stratford Herald: News has reached
 here of the death in London of Mr.
 Clarke Modwell, son of Mrs. Robert
 Modwell, Norman street, at the age
 of 42. His brother, Mr. C. A. Modwell,
 deputy sheriff, left this morning
 for London. The remains will be
 brought to the city and interred in
 Avondale. The funeral will be private.

—Mr. George Dean, an active worker
 in Hutton's Sunday school, London
 township, was on Sunday afternoon
 presented with an address and a very
 handsome clock, on his leaving to take
 charge of a general store at Kingsmill,
 Ont. Mr. F. Whitehead made the pre-
 sentation, and the address, expressing
 regret at his departure, was read by
 W. Sharp. Mr. Dean replied feelingly.

—Rev. Donald Guthrie, who supplied
 the pulpit of St. Andrew's Church, this
 city, for a time some years ago, has
 decided to accept the call from the
 First Church of Baltimore. The East
 Hanover Presbyterian has accepted his
 resignation of the Second Presbyterian
 Church of Richmond. Mr. Guthrie
 was called three times to this church
 before he decided to accept the pastori-
 ate. He is a son of Donald Guthrie,
 Q.C., of Guelph.

—The Cavanagh house on Philip
 street, has been thoroughly searched by
 the police, in their endeavor to find the
 instrument with which John Cavanagh
 is supposed to have killed his mother,
 but nothing was found, and the officers
 are of the opinion that the instru-
 ment must have been thrown in the
 river, which runs behind the Cava-
 nagh house. The remains of Mrs.
 Cavanagh were interred in the Roman
 Catholic Cemetery yesterday. The
 funeral took place from Stephenson's
 undertaking rooms to St. Peter's Ca-

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thedral, where mass was celebrated
 by Rev. Father O'Connell. There was
 a large attendance at the church.

—A well attended and interesting
 meeting of the Protestant Orphans'
 Home board was held Monday after-
 noon. Mrs. Morphy, president, was in
 the chair. There were 49 children at
 present in the home, all in good health.
 Two children have been sent to good
 homes since the last meeting and four
 sent to their mother, who has been in
 the hospital for some months. The fol-
 lowing donations were most gratefully
 received at the home for November:
 Mrs. W. R. Hobbs, clothing; Mr. Horn-
 er, basket fish; Mrs. Nation, socks and
 mitts; Mrs. O'Brien, 2 pairs boots; Mrs.
 D. Collins, 2 bags turnips, 2 bags po-
 tatoes, 2 bags carrots, 1 bag beets, 2
 bags parsnips, 6 dozen cabbage.

L. AND P. S. ISSUED BONDS.

A formal meeting of the sharehold-
 ers of London and Port Stanley Rail-
 way Company was held yesterday
 afternoon. The president, Mayor Wil-
 son, presided, and there were present
 also Ald. Carrothers, Winnett, Dou-
 glas, Greenleaf, Russell and City
 Clerk Kingston. The meeting was
 called for the purpose of renewing the
 indebtedness of the company to the
 city by the issue of first preferential
 mortgage bonds as provided by the
 statutes, and a resolution to this effect
 was moved by Mayor Wilson and passed
 by a vote representing two-thirds of
 the company's shares.

CONVALESCENT HOME.

The trustees of the Convalescent
 Home gratefully acknowledge the fol-
 lowing donations for November: Mrs.
 Cronyn, an invalid's bed table; Mrs.
 D. A. Hooke, a quarter of mutton;
 Mrs. E. P. Bucke, basket vegetables;
 Mrs. Buller, 2 bags potatoes and cran-
 berries; Mrs. B. A. Mitchell, rice and
 apples; Mrs. Macbeth, vegetables and
 celery; Mrs. Niven, five kitchen uten-
 sils; Mrs. Fox, 2 bags turnips; Mrs.
 Rutledge, reading matter; Mrs.
 Boomer, cocoa; Mrs. McWhinney, her
 library; Mrs. M. J. S. 30c; Mrs. B. A.
 Mitchell, 30c, on maintenance card;
 Amicus, 50c, per Mrs. Boomer; Mrs.
 Fox, 50c, per Mrs. De Hooke; also
 Mrs. Bremner, Mrs. McWhinney, Mrs.
 Callard and others contributed.

