

TAGLERINO AT LIBERTY.

Affecting Scene in Court Room After the Trial.

He Had Been in City Jail For Three Months

And Broke Down When Verdict Was Interpreted.

After being out for two hours and three-quarters the jury which tried John Taglerino on the charge of writing letters of threatening nature in connection with the Black Hand outrage brought in a verdict of not guilty. This was what was expected by most of those interested. Throughout the case the Italian witnesses appeared, by their statements as well as their actions, to be in deadly fear of the dreaded society. The methods of the organization were brought out in an able way. After Taglerino had been led out of the prisoner's pen a pathetic scene was witnessed by a few of the by-standers in the corridor, for the joy not only exhibited by Taglerino, but his wife and family, when they were reunited, was easily understood by their spectators.

The jurors left the court room at 12:30 and shortly after 1 o'clock His Honor, Judge Snider, who was presiding, adjourned court until 2:30 p. m. When court opened at 2:30 the jury had not expressed readiness to give a verdict, and appeared to have a disagreement between them in regard to some of the particulars. Before leaving the court room they had taken care to take the two threatening letters in order to study the peculiarities a little more closely. Nothing was heard from the jurors until a loud knocking at the door behind which they were locked drew the attention that they were ready.

After the roll had been called, and all the jurors had responded to their names, His Honor asked them for the verdict, and the foreman arose and said it was "Not guilty." "So say you all," asked the Court Clerk and the remainder of the jurors echoed their consent.

His Honor in dismissing the jury said: As there are no further cases to be tried and as you have been some time in hearing the case, and as it is now past dinner time, you will be glad to get away. I am glad you were able to arrive at a verdict, as that concludes your labors. I thank you for the able way in which you have attended to your duties, and wish you one and all a very merry Christmas and happy New Year.

In addressing the prisoner, His Honor said: "The jury have seen fit to bring in a verdict of not guilty against you, and as there is no further charge against you, you may go." As the words were interpreted to the prisoner, he was visibly affected, and broke down, the tears streaming down his face. However, when he reached the witness room, and recognized that he was a free man, he was affected more than ever.

Taglerino saw freedom for the first time since September 26, when he was arrested on an assault charge, of which he was acquitted. However, he was detained on the charge of writing the letters. Throughout the trial he frequently protested his innocence, but the long trial had him in a very nervous state.

As those caught at the Black Hand business have been severely dealt with it is probable that the game has been stamped out in this city.

WELL BOUGHT.

Dominion Government Secures John S. Gordon's Picture.

Mr. John S. Gordon, the local artist, received word this morning that his picture, "The Old Kirby Mill at Brantford," which was shown at the recent exhibition of the Royal Canadian Academy in this city, had been purchased for the Dominion Government by Mr. Byron E. Walker. The picture attracted much attention at the exhibition, and by competent judges was pronounced a magnificent piece of work.

Mr. Walker also purchased for the Dominion Government the Suzzor Cote picture, which was shown at the R. C. A. exhibition.

The price paid in each case was \$300.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES.

To rent at \$2 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables.

TRADERS BANK OF CANADA.

CITIZENS FLOCKING AROUND THE MAYOR

Prediction That He Will Have 3,500 Majority—His Organization is Ready.

The manner in which Mayor McLaren's friends of both political stripe are rallying to his support makes a sweeping victory at the polls a week from Monday practically certain. From every quarter of the city letters and promises of support have been pouring into his worship's office since the announcement was made public that he was to be opposed. From Winnipeg came a telegram this morning from a prominent Hamilton man, who when he read the despatch that there was to be a mayoralty contest, wired that he would be home in time to cast his ballot for the Mayor.

Happy Farmers

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 23.—J. C. Coe, a Saskatchewan farmer, dropped into Detroit on Sunday, and by the time he had finished his errand yesterday he had purchased thirty automobiles for his farmer friends of the far Northwest. He was not an agent. He told his neighbors he was going east, and they gave him their orders, accompanied by bank drafts.

Coe paid \$4,500 for his own machine, and the cars were all high grade, and several being the \$4,000 to \$5,000 class.

Bumper wheat crops in the Northwest were the cause of so much prosperity.

WAS HANGED IN TORONTO.

Macedonian Murderer Calmly Went to His Death To-day.

Confessed to Two Murders Before Passing Away.

Shot An Englishman in Montana—Radcliffe Officiated.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 23.—With the confession that he had murdered two men upon his lips, Paval Steffoff, convicted of the murder of Vani Semoff last April, calmly went to his death in Toronto jail this morning. The drop was made at 8:08 and seven minutes later the doctor in attendance declared that life was extinct. The body was allowed to hang for five minutes more, when it was cut down and removed to the medical room. Here the Coroner's jury empaneled viewed the remains, which were then placed in a pine box and interred in the jail yard.

Steffoff's confession of the two murders was made to his spiritual advisers about an hour before the doomed man was conducted from his cell to the death chamber. The man protested his innocence almost up to the last, confessing only when he had decided in his own mind that death would be soon upon him. Besides the murder of Semoff, Steffoff confessed to murdering an Englishman at Terre Haute, Ind. He did not give the Englishman name, nor the time of the affair. All he said was that he shot the Englishman dead in a quarrel, the shooting taking place at 10 o'clock at night. The police, he said, got on his track, but fellow Macedonians in the city hid him and put the police on the wrong scent, and so he escaped.

Steffoff spent a restless night last night, according to the guard. He refused breakfast this morning, satisfying himself with a glass of water. The hanging was performed by executioner Radcliffe, and was witnessed by none but a few medical students outside of the jail officials and guards, about fifteen persons in all.

MIXED THINGS.

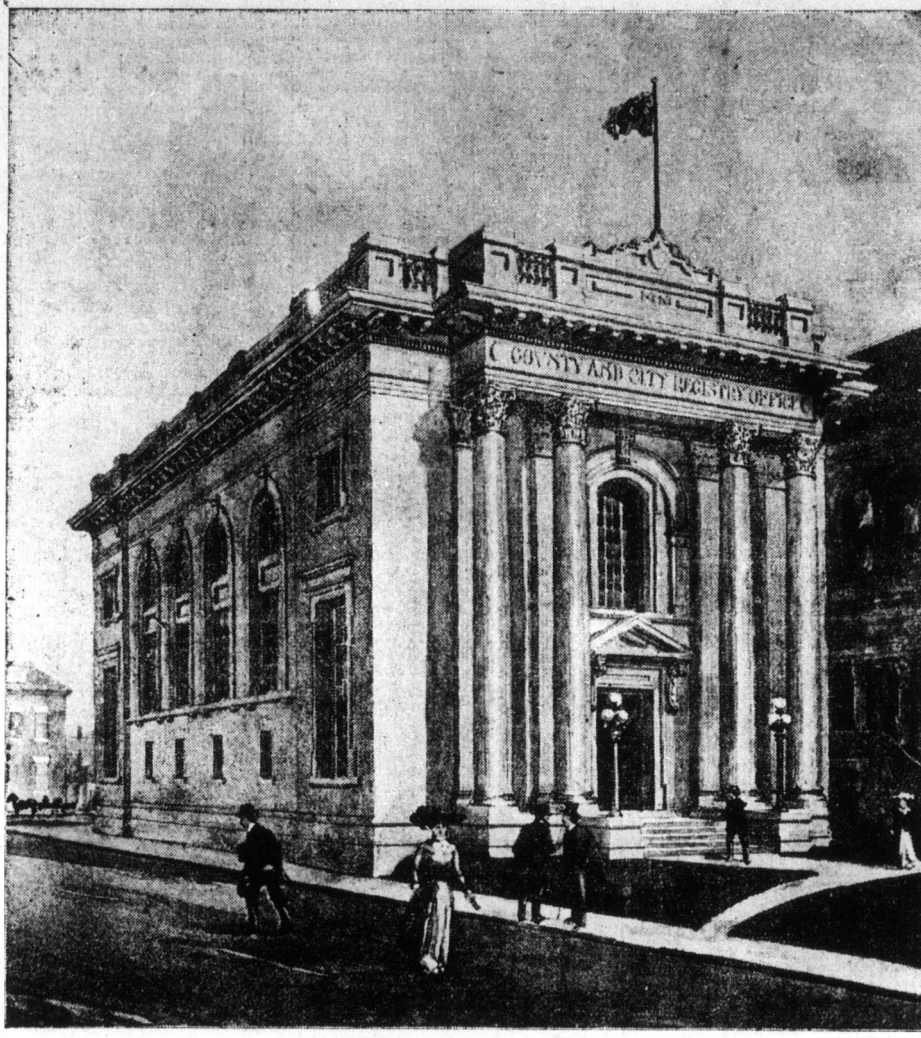
Lively Runaway on York Street Yesterday Afternoon.

An exciting runaway on York street yesterday afternoon caused some excitement and did considerable damage to the contents of the wagon. The outfit belonged to the Canadian Express Company, and was in charge of one of their drivers, who was about to step off the wagon to deliver a parcel on York street when a car passed and the horse bolted down York street, throwing the driver out almost before he knew what was happening. The animal ran as far as James street, where it endeavored to turn south, but the speed was too great, and the wagon slid sideways and struck a pole. The impact caused the contents and even the seat to go over onto the sidewalk. Potatoes, furniture and other things were all mixed up in fine style. The horse was caught before it could get a fresh start.

SUGAR REDUCED.

New York, Dec. 23.—All grades of refined sugar were reduced ten cents a hundred pounds to-day.

PROPOSED NEW REGISTRY OFFICE FOR HAMILTON



This is the design of the building which the city will be asked to vote \$26,000 to build, at the January elections. Stewart McPhie is the architect.

ALL ATTACKING HOUSE OF LORDS.

Labor Manifesto Declares Pauperism Must be Abolished and Pension Scheme Extended.

Nonconformists' Manifesto Denounces Lords and Education and Other Acts.

London, Dec. 23.—The Labor party has issued an election manifesto containing the following declarations:

A general election has been forced upon the country by the action of the House of Lords rejecting the Budget. The great question you are to decide is whether the peers or the people are to rule this country.

Each session, since the last general election, important bills upon which the House of Commons had spent much time have been mutilated or destroyed by the House of Lords, an irresponsible body which represents nothing but its own class interests. Not content with this, they now claim the right to decide what taxes shall be paid, upon whom they shall be levied, and for what purpose they shall be spent. They also claim to dictate the date at which Parliament shall be dissolved. The time has come to put an end to their power to override the will of the Commons.

TURKEYS ARE DOWN A BIT.

Some Farmers Asked 30 Cents But Price Soon Dropped.

Christmas decorations were much in evidence at Central market this morning. In addition to the holly and bells, without which no Christmas display is complete, some of the dealers had brought out some original and interesting designs. One butcher had decorative designs cut in the carcasses and each one was labeled with the name of the person to whom it was sold. Turkeys were unquestionably the feature of the market this morning, nearly everyone seeming anxious to buy, or at least price them. But the large supply made the prices drag. Early in the morning some of the farmers were asking as high as 30 cents, but no sales at this price resulted in a considerable drop. About 9 o'clock the majority of the farmers were asking 23 and 25 cents, and the dealers 21 and 22 cents per pound. Chickens were much in demand, as a large number of people turned to them on account of turkeys being so dear. In some instances they brought as high as \$1.60 per pair, although the average price was \$1.25. A good demand for geese raised the price to 11 to 14 cents per pound, and a large number of these were sold. One butcher who has been attending the market for fifty years remarked that the offering of Christmas beef this year was the best he had ever seen. Although the price is higher than for some years, there was a good demand. The inside market presented a busy scene this morning. Eggs in the produce market did not show

MANY TRAVEL.

Railroads Look For a Record This Christmas Time.

The railways this year are looking forward to a much larger number of people travelling at Christmas time than for some years past. Already a large number have taken advantage of the cheap rates offered and daily at the depots passengers are lined up waiting for their turn to purchase their tickets. This makes the bystander wonder why people do not purchase their tickets in advance at the up-town offices which facilitates matters both for the passengers and the railway. Although many who are going to spend Christmas out of the city have not yet purchased their tickets the railways are assured that this year's traffic will be a record one.

Tone Up the Stomach For Christmas Time.

This is the time of the year that the stomach will be tested to the utmost. Children as well as the grown-ups, Parkes' Effervescent Lithiated Fruit Granules are made exactly for this purpose; 25c in screw-capped glass bottles. Parke & Parke.

The Man In Overalls

One more day. Go early.

A few more Christmas Times left.

Have you got the turkey?

Don't forget the needy.

"Royal Hamilton Regiment" has a loyal sort of ring to it.

Tomorrow's Times will be published early, as early as the usual Saturday edition.

Did you hear about Hopkins? Don't let him see you laugh.

After what has been said, that Emily street family will not suffer for want of help, I think I may say that much.

The face reflects the heart. Look pleasant.

Alf Wright could have had that nomination if he would have promised to cough up.

Drop a nickel in the Sals' pot.

It has been suggested that the City Hall Glee Club should favor us with a few Christmas carols about the midnight hour.

The Times won't be published on Saturday. Early paper to-morrow. Advertisers will please hand their ads. in early to-night or to-morrow morning.

Ald. Hopkins' refusal to supply the mountain people with water incites the mountaineers to throw cold water on his nomination.

Carry home your parcels to-morrow.

Pergrine and Gardner are still my choice for controllers.

Blessed is he who expects little. He will not be disappointed.

Santa Claus may be able to tell us if Cook was at the North Pole.

Everybody is so nice at home, too.

I haven't heard what kind of a Christmas tree the Pleasant Sunday Afternoon people are going to have next Sunday. No doubt it will be a pleasant surprise.

If there is anyone you would like to bestow charity on now do it as delicately as you can. It sometimes hurts, you know.

A copy of the Christmas Times would be just as nice as a Christmas card to send to friends.

We are not blowing about it, but the Times is daily supplying its readers with all the news of the British elections campaign, without the flub-dub.

Can it be said of Ald. Hopkins that fools rush in where angels fear to tread?

Horrible thought. You may be the Last Shopper to-morrow night.

Cheer up, lady clerks, to-morrow is the last day.

Yes, I feel it in the air.

March On Nicaragua

Bluefields, Nicaragua, Dec. 23.—General Estrada, it is said to-day, will immediately assume the offensive against the Government of President Madriz. The insurgent leader holds that the Zelayan element was removed from consideration by the sweeping battle of Rama. Madriz and his associates now represent the enemy. The march on Managua is believed to be imminent. The prisoners captured at Rama have been well fed, and all who now espouse the cause of Estrada will be armed and enrolled in the ranks of the insurgents.

FISHED OUT OF THE BAY.

Joseph Mitchell's Eccentricities Shown By Developments.

Made No Attempt to Benefit By His Stealings.

He Is Better To-day and Will Likely Recover.

Having their suspicions aroused by two bicycle saddles lying on the bay shore, at the foot of Wellington street, yesterday afternoon, two young men, Christopher Bescohy and Frank King, did some little private investigation for themselves. Near the shore the bay is frozen over, and knowing of the startling revelations in the Mitchell affair, they got busy.

There under the ice they saw bicycle frames by the dozen, together with other accessories. They called at the City Hall police office last night with the two saddles they had found and told of what they had seen. This morning Constables Cameron and Berrett went down and did some fishing. Every time they cast in their line they got a heavy bite in the shape of a bicycle frame or some part of a machine. There were also other things fished out and the pile of goods at No. 3 Police Station is growing mountainous in proportion.

By the time all the goods were gathered together that the police assume have been stolen by Mitchell they say they will total in value to a very big figure. In the course of a few days the police hope to have all the goods ready for identification.

They say the case is one of the most sensational in the history of the department outside of a murder. The strange part about the whole affair is that Mitchell was not caught red-handed. That is accounted for by the cunning of the youth, who, it is said, was almost supernaturally artful.

About two years ago he was charged with stealing a bicycle belonging to Mr. Biggar, and was allowed to go then. Tales of Mitchell's eccentricities are going the rounds among those who know him. No information can be obtained that Mitchell ever tried to sell any goods or in any way endeavor to convert it to his own financial benefit. Much of the stuff, valuable to the owners, he destroyed, making it of no value to anyone. The desire to possess things he saw seems to have been his mania.

To-day his condition is somewhat improved, and if the improvement continues during the next 24 hours doctors say he will recover.

English Hot House Grapes.

English hot nuts, strawberries, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, cranberries, endive, sweet potatoes, Grimsby tomatoes, cucumbers, green peppers, radishes, Boston head lettuce, new potatoes, Spanish chestnuts, cranberries, tangerine oranges, Florida oranges, naval oranges, spinach, celery, parsley, lettuce, squabs, Long Point ducks, turkeys, geese, chickens, holly, holly wreaths, mince meat, plum puddings, Scotch shortbread, almonds, walnuts, filberts, Brazil nuts, paper shell almonds, Glace fruits, table raisins, cider, wines and liquors—Bain & Adams.

Xmas Gifts.

Ebony goods, perfumes, shaving sets, toilet sets, boxed chocolates, etc., at John A. Barr & Co.'s, next drug store, James street north, next Sun Life Building. Everything new and up-to-date. A call solicited. Calendars free to customers.

MILLER MAY LEAD A HYDRO REVOLT.

Clique Does Not Want Him But He Refuses to be Turned Down by It.

There was a warm time in Kennedy's hall last night when the Hydro Committee met to fix the slate of controllers. An effort was made to freeze Jim Miller out, and as Jim is one of the important people for whom the Hydro Committee was expressly organized, there was naturally great indignation on the part of his friends. They declared that if Jim did not get a place on the slate they would have nothing to do with the campaign. Cooper, Bailey, Quinn and Wright, are the slate that a majority of the committee favor. There will be another meeting to-night to deal with the matter.

STONE PILE TILL SPRING.

Miners From Nevada Goldfields Go Down as Vags.

The Round-Up of Undesirables Being Kept Up.

Joseph Bugness Must Keep Away From John Sander.

Christmas in jail; that is where Donald Turner, and Daniel Merritt, both citizens of the land of the screaming eagle, will spend it. Governor Ogilvie was in court this morning looking over his new guests. They go to his retreat for three months, for vagrancy. They pleaded guilty.

Some time ago they started from Goldfield, Nevada, where they had been engaged in mining pursuits. The ravages of disease and drought played havoc with them; their luck was hard. They mined for gold out in the desert. Getting no compensation for their labors they decided to lie them to Cobalt or Gowganda, and try their luck with silver. Fortwith they gathered together maps and prospectuses of those northern bonanzas. They were literally weighed down with them when they started from Goldfield. At the nearest railroad, they boarded the hard-up man's means of conveyance, namely a freight car. After experience and adventures in the northern zone. Here, it is said, the arrangements of the west got in their nostrils, and they entertained hopes of going there. For some nights they have made Daadast stone quarry their sleeping apartment, where nightly, it is said, they talked of the days when golden fields of grain would be theirs.

But lynx eyed police had spotted them, and they found their Nemesis in Constables Halliar and Elliott, who swooped down on them last night. Silver and gold they will not have, nor even see, for the next three months; nothing but stone and lots of it.

The court desired not to converse with Thomas Kelly this morning, he being in for vagrancy. He was hastily removed; there was a reason. It will take many waters and much soap to make him presentable. He will be asked to appear to-morrow.

Joseph Bugness, John street north, who was charged with threatening John Sander, was discharged, but if he goes near the house of Sander again, he will appear before Magistrate Jells, who will hand Joseph a sentence of twelve months in Central Prison. According to the testimony of complainant, Bugness offered to relieve him of his life. The trouble he said arose over the children in the house, and there are many. They had a regular cauldron of troubles, which, from the scraps of evidence, originated in far away Armenia, their native home.

Charles Young, imbiber of wines and spirits, was stretched at full length on the seat with his head in one corner, and a pair of crutches in the other end of the dock. Last night Charles was celebrating Christmas in grand style. At the precise time that P. C. McLean found him, he was trying to sing carols and curse profusely at the same time.

When his name was called he laid still, but in a loud voice cried, "I wasn't drunk. I got a broken leg; it's in a plaster cast now, and I have just come out of the hospital." But his words had been interviewed frequently by Mr. Young for the past sixteen years. Then one of the crutches fell and there was a regular stampede in the pen, but one prisoner was not quick enough. The limp stick hit one of the wags on the cranium, and he let a yell out of him like a terrified bull. As a result Charles came very near wanting a cast for his head. Five days of it.

GRADUATES' DINNER.

The Wentworth Association of Toronto University Graduates will have a dinner at the Royal Hotel on Tuesday, Feb. 1. The chief guests will be Dr. Falconer, President of the University; Dr. J. Galbraith, Dean of the Faculty of Applied Science, and Dr. B. E. Fernow, Dean of the Faculty of Forestry.

Christmas Presents For Smokers.

For thirty-two years the headquarters to buy smokers' Christmas presents has been peace's cigar store. He has the largest and most exclusive stock to select from in this city at 107 King street east.

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Clique Does Not Want Him But He Refuses to be Turned Down by It.

Both the mayoralty candidates will find difficulty in getting rides on election day. The temperance people and hotel men practically have the market cornered.

Licence Commissioner Fanning was hobnobbing with Dr. Hopkins yesterday.

James Crooks may be a candidate for alderman in Ward 1. A deputation from that ward is urging him to run. He has not given his answer yet.

After being pressed by his friends to run as an aldermanic candidate in Ward 1, W. J. Brigger has given his consent. He will run as an independent.

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PIMPLES, BLACKHEADS, OILY SKINS eradicated by our method. Llewellyn, 10 1/2 King west.

SEND YOUR FRIENDS THE SEMI-WEEKLY paper and post cards, 2 dozen for \$20. Seymour, 7 John street north. Phone 320.

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J. H. MORTON, M. D., F. R. C. S., "Edin." James street south. Surgeon-Eye, ear, nose and throat. Office hours, 9-12 a. m., 2-5 and 7-8 p. m. Phone 172.

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FOR SALE—NEW SINGER TAILORING machine, \$15.00. 106 East avenue north.

LARGE STOCK OF HOCKEY SKATES and shoes on sale at Westworth Cycle works store, James street north, next new Army.

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AMUSEMENTS

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Fulton

A local option meeting was held in Fulton Union Hall on Monday evening and the question was well discussed. Rev. Mr. Brand, of Tapleystown, gave a 15-minute address, which was to the point and was well received and then Mr. R. Murgatroid, merchant, of Smith-ville, gave a fifty-minute talk, which was also well received. The next speaker was Mr. J. Collins, also of Smithville, and he spoke an hour in opposition to local option, and the pastor of the Methodist Church in Smithville gave a few point-ers for local option. Rev. S. Sarkisian, of Binbrook, occupied the chair. Music was provided by the Smithville quartet.

The Fulton Union Sunday school will hold a musical and literary entertain-ment on the evening of the 28th, for the benefit of the school and expects to have an efficient programme, with the Rev. S. Sarkisian in the chair.

Miss Joann Peer is under the care of Dr. Woodhall, of Binbrook, with an ail-ment near her knee.

Mr. E. Peer has treated himself to a new team of horses, for which he paid a good price to Mr. Muir, of Binbrook.

Miss Gladys M. Dougall, of Hamilton, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. Young, and her brother, James G. Dougall.

Sportsmen after rabbits are out.

LOYAL TRUE BLUES.

The annual meeting of Pioneer Loyal True Blue Lodge No. 1 was held on Tues-day evening, Dec. 21, the following offi-cers being elected:

Chas. Wenham, W. M. Jas. Letton, D. M. Fred Sirman, Recording Secretary. W. E. Siffert, Financial Secretary. Wm. Sirman, Treasurer. Alex. T. Mackie, Chaplain. Angus Hill, D. of C. Albert Patterson, Conductor.

H. Wakeham, Outside Tyler. B. McArthur, J. Minnie, R. Green, H. Nelson, F. Harvey, Committee. George Warring and Jas. Letton, Aud-itors. Dr. E. Coleman, Physician.

New Publications.

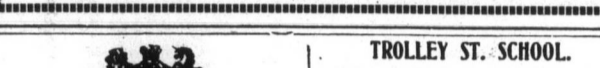
The leading story in the Red Book Magazine for January is a singularly human and appealing tale by Hamlin Garland, told in the manner that long since established Mr. Garland in the front rank of America's really great fic-tion writers. Its title is "A Short Line Romance." A second story turning upon an international marriage is "The Wreath," a powerful specimen of dra-matic writing by Gouverneur Morris, whose stories, within the past few years, have won him well deserved popularity.

The latest New York paper has foretoldly discussed by Louis V. De Foe, and the issue opens, as usual, with a notable collection of art portrait studies.

A Bright Store

Is the best advertisement possible for every merchant. Probably you have often thought that yours is bright. But is it? Did you ever compare it with one lighted by our new Inverted Gas Arcs? Ever think that you could have the same style arcs put up in your store FREE? Our expert will call and explain the saving it would mean in your monthly lighting. Phone 80.

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TROLLEY ST. SCHOOL.

Following is the report of the stand-ing of the pupils for December:

Senior fourth—Fred Morgan, May Bousfield, Clarence Bousfield, Douglas Allan, Douglas Tyrrell, Bruce Awrey, Edna Mackill, Ruby Bonnell, Gladys Cope, Mary Coates, Lester Niblock, Jack Clifton, Frank Henderson.

Junior fourth—Bertha Schwenger, Mary Harrigan, Lloyd Elliott, Mabel Freeburne, Maimie Boyd, Lloyd McGreg-gor, Enrietta Chapman, Alda VanMere, John Driscoll, Grace Gage, Ralph John-son, Elmer Johnson, Jennie Beattie.

Senior third—Bennie Bulgeon, Dorothy Allan, John Beattie, Edward Orton, Marjorie Hewish, Ada Gibbins, Martha Stevenson, Clifford Downton, Alice Townsend, Gladys Young, Bennie Hoyle, Sheldon Hyland, Leslie Bolton, Marjorie Inman, Maude Randall, Christie McKir-dy, Arthur Burford, Ernest Dunn, Clif-ford Herbert, Gordon Logan, Willie Wil-son, Harvey Buttmanham.

Junior third—John Dunn, Millie Webb, Harry Rogers, Jean Fairley, Ray Hen-derson, Joshua Reid, Grace Hagel, Ar-thur Pratt, Elsie Cope, Ola Kerr, Lily Coleman, George Shillaber, Evelyn Mur-ray, Ross Inman, Oswald Gage, Beverly Ellison, Harry Turner, Walter Turner, Albert Leather, Hazel Cope (absent).

Senior second—Howard Patterson, Lillie Turner, Claude Patterson, Donald Reid, Charlie Newberry, George Lewis, Roy Fuller, Clarence Lewis, Edgar Jones, Hazel Robbins, Wilfred Townsend, Ernest Hamilton, Rena Jennings, Lorne Ham-ilton, Francis Bulgeon, Roy Bollock, Tom Gibbins, Philip Kearney, Ruby Lottridge, Harry Reid, Gordon Perry, Harold Cote, Francis Kenyon, Victor Webb, Marjorie Allan, Maggie Kenyon, Walter Wilson, Reggie Thompson.

Junior second—Pony Boyd, Belle Hen-derson, Robbie Webb, Amy Coates, Ger-tie Coot, Nellie Atherton, Gladys Downton, Ethel Murray, Ruby McGreg-gor, Arthur Peacock, Doris Scott, Starjorie Ellison, Edgar Mortimer, Stella Cope, Myrtle Dunn, Ernest Jarrod, Burness Cope, Arleigh Randall, Winnie James, Edna Hyland, Alfie Barr, absent.

Senior first—Willie Henderson, Elwood Jones, Ethel Marshall, Frank Newberry, Kathleen Jennings, Arthur Ward, Jean-nette Kerr, Charlie Hurt, Violet Pat-terson, Annie McFadden, Albert Knight, Eddie Buckingham, Carl Bellock, Tom-nie Garity, Charlie Knight, Joe Turner, Percy Mortimer, Daniel Reid, Freddie Fuller, Clarence Burgess, Belle Burgess, Muriel Lucas, Phyllis McGreggor, Russel Ward, Nellie Randall, Catharine Fuller, John Wilson, absent.

Part 1—A—Ernest Peacock, Francis Murray, Alexander Boyd, May Morgan, Jennie Jennings, Frank Young, Philip Coates, Elsie Hager, Annie Dunn, Mur-ray Lottridge, Lillie Rockett, Ethel Barr, Marion Van Belle, Vernon Buttmanham, Raymond Bellock, Pansy Bannister.

Part 1—B—Frances Elliott, Emma Tur-ner, Bessie McKirdy, Willie Jones, Flor-ence Barr, Marie Fleet, Stanley Pat-terson, Edward Coates, Georgie Beckett, Freddie Overall, Roy Freeburne, Violet Orton, Clifford Emery, Marion Lottridge, Louisa Emery.

Part 1—C—Marion Reid, Roy Pat-terson, Lillian Loughran, Ada Turner, Annie McKellar, Ivan Atkinson, Myrtle Dods-well, Beatrice Whiteorth, Annie Woot-ton, Florence Waters, Frank Dods-well, Verna Lewis, Elsie Overall, Percy Adly, Daisy Boyd.

Part 1—D—Ethel Buckingham, Warren Burford, Eleanor Shillaber, Alexander Yorkston, Evelyn Inglis, Janie Kelly, Harold Atkinson, Ethel Fleet, Wesley Jones, Willie Urthart.

CANADA IN STAINED GLASS.

An excellent example of the stained glassworkers' handicraft is afforded by a novel map that has been prepared for the west end office of the Grand Trunk Railway System on Cook-street, London, S. W. On a solid sheet of glass, 11 1/4 inches thick, measuring 12 feet in length and 6 feet broad, a faithful reproduction of the map of the Dominion of Canada has been executed. The names of places in great numbers, the rivers, the lakes and the mountains are clearly shown, while the distinctive colors for the various Provinces com-prising the Dominion and adjacent terri-tories of the United States have been burned in to ensure fixity. Stretching across the continent from the Atlantic to the Pacific may be easily followed the route of Canada's all-red route, the Grand Trunk Pacific, by means of which millions of square miles of new grain-producing territory are being opened up to the settler.

TUNIS-HYSLOP.

A quiet but interesting wedding was solemnized at the Methodist parsonage at Copetown by Rev. Mr. Bowers, on Wednesday, the 22nd inst., when David A. Hyslop, jun., son of D. A. Hyslop, sen., manufacturer, of Greenville, and Miss O. Alma Tunis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Tunis, were united. After the ceremony they left on a short wed-ding trip to Detroit and other western places, the bride being accompanied by her father and a large circle of friends for their future welfare and happiness.

FORESTRY WORK

Carried on in Federal Forests During 1908-09

Exploration of the great Northern forest belt and its protection from fire are emphasized by R. H. Campbell, superintendent of forestry, in his report lately laid before Parliament. This northern forest belt extends from Hudson Bay to the Rocky Mountains, a distance of a thousand miles, and has a general width of 400 miles. It has been traversed along the main lines of travel by members of the staff of the Geological survey and other travellers. But there are immense areas still unexplored. Judging from the cost (\$40,000) of the exploration of New Ontario in 1900, the cost of a similar exploration of this country would be \$200,000, which spread over a period of ten years, would mean an annual expenditure of only \$20,000.

A start has been made at the protection of the forests of this tract from fire. Rangers are now kept on the Athabaska, Great Slave, Peace and Teser Slave rivers, in the district of the Pas (Sask.), and in the country north of Prince Albert, Sask., up to the Church-ill river, and including Lac la Ronge, the scene of considerable mining pro-specting.

The only method of fire protection so far found practicable in the forested dis-tricts is a patrol by rangers, who travel their beats, put out small fires and sum-mon help to put out large ones, and warn campers and residents of the dan-ger of setting out or neglecting fires. A special patrol was maintained along the line of the G. T. P. during the sum-mer of 1908, and as a result no serious fire occurred. It will be necessary to take similar precautions along many other lines of railway projected in the west.

One of the duties of the rangers is to post up "fire notices," warning against the danger of setting fires in the forest and setting forth the penalties in-curred by those who do so. These notices have been translated into Cree and Chipewyan, and distributed throughout the northern districts. A reproduction with translation of that in Cree is appended to the report.

The work of fire protection is per-haps the most necessary of all the work of the Forestry Branch. The importance attached to it can be seen from the fact that the number of rangers was in-creased from 47 in 1907 to 82 in 1908. If, however, the work is done in anything like an adequate manner, the system must be greatly extended, and much more money spent for the purpose.

The season of 1908 was exceptionally dry and the risk of fire correspondingly great, but few serious fires occurred on Dominion lands. The chief of these were at Salmon Arm, Manson Creek and White Lake, in British Columbia, and in the valley of the Spray River, in Al-berta. The last is traceable to carelessness of tourists, for the others, squa-tors on timber berths, were responsible. Carelessness on the part of a lumber company contributing to one of them. In the Spray Valley fire some 3,000,000 feet of timber were destroyed; in the British Columbia fires, 200,000 feet board measure, of timber, was totally destroyed, and 10,000,000 feet damaged.

WORK ON FOREST RESERVES.

On the forest reserves timber surveys were continued in 1908 and at the end of the season the survey of 1,250,000 acres of the total area of 10,000,000 acres was completed. Bulletin No. 6, of the Forestry Branch ("The Riding Mountain Forest Reserve," by J. R. Dickson, Assistant Inspector of Forest Reserves) gives the results of the survey of the Riding Mountain forest reserve (the largest of all) while the result of the survey of "The Pines" reserve, near Prince Albert, Sask., is given in an appendix to the report (Appendix No. 2, by R. R. MacMillan, Assistant Inspector of Forest Reserves). Maps of these re-serves have also been published. In the whole of the forest reserves are found to be in poor condition, as a result of fire and careless cutting. These surveys form the basis for

THE HAMILTON TIMES

THURSDAY, DEC. 23, 1909.

VACARIOUS-MERT.

The Herald makes for its candidate Doc Hopkins, a somewhat unusual plea, and one that indicates that he is not to be confounded with the ordinary workaday, bread-and-butter-earning Canadian. This man must be recognized as something very different from the common barnyard variety of sons of the soil, who can never hope to be, at best, more than mere self-made men; although such upstarts have been known to aspire to positions of honor which should be reserved exclusively for men like the Doc, men of blood and ancestry. Pity 'tis that the rudeness of mere merit should ever be tolerated! Our contemporary's sporting man would probably describe the Doc as "classy," and the description might fit in with the Herald's plea. For, be it known, the Doc's organ impressively informs the Hamilton public that the Doc's grandfather—no, we believe it says his great-grandfather, "fit in de wah"—was "a captain in the army." Think of that, will you? Now, will you get out of the way, you insolents of less distinguished and aristocratic ancestry, and allow his great-grandfather's great-grandson to gratify his mounting ambitions? Alas, for these degenerate days! We fear that there may be found among the people to whom this plea of the Doc may be mightily convincing, not a few who, not having the veneration and respect for distant ancestry which the Doc and his organ appear to have, will turn up their plebeian noses at the plea, even at the risk of being blighted by the Doc's wrath or deluged by the Herald's abuse. They may even recall to mind a similar plea for admiration which has been embalmed in poetry: "I'm Captain Jinks of the Horse Marines, I feed my horse good corn and beans, I know it is quite beyond my means, Though a captain in the army." These coarse-fibred people may think that a live Canadian of the common hand-picked sort is worth a good many dead great-grandfathers. They may even entertain a notion that the question of the stripes on the great-grandfather's uniform—or his back—is of less moment to them than that of the intelligence, ability, courage and manly honor of the great-grandson of to-day. And they may even dare to institute some inquiry as to the latter, in the light of his own course in this mayoralty matter. And who will blame them?

But, seriously, we marvel at Ald. Hopkins and his organ presenting such a plea to the intelligent citizens of Hamilton. Boiled down and put in plain words it amounts to this: My great-grandfather was a captain in the army, therefore you should violate the unwritten law, which gives a good Hamilton Mayor a second term, and allow me to supplant him. A true poet and philosopher has said: "Tis as easy to be heroes as to sit the idle slaves. Of a legendary virtue carved upon our fathers' graves." He doubtless intended to include grandfathers and great-grandfathers. Great and good as those old fellows may have been, why use their places of sepulture as election hustings? Should we even steal the funeral lamps to light mean ambition's path to municipal power? Why, probably even Ald. Hopkins did not appreciate the absurdity of his plea. He cannot qualify on the merits of a dead great-grandfather. The people demand personal virtue and service. They admire ability, uprightiness, courage, strong love of justice, and a fine sense of chivalrous honor toward others. Does Ald. Hopkins think that his conduct and attitude now meet these requirements? Dare he look into his own soul and face his own motives?

TOO MUCH LAW.

Archbishop Ireland is one of the prelates for whose opinion on civil matters great respect is entertained by thinking men of all denominations, and his denunciation of the idolatrous worship of man-made laws, uttered in an address at St. Paul, is well worth the study of all lovers of freedom. Civil freedom, the archbishop said, the right to one's own self, to the use of one's own faculties of mind and limb, is so sweet, so precious to each one that it was to be expected they were ever to be held sacred and never yielded up unless in obedience to highest duty toward the whole body politic. And he continued: "And yet is there not some peril to civil liberty from political liberty—at least from what I may be allowed to call the exuberance, the riotousness of political liberty? As a matter of fact, we have too many laws. Our legislatures are too anxious to increase the bulk of the statute book. As things are tending we shall soon have so many laws that, wrapped around, as it were, by serried mail, we shall become prisoners, forbidden to stir or to walk. The possession of power is an incentive to excess. What is the use, it is thought, of having power, if it be not put into exercise? And then a law is called for that the legislator may have it to be fondled as his own child. Be it a needed law, all the better. Be it totally unnecessary, even unduly restrictive of the liberty of the citizen, a pity it is, but legislative power must show itself in act. "The mania for legislation frequently shelters itself under the name of moral reform. Far from me to oppose prudent legislation in the betterment of morality, when crime is to be punished, natural rights to be safeguarded, a great and

wholesale measure in the interests of the public well to be supported."

Archbishop Ireland denies that society could ever be without its rich and its poor, and he condemned the cry against corporations, as such. "Destroy great enterprises," said he, "make impossible the unification of many individual energies and if equality there comes it will be equality of mediocrity and social poverty." What is needed, he impressed upon his hearers, is "legislation with eye single to the general welfare which is fostered by justice to all, by wisdom in adoption of methods, by a full recognition of the laws of nature, in the individual life of men, in economic relations for one class of men toward another and of all classes of men toward the nation at large."

These are wise words; words which are as applicable to Canada as to the United States. The danger to true liberty from the fads and cranks of officialdom is not small. We should always bear in mind that the Golden Rule is the true gauge of human freedom. We are each entitled to do as we please, as long as our so doing does not interfere with the equal right of every other individual. Let us not make a fetish of laws.

IMMENSE SUM "LOST."

It is not ocean freights on nearly \$41,000,000 worth of goods that we have lost, but all the money which we have paid to foreign shipowners for carrying nearly \$54,000,000 worth of American overseas purchases and sales. That is a specimen sentence from a letter intended to show the need for subsidizing United States shipping. It could appeal only to the most purblind protectionist. If the United States people have paid to foreign shipowners such a sum for carrying freight, they have received value for the amount in a service which they themselves could not give for the money, and the capital and labor required to do it were, it is fair to assume, more profitably employed. The U. S. shipowners say they cannot compete unless they receive many millions in subsidies yearly. That gives away the entire contention. When a man has a job to do, and finds that he will lose money by undertaking it for what is in it, he is not in a position to cavil at the fellow who takes it off his hands and saves him loss. Why should the United States people pay the United States shipowner not only the price of the service, but give him millions in bounties taken out of the taxpayers, when others stand ready to do the work and make a profit out of the price, leaving the United States capital and labor to find its way into lines at which it can earn a return? That is the question Economy asks.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Thirteenth Royal Regiment sounds well, doesn't it? In the solitude of his office Stewart thinks of Hopkins, and smiles.