LECTURE AT THE AUDITORIUM.

A thoroughly enjoyable lecture was
 given last night at the Auditorium by
 Dr. Willet, of Philadelphia, before an
 interested audience, and one which fre-
 quently interrupted the lecturer with
 spontaneous bursts of applause. The
 lecturer chose "Sunshine" as his sub-
 ject, and kept his large audience well
 entertained for the duration of an hour
 and a half with a pleasant flow of well
 chosen language, setting forth by
 means of apt illustrations, amusing
 anecdotes and poetical gems from var-
 ious languages, the value of the sun-
 shine to the human race. The evening
 commenced with the singing by the
 audience of our "National Anthem,"
 and hearty singing it certainly was.
 Dr. Willet in touch with his hearers,
 and no one among his listeners but
 left the hall with a fuller realization
 of the blessings of his lot and the gra-
 titude that he should feel for being
 born in this enlightened age. Dr. Wil-
 let hit off very cleverly those people
 who are too apt to look on the dark
 side of things, and the lecturer himself
 gave such a living example of practical
 Christianity in his bright and most
 delightful form that one felt irresist-
 ibly attracted to his theory of "sun-
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 ery of \$10,000 worth of machinery,
 for a mill in New Brunswick, and for
 breach of warranty in the working of
 certain other machinery. The plaintiff
 is a young Englishman engaged in the
 manufacture of veneer and the de-
 fendant is a mechanical engineer. The
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 last night crowded every available
 space from the orchestra to the re-
 motest corner of the gallery. The boxes
 were filled, and the ladies in
 force invaded the gallery, usually sac-
 red to the "gods." Indeed, it is claim-
 ed that the gallery is the very best
 place to hear an oratorio. Many peo-
 ple, unable to obtain seats, stood
 patiently throughout the evening, held
 for three long hours in the thrall of
 the music, which bore them, all for-
 getful of physical discomfort, pleasant-
 ly and enjoyably along on its sweeping
 tide of melody.

The performance was a most grati-
 fying financial and artistic success. The
 vast audience frequently broke into
 rapturous applause. They sat mute and
 entranced, not caring to break the
 spell of the music, and again the
 whole house rose spontaneously to its
 feet.

The work of the chorus received
 special ovations. At the close of one
 of the choruses Mr. W. Spencer Jones,
 manager for Mr. Watkin Mills, could
 hardly restrain his enthusiasm by shout-
 ing "Bravo!" time and again.

The stage setting and the grouping
 of the chorus were pleasing and effec-
 tive. The orchestra, composed of
 ladies and gentlemen, occupied the
 front of the stage. Above them, tier
 above tier, rose the ladies of the
 chorus, prettily gowned in white, and
 above them again in horse-shoe
 form, were ranged the gentlemen, in
 sober evening dress. The background
 was a gorgeous autumn scene, the rich
 tints of the foliage giving a touch of
 brilliancy and warmth to the pleasing
 picture.

The concert opened by the singing
 of the patriotic anthem "Rule, Brit-
 annia," followed by "God Save the
 Queen," the audience rising, while
 many joined in the chorus of the for-
 mer, and the entire assemblage helped
 to swell the National Anthem.

But "The Messiah!" It was a magni-
 ficent production throughout. The
 chorus numbered 175 voices, and a large
 number of which were in the hands of
 ladies. The opening overture showed
 that the orchestra were cap-
 able of, and its instance was a beau-
 tiful omen of what might be expected
 during the evening's entertainment.

The orchestra was composed mainly of
 students, with just enough brass to assist
 in the heavier work of the score. Under
 the baton of Mr. Roselle Pococke
 it was under complete control, being
 moderated to perfection for the solo-
 lists, and without at no time so pro-
 nounced as to detract from the voices.