Do you wonder that Peary should regard the pronouncement of the Copenhagen scientists on Cook's alleged data and observations as a vindication of his course?

You have read of the humors of an election. Have you ever seen anything to beat the Herald's appeal for Ald. Hopkins on the strength of his great-grandfather?

Ald. Hopkins' candidature for the Mayorship is the greatest Christmas box the boys with an eye to the pickings could have had. And they had almost lost hope, too.

It should be dawning upon the evil-minded of this city that the "Black Hand" business is not a safe one in this country. The law cannot deal too severely with such crimes.

Ex Ald. Farrar pays the Council of 1909 the compliment of saying he is satisfied with its work, and will not seek a place as alderman this year. And Mr. Farrar is not the easiest man to satisfy either.

The City Council of Montreal has decided to pay the members of its board of control \$10,000 a year each. Imagine what a rush we should have for control-lorships if Hamilton were to offer half that sum!

One after another the Council committees present reports showing a satisfactory condition in their finances, highly creditable to the Mayor and aldermen of 1909. It is a pleasant change from the deleterious series of overdrafts which have been the rule in recent years.

Oh, Mr. Herald, come off! Doc Hopkins' great-grandfather may have been a fine old chap with a high idea of honor; but what of that? It's his great-grandson that is in question. And would the great-grandfather or the great-grandfather or his cousin's wife's uncle, for that matter, have been proud of the present alderman's position to-day?

So much of an improvement was effected in the city's finances by this year's Council that Ald. Allan, Chairman of the Board of Works, is hopeful that if the Good Roads by-law is carried the tax rate may be reduced from 21 to 20 mills. Good enough! But not if the gang that puts Ald. Hopkins forward to oppose the Mayor and the business policy in civic affairs has its way.

It is now announced that the new Ontario Government prison will be situated near Guelph. Options on 603 acres

of land for the purpose have been secured. It will be remembered that, a short time ago, it was said to be the Government's intention to locate the prison in Wentworth County. Like the matter of that great Provincial Technical College, however, the scheme did not materialize.

John Burns, in an address in Britain the other day, declared that the British people would take two lessons from Germany, they would avoid conscription and protection. In protected Berlin alone last year, between 30,000 and 60,000 workmen were out of employment. "Why," he asked, "were there 4,000 bureaus for registering unemployed in Germany, if there were two jobs for every man in that country?" And his hearers laughed.

The present contract for 1,000 h.p. of Hydro-Electric current binds the city to that extent to the losing deal for thirty years. Mayor McLaren and the Council secured the concession of giving us a year to test it before we should be tied up in the monopoly so that we could not benefit by competition. It is to refuse this chance to test the scheme that Ald. Hopkins opposes Mayor McLaren and the Hydro gang is trying to capture the Council. They fear that the year's test may not turn out well for them.

The Hamilton Herald feels constrained to excuse the course of Ald. Hopkins with the decent people of the city, so it proceeds to say that "last year he was so much impressed with the necessity of having a Council that would reverse the action of last year's Council on the power question that he came forward as an aldermanic candidate in Ward 6, and was elected." Think again. Did he not attempt to butt in before that, to find himself repulsed? Was there not some other "influence" used to determine him on his present course?

The Dominion Railway Commission has postponed until July 1 the new regulation of the telegraph companies reducing code words not in the dictionary to a maximum of five letters. In giving judgment the chairman stated that the determination of the companies to thus limit the length of code words was a reasonable one, as present conditions were not equitable for the telegraph companies. The delay in permitting the new regulation to take effect will give time to revise the codes.

The announcement that Ald. Hopkins was to be the last chance candidate of the clique which seeks to wreak vengeance upon Mayor McLaren has been the means of waking up many citizens who usually take but a mild interest in municipal affairs. Scores are asking to be allowed to serve in aiding the Mayor's re-election, if for no other purpose but to show their disapproval of the contemptible campaign conducted against him, by piling up such a majority as will vindicate the good sense and decency of the ratepayers of the city and their appreciation of good municipal service.

Hon. Mr. Foster, in his criticism of the budget the other day, declared that it was the Western farmer and not the policy of the Government that brought about Canadian prosperity. We had not noticed that Mr. Fielding put forward any claim to having produced Canadian prosperity. It might be pertinent, however, to remind Mr. Foster that if we grant his claim that Canadian prosperity is due to the Western farmer, it must equally be granted that there are a vast number more of the Western farmers, producers of prosperity, in the country because of the wise policy of the present Liberal Government.

At last night's meeting of the Fire and Water Committee, a sub-committee was appointed to consider the question of making some suitable recognition of Engineer MacFarlane's 50 years of faithful service to the city. This is a case, if ever there are such, in which long and faithful service should be rewarded by the municipality. There is probably not in the Province of Ontario to-day a municipal servant with such a record of efficiency, trustworthiness and devotion to the practical duties which he has discharged for an unbroken period of half a century. He has given no half-hearted service. The interests of the city have been his interests and every Hamiltonian has felt that, no matter what might happen, the waterworks were safe in good hands. A co-operation testimonial in a case like this is well warranted, and it will be approved by the ratepayers at large.

OUR EXCHANGES

TWO OF THEM. (London Advertiser.) Lloyd-George and Churchill are a great pair of political Doughnuts. A LAST CHANCE. (Guelph Herald.) A Hamilton youth has been held up in Rome. What a chance for the Herald or Times to have headed it "An Innocent Abroad." COLLABORATORS. (M. A. P.) "It was Satan," said a mother to one of her children, "who put it into your head to pull Elsie's hair." "Perhaps it was," replied the hopeful, "but kicking her shins was my own idea." GO TO THE WALL. (Guelph Mercury.) Winston Churchill, who, by the way, is a fine classical scholar, has discovered an entirely new authority upon the present British situation, and one which may well be claimed as having made the ear-

A Sensational Big Store Toy Bargains 8.30 Sharp Friday Morn. The last call for Toys, and a record breaker. We intend selling more Toys to-morrow than any two days in our history, and to do this we must have you early, not 9 or 9.30 (many of these lines will be gone before that), but 8.30 sharp, when the doors swing open. Read every item. Drop everything else and be here sharp on time. No phone orders filled. None sent C. O. D. Friday morning, 8.30 sharp.

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8.30 TILL 10 ONLY 25c and 30c Hdkfs. 15c Each. A goodly gift line, 25 and 35c value, richly Swiss embroidered Handkerchiefs, hemstitched and scalloped edges, on sale 8.30 sharp, each 15c.

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WHERE SCIENCE FAILS. (New York Sun.) Euclid was deep in mathematics. "My dear," announced his wife, "I want to give Mary Smith a present that will look like it cost more than the one she sent me, but really be less, and I don't know what she paid for it. How much should I spend?" Herewith he sought safety in flight.

YARN FETCHED A QUARTER. (Boston Transcript.) Sad-eyed party—Say, boss, won't you give me a few cents towards gettin' my wife into the Old Lady's Home? Householder (dubiously)—Why doesn't your wife come here herself? Sad-eyed party—Well, you see, boss, she's a woman an' you kin hardly expect her to go around admittin' she is old enough for that.

REGARDED WITH SOME SUSPICION. (Hamilton Spectator.) Ald. Hopkins has been a citizen of Hamilton not more than five or six

8.30 to 10 in the Men's Dept. Men's \$1.50 and \$1.75 Silk Lined Gloves For \$1.25. 25 dozen of that famous Glove purchase specially reserved for Friday morning selling, Dent's Silk Lined Cape Gloves, rich tans and browns; the best \$1.50 and \$1.75 lines, on sale 8.30 sharp, each \$1.25.

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WILL BECK RUN? If He Does There Will be a Split in Tory Ranks in London. Threat That He Will be Opposed at Next Ontario Elections. (Special Wire to the Times.) London, Dec. 23. The most unique situation in years in connection with the coming municipal elections has occurred as a result of the threatened split in the Conservative party over Hon. Adam Beck's nomination for Mayor. Mr. Beck wants to run, and is absolutely sure of election if he stands. He has been waited on, it is stated, by members of the Beattie Conservative faction and threatened with a three-cornered fight at the next general election if he does not withdraw and allow Ald. Beattie, his strong Niagara power opponent here, to run. Hundreds of prominent business men are urging Mr. Beck to run, and risk a split in the party. Prominent business men nominated by the churches to try and improve municipal conditions have declared they will not run unless Mr. Beck stands also. He is holding a meeting to-day to discuss the situation with friends, and has until this evening to qualify.

HAS SURPLUS ABOUT \$4,000.

Chief TenEyck Asks That Benefit Fund be Established.

Praise for Engineer M'Farlane of Beach Pumps

And Vote of Thanks to Chairman Norman Clark

At the last regular meeting of this year of the Fire and Water Committee held last evening, a communication was read from James M'Farlane, engineer at the Beach pumping house, complaining about the boiler compound he was using, which made it necessary for a machinist to tighten the tubes and inspect the boiler every few weeks. The compound had been recommended to him at the beginning of the year. The matter was referred to City Engineer Macaluan.

A petition from Fireman K. Cassel, asking to be advanced one year, was granted. Cassel had been a first-class fireman, but had resigned from the department several years ago. Last June he applied and was received back on the force, but as a third-class man, and according to the rules he would have had to remain so until June, 1911. On the recommendation of the Chief, who spoke highly of him, it was decided to advance him to second grade, to take effect on June 1, 1910. G. W. Smith was appointed to the force in the place of O. Roper, who had left. The committee authorized the Chief to purchase five barrels of bluestone, at a cost of four and a half cents a pound. Although this is an extra large supply and will last for a year, it was thought advisable to make the purchase, as the price was an extra low one. The regular monthly accounts were passed.

On the motion of Ald. Lees, a vote of thanks and appreciation was extended to Ald. Clark, who has been chairman of the committee for the past three years, for his efficient and courteous attention he gave to all business.

In seconding this motion, Ald. Milne referred to James M'Farlane, who had been in the city's service for over fifty years, and thought that something more substantial than a vote of thanks should be tendered to him. Ald. Clark moved that a vote of thanks be tendered to A. T. James, secretary, who had been in the city's service for 22 years, and to Chief TenEyck, for the able manner in which both of them had performed their duties.

Chairman Clark will give an informal banquet next week, to which Mr. M'Farlane will be invited and a testimonial tendered to him.

The annual financial statements of the different departments of the committee were as follows:

Financial statement for waterworks construction for 1909: Appropriation \$20,000.00, Balance from 1908 \$30,421.36, To appropriation, 1909 \$5,000.00, Total \$55,421.36

Work passed: Six-inch main, Cumberland ave. estimate \$755.00, Six-inch main, Prospect ave. estimate \$520.00, To balance Montgomery elevator \$25.00, To sewer account, mountain system \$8,070.00, To amount set aside for stores and shops \$6,500.00, Extension of main on Glenhain ave. 200.00, To complete mountain system 1,000.00, Loss on debentures, say 1,300.00, Total \$18,590.00

Leaving a balance when work is complete of \$890.00, Waterworks receipts: First quarter \$65,100.25, Second quarter \$61,125.71, Third quarter \$61,125.71, Fourth quarter (estimate) \$84,250.00, Total \$271,626.67

Less street watering \$18,713.49, Balance \$252,913.18

Financial statement of waterworks expense for 1909: Appropriation \$20,000.00, Expenditure \$17,747.57, Balance \$2,252.43

Estimated expenditure to Dec. 31, 1909: Fuel \$112.00, Janes street reservoir \$100.56, Salaries \$50.00, etc.

Financial statement of the Fire Department for 1909: Appropriation \$252,913.18, Expenditure \$252,454.56, Balance \$458.62

Chief TenEyck asked that the balance from the fire department be used as the nucleus of a benefit fund. The members suggested that he should bring in some comprehensive scheme, and allowed the matter to stand in the meantime.

HALF MILLION.

Hamilton Man a Plaintiff in a Large Suit.

An action to upset a \$500,000 issue of stock made by the Imperial Steel & Wire Company, Limited, of Collingwood, was commenced yesterday by Mr. Justice Clute at Toronto yesterday in the non-jury sittings. Anna M. B. Lindsay, W. J. Lindsay, of Toronto, and William H. Schneider, of Hamilton, are the plaintiffs. The plant of the company is at Collingwood. The plaintiffs claim that after the company had undertaken to establish a new business at Fort William the company passed a by-law increasing the capital stock from \$700,000 to \$1,500,000, \$500,000 common shares and \$300,000 of preferred shares. As the agreement with the town was never acted on or the work of building the plant completed before June of this year, the plaintiffs claim that the issue of \$500,000 common shares was ultra vires. The defendant company claims that there was no cause of action disclosed, and that they are prepared to carry out their agreement.

FOR DUTIES.

Ontario Government Brings Action Against Gurney Estate.

Nesbitt, Gauld & Gausby issued a writ to-day on behalf of the Attorney-General's Department against Henry G. Carscallen, George C. Carscallen and C. J. Cayles for payment of succession duties on the estate of the late Eliza Gurney. The estate, two years ago, was valued at \$100,000, and the succession duties claimed amount to \$3,000. The defendants are the executors of the estate.

JEALOUS MAD.

Miner Kills His Wife, Her Mother and Himself.

London, Ky., Dec. 23.—At Pittsburg, Ky., a mining village, yesterday, William Murray, a miner, shot dead his wife, her mother, Elbert Cole and himself. Cole was 22 years old. He was a manager of a general store. Murray entered the store and without a word shot his wife and her mother and then shot himself dead. Then he went to his home nearby and shot his mother-in-law as she was leaving the house. He shot his wife within the house and dragged her out into the yard and laid her dying beside her mother's body and fired another bullet through her heart. He then shot himself dead.

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WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC SCOPE.

2,000 Women a Year Imported, U. S. Congress is Told.

One Member's Profits Was \$102,000 For a Year.

The Mann Bill Not to Supersede Police Powers.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Representative Mann, of Illinois, chairman of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to-day formally submitted the report of his committee on his bill to prohibit the white slave traffic. The report makes it plain that the committee has no intention of interfering with the police powers of the States.

"It is not the purpose of the bill," says the report, "to interfere with or usurp in any way the police powers of the States. The bill reported does not endeavor to regulate, prohibit or punish prostitution or the keeping of a place where prostitution is indulged in."

"Most of the provisions of the bill," the report continues, "are based upon the power of Congress over interstate and foreign commerce. In the second section it is made a crime for any one knowingly to transport in interstate or foreign commerce any woman or girl for the purpose of prostitution and in the same section it is made a crime for any one knowingly to procure a place to be used by a woman in going to a place for the purpose of prostitution whereby such woman shall be actually transported in interstate or foreign commerce or in any Territory or in the District of Columbia."

After discussing the other sections of the measure the report says: "The legislation is needed to put a stop to the villainous interstate and international traffic in women and girls. The legislation is not needed or intended as an aid to the States in the exercise of their police powers, in the suppression or regulation of immorality in general. If does not attempt to regulate the practice of voluntary prostitution, but aims solely to prevent panders and procurers from compelling thousands of women and girls against their will and desire to enter and continue in the life of prostitution."

The report continues: "Government investigators who have been conducted disclose the fact that the importation of women and girls from foreign countries has been systematic and continuous, and has not been limited to isolated and accidental cases. The facts, in connection with investigations conducted by the District Attorney at Chicago, may be taken as typical of the situation in many other cities."

"At the time the arrest of several notorious French importers in Chicago a large amount of correspondence and other documentary evidence fell into the hands of the authorities. This evidence showed beyond a reasonable doubt that there was in existence an organized system, or syndicate, having for its purpose the importation of women from foreign countries to Chicago and other cities in the United States for immoral purposes. This syndicate had headquarters and distributing centres in New York, Chicago, Omaha, Denver, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Seattle, and Nome, Alaska."

"It is conservatively estimated, from an examination of the data and information at hand, that the syndicate has imported annually during the preceding eight or ten years on an average of about 2,000 women, largely French. It also appears that the syndicate regularly sent agents to Europe to procure girls at stated prices to be brought to the United States, where they were placed at the disposal of the keepers of houses of prostitution." The usual method employed in evading the immigration officers at the ports of entry was to pass the women with whom they arrived.

"It is of interest to note the profits realized by those engaged in the importation of alien women for the purpose of prostitution. For this purpose the information in the possession of the Government as the result of prosecution against the French procurer Dufair, which is definite and accurate, may be taken as typical of the remunerative character of the traffic. The books of account kept by Dufair show that his income from his establishment in Chicago, realized largely as a result of his success as an importer, was for the twelve months immediately preceding his arrest upward of \$102,000."

"These books also show that during the month of May previous to his arrest the earnings of one girl, a recent importation, were \$723. In almost every instance which has come to the attention of the authorities the girls who were imported from France by the French syndicate were compelled to turn over every day to the proprietor of the establishment in which they were detained all their earnings. They were usually allowed only enough to purchase the clothing necessary to make them attractive to frequenters of the place."

If the secret of success is really hard work it isn't much of a secret.

ROYAL MEWS IN LONDON.

State Equipages Kept at Buckingham Palace.

The Cream Colored Ponies Representing White Horse of Hanover.

London, Dec. 20.—Since King Edward came to the throne one of his greatest pleasures has been to renovate the various royal palaces neglected during Queen Victoria's reign. Nor has he devoted his attention exclusively to the palaces themselves; the outbuildings and stables have also received their share of improvements. Nowhere have greater changes taken place than in the royal stables adjoining Buckingham Palace. This autumn the mews have been enlarged and improved, so that now accommodation is provided for a stud of over 200 horses. Of course it is only on very rare occasions, such as a coronation, that so many horses would have to be kept there. Just now owing to the increasing use of motor cars by the royal family there are only fifty horses.

The chief item of interest in the royal stables is the old state coach, heavily gilded and ornamented, in which the King and Queen travel from the palace to the Houses of Parliament. This carriage is very old and is an excellent specimen of its class. The panels were painted by an Italian artist, Cipriani, and the cost of the coach was \$40,000 originally. It has a special department to itself when not in use.

The sleek well-groomed ponies which London expects to see in all state processions used to be kept at Windsor, where they could roam about at will in the shady paddocks of the home farm. Now the King has had his stables so arranged that there is plenty of room for them in London, so they have been moved permanently to the city.

They are beautiful little creatures of a delicate cream color with long flowing manes and tails. They are of the pure Flemish breed that is rapidly becoming extinct, and were originally brought into England by George I. as emblematic of the sign of his house, the White Horse of Hanover. Ever since that time they have been employed to draw the state carriages of the British sovereign.

Unfortunately they have been inbred at Windsor to so great an extent since they were first imported that they have greatly deteriorated in both size and strength. Some years ago it was decided to try to improve them by the importation of new stock and annually representatives of the royal stables have been sent to Holland and Belgium to seek young horses and mares of the necessary purity of blood to add to the stud farm at Windsor.

Next in importance to the cream ponies in the royal mews come the bright bay horses that are employed on semi-state occasions and to draw the carriages of the royal family when private visits are made to friends or relatives. Most of the other horses have also been bred by the King at Windsor and Hampton Court. All his home bred horses are renowned throughout Europe, and upon the rare occasions when any of them are offered in open market the competition to secure them is very keen.

The officers of the department of the master of the mews are carefully chosen. One of their most important tasks is rehearsing and training the horses for any state procession for several days before it takes place. The rehearsals are carried out in exactly the same manner as the procession itself. The whole of the route is gone over and the various turgs and places of waiting for the horses and carriages are examined and tested so that all possibility of a hitch is reduced to a minimum.

It is highly important that the horses should be trained to ignore the cheering of the crowds in the streets, so very early in the morning a battalion of Foot Guards from Wellington barracks is marched down to the exercising ground of the royal horses and the animals are led slowly by while the men cheer at the top of their voices at irregular intervals. Any horse that shows fear or a tendency to shy is at once put back for further training.

"When I hear a man boasting about his honesty," says the Manayunk Philosopher, "I always keep both hands in my pockets."

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Thursday, December 23rd, 1909

Lace Waists \$3.49. Etern Lace Waists, silk lined, in the latest style, a splendid range of sizes, regularly worth \$5.00, special on Friday at 8.30 sharp \$3.49

Women's Real Kid Gloves \$1.00. Women's Real Kid Gloves, two dome fasteners, dainty silk stitchings, in tan, brown, mode, grey, navy, black, white, red and green, white or self stitchings, in all sizes, at 8.30 per pair \$1.00

Wool Toques 25c and 50c. Fine Wool Toques, in plain colors or with stripes around the band, large full tassel for boys or girls, at 8.30 sharp \$25c and 50c

Children's Wool Sashes 50c. Children's Fine Wool Sashes, extra long, large, full tassels on each end, in white, sky, scarlet, cardinal, navy and black, at 8.30 sharp, each \$50c

Fancy Handkerchiefs 5c Each. 15 dozen Fancy Handkerchiefs, used for decorative purposes, and slightly soiled: regular 35c each, special at 8.30 sharp on Friday, each \$5c

Women's Umbrellas \$3.48. 2 dozen only Women's Umbrellas, chased handles, gold, inlaid, with smoked pearl, silk and wool covering, with selvedge, silk tassel and cover: regular \$4.50 and \$5.00, at 8.30 sharp \$3.48

Perfumes 69c. Perfumes, best line, in satin-lined case, finished with silk cord, special at 8.30 sharp, per case \$69c

Women's Walking Gloves 75c. Women's Walking Gloves, one dome fastener, blown fingers, perfect fitting, in navy, brown, tan, red, black, white, grey and green, all sizes, at 8.30 sharp, pair \$75c

Net Veiling 15c Yard. Fine Net Veiling, in all the newest meshes, with and without, spool, in navy, grey, green, brown, pinstripe, taupe, black or white, special at 8.30 sharp, per yard \$15c

Honeycomb Shawls 79c. 10 only Honeycomb Shawls, in plain white, cardinal or black, made with fancy border and fringe regularly \$1.00 special at 8.30 sharp \$79c

Slumber Sox 15c. 50 pairs Slumber Sox, for men or women; made of soft elderdown, in sky, white, red, grey, pink; regular 25c, special at 8.30 \$15c

Skates 50c to \$3.00. Nothing more acceptable for a boy or girl than a pair of Skates. We have Skates selling from \$50c to \$3.00. Skate Straps, per pair 5 and 10c

Men's Suspenders 38c. 20 pairs only Men's Fancy Suspenders, in gift boxes, solid brass trimmings, special Friday at 8.30 sharp \$38c

Table Cloths \$1.19. 50 only 68x84 Bleached Table Cloths, pure linen, hemmed ready for use; border all around, in floral and dot designs: regular \$1.50, at 8.30 sharp \$1.19

Waist Lengths 50c. 500 boxes of dainty Waist Lengths of Cashmere, for winter waists, in spot and floral designs; 3 yards in a gift box; at 8.30 sharp for 50c

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DON'T TEASE.

Thoughtless "Jolly" Often Changes Course of Lives.

Just let two young people become interested in each other, and it is the signal at once for all kinds of teasing, jokes, comments on the part of their friends and family.

The interest may have nothing sentimental about it. It probably has not at the start. It may be, and probably is, pure friendliness. No matter, shoulders are shrugged, meaningful glances of the eye given, so-called joking questions asked if he but mention her name or she his.

It is a most pernicious habit. It makes the young people self-conscious at once. It puts ideas into their heads that need never have been there. It has broken up many a pleasant friendship or led young people on into love affairs which were totally unfitness for each other.

To a sensitive girl such allusions are positively painful. If friends joke her about a certain young man or the family make insinuating remarks, her manner toward him becomes suddenly chilly and reserved. She doesn't want to get any such foolish ideas.

On the other hand the silly remarks of thoughtless friends may make two young people believe there is more in their friendship than they had thought. Algernon joked about Algina may twirl his moustache and decide "she is a pretty nice girl."

Algelina, when friends tell her Algernon is dead in love with her, anybody can see that, may find her heart beating faster the next time he comes and herself almost persuaded she loves him. Thus two people are hurried into a love affair who if left to themselves would never have thought of it.

Matters of friendship or of the heart are not for outsiders to meddle with. They are never matters for jokes or

DARING RESCUE.

Painter Swings Comrade to Roof From Precarious Position.

New York, Dec. 23.—Yesterday afternoon Christian Jarling and Joseph Brown, painters, fell from a scaffold at Broome and Green streets. Brown fell four storeys to the pavement and was crushed fatally. Jarling caught the edge of a wire sign and hung in the air, far above the street.

Oscar Johnson, another painter crawled over the edge of the building while John Kirk lay on the roof edge clinging to his legs. Johnson swung head down and grasped Jarling's wrist and swung him up by main force. But were hauled in safety to the roof, while the crowd cheered.

A battalion of firemen arrived with ladders just too late to be of assistance.

BRAVE GIRL.

Anna Staadt Gets a Medal From Royal Humane Society.

St. Catharines, Ont., Dec. 23.—For an act of conspicuous bravery, twelve-year-old Anna Staadt, of Chippawa, was this evening presented a bronze medal of the Royal Humane Society.

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SCHOOL CHILDREN MAKE MERRY FOR CHRISTMAS.

KING EDWARD SCHOOL.

The closing exercises of the kindergarten were held on Tuesday afternoon. The room was neatly decorated, and a tree Christmas tree occupied one corner. A number of mothers were present, and watched with interest the games and exercises of the children. All were pleased, and complimented Miss Small on her success in training the pupils. Each pupil received a present from the Christmas tree for his or her mother. The second and first book classes, under the direction of Miss Graham, Miss Johnson and Miss Fieck, held their exercises on Wednesday morning, and rendered the following programme: Chorus, Santa Claus, Santa Claus. Recitation, Christmas Secrets, Edith Wells. Song, My Dolly, Madge Zeve. Recitation, Christmas Eve, Lloyd Ridge. Chorus, Sweet and Low. Recitation, Santa Claus' Visit, three junior first boys. Recitation, A Christmas Problem, Gladys McConnell. Song, Santa Will Soon Be Here, Ethel Robbins. Recitation, Christmas Eve Thought, Gladys Leonard. Chorus, All the Bells. Lullaby, two junior first girls. Recitation, Santa Claus' Christmas Party, ten second book pupils. Recitation, Christmas Stockings, Jackie Wall. Recitation, A Child's Christmas Prayer, Marion Slight and Jean McGill. Chorus, Up on the House. Recitation, Christmas Stockings, ten junior first pupils. Recitation, A Tragedy in Christmas Candles, Harold Boyde. Recitation, Santa's Mistake, Sarah Kuliek. Song, Just a Peep at Santa, second book pupils. Recitation, Missing Santa Claus, Gordon Garrick. Chorus, Twinkling Stars. Dialogue, Signs of Christmas, six senior first girls. Chorus, My Shadow, second book pupils. Song, If Santa Claus Knew, Bertie Ferguson. Chorus, Lullaby, Up in the Sky. Recitation, Everywhere, Everywhere, Christmas to-night, five second book boys. Chorus, Away in a Manger. God Save the King. In the afternoon the senior classes gave their entertainment and were addressed by Rev. E. B. Lancelotti, Rev. I. L. Couch, and Trustees Lyman Lee, E. E. Linger and A. Wilkes. The programme: Chorus, O Canada. Piano solo, Jean Watson. Reading, Christmas Eve, Pearl Wilton. Violin solo, Ada Owens. Recitation, The Blind Boy, Maggie Chapman. Chorus, Little Town of Bethlehem. Dialogue, Marjorie Burrows, Fanny Leay, Eleanor McLeland, Dorothy Ferguson, Grace Hill, Madeline Westland, Hilda Spence, Selma Lewis. Piano solo, Courtney Dennis. Recitation, The First Christmas, Dorothy Perrie, Emma Mills, Ethel Bayliss. Piano solo, The Dance of the Blue Bells, Hewitt Bowman. Recitation, Home from School, Douglas Deily. Chorus, Christmas Carol. Recitation, Olive Mills. The Christmas Bells Are Ringing, Edith Haight. Christmas Play, senior third girls and boys. Recitation, Christmas Eve, Nellie Nickel. Duet, Jean Harley and Mary Petrie. Recitation, What Did Santa Claus Do, Florence Schofield. Recitation, Santa Claus and the Mouse, Doris Curtis. Chorus, Merry Old Sped the Millwheel. Dialogue, girls and boys junior third classes. Chorus, They Are Chiming. Sweetly Chiming, junior fourth class. Christmas Eve, Edith Haight. Chorus, Sweet and Low. Chorus, Recessional. God Save the King.

WENTWORTH ST. SCHOOL.

The different rooms of Wentworth School were beautifully decorated with flags, evergreens, etc., and the bookboxes were adorned with artistic designs. The programmes for the closing day were rendered in different rooms and were as follows: Fourth class in the principal's class room: Song, Little Town of Bethlehem, by class. Recitation, When Christmas Bells Ring, by Clara Paulsen. Presentation of silver medals by ladies of the Central W. C. T. U. Song, Autumn Woods, by class. Address by Rev. Dr. Smith. Recitation, In Santa Claus' Land, by Una Hayward. Presentation of gold medals by Mrs. W. H. Nichols of the Hamilton W. C. T. U. Song, Christmas Bells Are Pealing, by six boys, and the chorus by the class. Dialogue, The Story of a Peach Pie, by Gerald Goodman and Carrie Strickland. Recitation, The Boy, by Madison Waiter. Recitation, Santa Claus and the Mouse, by John Farves. Address by Trustees. Song, There's a Song in the Air, by class. Recitation, What the Three Little Stockings Said, by Norma Chagnon. Dialogue, Mr. Christmas, by six boys and four girls from Miss Park's class. God Save the King. Recitation, The Night Before Christmas, by Mrs. A. Sinclair's classes: Song, Santa Claus, by class. Recitation, The Night Before Christmas, by Mrs. A. Sinclair's classes. Recitation, Our Christmas Wish, Lina Drysdale. Recitation, De Halleluia Feelin', Marjorie McNeil. Song, The Dearest and Sweetest, Miss Hamrick and Muriel Chapple. Dialogue, White as Snow, four girls. Recitation, Grandma's Surprise, Evelyn Casady. Song, The Quest, class. Recitation, The Song of the Snowflake, Isabel Butler. Recitation, Santa Claus and the Mouse, Hilda Lindsay. Song, Christmas Bells are Pealing, six girls. Recitation, A Song to Santa Claus, Kathryn Wilson. Recitation, Into Us, Ethel Bowman. Song, The Magic Wand, class. Recitation, Christmas Day, Annie Goodwin. Recitation, Mamma's Christmas, Olive McGillivray. Song, Santa Impertuned, Rena Love. Song, There's a Song in the Air, class. Song, Mamma's in Heaven, Vera Jackson. Recitation, The Baby's Stocking, Edna Duffy. Song, O Little Town of Bethlehem, class. God Save the King. Senior and junior third. Song, There's a Song in the Air. Recitation, What the Ship Brought, Meta Taylor. Recitation, The Little Bonnet, Hazel Yeo. Recitation, The Funny Little Girl, Daisy Wilson. Song, What Means This Glory Around? Recitation, The Man Shopper, Melisone Epps. Recitation, A Boy's Plea, Kent Waldron. Recitation, Black Birds, eight girls.

Oh Little Town of Bethlehem.

Dialogue, The Hard Witness, five boys. Recitation, Dream About Christmas, Dolly Burrell. Recitation, The First Party, Elizabeth Barr. Song, Land of Our Birth, by choir. Recitation, All the Best, Ethel Thompson. Dialogue, Scene on Railroad Train, five scholars. Recitation, The Funny Boy, Bessie Fellows. Song, The Farm, Ronald Wray. Recitation, Mistress Mary, four girls. Dialogue, The Elfyn Queen, eight scholars, Vera Earl the Queen. Recitation, The Telegraph Message, Gerly Miller. Song, Santa Claus. Recitation, A Very Naughty Little Person, Leila Hunter. Recitation, The Music Stool, Connuella McMaster. Recitation, Lady of the Press, Pearl Yates. Song, O Canada. Dialogue, Receiving and Giving, scholars. Recitation, Santa Claus, George Cline. Dialogue, Teacher and Class. Recitation, The King of Heaven, Emma Luxon. Recitation, Tragedy of a Christmas Card, Agnes Stewart. Recitation, The Little Canadian Boy, James Robinson. God Save the King. Senior third and second grades, Miss M. B. Jamison, Miss Disher and Miss A. M. Jamison's class. Chorus, There's a Song in the Air. Recitation, Alas, Poor Santa, Irene McCoy. Recitation, To Santa, Myrtle Withuhn. Recitation, Holly, Inez Stewart. Recitation, High Life at Christmas, Kenneth Richmond. Song, Mabel Martin. Recitation, Garden of Toys, Nellie McCord. Recitation, The Up-to-Date Santa, James Muir. Chorus, Santa Claus, three classes. Recitation, The Christmas Present, Stella Winder. Recitation, Hang up the Baby's Stocking, Eunice Houlding. Recitation, Christmas Eve, Dorothy Fitch. Song, Welcome, Christmas, Charlie Wray. Recitation, The Doll's Complaint, Mary McCord. Recitation, A Christmas Gift, six children. Chorus, Oh Little Town. Recitation, A Visit From St. Nicholas, Clara McKay. Recitation, Two Offerings, Isa Berry. Recitation, A Child's Christmas Prayer, Elsie Kaye. Recitation, A Christmas Acrostic, nine senior third children. Recitation, The Shiniest Dime, Florence Paulsen. Chorus, I Heard the Bells. Recitation, Christmas Day, Herbert Dale. Song, The Blackbirds, six girls. Recitation, A Stocking's Christmas, Reggie Voelker. Chorus, Tell Me What You Have. Recitation, Santa Claus' Fright, Elizabeth Henstridge. Recitation, Keeping Jesus' Birthday, Winnie Hinchliffe. Recitation, Keeping Time, Roy Kelly. God Save Our King. Senior and junior first, Misses Eastman and Booker's classes: Chorus, O Little Town of Bethlehem. Recitation, The Birdies' Breakfast, Clarice Armer. Song, Up in the Air, Uria Henwood. Dialogue, Winter Sports, eight senior first children. Song, The Cattle Are Lowing (cradle hymn), Lawrence Partridge. Recitation, Jack Frost, Victor Lewis. Chorus, Santa Claus, Santa Claus. Recitation, Jack Frost, Victor Lewis. Recitation, The Ground Was All Frozen, junior first boys. Song, Santa Claus is Coming Soon, Harold Allen. Dialogue, The Trial, three senior first boys. Recitation, The Air is Filled, Junior first class. Recitation, Christmas Bells, Bruce Stewart, Henrietta Pratt. Song, There's a Song in the Air, Marjorie Hayward, Jean Batty, Phyllis Parry. Recitation, Cora Kappheim. Chorus, Beautiful Bells of Christmas Tide, senior first class. Recitation, Christmas Day, Hilda Bonney. Song, Dear Old Santa, Nellie Bollen. Duet, O Where Are You Going? Pearl Anderson, Lyaal Smith. Song, Lullaby, junior first girls. Recitation, Christmas Story, senior first class. Recitation, What I Should Do, Walter Berquist. Chorus, Christmas Bells. Why are crockeryware dealers different from other merchants? Because it won't do for them to crack up their goods. Why is a baby like wheat? Because it is first cradled, then thrashed and finally becomes the flower of the family. On what does a corn never come? The mistletoe. What is the difference between a hungry man and a glutton? One lunge to eat and the other eats too long. Where lies the path of duty? Through the Custom House. Why should turtles be pitied? Because theirs is a hard case. Why should young ladies set good examples? Because young men are so apt to follow them. Why should the male sex avoid the letter A? Because it makes men mean. Why should chimney-sweeping be a very agreeable business? Because it suits (soots) every one who tries it. Why is a joke less durable than a church bell? Because after it has been told (toll'd) a few times it is worn out. What would you call a boy who eats all the green melons he can eat? He is what we call a pains-taking youngster. What is an eaves-dropper? An icicle. Why is a neglected damsel like a fire that has gone out? Because she has not a spark left. Why are bells used to call people to church? Because they have an inspiring influence. What is that which goes up the hill and down the hill and yet stands still? The road. What becomes of the chocolate cake when your only son eats it? It vanishes into the empty hear (air). Hoax-The widow is entitled to her third, isn't she? Joax-Ge! One of them is chasing me around trying to make me her fourth.

TIMES PATTERNS.



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THE CHRISTMAS SPREAD.

Christmas Squares. Two heaping tablespoons of chopped candied peel, two tablespoons of chopped preserved cherries, two tablespoons of cleaned sultana raisins, two tablespoons of chopped dates, one white teaspoon of rose extract and some confectioner's sugar. Chop all the fruits very fine. Put the white of egg into a basin, add the water, rose extract and stir till smooth. Add the chopped fruits and then stir in enough confectioner's sugar to form a stiff paste. Allow the mixture to dry for three hours. Press over with melted chocolate. When dry, turn the confection on to waxed paper and brush over the other side with the melted chocolate. When set, cut into small squares. English Plum Pudding. Two pounds of raisins, stoned, two pounds of currants, one pound of suet, one quart of grated bread crumbs, one-half pound of mixed peel (citron, lemon and orange), one cup of flour, four eggs, two cups of sweet milk, one teaspoon salt one-half pound of brown sugar, one nutmeg grated, two teaspoon-cloves and cinnamon. Steam or boil six hours. This pudding material will make three small puddings, or one large one. Oyster Pie. Drain three pints of the best of oysters and add one quart of thick, sweet cream and enough fine cracker crumbs to thicken, add pepper and salt and pour into a deep dish lined with puff paste. Cover with the paste and bake three-fourths of an hour. The paste for both upper and under crust should be quite thick. Layer Fruit Cake. One cup sugar, half cup butter creamed, yolks of two eggs, two cups prepared flour, one and a half cups milk, flavor with orange extract and bake in three layers; make a fruit filling of the whites of two eggs, one cup of chopped and seeded raisins, two chopped figs, half a cup of walnut meats, six chopped dates and one cup confectioner's sugar, mix and spread between the plain layers. Lemon Custard Pie. Two eggs, one cup of granulated sugar, one cup of water, one tablespoonful of butter, one tablespoonful of cornstarch, dissolved in water, one lemon. Grate the rind; then peel off the thick, white skin and grate the rest of the lemon, being careful to remove the seeds. Save out one of the whites and beat to a stiff froth with a tablespoonful of sugar; put this on the top after it is baked and return to the oven until it is a delicate brown. Spiced Cranberry Jelly. With cranberries still on hand a nice spiced jelly can be made to serve with meats. Cook the apples without peeling until tender. Strain through a jelly bag, add vinegar to taste with cloves and cinnamon. Cook 20 minutes, add an equal quantity of sugar that has been heated in the oven, boil five minutes, skim and turn in glasses.

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SIGNET RINGS FOR THE FARM. Agricultural Specialist Wanted to Live at Port Hope. (Special Wire to the Times.) Toronto, Dec. 22.—Twenty representatives of the Board of Trade, High and Public school boards and agricultural interests of Northumberland and Durham interviewed Hon. J. S. Duff this morning and asked that the Government appoint an agricultural specialist to reside in Port Hope, to serve the two counties of Northumberland and Durham. Mr. J. J. Preston, M.P.P., introduced the deputation. It was pointed out that the specialists at Lindsay, Norwood, Whitby and Picton were doing excellent work and the deputation was of the opinion that equally good work could be done in Port Hope. Hon. Mr. Duff promised to carefully consider the request.

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 - Initial Linen Handkerchiefs ... 12 1/2c and 25c
 - Madeira Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 25c to \$1.00
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 - Handbags, many exquisite styles, \$1.50 to \$10.00
 - Parisian Fancy Combs ... 50c to \$5.00
 - Belts, new holiday styles ... 25c to \$3.50
 - Lace and Muslin Jabots ... 50c to \$3.00
 - Bradley Knitted Mufflers, all colors ... 50c
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 - Christmas Aprons, all styles ... 35c and up
 - French Silk Waist Lengths ... \$1.50 to \$6.25
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- New Silk Neckwear ... 25c to 75c
 - Crochet Knitted Ties ... 50c to 75c
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 - Flannellette Night Shirts ... 75c to \$1.50
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DROVE HER TO SUICIDE.