The chorus has never been excelled in
 this city—of great volume, excellently
 balanced, no voice predominating, it
 would indeed have been a treat to hear
 not a solo been provided. Of course,
 in a great concerted work such as
 "The Messiah," the chorus is the prin-
 cipal feature, and too much praise can-
 not be given to the members of Mr.
 Pococke's chorus for their grand per-
 formance of last evening. The many
 numbers of the oratorio were given
 with a knowledge of sustained tone
 and harmony that was at times glorious
 and inspiring, while the finer passages
 were rendered with feeling and pre-
 cision. The attack and intonation were
 excellent, and, in fact, it would be difficult
 to select an instance where the score
 was not accurately interpreted. Taken
 with the orchestra, the ensemble has
 never been excelled, if equaled, in this
 city. The most difficult number was
 "All we like sheep," and in this the
 fugue movement was rendered with a
 steadiness and precision that is rarely
 attained by such a large number of
 voices. "For unto us a child is born"
 was given with much spirit, the
 attack in this number being specially
 commendable. The favorite
 "Hallelujah" chorus brought the en-
 semble to its grandest tone, the glorious
 volume and grand melody being en-
 chanting. At the introduction to
 this number the entire audience arose
 and remained standing to the finish of
 it.

Miss Dotta E. Ziegler, of Toronto,
 was the soprano soloist. She possesses
 a rich, sweet voice, which has im-
 proved wonderfully of late, and it is under
 excellent control. Her rendering of
 "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion,"
 was a splendid effort, and elicited the
 hearty recognition of the critical audi-
 ence. "I know that my Redeemer
 liveth" received thorough interpreta-
 tion, her purity of tone, perfect articu-
 lation and delicate phrasing being par-
 ticularly pleasing. "But thou didst not
 leave" was also a splendid effort.

Mr. Frank MacKeehan, cornetto,
 of Hamilton, is no stranger to
 London audiences in classical
 productions. The aria, "He shall
 feed his flock like a shepherd,"
 was rendered with delightful expres-
 sion; while in "He was despised and
 rejected" the singer's powers and full
 round mezzo voice were given plenty
 of scope. Mrs. MacKeehan received a
 full share of the plentiful applause.

Mr. Watkin Mills, the eminent Eng-
 lish baritone, won many additional ad-
 mirers by his splendid performance.
 His vigorous interpretation of "Why do
 the nations so furiously rage together,"
 was the effort of a master voice, and
 was so heartily appreciated by the
 audience that he had to repeat St. The

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balance of his numbers were given
 with the same regard to careful con-
 sideration of the composer's theme, and
 strict adherence to the original score.
 "But who may abide" was sung with
 expression and sympathy, while "The
 trumpet shall sound" was given a
 vigorous and powerful rendering.

Mr. Holmes Cooper, tenor, did credit
 to the evening's programme. "The
 opening selections, 'Comfort ye,' and
 "Every valley shall be exalted," dis-
 played a voice of good quality, com-
 bining volume and power in the
 other numbers allotted to him, he sus-
 tained his part well, and was also
 liberally applauded.

But as a hint to soloists in general:
 It is a frequent habit that too many
 liberties are taken with the original
 score, and little improvisations intro-
 duced, doubtless with a view of giving
 the voice a little more scope or a
 better opportunity of better showing
 its breadth of register. These extrane-
 ous notes seldom, if ever, improve the
 compositions of a master, and often
 positively detract from the pleasure
 of an otherwise perfect performance to
 anyone familiar with the composition.
 Conductors do well to have these—
 well, simply imperfections—eliminated
 by the soloists, and insist on a cor-
 rect reading of the score as written.

As the production of the oratorio oc-
 cupied a much longer time than was
 calculated on, several of the less im-
 portant numbers at the end of the pro-
 gramme were necessarily omitted, but
 even then it was 11:15 when the grand
 "Amen" finale was reached, the time
 occupied being exactly three hours,
 with no intermission.

Great credit is due Mr. Roselle
 Pococke for his herculean efforts of the
 past couple of months in bringing to
 such an artistic finale the production
 of so difficult an oratorio. It has been
 a praiseworthy effort, and it is only by
 sustained enthusiasm and energy such
 as Mr. Pococke possesses that such
 perfection could be reached. And the
 members of the chorus should also
 receive a word of encouragement, for
 that they have devoted much time to
 the work was quite evident.

Mr. James McCormick, the able and
 energetic business manager, who was
 responsible for the night's production,
 was kept busy for an hour after the
 performance receiving the congratula-
 tions of his friends. He certainly de-
 serves the greatest credit