Prosecution in Snead Case Trying to Prove This Was Done.

Say Dead Woman Told Her Husband Was Dead.

Mrs. Snead's Mother Objects to Going to New York.

New York, Dec. 23.—Although Mrs. Caroline B. Martin, mother of Okey Snead, has been indicted with her two sisters for the murder of the East Orange bath tub victim, the New Jersey authorities have not yet obtained possession of Mrs. Martin's person, and the self-willed elderly woman is determined not to be taken from New York States without a fight. To-day her attorney, Col. Robert J. Hain, announced that he would at once take steps for bringing habeas corpus proceedings to test the strength of the case against his client.

Alternative indictments have been found against Mrs. Martin, Miss Virginia Wardlaw and Mrs. Mary Snead under which they may be tried either as having directly caused the death of Okey Snead or abetted her in suicide. This was held to-day to indicate that the prosecutors mean to leave no avenue through which the elderly trio can escape the alleged responsibility of having provided the instruments through which the tragedy was enacted.

Some of the evidence which was presented to the grand jury in support of the charge that a plot existed against Mrs. Okey Snead became known to-day. An important point was made in the presentation of documentary and other evidence to show that letters written by Mrs. Snead to her absent husband, Elmer Snead, were unmailed and that his letters to her were intercepted. Meanwhile, it was alleged, Mrs. Snead was told that her husband was dead and that she had nothing to live for.

OBITUARY.

Sudden Deaths of Two Respected Residents To-day.

The death occurred unexpectedly this morning of Mrs. Chester Williams, a resident of this city for many years, and a daughter of the late Isaac Kelly, of Amcaster. She leaves besides a husband one brother, Philip Kelly, Oakville, and one sister, Mrs. Alex. McGregor, Boardman, N. C. The time of the funeral will be announced later.

Amid a large number of floral offerings, the remains of Mrs. Aylmer J. Clarke were laid to rest in Hamilton cemetery yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. Isaac Couch officiated at the house and grave in the presence of a large number of friends. The pall-bearers were A. Motiee, C. Irish, Ralph Bowers, George Sharpe, F. A. Clarke and J. J. Gibson. Among the flowers were pieces from departments N and N2, Robert Simpson & Company, Toronto, and from the Ladies' Aid of Central Methodist Church.

Rev. Dr. Hooper officiated at the funeral of Mrs. Eliza Towersey, which took place at 2 o'clock this afternoon from her late residence, 168 King street east, to Hamilton cemetery. The pall-bearers were H. E. Cott, H. S. Moore, Wm. Somerville, J. Taylor, I. Gillette and John Callaghan.

An old and esteemed citizen passed away at an early hour this morning, in the person of Mrs. Abram Swayze, at her residence, 17 Earl street, after a few hours' illness. Mrs. Swayze underwent an operation about a year ago, and recovered to almost good health again. She retired last evening about 8 o'clock, feeling quite well, and had two or three hours' sleep, and awakened about 11 o'clock, feeling a pain over her heart.

Dr. Dickson was called, and did what could be done for her, and left about 1 o'clock this morning. Two or three minutes later she passed away. Mrs. Swayze was born in Saltfleet 72 years ago, and she and her husband had been living in the city the last 37 years. She was the daughter of Jeremiah Lee, Saltfleet, Mrs. Swayze's many friends in the country and city will be pained to hear of her death. She was a kind and estimable woman, and was liked by all who knew her. She leaves a husband and one daughter, Mrs. A. W. Swartz, Barton street east, this city. The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, from her husband's residence, 17 Earl street, to Hamilton cemetery.

LOTS OF THEM.

Turkeys Cheap and Plentiful in London Market.

(Special Wire to the Times.) London, Dec. 23.—Never in the history of London market has there been such a glut of turkeys as poured in from all points of the district this morning, in anticipation of prices being 25 cents per pound. Toronto, Hamilton and Brantford buyers, who were here earlier in the week, had all gone, and the bottom steadily dropped out of the market and choicest birds sold for 16 and 17 cents, where on Tuesday they were at 22 and 23 cents.

FRIEND WITH GOOD INTENTIONS.

Mrs. Holt could be depended upon at when repeating her remarks. "We know she means all right."

"Isn't it queer how differently things affect people?" one of Mrs. Holt's neighbors said to her the day after a beach picnic. "We both got tired to death, you and I, but you say you've had just a bit of indigestion while I have this fearful blind headache."

"Why, that's perfectly natural," said Mrs. Holt cheerily. "Of course when people are tired out it goes straight to the weakest part of them. Mine is my stomach and everybody knows yours is your head, poor dear!" From the Youth's Companion.

COP AT BAR.

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Get Here Early Before the Rush Begins

SPECIAL Xmas prices are now marked on our ladies' and men's Gloves; on Toys, Fancy Linen Pieces, on Novelties, Leather Goods, Toilet Articles, Handkerchiefs for ladies and men, men's Furnishings, Brassware, etc., etc. Our assortments are still complete. Come straight here for quality.

New \$8 Col'd Net Waists \$5

Second Floor—

JUST in time for the puzzled gift buyer has come to us a great special purchase of the very latest thing in Colored Net Waists.

This beautiful consignment consists of handsome Waists in taupe, rose and grey, and are the best value we have ever been able to get at the price asked.

The trimmings of these extraordinary waists are of silk strapings and dainty frills on the collar and sleeves. The latter are the new Bishop style.

This special purchase lot of Colored Nets should really sell for \$8.00. They are our very best Xmas special at \$5.00.

Last Chance--Toys Reduced

Third Floor—

T O-NIGHT, to-morrow and to-morrow night must be such busy ones in our pretty little Toyland that we shall be entirely cleared of toys. Naturally in order to be sure of accomplishing this we have had to cut the prices on scores of our mechanical and other toys to rock bottom—some, in fact, below the actual cost.

The kiddies can't have too many toys. They'll like to look back on these days in a few years, so take advantage of our 50 and 30 per cent. reductions.

\$5.00 Net Waist \$3.39

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T HIS is the best Net Waist offer of the season. Do you catch strength of that statement?

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of practical politics. The Poor-law must be broken up and pauperism abolished. Old Age Pensions must be extended and increased on their present non-contributory basis. Restrictions upon the franchise, including the sex bar, must be swept away.

ELECTION FINANCE.

More money will be spent on the general election of 1910 than on any of recent years. The party chests, particularly those of the Liberals, are reputed to be filled to overflowing with the gifts of prominent supporters, and no promising young man who secures the approval of the Whips and the invitation of a constituency need hang back for want of money. While the expenses of candidates are strictly limited by statute, outside organizations, such as the Tariff Reform League and the Budget League and the like, can spend as much as they please. In the election of 1906 the actual expenses of the candidates amounted to £1,166,858. This time, with the campaigns of independent organizations, the election will cost quite a million and a half. The average cost per candidate will be between £300 and £450, much of which will be spent on printing, the hiring of halls and committees and clerical work. This does not include the gifts for charitable purposes, which for some time have been regarded as legitimate expenditure by would-be M. P's. In many constituencies the candidates are expected to pay from £500 to £1,000 a year in subscriptions to hospitals, clubs, and societies in the neighborhood. This is a burden often unwillingly borne, and doubtless some way will be found by law before many years to lessen it.

LIBERAN AND LABOR.

Mr. C. F. G. Masterman, M. P., Under-Secretary for the Home Office: "I will support any candidate, whether Liberal, Labor or Nationalist, providing he is with the people against the Lords."

Mr. William Thorne, M. P., Labor and Socialist: "The Labor Party will do all they can to ensure the return of the Government."

The Social Democratic Party have sanctioned eight candidates; seven of these are fighting against both Liberal and Unionist. But the eighth, Mr. Harry Quech, the editor of Justice, and most extreme of the advanced Socialists, is standing for Northampton, hitherto represented by two Liberals and for so long by Mr. Labouchere and Dr. Shipman. Only one Liberal has so far been selected, and it looks as if a compact were even to be made there between Liberalism and the extreme Socialist wing.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, M. P., chairman of the Labor Party, emphatically denies any compact with the Government.

FREE CHURCHES

Denounce the Veto of the Lords—Election Manifesto.

The following manifesto has been issued by the National Council of the Evangelical Free Churches:

In view of the situation which has been created by the persistent action of the House of Lords in making impossible the reforms to which the National Free Church Council is committed by repeated pronouncements, and the peril in which the religious liberties of the people are placed, the executive of the National Council of the Evangelical Free Churches feels constrained to call the immediate and serious attention of Free Church-

men to the momentous issues now at stake, and on which our national assemblies have already passed judgment.

In the year 1904 the National Evangelical Free Churches of England and Wales met at Newcastle and published the conclusions reached, after repeated and careful deliberations, on the subject of national education. Our demands were clearly expressed. They have been repeated at successive national assemblies. They have also been interpreted and applied as different aspects of the controversy have come to the front; but they have never been altered one jot or tittle in substance.

In 1905 the Council undertook to aid the return of representatives to Parliament who were definitely pledged to reverse the unjust legislation of 1902 and to replace it by those principles of national education which the common sense of the electorate subsequently endorsed. The result was that in January of the following year a House of Commons was elected, pledged, as to its large majority, to those principles of reform.

Three distinct efforts have been made in this Parliament to carry out the wishes expressed by the electors in reference to education. But we have been defeated. We have labored in vain and spent our strength for naught. Clericalism, working through the Anglican Church on the one hand, and the Roman Catholic Church on the other, has thwarted every endeavor that has been made to secure justice.

Parliament is prorogued. The general election is about to take place. The opposition must be reminded that the oppression of the conscience by the Education Act of 1902 not only continues, but increases year by year. The Anglican and Roman Catholics encroach more and more on the rates. Thousands of the children of Free Churches are compelled to attend Anglican or Roman Catholic schools maintained almost to the last penny out of taxes and rates paid by the community. In thousands of public schools no Nonconformist teachers can obtain positions as headmasters and headmistresses, except on condition of assenting to the sectarian faith of the managers. Many thousands of State teachers possess very inadequate equipment for their work. The people are deprived of the schools and Boards and the sectarian schools are clerically managed.

If, then, the education position is not to be made worse and existing efforts multiplied, we must redouble the efforts of 1905-6 and prove by our devotion and self-sacrifice the intensity of our purpose.

Few legislative proposals have stirred our Free Church councils more profoundly than those contained in the bill for dealing with the "summons" question. Our National Council "summoned" all the members of our churches to give the bill their most active and earnest support, and according to our report for 1909, "Free Church councils everywhere did their utmost to voice public opinion in favor of the measure." But "in spite of the thorough and enthusiastic support of all classes of the community, the bill was thrown out by the House of Lords." The moral sense of the country was outraged by the sinister fact that an understanding had been arranged between the peers and the trade, demonstrating that the most beneficial influence on the politics of the country at the present time is that of the drink trade.

What remains for us is as obvious as it is imperative. Our course is clear. We have no choice but to go forward. We dare not surrender. Intemperance is the bane of our nation as well as its disgrace. It wastes its treasure and its manhood, and imperils the souls of men. We must return them to Parliament who will take every necessary step, and that at once, to relieve the nation of the fear and joy of complicity with a trade

that will certainly ruin the nation if it is not checked.

Other questions of great moral and religious importance hang on this election, and especially those connected with the housing of the people, the sufferings of the aged poor, unemployment, the prevalence of extreme misery and degradation, Welsh disestablishment, and the equality of all churches before the law. Not as party politicians, but as Christians, we are compelled by the teaching of our Lord to seek to remove the obstacles that stand in the way of the moral and religious welfare of the people.

At the National Assembly, held at Swansea this year, it was resolved that "the Council realizes, and feels it incumbent on it to declare, that the veto of the House of Lords is the great obstacle in the way of a national system of education, since not only does it exercise cause the rejection of carefully drawn bills, but its existence (a) injuriously affects the drafting of educational measures, and (b) leads to their deterioration in committee."

For all these reasons we must, as free churches, whether pastors, teachers or workers, concentrate our whole power in discharge of our citizen duties in the present crisis. Whenever men of any political party are prepared on these moral questions to take the side of righteousness we can recognize them, but nothing must deter us from striving with all our might for the triumph of our ethical and religious programme. As a National Council, we have limited our efforts to those measures on which our National Assemblies have spoken, and that we have consistently advocated since the founding of our organization, and from which, if we now draw back, we should deserve the reprobation passed on the recreant and half-hearted.

Evan Jones, President.
Thomas Law, Secretary.

The Christmas Spirit.

It's ho for the holly and laughter and kisses,
It's ho for the mistletoe bough in the hall!
Was ever a season so jolly as this?
No, this is the jolliest one of them all.

The season of loving and giving and dancing,
The season of mirth and of hearts that are true,
The season of eyes most bewitching, entrancing,
It's ho, Merry Christmas! A welcome to you.

With loved ones about us to laugh at our follies,
The patter of feet in the hallways above,
A ring at the door. Now deserted are dollies,
All rush to greet callers and shower them with love.

What turbulent romping! Was ever such shouting?
So dear to the heart and so sweet to the ear!
Away with all fretting, repining and doubting,
Ye, ho, for the Christmas so brim full of cheer!

Away with you, Trouble! Our armor of gladness,
You can't penetrate with your arrows of fear;
Away with you, Sorrow, away with you, Sadness,
Our walls are defended this morning by Cheer.

A fig for your frowning, Old Gloom, and your grouching,
No pessimist enters our castle to-day;
And should to our doorway a Kill-joy come slouching,
We've sentries of Cheer who will drive him away.

FRANK FOX IS DEAD.

Won First Life-Saving Medal Given in Toronto.

Frank Reynolds Fox, the well-known Don life-saver and dancing master, died at the Toronto General Hospital at 11.15 last night, after being confined there for three weeks, suffering from an abscess on the ear. Two operations were performed, but proved futile.

Mr. Fox was born in Toronto thirty-five years ago. He spent his boyhood in the east end, and saved many from watery graves in the Don. The family of three boys; and their father took sixty-two dead and alive out of the Don. The first Humane Society medal given in Toronto was presented to him by Edward Clark, the then Mayor. It was given for saving two lives from the Don.

For the past fifteen years he has been a dancing master, conducting academies at various places. For the past two years he had spent his day time in the employ of the city of Toronto as an inspector of sidewalks.

THE WATSONS.

Poet's Wife Indignant at Brother's Charge of William's Insanity.

New York, Dec. 23.—The Sun has received this message from Mrs. Watson, who, with her husband, the poet, is now in Havana:

"Mr. Robinson Watson's message to New York newspapers is a wicked attempt to ruin my husband's reputation. It accords well with his conduct for years past."

Robinson Watson, who is a brother of the poet, wrote to certain newspapers a few days ago from Montreal a long statement to the effect that his brother was mentally unbalanced, and that his most diseased poem, "The Woman With the Serpent's Tongue," was due to that condition.

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FEEDING PLANTS.

New Secret of Nature Found by a New Jersey Man.

There is a man in Clifton, N. J., who seems to have discovered the secret of perfect vegetation. On a little ten-acre farm he is raising flowers that might well be the envy of any florist, fruits and shrubs that would put the most successful nurseryman to the blush, and vegetables that are so much larger and sweeter than those that other farmers in that neighborhood can raise that it is difficult to find words with which to compare them. Moreover, though these fruits and flowers and vegetables may be examined ever so closely, no sign of insect or parasitic life can be found upon them. On other farms, peach trees are suffering from scales; spinach is blighted; lettuce swarms over potato vines; corn is wormy, and cabbage is eaten by lice. None of these evidences of destruction exist on this farm. Instead, the twelve feet high corn stalks produce ears of corn of abnormal size and weight; tomatoes are grown that are almost big enough to fill a quart measure, and abandoned commercial life many years ago that he might devote all his time to the study of scientific agriculture. When a young man, in Switzerland, he had become possessed of the idea that the luxuriant vegetation existing in the vicinity of the volcanic mountains was due to the fact that the soil was "artificially rich in mineral elements which it had absorbed from the lava flows, and it is upon this principle, and nothing else, that he is now working."

It was for that very reason that Mr. Rugg selected this farm, however. He believed that worn-out and sour soil was simply soil from which the necessary mineral elements had been extracted by the successive crops that had been raised in it. To restore the qualities of fertility to such soil—if his theory was correct—it would only be necessary to re-forest the mineral elements that the vegetation had extracted, and this he proceeded to do.

His first step was to analyze the soil, to ascertain what mineral elements were lacking. Then, he supplied these in the form of powdered lava brought from one of the volcanoes and mixed with the manure which he used in moderate quantities. At present, the soil has had three seasons of such fertilization, and the magnificent crops that have been raised this year are the result. From "Making Things Grow With Lava," in January Technical World Magazine.

LITTLE FOLKS STUFFED

—LIKE TOADS

These holidays make a lot of sick folks—some of them awfully ill. In spite of all you can do the little folks will overeat Xmas times. Don't fall to give them a CASCARET at bed time and help nature get rid of the overload. It will keep them well and lively.

Buy a 10c box CASCARETS—week's treatment—and have it handy to use every night, Xmas week.

RING IN THE TRUE.

Ring out wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light;
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow;
The year is dying, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind,
For those that here we see no more;
Ring out the feud of rich and poor;
Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out the want, the care, the sin,
The faithless coldness of the times;
Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes,
But ring the fuller minstrel in.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease,
Ring out the narrowling of gold,
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hands;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the TRUTH that is to be.

—Alfred Tennyson.

What May Be Found on U. S. Coast.

1. A messenger. One sent (one cent).
2. What a prisoner most desires. Lib. ery.
3. Part of a river. Mouth.
4. What a man should be to a woman. Shield.
5. A school child in distress. Pupils under the lash.
6. Worn in the penitentiary. Stripes.
7. On every man's hat. Rim.
8. The land of the free. United States of America.
9. A writing implement of long ago. Quill.
10. A flower. Tulips.
11. A small animal. Hare.
12. Part of a trunk. Lid.
13. Guardian of peace. Chief.
14. Union of youth and old age. 18-99.
15. What a conceited person thinks of most. Face.
16. Leading man in a theatrical company. Star.
17. Orchestra. Band.
18. Part of a hill. Brow.
19. What a married couple should be. United.
20. What a young man likes to have with a pretty girl. Date.
21. Weapon. An arrow.
22. Name of a fruit. Date.
23. A rowing term. Feather.
24. Name for an ocean. Sea (C).
25. Place of worship. Temple.
26. Method of voting. Ayes and noes (eyes and noses).
27. A beverage. Tea (T).
28. Part of a vegetable. Ear.
29. A gallant. Beau (bow).
30. An ancient honor. Wreath.
31. Writings from the absent. Letters.

Fritz Diehn, convicted last week of robbing a Sovereign bank clerk of \$1,572.75 by value switching at Tilbury three years ago, was on Wednesday at Chatham sentenced to Judge Dowlin to ten years' imprisonment at the Kingston penitentiary.

Some fellows never treat until they have doped it out that they'll get two in return.

The man who promises his wife he will never marry again may, after all, be merely a coward.

SPORTS: BASEBALL, BOXING, BOWLING, RACING, HOCKEY, SOCCER, ROWING, YACHTING

LOCAL RUNNERS AT ST. KITTS.

Geo. Adams, Holder of Record, May Compete.

ACOOSE TO SHRUBB.

Englishman Can Have Race at His Own Distance.

Local runners will be interested in the ten-mile race to be held at St. Catharines on New Year's Day.

John McLeod, of Grenfell, manager of Paul Acoose, writes as follows in regard to Alfred Shrubbs' proposition for a race.

Sir—I received a letter from Alfred Shrubbs, wanting to make a twelve-mile match in Winnipeg, winner to take all on condition that Acoose give him a fifteen mile return in Toronto on the same conditions.

Acoose is willing to run Alfred Shrubbs in Winnipeg, giving Shrubbs his choice of either the twelve or fifteen mile distance, winner take all, without further stipulation.

This is giving Mr. Shrubbs all his own way in distance, and as he has never been beaten at the twelve mile distance, he should not hesitate a moment.

Grenfell, Dec. 19. J. McLeod.

FEDERATION IS NO MORE.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—The Amateur Athletic Federation went out of business last night at a meeting held in the M. A. A. Club house.

A resolution was passed dissolving the federation, the members of the A. A. U. of the United States to the alliance held with it by the federation to be transferred to the new A. A. U. of Canada.

The federation's sporting career dates from January 12th, 1907.

Gossip and Comment

Bobby Kerr has been training hard for the Buffalo indoor games. He will likely be out from scratch with the field well out in front of him.

Leslie Crooks, whose home is in this city, but who for some years has been an active member of the T. A. A. C. and one of the club's most prominent football players, was presented with a handsome silver tea service, the occasion being his marriage, which took place yesterday.

What good would \$1,500 be to a man who tried to go through the whirlpool in a motor boat?

The Saratoga Racing Association is making elaborate plans for the summer meeting next year. The directors have planned to hang up nearly \$225,000 in stakes and purses, as against \$187,000 last August.

Chapman Hyams, who is mentioned as the possible angle in the New Orleans racing reorganization, is a native son of sporting tastes with a barrel of money. A most auspicious combination.

BALL PLAYERS GET BONOUSES.

Lord and Speaker Received \$500 Each For Batting.

WHO MADE TROUBLE

President Lynch Wants Staff to Give Information.

AT THE BEGINNING of the 1909 season Owner John I. Taylor, of the Boston American League team, made a unique offer to his players.

Because of a desire to stimulate batting, he promised to add \$500 extra to every player's salary.

Whether or not the plan was a good one is a question, but behind the scheme is an interesting story.

The only two men who made John I. Taylor come across with the bonus were Fielder Tris Speaker and Lord and Speaker.

Bill Carrigan lost his \$500 simply because he lacked one measly single. Bill worked in 95 games, was at bat 290 times and made 83 hits for an average of .296.

Doc Gessler was hitting well over .300, something like .317, when Boston sold him to Washington.

When the offer was made it was stipulated that a player must take part in over twenty games to share in the bonus money.

Charley O'Leary was playing third that day in place of Moriarty, who was given a chance to rest up.

New York, Dec. 23.—President Lynch is already taking steps toward a more rigid discipline on the National League diamonds during the coming season.

Mr. Lynch yesterday announced that the following letter had been sent to umpires Klem, O'Day, Rigler, Johnstone, Kane and Emelie, who were members of the league staff last season:

"Dear sir,—As a National League umpire I want you to answer to the best of your ability this question: Where did most of your trouble with the ball players last season come from?

Has NOT BEEN CINCHED. Proposed Fight May Never Take Place.

New York, Dec. 23.—The proposed lightweight championship fight in London between Freddie Welsh and Battling Nelson has not been cinched and it is now believed it will never take place.

The National Sporting Club has offered a purse of \$20,000 and Welsh has stated he would wager \$10,000 on the side, the conditions being 132 pounds, ringside.

Nelson said yesterday that his terms had not been accepted yet and unless they were he would not cross the Atlantic.

A KNOCK AT FOOTBALL.

English Writer Says Game is Disgrace to Civilization.

MOST EXECRABLE, BRUTAL AND DEGRADING GAME IS FASCINATING.

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BOWLED IN "C" CLASS.

The Broadviews Won Three From the Royals.

J. O'BRIEN WAS HIGH

The Knights of Pythias Bowl To-night.

Six teams in "C" class rolled at the H. B. & A. C. last night, the Broadviews winning three from the Royal Distillery, the Dunoyas taking three from the Orientals, and Mullen's Rets rolling a tie game with the Gun Club No. 3.

To-night is Knights of Pythias weekly night, and Victoria Lawn Bowling Club vs. G. T. Railway.

J. F. O'Brien was high man for the evening, with 528; M. Kaufman with 516, G. McVinnie 510.

The Orientals had an off night. Walter Rickards was trying to qualify for "C" class with that last string of 99. Gun Club No. 3 is waiting for the second round before extending themselves. Scores:

Table with 3 columns: Team Name, Score 1, Score 2, Score 3. Includes Royal Distillery, J. F. O'Brien, W. F. Burton, W. J. Elliott, G. Robbins, F. W. Watson, Broadviews (won three), W. H. Stoker, J. Rogers, N. Zimmerman, M. Kaufman, C. Izard.

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work. I am going to take the training quarters formerly used by Jim Corbett out in the Sierras.

"Sam Berger will be with me and don't be at all surprised if you hear of Jeffries in the mountain-climbing role. That's the stuff for the weary chaps. The daily exercise I am taking in theatres, coupled with the knock-about stunts, such as catching early morning trains and sleeping in all kinds of hotels, is bound to work wonders in bolstering up my constitution."

Jeffries admits he has received offers of assistance from many of his old-time friends volunteering their services as sparring partners, but none will be engaged for several weeks.

Meaningless Social Chatter. Social chatter is sometimes more meaningless than at others. For example, a tardy dinner guest hurried into a room where his hostess had been waiting with the others, and was greeted with:

"So glad to see you. We thought you weren't coming."

"Oh, yes. I was coming all the time," was the answer, "but I just got here."

New York Sun.

TO END HOCKEY WAR.

National and Canadian Leagues May Amalgamate.

PLAY FOR THE CUP.

Edmonton Making Another Stab at Stanley Trophy.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 23.—It was learned here last night that there is another move on to bring to an end the war between the rival hockey leagues, the National and the Canadian. President D'Arcy McGee, of the Ottawas, announced that the club had been approached during the day and invited to confer with representatives of the National, with a view to amalgamating in one huge league.

The scheme, it is said, is to drop Quebec, Cobalt, and Haileybury, and one of the French teams, and to have the Wanderers and All-Montreal teams amalgamate, thus having Renfrew, Ottawa, the Wanderer-All-Montreal combination, Shamrocks, and National-Canadian combinations in it.

It is also said that there is another proposition to keep Quebec, Haileybury and Cobalt in it and to split the league into two sections. The proposition emanated from Montreal, but the Ottawas refuse to say which side made it. The Ottawa officers will meet early this morning to take some steps in the matter.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—The Edmonton Club is making another stab at the Stanley Cup, Jack Winchester, goal-keeper, wired the Ottawas yesterday, stating that Edmonton had decided to come, and asking that dates be kept open. President McGee wired that Ottawa would accommodate them, so it is probable that Galt will be asked to play Jan. 7 and 8, Edmonton coming Jan. 5 and 7. They included Winnipeg Shamrocks. The cup situation is getting humorous, but as the Ottawas need the money they will welcome the team which last week refused to come because they alleged collusion between the Ottawas and the trustees.

Renfrew threatens to prosecute Fred Taylor, the Ottawa player, for alleged breach of contract. It is his intention to take out an injunction to restrain Taylor from playing with any other club than Renfrew. It appears that there was a proviso in Taylor's contract by which the Renfrew Club were to have obtained for him a position, and Renfrew claims to have done so.

There is only 163 seats left in the one dollar section of the Arena plan for the Ottawa Hockey Club's fixtures this winter. The sale all around has been particularly large.

Roy Anderson, an Ottawa boy, has reported to the Berlin management, for whom he will play this winter. He formerly played with Renfrew and before that with Buckingham.

Walter Bellamy, who was to have played with Winnipeg this season, may come east and play with the Montreal Shamrocks.

Renfrew had Bert Lindsay, Larry Gilmore, Bobby Rowe, and Frank and Lester Patrick on the ice at their first practice on Tuesday.

The Renfrew millionaires will have a magnificent new rink next year, providing their team prove a success this winter.

As Welland's rink, which was burned last year, has not been rebuilt, the Welland team will play its games at St. Catharines.

It was a fashionable musicale, "What kind of music do you prefer, Mr. Cynicus?" asked the hostess. "Oh, the simple kind," replied Cynicus, "the kind that's so simple no one ever thinks of playing it."

"See here, you scoundrel!" exclaimed the suburban property owner, "when you sold me this house you said that in three months I wouldn't part with it for \$10,000." Well, you haven't, have you?" demanded the real estate man.

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SCHEDULES DRAWN UP.

Game on Christmas Night Should be a Hummer.

LONDON IS STRONG.

St. Andrews and Central Y.M.C.A. Will Play Off.

The big basketball game on Christmas night at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium, when the fast London team will meet the new local senior team, will be the first big championship game. The London team is in good shape, and will make the locals extend themselves to win out.

The basketball committee has selected seven of the best senior men. After the big game Christmas night the team will go to London for a return game on New Year's night. Before the big International League is started games will be played with Varsity, Toronto West End and Central.

The preliminary game for Christmas night will be a good one. The T. H. & B. will strengthen up with two players from the Commercial League teams, and play the junior champions. There will also be several athletic events at the half-time periods. The reserve seat plan is now open. The officials will be J. McKay and E. Sovereign.

A meeting of the Hamilton Boys' Club athletic committee was held last night in Central Y. M. C. A. parlors. After much discussion it was decided that the champions of the A. M. B. section, 125 pounds, St. Andrews and Central Y. M. C. A. should play off for the championship on New Year's night at Central Y. M. C. A. at 7.15 o'clock. Each team will have its own umpire, and Jack McKay will referee.

The second schedule of the 135-pound league was drawn up and it was decided to play the balance of the league at the east end Y. M. C. A. on account of the big indoor baseball league commencing its games soon. There are eight teams entered in the baseball tournament, and some very fast ball will be the result. These games will be well worth watching, and will be played every Saturday evening at Central Y. M. C. A. Below is the schedule for the basketball and baseball.

The following is the basketball schedule: Dec. 25—East End Y. M. C. A. vs. St. John, at 7 p. m.

Dec. 25—First Methodist vs. Central Y. M. C. A. at 8:40 p. m.

Jan. 1—St. John vs. First Methodist, at 7 p. m.

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Jan. 8—St. John vs. Central Y. M. C. A. at 7 p. m.

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All games to be played at the East End Y. M. C. A.

The following is the indoor baseball schedule, first half: Jan. 5—First Congregational vs. Knox, at 7 p. m.

Jan. 8—Zion vs. Victoria Avenue, at 7:30 p. m.

Jan. 8—Central Methodist vs. St. Andrews, at 8 p. m.

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SIR CONAN TOO BUSY

To Referee the Jeffries-Johnson Fight.

HIS NEW DRAMA

Of the Prize Ring is Creating Great Interest.

IT IS SAID THAT Sir Arthur Conan Doyle was sent a cable despatch from the committee in charge of the arrangements of the Jeffries-Johnson fight, asking him to act as referee.

Although the author of "Rodney Stone" was greatly pleased by the offer, his reply came back regretting his inability to accept.

Just now Sir Arthur is busy rehearsing his "Drama of the Prize Ring," to be produced in London on Dec. 27th.

This announcement that a new play dealing with pugilism by this author is to be produced at the Adelphi Theatre is of more than passing interest. There is no author living who has written with greater skill, more fascination, or keener appreciation of the best exponents of the "noble art" than Sir Arthur. In "Rodney Stone" he showed what he could do as a novelist with the subject of the prize ring. Since then he has written several stories, and now he returns to it—this time as a dramatist.

Sir Arthur, indeed, may be not inaptly termed the "champion of the ring" today, for when he describes it he always writes as a believer in its good influence. This view he brought out in a trenchant interview which he kindly accorded to a representative of The London Sporting Life, who had a chat with him about the new play.

At the outset it may be as well to explain that the play is not founded on the novel, "Rodney Stone." As Sir Arthur pointed out to the representative, all characters in the play are different from those in the book. "The idea of a play about the ring," he said, "may have occurred to me when I was writing the novel—probably I did; the dramatic point of a fight is the same whether one is treating it in a book or a play—but there is no connection between the two beyond that the two fights correspond."

"My play is called 'The House of Temperley,' and the subtitle is 'A Melodramatic Entertainment; but, as far as I can, I have made it a picture of a sporting life in the days of the Regency."

"The general idea is that there is an old house—an old family—which has been brought to the verge of ruin by the actions of a spendthrift son. The whole fortune of this house, which has lasted for a thousand years, depends upon the result of a prize fight which is being fought on the day of the play. It is rather a difficult thing to present, but we have overcome the difficulty in a certain way which I cannot disclose at present. There is also a glove fight, fought to a finish in three rounds."

"Taken from the larger point of view, I have always been a historical enthusiast, because in those days a very high standard of manhood was necessary. I consider that it did an immense amount of good. Besides the effect on the men themselves, who had to show a great amount of hardihood and endurance, the exhibition of manhood which they gave had a very good effect on the people who saw a people who saw the fight. Through the influence of the ring it came to be accepted as a kind of maxim that a man should fight as long as he had the strength to stand. That is a mighty good motto for a regiment to go into battle with."

"The connection was so direct that many prize fighters actually fought in the great battles of the war against Napoleon. For instance, Berks, who fought Jim Belcher three times for the heavyweight championship, was killed in the breach of Badajos while leading a storming party. Shaw, also, who was a runner-up for the heavyweight championship, was killed in the charge of the 'Beardless' at Waterloo. He is said to have cut down ten French cuirassiers before he was himself killed."

"A great many other prize fighters were identified with the army and navy. So it is not mere talk. There was a very intimate actual connection between the two things, just as now our best schools of boxing are the army and navy. In my play I try to show the life in London of those men. There were some awful brutes among them. I depict them. Then again, there were some good fellows. I depict them too. I show what their endurance and characters were. In the last scene of the play I have as the central incident the storming of the breach of a Spanish fortress. There you see those qualities which might seem to be mere aimless brutality in London brought out. You see that without that type of man Wellington could not have done his work. He always said himself that his 'Corinthian' officers were the best."

"As far as any kind of renewal of prize fighting is concerned, no one, of course, would counsel such a suggestion now. Those were rougher days than the present. We had rougher men opposed to us. It was very useful to hold our own. No nation has ever been ruined by brutality, but many nations have been ruined by effeminacy."

"What eventually made the prize ring impossible was not the fighting men, but the enormous stakes, the tremendous betting, and the number of ruffians of all sorts, rich and poor, who turned the ring into a source of income for themselves, and depended on that income by bribing the fighting men or intimidating them when they were in the ring. Another cause, too, towards the end of the history of the ring was the wholesale robbery of anybody who approached it. The ruffians used to wait outside London Bridge Station, and turn out the pockets of everyone. Such things were done at Paddington, too, when there was a fight in the West of England."

"Now we have gone away with all these things, where the ruffians cannot get in. So we have retained much of what was good in the ring and eliminated a great deal of what was brutal and bad."

MY FIGHT WITH TOMMY BURNS THE MOST IMPORTANT TO ME.

—Jack Johnson

Naturally the fight which I consider the most important in my career was with Tommy Burns at Ruschutters Bay N. S. W., Dec. 24, 1908, when I realized my ambition and became the world's heavyweight champion.

I don't think anyone will contradict me when I say that I fought out, out-boxed and outgeneralized Burns. He put up a wonderfully game fight, but I being so much more clever and stronger, he did not have a chance to win. And the same was true of Stanley Ketchell, as game a boy as ever climbed through the ropes.

I beat Burns in fourteen rounds. I had chased him half around the world and took the short end of the purse, \$6,000—whereas he received \$30,000 at least—because I wanted the title. I knew I could win, and I won as I pleased.

It has been said I wait for my opponents, but the story of my fight with Burns proves the contrary. I was the aggressor all the way, and really won the fight in the first round, when I landed a right uppercut on Burns' chin at close range. Had I ever been doubtful of the result, I was positive I had Burns beaten after that punch.



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GUELPH GETS THE CENTRAL.

Five Farms Bought For Central Prison Site. Will be Built by Prisoners—Take Two Years.

J. M. Lyle the Architect—To Accommodate 500.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Early in January a number of men from the Central Prison will start to work about two and a half miles from the city of Guelph on the spot that has been chosen by the Government as the site of the new Provincial reformatory.

The Guelph site was chosen only after months of investigation, during which one hundred different places were considered. This work was placed in charge of Mr. C. R. W. Postlethwaite, inspector of asylums and prisons, and under his directions about fifty prospective sites were visited and reported upon.

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A new feature will be the separate buildings for tubercular prisoners and for the criminal insane.

There will be room in the new reformatory for between 450 and 500 men, and the plans are such that additions may be made at any future date.

The reformatory will probably not be finished in less than two years. The work, however, will be started as soon as possible.

The site is immediately adjacent to the Ontario Agricultural College, and comprises five properties, with an aggregate area of 403 acres.

The Matthews farm, 210 acres, with large deposit of rock and domestic limestone, on the C. P. R. Also a large acreage of farm land and a site for buildings.

The Fleming farm, 130 acres, two-thirds fine farm land, with deposit of blue clay suitable for manufacturing bricks.

The ceremony of electing a Mayor in a belfry was performed yesterday according to ancient custom in the parish church of Brightlingsea.

Arthur Lucas was chosen in succession to the Rev. Arthur Petwee, vicar of Brightlingsea.

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SUES THE INSPECTOR

Wallaceburg Man Was Placed on the Indian List.

Toronto, Oct. 23.—William Piggott, of Wallaceburg, has issued a writ against Thomas M. French, of Chatham, Kent County license inspector, for unstated damages for placing Piggott's name on the "Indian list" and for damages for libel.

The department will appoint a lawyer to defend the action.

MURDER OF YOUNG DYSON.

Coroner's Jury Find William Morin Responsible.

Operator Had Cornish Down, and Morin Struck to Defend Him.

Conductor Was an Eye Witness to the Operator's Death.

North Bay, Dec. 22.—An inquest was held to-night before Coroner McMurphy touching the death of William J. Dyson, night operator at Redwater station, killed by a club in the hands of William Morin on Tuesday evening.

William Nixon, T. & N. O. Railway conductor, was an eye witness of the affair, and was in the office of the station when Morin and Cornish came in.

James Power, pumpman for the T. & N. O. Railway at Redwater, swore that Morin came to him and said that there had been a scrap, and he had struck Dyson with a stick.

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OUR NAVY.

Third-Class Cruiser Apollo Purchased.

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PROTECTION, CONSCRIPTION.

Two Things Britain Will Not Copy From Germany.

Lloyd-George Got Great Reception at Llanely, Wales.

Lords Now Proposing to Reform the House of Lords.

London, Dec. 22.—With Lloyd-George, John Burns, Sir Edward Grey, and other Cabinet Ministers on the stump, the Ministerialists again had a big pull to-night, at any rate in newspaper space.

TO THE LORDS.

Wishing you a merry old time at the hands of the electors, Christmas and a happy release from your absolute veto in the New Year.

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HOLIDAYING NOW.

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News in Brief

sev. Father Kiery, of Peterboro, is dead.

Mr. H. B. Ames, M. P., is ill with typhoid fever at Port Said.

All the members of the new Portuguese Ministry are Progressists.

The Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees has amalgamated with the Canadian Federation of Labor.

Mrs. Joseph Legare, Quebec, aged 23 years, has given birth to her seventh child after eight years of married life.

Milton McPherson, of Blenheim, who eleven weeks ago broke his back by falling from a hickory tree, died on Wednesday.

Judge Winchester, of Toronto, has discovered a serious flaw in the Act of the Legislature relative to the union of school districts.

The Railway Commission has decided to allow the telegraph companies to put their new short code regulation into force on July 1.

The Alberta Government has decided to vigorously support the extension of the facilities for handling the grain trade via the Pacific route.

C. W. Hammond was committed for trial at Hull for assaulting Mrs. Wright, his employer's wife, and uttering bogus cheques on the Bank of Montreal.

John E. Clubine, of Aurora, was found in the barn of his brother-in-law, James Stewart, on 40, Yonge street, where he lived, on Tuesday morning, dead from heart failure.

The heaviest couple, man and wife, in the Lindsay district are Mr. and Mrs. Dan McIntyre, of Lorneville. They won a prize of \$5 from an entry list of six.

Their aggregate weight was 473 pounds. John A. Smith, of Toronto, was acquitted of the charge of smuggling jewelry at Detroit. It was shown that the jewelry was his own personal property, and he tried to sell a ring to raise money.

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Use Harris Heavy Pressure Bearing Metal. The copper covered cake; best by actual test for all machinery bearings. For your convenience, for sale by WILKINSON & KOMPASS, Hamilton. THE CANADA METAL CO., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

We Cure Men. We cordially invite men who are discouraged, and who think their case incurable, to consult us either in person or by mail. Free of Charge. "GUIDE TO HEALTH," Free by Mail. BUFFALO MEDICAL CLINIC. THE WORLD'S ACKNOWLEDGED SPECIALISTS in Private, Nervous and Chronic Diseases. No. 203 Main St. Buffalo, N. Y.

Regulate the Bowels. "I have been troubled with constipation for several years, and have tried a great many kinds of pills, as well as medicine from the doctor. Nothing seemed to help me until I began taking Dr. Miles' Nerve and Liver Pills. I found the little pills very effective, and I am thankful that at last I have a reliable remedy." MRS. F. M. DUNKIN, LeRoy, Ills. Dr. Miles' Nerve and Liver Pills simply cause the bowels to move in a normal manner, and without the griping effects of cathartics and purgatives. That's why they are so universally used by women and children. The longer they are taken the less are needed. Natural conditions gradually being restored.

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JOHN BURNS May Succeed Gladstone as Home Secretary. London, Dec. 22.—The appointment of Herbert Gladstone, the home secretary, as governor-general of South Africa, leaves a vacancy in the cabinet, which probably will not be filled unless the Liberals are victorious at the elections. In the case of victory it is expected that John Burns, president of the local government board, will succeed Mr. Gladstone as home secretary. Winston Spencer Churchill, president of the Board of Trade, will succeed Mr. Burns and Lewis Harcourt, first commissioner of works, will replace Mr. Churchill. Under the new arrangement all the officers will command the same salary, \$25,000 yearly.

DEAR CHARMS.

Gypsy Woman Got Over \$5,000 From Mrs. Wolf, Police Say.

Victim, It Is Said, Was Wrought Up Over Daughter's Illness.

Buffalo, Dec. 23.—Not only did Minnie McGill, a gypsy, get \$538 last Monday from Mrs. Louis J. Wolf of No. 94 Fox street, as the price for removing a spell from the latter's home, the police allege, but previous to that she had worked up to a frame of mind whereby she agreed to part with \$2,000 more.

The gypsy is one of a band which is wintering near Lancaster. She was arrested last Monday for the alleged theft of the \$538. The case has been adjourned in the Police Court since and will come up again to-day. There will probably be another adjournment, as Mrs. Wolf is said to be ill to appear in court.

Mrs. Wolf is possessed of considerable money in her own right. She has a daughter, ten years old, who is in poor health. It was to effect a cure in the child's case that she began dealing with the gypsy woman. It is charged that the fortune-teller represented to Mrs. Wolf that there was an evil spell on the house, which, if removed, would remove all trouble from the family.

On the strength of the representation Mrs. Wolf is said to have first parted with clothes, a toilet set and other household articles. The removal of the articles was expected to remove the spell.

On September 22, 1908, Mrs. Wolf claims she made a cash payment of \$1,500 to the gypsy and the next day paid \$300 more to her. Dealings were not again resumed until last week. Then the gypsy called again, and it is alleged, received \$38, all the money at the time in the house. It was bargained that she was to receive \$500 more, which, the police say, was drawn by Mrs. Wolf through the lawyers, who have charge of her estate. She says that she gave the money to Minnie McGill.

Then \$2,900 more was demanded from Mrs. Wolf. It was when she asked her lawyers to procure this sum for her that they became suspicious. The matter was referred to the Watts detective agency. The arrest of the gypsy resulted.

It was said at police headquarters that Minnie McGill does not deny the transactions. The charms which she worked, she told the police, had produced cures in her own tribe. She was surprised that they did not work so well in the Wolf case.

DUNDAS.

Many Christmas Visits—Quiet Wedding—Other News.

Dundas, Dec. 23.—Among recent visitors in town were: Paul Lange, Toronto; Mrs. (Dr.) McMahon, Toronto; Miss Minnie Millard, Vancouver, B. C.; Mrs. C. E. Ruddy, Brantford; Lorne Wood, London; Dr. Frank Inksetter, Montreal; A. B. and Mrs. Powell, Battle Creek, Mich.; D. M. Kennedy, Castley; Andy Hyslop, St. Johns, N. B.

Miss Kramp goes to her home at Walkerton for Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. F. Nethercott and family will spend the week-end in Norwich. Mrs. W. Cowper and family leave on Saturday to spend the holiday week in Paris.

The retiring members of the Board of Education are Messrs. Davidson, Watts, Kerr and Tyson.

Miss A. McKeechle left Tuesday for Fort William, where she intends remaining for a time.

Miss Sherwood, deaconess, will spend the Christmas holidays at her home in Brockville.

A. R. Wardell left last night for New York, called there by the serious illness of his sister. Miss Bee Wardell accompanies him.

Mr. Irvine Carter, the apple king, who has been lying seriously ill at the Melbourne for the past couple of weeks, was yesterday removed to the City Hospital.

William G. Robertson, son of the editor of the Banner, has passed with honors his junior exams at the Ontario College of Pharmacy.

The students are home from the different colleges to enjoy a couple of weeks' relaxation. Among them are: Aimea Bertram, Herbert Anderson, Fraser Pirie, W. Laing, Clarke, Whalley, Jack Suter, Graham Bertram, Ed. McCordie, all from Queen's, Kingston; and Jamie Bertram, from the R. M. C., Kingston; Crossan Clark and Miss Lina Moss, from the University; Chas. Pennington, from S. P. S., Miss Jessie Keagay and Miss Clara Pennington, from Victoria; Miss Ethel Porter, from Alma College; Chas. Wilson, from McGill, Montreal.

The Canadian Order of Foresters met on Monday evening and elected these officers: P. C. R. Wm. Duxbury, C. R.—Albert Manning, Vice-C.—A. Maynard, Recording Secretary—Edward Boyd, Chaplain—Victor Sims, Treasurer—Anthony Davidson, S. W.—L. P. Spittal, J. W.—F. Nethercote, S. B.—Wm. Payne, J. R.—W. H. Bates, Physician—Dr. Rykert, Trustees—W. H. Bates, John Wyatt, A. Davidson.

Mr. and Mrs. McPherson, of Brantford, formerly of Dundas, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son. Mrs. W. F. Moore left yesterday for Owen Sound, called there by the serious illness of her father, Rev. R. Robinson.

Dr. Chown, of Toronto, will speak at the local option meeting to-night. The anti has been invited and a lively debate is anticipated.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. will be held on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 28th, at 4 o'clock, in the Y. M. C. A. parlor.

On Wednesday morning a committee from the Epworth League of the Methodist church called on Mr. W. R. Saunders, B. A., who has been president of the league for some four or five years, and presented him with a handsome gold and enamel Epworth League emblem pin and a fine umbrella with engraved handle.

A very quiet wedding of two popular Dundas young people took place at the Presbyterian manse on Monday afternoon, the 20th inst., when Miss Jessie M. Oakes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Oakes, and Mr. William Farquharson were united by Rev. S. H. Gray, of Knox Church. They were unattended.

Blobs—The suffragettes believe in the equality of women, don't they? Blobs—Not at all; they believe in the superiority of woman.

It is quite possible for a man to go broke without the aid of a broker.

Furs Make the Best Gifts

You can buy them here at less than wholesale and get the dependable kinds, too, no matter how small the price.

- Mink Throws, worth \$36.00, for \$22.50
Mink Stoles, worth \$22.00, for \$15.00
Mink Ties, worth \$15.00, for \$12.00
Marmot Stoles, worth \$20.00, for \$15.00
Marmot Stoles, high collar, \$15.00, for \$10.00
Sable Stoles, worth \$40.00, for \$30.00
Isabella Fox Stoles, \$35.00, for \$22.50

THE BIGGEST BARGAINS IN MUFFS EVER OFFERED IN HAMILTON.

- \$8.50 Muffs for \$5.00
\$10.00 Muffs for \$5.95
\$12.50 Muffs for \$6.95
\$18.00 Muffs for \$10.00

Women's Waists Make Gifts

Shea Waists have a reputation for quality, style and reasonable prices. Women's Taffeta Silk Waists, black and colors, 1-3 less than usual \$2.95, \$3.50, \$4.50, \$5.00
Women's Lace and Net Waists, white and cream shades, 1-3 less than regular \$2.05, \$2.95, \$3.49, \$4.50, \$5
Women's White Lawn Waists \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$3.50

Women's Silk Petticoats Very Rich

Black and all the good colors; the very best quality of silk put into Petticoats, and a full 1-3 less than any store in Hamilton. \$3.98, \$4.98, \$6.98

Other Underskirts—Bargains

Sateens, Moreens, Taffettes, etc., all most reasonably priced, some 1-3 less, at, each 99c, \$1.49 and \$1.95

A Good Recipe to Fill Buy Gloves

And good advice is: Buy them at Shea's, for they'll be Pewney's, the best gloves that come into Canada at the price. Can be exchanged for the proper sizes after the holiday. \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50

Women's Lined Gloves, fur tops, over sewed seams, heavy stitched \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.95

Men's Lined Mocha Gloves and Women's and Children's Mocha and Kid Mitts, less than wholesale, at per pair 50, 75c and \$1.00

Toques, Sashes and Mitts

Inexpensive but good, practical gifts and they are lower here than elsewhere, and the best that money can buy.

Children's Toque, Sash and Mitt Sets 50, 75c and \$1.25
Children's Toques, plain and fancy colors 25, 35 and 50c
Children's Sashes, each 15, 25 and 50c

Bradley Mufflers—The Only One

White and all the wanted colors; no more and no less than 50c

When in Doubt Buy Handkerchiefs

Women's Linen Initial Handkerchiefs 15 and 25c
Men's Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, each 25c
Newly imported Irish Linen Handkerchiefs, for women and men, the best you ever saw, at each 12 1/2, 15, 20 and 25c
Women's Fancy Embroidered Swiss Handkerchiefs, each 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20c up to \$1.00
Men's Fancy Colored Linen Handkerchiefs, worth 25c, on sale for each 15c

Biggest Day of the Year

Everything wound up to the proper pitch to give you the best possible service. Extra salespeople, extra parceling staff, extra delivery wagons, everything that is to help out this busy day for you and for us. Help all you can by taking the small parcels with you. Keep to the right in crowded places, coming in and going out of the doors. Store open till 10 o'clock. But shop in the morning.

Mantles for Gifts

A gift to please any woman, the best in the country are here in all sizes, 32 to 46, and are on sale at 1-3 to 1-2 off regular values.

Caracul Coats

\$25.00 Coats for \$15.00 \$30.00 Coats for \$20.00 \$27.00 Coats for \$17.50

Fur Lined Mantles Reduced Brown, navy, green, black cloths, elegant fur collars and rich linings at such cuts: \$37.50 Coats for \$25.00 \$50.00 Coats for \$35.00 \$75.00 Coats for \$50.00

Women's Cloth Coats Same Reductions

\$25.00 Mantles for \$15.00 \$12.50 Mantles for \$6.95 \$16.50 Mantles for \$10.00

WOMEN'S SUITS AT HALF PRICE

SHEA'S CHRISTMAS EVE, 1909. Store open till 10 o'clock. Phone 1601. THE STORE FOR THRIFTY PEOPLE. SHOPPING ELSEWHERE IS AN EXTRAVAGANCE.

Girls' and Misses' Coats Half Price

Good warm cloths, perfect fitting garments. \$3.00 Coats for \$1.50 \$4.00 Coats for \$1.50 \$7.50 Coats for \$3.95 \$9.00 Coats for \$4.95

Girls' Dresses—Very Special

Swell Brown Serge Dresses, made with pleated skirts, nicely trimmed with silk and gold braids, 7 to 11 year sizes, less than regular, at each \$2.50, \$3 and \$4.50
Pure Wool Cashmere Dresses, in cardinal, navy and cream, made in elegant French style, nicely finished and trimmed \$2.25 and \$2.50
Buster Dresses, brown, navy and cardinal and cream, finished with fancy buttons, 2 to 5 year sizes, a bargain at \$1.95

Children's Bear Cloth Coats

Dozens of different styles, all warmly lined, and well made and trimmed. \$2.25, \$2.50, \$4.50 and \$5.00

Umbrellas are Good Gifts

Men's Umbrellas in a splendid array of handles, natural wood, horn, ivory, etc., both gold and sterling silver mounts, very best covering and paragon frames, each \$2.50, \$3, \$3.50, up to \$5.00
Women's Umbrellas, covered with splendid gloria and silk cloths, ivory, pearl, gummatel and natural wood handles, sterling and silver mounts, jeweler's umbrellas at dry goods prices \$1.95, \$2.50, \$3, up to \$7.50

Shea's for Gift Hose

Elegant Cashmere Hose, beautifully embroidered, in all the good colors and designs, prices a 1/4 less than elsewhere, at per pair 50, 59, 65 and 75c
Newly imported Silk Hose, beautiful quality and through color, you pay \$2.50 anywhere for them, our price per pair \$1.95
Fancy Lisle Hose for evening wear, all the new shades, fresh from England, per pair 40c
The best values in Canada, in all wool Cashmere Hose for women at 25, 35 and 50c

WIFE OF CHRISTY, THE ARTIST, ASKS FOR LEGAL PAPERS.



MRS. CHRISTY.

New York, Dec. 23.—An order directing the State Lunacy Commission to furnish Mrs. Maybelle Thompson Christy with a certified copy of papers connected with the alleged commitment of her husband, Howard Chandler Christy, the artist, to an institution for the insane in this state in March, 1907, was obtained by Mrs. Christy's attorneys from Justice McLean to-day.

McLAREN THE MAN.

To the Editor of the Times: Sir,—I have just received a circular and pamphlet from Mayor McLaren, giving an account of his stewardship. I have not had time to read it carefully, but suffice to say it shows the city better for the year, and that the Mayor feels it his duty to give an account to the electors what business has been accomplished, and what the expenditures comprised of. His Mayoralty year is the first since 1901 that has closed with an overdraft. The year 1902 overdraft was, I see, \$9,227, and yearly increased till 1908 it was \$71,182. So it is very creditable to Mayor McLaren and the Council for having no overdraft. It is an unwritten law that the Mayor should get a second year term as Mayor by acclamation, and I hold it is unfair for Mayor McLaren to be put to the expense and annoyance in another contest. Dr. Hopkins, I notice, is to be a candidate against the present Mayor. I understand he is very recently a citizen of Hamilton and an unknown quantity at this, and has shown no brilliancy in the Council. I am sure if the Council had the appointing of Mayor from members of the Council, as is done in some places, he would not have a chance at all. If Dr. Hopkins is the representative of any clique, I hope he will not even get a look-in. Mayor McLaren is a courteous gentleman, easily approached by any one, firm in his convictions and not afraid to do what he considers right, and has paid a great deal of attention to his public duty. The taxpayers will remember at the poll who to vote for, the man who has stopped overdrafts, and who has a moral title to a second term. I have no doubt Mayor McLaren will get a larger vote than last time, and I think Dr. Hopkins should bide a wee. W. S. Lumgair.

TROUBLE IN GREECE.

Alburg, Vermont, Dec. 23.—The roundhouse of the Rutland Railroad here was burned early to-day. Five locomotives were destroyed. Loss, \$100,000.

COOK DATA

Said the Originals Did Not Reach Copenhagen.

Captain Amundsen to Search For Missing Cook.

New York, Dec. 23.—The report of the special committee which investigated Dr. Frederick A. Cook's claim of having reached the summit of Mount McKinley will be delivered to the board of governors of the Explorers' Club to-morrow. While the investigators will not now divulge the text of the report, they do not deny that it discredits Dr. Cook's claim, and such a verdict has been generally anticipated. While Walter Lonsdale, Cook's secretary, delivered only the carbon copies of the explorers' report at Copenhagen, it is now reported here that Mrs. Cook went abroad with the originals, and was to have delivered them to Lonsdale in London, but that they missed each other, and only the duplicate copies reached Copenhagen.

LOOKING FOR COOK. New York, Dec. 23.—A Copenhagen cable despatch to the World this morning says that Captain Roald Amundsen, discoverer of the north-west passage, who has planned a four-year voyage in Fritof Nansen's Arctic steamer, Fram, to prove that a current runs from the Behring Straits over the North Pole, has begun a systematic search for Dr. Cook. The mysterious disappearance of Cook at a time when he expected to keep in close touch with the University of Copenhagen, which was testing his claim, was the first cause of the doubt of his story, which now the university regards as false. The despatch says the captain, who was one of Dr. Cook's most ardent supporters, does not expect to start on his Arctic voyage until next July, and will devote the intervening months, if necessary, to finding Cook. For the Last Day. Finch Bros. are splendidly prepared for the last hour rush of the Christmas trade. To-day the aisles radiate with last hour suggestions—gifts in sensible things for men and women, the kind you like to receive and take pleasure in giving. Nothing trashy and useless here, only quality and sensible gifts. Remember you get best service here; avoid the rush of crowded stores and aisles—our store is large, bright and roomy, and you'll appreciate it. Try it and see for the last day. And just one thing more, we pay particular attention to telephone orders these last few rush hours; some little gift may be forgotten; let us know and we will give your order the same prompt consideration as we would if you were here yourself. Rush selling will be the order from opening time, and it is certain we can serve you best in the morning hours, so shop early at Finch Bros., 29 and 31 King street west.

B. OF E. DISCOUNT.

London, Dec. 23.—The directors of the Bank of England at their weekly meeting to-day made no change in the minimum discount rate of 4 1/2 per cent.

A Big Last Minute "Buy" of Women's Neckwear

Nearly 200 dozen, about 2,000 Collars, silk, lace and chiffon, in every conceivable style and color; collars with jabots and collars without jabots and jabots alone; worth 25c to \$1.25; (see window), on sale at 15c, 25c, 35c and 50c

Women's Handbags Bargains

Splendid Solid Leather Hand Bags, every one of them gotten up as only first class makers can, leather lined, leather covered frames and metal frames, all marked a quarter to one-third less than any other Hamilton store, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2, \$2.50 up to \$5.00
Neat and Handy Purses 50, 75, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50
Sample Beaded Hand Bags about half price, at each \$1.95, \$2.50, \$2.95, \$3.50 and \$4.50

Women's Belts—A Sale

Hundreds of the very best Belts you ever saw at 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25, in elastic and silk and gilt Dresden effects, black and colors, all on sale at one price, each 50c

Women's Fancy Belts

Beautiful Gilt and Silk Belts, in all the newest designs and materials, all most reasonably priced at 75c, \$1, \$1.25 up to \$3.50

Fancy Combs on Sale

Rich Shell Back Combs, with elegant rhinestone mountings, all less than wholesale \$1.95, \$2.50 up to \$5
Fancy Back Combs and Side CombSets a third less than regular, at 25c, 50, 75c and \$1
Barettes in shell and amber 10, 15, 25c up to \$3

Christmas Table Linens

Linens that are all flax, "the kind that have made Shea's famous," grass bleached and satin finished, Damasks that will lend richness and elegance to your Christmas festivities or give lasting pleasure if you make gifts of them. These prices are less than elsewhere.

Hemstitched Table Cloths and Napkins, set \$4.50
Table Cloths with border all round. \$2.00 Cloths \$1.48 \$3.50 Cloths \$2.50 \$3.00 Cloths \$1.75 \$4.00 Cloths \$2.95
Table Damask by the yard, grass bleached and the very best designs, at special gift prices. \$1.00 Damask for 75c \$1.50 Damask for \$1.25 \$1.25 Damask for \$1.00 \$1.75 Damask for \$1.50

Table Napkins—Special Values

Union Damask Table Napkins \$1.00 and \$1.25
Pure Linen Table Napkins \$1.95 up to \$8.00

What a Splendid Gift to the Old Folks

Keep them warm for the rest of the winter, and more winters than this, we hope. Beautiful Pure Canadian Wool Blankets, per pair \$3.95 and \$5.00
Elegant Pure Wool English Blankets, very wide and very lofty finish and thoroughly seoured: 68x78 size, \$6.50 72x90 size, \$7.50 80x100 size, \$8.50
Beautiful Satin Quilts, full double bed size, special at \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00

FOR MA'AM.

Illness of Servant Girl Doesn't Stop Wages.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Judge Morson will hereafter be declared the emancipator of the servant girl. This morning he decided in court that when a domestic is too ill she need not work, but her wages go on just the same. The case before him was brought by Mabel Callaghan against Mrs. Charles Stone. She sued for \$12 wages due her, which Mrs. Stone refused to pay because she left before the end of the month. "No domestic is bound to stay when she is too ill to work, and she has stated that she was in that condition. The law is clear on the point," said his Honor. "The girl has stated that the reason she left is because she was too ill to work."

OLD LONDON.

A District Which is the World's Commercial Centre.

But the city of London proper, which lies in the heart of Greater London, has a living population of but 35,000 by night, although 300,000 people do business there by day, while all of the currents of British life pass through its portals. Here is the soul of the empire, with its population of 400,000,000, and its area of 11,400,000 square miles, or more than one-fifth of the population and area of the globe. Here, too, is the heart of the trade, commerce, and financial transactions of the world. From this little spot "the nation of shopkeepers" sends forth its administrators and its soldiers, its men-of-war and its merchant marine to every nook and cranny of the globe, at the command of Lombard, Gracechurch, Threadneedle and Fenchurch streets and Bartholomew lane. It was at the behest of the city that Cive and Warren Hastings established India; that the opium trade was imposed on China; that Gordon went to his death at Khartoum, and the flower of England went to South Africa. Out from this pulmonary centre the commercial life of Christendom radiates. London is the counter of the world, and the oil city corporation, with its banks, its brokers, its offices and machinery for exchanging the products of India with Africa, and of China with America, is the clearing-house of us all. England is the only great nation which opens its doors to the trade of the world, unhampered and unrestrained by taxes, tariffs, imposts or octroi. White, black, yellow and red, the followers of Christ, of Buddha, of Mohammed and Confucius, all send their wares, in consequence, to the ports which invite them. For trade hates barriers. It will go around the world to avoid a tariff wall. And because of this fact Great Britain is the counter across which the wealth of the world is exchanged. Here the products of every clime are freely swapped. From "Old Country" by Frederic C. Howe in the January Scribner.

FLYING MEET.

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FORTY HURT.

St. Paul Train Ditched by Spreading Rails.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 23.—St. Paul passenger train No. 43, running north at 35 miles an hour, spread the rails one-half mile east of Good Thunder, Minn., near Mankato, and plunged into the ditch last night. Forty passengers were hurt, none fatally, it is believed. The mail car rolled down a thirty-foot embankment and caught fire. The injured were taken to Mankato.

AN ONTARIO MAN.

Capt. C. H. Nicholson, whose appointment as manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific steamship lines on the Pacific coast, with headquarters at Vancouver, B. C. has been referred to, was born at Belleville, Ont. He entered the steamboat business in 1881 as cabin boy on the old steamer Magnet, of the Richelieu A. Ontario line. In 1882 he secured the position of purser on the steamer Hero, operated by the late Mr. C. F. Gildersleeve on the Bay of Quinte and River St. Lawrence, which position he occupied for three years, when he was promoted to the captaincy of that steamer, and served as captain of the steamers Hero, Hastings, Norseman and North King on Lake Ontario and River St. Lawrence from 1885 to 1893. During this period he undertook a college course during the winters, taking one year at Queen's University, Kingston, and completing his course at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, Md. When Mr. C. F. Gildersleeve organized the Lake Ontario & Bay of Quinte Steamboat Company, Captain Nicholson was appointed general passenger and freight agent, and later was appointed representative of the company in the United States with headquarters at Rochester, up to the year 1902, which service was terminated to accept the position of general manager of transportation of the Muskoka Lakes Navigation Company in the spring of the year 1903. This position he resigned in 1904 to accept the position of traffic manager of the Northern Navigation Company of Ontario, Limited, having charge of traffic and operation of the Lake Superior division with headquarters at Sarnia.

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THEY WON HIS CONFIDENCE.

How Young Hamiltonian Was Fleeced in Rome.

An Australian and an Irishman Did Trick.

Victimized Others to Extent of 700,000 Marks.

How Mr. John Baby, 475 Main street east, who arrived home yesterday from Rome, Italy, was robbed brings to light how easily a person can be victimized in that country. According to the opinion expressed by the Italian detectives it was a case of hand over your money or be slugged over the head. He wisely chose the former. How he was robbed, was by the old confidence game that the most astute men have fallen a prey to, and in which those who have laughed at the duped ones have later been fleeced themselves.

He was en-route from China to Hamilton via Rome. On arrival in that city he decided to see some of the sights and while in one of the halls of fame there he was approached by an affable stranger, an Australian. Being a stranger in a strange land the young Hamiltonian naturally warmed up to the stranger who could speak Italian fluently. They became very friendly. Mr. Baby wanted to cable home for money, as he was a little short. The Australian went with the Canadian to the bank in Rome, from where the details about the cabling were arranged.

One day walking down the street, a well-dressed man ahead of them dropped his purse. Mr. Baby picked it up and returned it to the man, who turned out to be an Irishman. "God bless you, my boy, you have done me a good turn," was the reply. Straightway he was allowed to join the Australian and Canadian. They soon all became very friendly.

Later when they were sitting together the Australian asked the Irishman if he would trust him with £50. "Sure, my boy, and here it is," was the answer. The money in Bank of England notes was counted out. The Australian went out, and in a few minutes returned, saying, "I don't want your money," and gave it back.

The Irishman then tested the trust of the Australian for £100. It was cheerfully given, and when it was counted out a big roll was shown. The Irishman returned it soon after. The Australian returned Mr. Baby's trust was tried for \$200, but in such a menacing way he was given to understand if he did not hand over his roll it would go hard with him. There were just the three of them in the room, and there was no alternative but pay. Directly he got the money the Australian went out. That was the last time he was seen. Of course the Irishman soon joined him. He was a party to the scheme.

Mr. Baby called at his hotel and told the clerk, who notified the police, and since the Hamiltonian left he has heard the rogues were caught.

During the last few months Americans and Canadians have been duped of 700,000 marks by the same trick.

IN PORT.

Donnacna Made Her Way Through Ice To-day.

A Buffalo despatch says: The Canadian steamer Donnacna, which is to have the honor of being the last ship to reach Buffalo this year, was out in Lake Erie battling with the ice in a snow storm Tuesday night, and if all goes well she ought to make harbor this morning, thus closing the season of navigation for this port.

The Donnacna, a sister ship to the Strathcona which went to the Niagara elevator yesterday, was reported near Bar Point by local agents of her owners yesterday morning. She was making a brave fight in the ice. She has 125,000 bushels of wheat aboard to be put in storage here this winter. The Strathcona and Donnacna left Fort William, Ont., on December 10th for Buffalo. If the Donnacna gets in to-day she will have arrived one day later than the last boat last year. Although the regular season of navigation closed on December 6th, the Donnacna and other boats were allowed to run later because their owners secured an extension of insurance by paying one per cent. of the valuation of their ships.

The Inland Navigation Company received word to-day that the Donnacna reached Buffalo at 7 o'clock last night.

HEADQUARTERS CHRISTMAS CANDIES.

One of the finest confectionery stores in the east end is at the grand new store of W. A. Crawford, corner of Emerald and Barton streets. This is one of the largest ice cream parlors in the city and Mr. Crawford has especially laid in a choice selection of fine bon-bons in fancy Christmas boxes, oranges, also hot sodas, oysters and oyster stews. Give Mr. Crawford a trial.

BAND AT THISTLE RINK

The great interest taken in ice skating was very noticeable last evening at the Thistle Skating Rink, Robinson street, when many young people gathered and enjoyed the sport immensely. To-night the band will play special music. The sale of season tickets continues and the gift of a Thistle ticket gives untold satisfaction.

FERRIE COMPANY DIRECTORS.

The directors of the Hamilton Ferrie Company have been appointed and are as follows: James Albert Woodman, Hamilton; William Woodman, James Freeborn; Otto William Gibb and James Chisholm.

TORONTO NOMINATIONS.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 23.—The municipal nominations to-day were quiet, and but little real interest manifested in the speeches. Although several mayoralty candidates were nominated the real fight will be between Controllers Geary and Hocken.

No Paper Saturday

Saturday being Christmas Day the Times will not be published. Advertisers will please bear this in mind, and send in their copy early for Friday's paper. All church notices will appear in that issue. Help the printer by having your copy in in good time.

TEA TABLE GOSSIP.

—This morning a lady had her muff and purse stolen while she was in an up-town store.

—T. J. Stewart, York street, presented each of his employees with a Christmas turkey.

—Mr. Harold Jolley is home from Rockford, Ill., to spend the holidays with his parents at Belmont House, Mount Hamilton.

—Miss M. J. Froelich has been appointed Deputy Registrar of the County of Wentworth by R. K. Hope, Registrar.

—As "Ratepayer's" letter has already appeared in another newspaper, the Times does not think it necessary to republish it.

—This is the 81st birthday of Mr. H. P. Dwight, the President of the Great Northwestern Telegraph Company, and the father of the telegraph in Canada. Many returns.

—Miss Douglass, teacher of school section No. 6, Gianford, wishes to thank the many friends of that section and school for the kind presentation to her on leaving the section.

—Mr. Harvey Davis, of Burlington, has accepted a position as draughtsman at the Hamilton bridge works, and will commence his duties after the first of the new year.

—Rev. John Young, D. D., of St. John Presbyterian Church, will give an illustrated lecture on "The Mammoth Cave of Kentucky" at the Christmas entertainment at Appleby on Monday evening next.

—Thomas Rogers, of this city, has purchased three lots near St. Luke's Church, Burlington, from D. Acland and H. Crawford, of this city, has bought the Water street property of Mrs. R. Pickering.

—The annual installation of the officers of Wabantaka Circle took place last evening in the I. O. F. Hall by the members of Camp Walnut, W. O. W. An "at home" was held, after which an excellent musical programme was rendered and dainty refreshments served. Lewis' orchestra was in attendance.

—At Toronto yesterday, in Scott vs. Sher, J. A. Ogilvie, for defendant, moved to dismiss for want of prosecution. R. A. Reid, for plaintiff, contra. Statement of claim having been delivered since the motion was launched, the same is validated, and motion dismissed. Costs to defendant in any event.

—The Misses Hinman-Atkinson millinery parlors will be a busy place to-night and all day to-morrow. Everything going at reduced prices. For ladies, hats, large and small; children's hats and bonnets. Fur hats in all the latest styles. Bonnets for the elderly ladies. Call and see our Christmas novelties of all kinds.

ONE MAN Won the Entire Jury Over After Long Struggle.

Quite a little story lies behind the fact that the jury which tried John Taglierino the charge of writing Black Hand letters were nearly three hours in arriving at their verdict, whereas it had been anticipated that they would have reached a decision within a short time. The trouble arose over the way in which one of the jurymen adhered tenaciously to his opinion that Taglierino was not guilty, despite what the others had to say to the reverse. He finally triumphed and won the others over to his side. As soon as the jury filed into the room and started their discussion he expressed himself in favor of an acquittal. The others, it is said, were mostly in favor of a conviction, and tried to convince him that their opinion was the right version of the affair. However, he would not hear of it, and said, "I will stay here all winter, but won't say that he is guilty when I believe he is innocent."

AN ACCIDENT.

Mayor McLaren Takes Precautions to Prevent Recurrence.

William Cameron, who formerly kept a hotel at the corner of Barton and Catharine streets, had a deep cut inflicted on his forehead this morning by the pole of a sleigh falling upon him. He had the wound dressed at the drug store. The pole was knocked out of place by another sleigh, which was passing.

When the attention of Mayor McLaren was called to the accident he instructed the chairman of the Markets Committee to see that the city by-law, which requires that all poles and wagon tongues shall be securely fastened, was strictly enforced hereafter. Since the position of market constable was abolished Market Clerk Hill's time has been so taken up by his extra duties he has been unable to attend to the enforcing of the by-law. Mr. Hill will have an assistant next year.

FAVOR TRACK RACING.

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 23.—Windsor's objection to proposed legislation against race tracks will be brought before the Canadian Government in the form of a petition being circulated, which will be submitted before the proposed legislation comes under discussion. The petition points out that the holding of races affords a profitable market for farm products.

A Final Word About Games

There is little question but that we are showing quite the best lot of games for children ever offered in this city.

These are games—not toys—and many of them are almost as interesting to grown ups as to the children for whom they are intended.

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Christmas Paper

Any wishing copies of the Times' Christmas number can get them at the Times business office ready for mailing. Just the paper to send to friends as a Christmas greeting. During Saturday afternoon and evening there was a big demand for them, showing that they were appreciated by the public. Get a copy before they are all gone.

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths which are inserted in the Daily Times also appear in the Semi-Weekly Times. 50c first insertion; 25c for each subsequent insertion.

MARRIAGES.

CHAPEMAN-KIRKBRIDE—On Wednesday, Dec. 22nd, by Rev. J. McD. Kerr, assisted by Rev. E. B. Lancelotti, Lella Fern, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Kirkbride, 121 East avenue south, to Ernest A. Chapman, of Toronto.

DEATHS.

FAIRCLOUGH—In this city, on Monday, December 20th, 1909, at 228 Market street, James Fairclough, his 73rd year. Funeral (private) on Friday, December 24th, at 2:30 o'clock. Kindly omit flowers.

SWAYZE—In this city on Thursday morning, December 23rd, 1909, Hannah Eliza Lewis, beloved wife of Abram Swayze, is her 73rd year. Funeral Sunday, December 26th, at 2 o'clock from her husband's residence, 17 Park street, to Hamilton Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

WILLIAMS—In this city, on Thursday, Dec. 23rd, 1909, Mary Ellen Kelly, beloved wife of Chester Williams, 57 East avenue north. Funeral notice later.

THE WEATHER.

FORECASTS—Fresh westerly winds, fair, with moderate winds, fair, with about the same temperature.

WEATHER NOTES.

The area of high pressure is now passing eastward across Ontario and the middle states and it is quite probable that a storm will develop in the southwestern states and move towards the great lakes during Saturday. The temperature continues fairly low in the western provinces and moderate in Ontario and Quebec.

Toronto, Dec. 23. (11 a. m.)—Forecasts for Friday: Fair, stationary or a little higher temperature. Washington, Dec. 23.—Eastern States and Northern New York—Fair in south, partly cloudy in north portion to-night and Friday; moderate to brisk west to northwest winds.

Western New York—Partly cloudy, with occasional local snows to-night or Friday; northwest winds.

The following is the temperature registered at Parke & Parke's drug store: 9 a. m., 29; 11 a. m., 34; 1 p. m., 30; lowest at 24 hours, 23; highest in 24 hours, 36.

IN HER GLOOM.

Kind Hearts Take Rays of Sun shine to Mrs. McLelland.

That the heart of the great public beats strong and true was shown last evening and to-day after the Times published the story of Mrs. McLelland's distress since the sad death of her husband. Mrs. McLelland and her little family will have a visit from Santa Claus after all, and there will be cheering rays through the gloom that overshadows her little home at 32 Emily street.

Not long after the Times came out enquiries began to be made at the office, from Chief Smith and from Rev. J. Roy VanWyeck.

By noon to-day Chief Smith had subscriptions amounting to about \$10, mostly from civic and public officials, and Rev. Mr. VanWyeck reported \$8, made up of \$1 from Mr. Hartz, \$5 from Sir Thomas Taylor and \$2 from "Brother in Christ."

And so the spirit of the man of Nazareth prevails.

A Rattling Nice Line of Christmas Gifts.

For a man at Fralick & Co. Why not give him gloves, \$1 to \$4, or a fancy vest, \$1.50 to \$4, or a fur cap, \$2.50 to \$15, or a muffler, 50c to \$2.50, or a suit of overcoat, popular grades, at \$12, \$15 and \$20, or a fur lined overcoat, \$40 to \$85. We are ready to give you quick service. Fralick & Co., 13 and 15 James street north.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

Dec. 22.—Prinz Adelbert—At New York, from Hamburg Teutonic—At New York, from Southampton. Boon—At New York, from Bremen. Oceanic—At Patras, from New York.

Mayoralty

MAYOR McLAREN regrets that owing to the shortness of the campaign and the occupation of his time with civic duties, it will be impossible for him to see the electors personally, but he will be pleased to meet his supporters and those desiring information at

HEADQUARTERS 7 Market Square (Upstairs)

WORKERS will confer a favor by responding to this notice without delay.

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COTTON AT 16c.

New York, Dec. 23.—Predictions of the bull element that cotton would reach the 16 cent mark before the holidays, were made good to-day. The May contract was near that point in the forenoon trading and stronger cables favored a rise. The bull traders saw their opportunity and on stronger buying the market went up to the predicted figure.

BECK WON'T RUN.

(Special Wire to the Times.) London, Ont., Dec. 23.—Later—After a conference this afternoon with the Hon. Adam Beck, his close friend announced that he will not be a Mayoralty candidate, as his legal advisers have informed him that the Hydro-Electric Government contract will bar him from taking his seat.

TRIPLE MURDER.

Chillicothe, Ohio, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Jennie Jackson, colored, and her two-year-old granddaughter, were murdered last night and the house fired by the slayers. Firemen found the bodies today still warm. John Haugher, William Swan and Dilly McKinley, mother of the murdered child, have been arrested.

THE TRADERS BANK OF CANADA. Regular Savings Count Up. when deposited in the Traders Bank. Regular deposits of One, Two or Three Dollars grow into tens and hundreds, more quickly than larger ones made only occasionally. It is a mistake to wait as some do, till they have accumulated a good-sized amount. Get the habit of depositing something, even if only a dollar, every week or every fortnight.

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NOTICE. The general annual meeting of the shareholders of the Hamilton, Grimsby & Beamsville Electric Railway Company will be held on Monday, the 24th day of January, 1910, at three o'clock in the afternoon, at the company's office, Hamilton, for the purposes following, namely: To receive and consider the annual statement and accounts and balance sheet, reports of the directors and auditors thereon; to elect directors and other officers; and to transact the ordinary business of the company.

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THISTLE RINK. Robinson street. Rink open afternoons and evenings. BAND To-night, Friday Night and Christmas Afternoon. Season tickets for sale at rink or at Secretary's office, 19 King street west.

BASKET BALL LONDON vs. HAMILTON. Y. M. C. A. Gymnasium Xmas night. Prices 25c and 50c. Plan now open. MERRY CHRISTMAS. At Association Hall, Y.M.C.A. THREE GREAT MOVING PICTURE SHOWS. Special children's matinee at 10 a. m. Three hour programme, afternoon and evening. Pictures and price to suit everybody.

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ASK FOR FIVE ROSES FLOUR THOMAS S. MORRIS. Phone 32. 45 Wellington North. SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT. Beginning Monday December 13, we will sell our immense stock of hats at cost. We are carrying the largest selection in the city to-day. This stock must be sold by January 1st. Trimmed hats, good quality, will be offered during this sale from \$2.50 up. Mournful goods and extra plumes will be sold at the very low figures.

NATURAL GAS HEATERS. Special bargains for the next two weeks, also some good quality gas heaters. BIRMINGHAM 20 John South. CUTLERY. Everything in Cutlery for Xmas gifts, including a complete stock of Razors, Scissors, Knives, Carving Sets, etc. E. TAYLOR. Phone 2541. 11 MacNab Street North. CHRISTOPHER'S CAFE. FIRST CLASS DINING ROOM AND QUICK LUNCH COUNTER. FULL COURSE DINNER 30c. Good service and clean wholesome food. Confectionery, Cakes, 5 and 79 King Street East.

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