

A POOR BOY LEFT \$600,000.

Ignorant of His Parentage Until His Mother Died.

Chicago Woman Falls Heir to \$500,000 and Expects More.

Will Was Bogus and Roosevelt Won't Get That \$10,000.

San Sebastian, Spain, Feb. 5.—A poor fisher boy of San Sebastian, named Lobjabeta, recently inherited a fortune under the most romantic circumstances.

Chicago, Feb. 5.—Mrs. Mayne McKenna has received word that through the death of an aunt at Oswego, N. Y., she has fallen heir to an estate valued at \$500,000.

BOGUS WILL. Boston, Feb. 5.—In the belief expressed by Boston attorneys that the will of the late Benjamin Hadley, the Somerville hermit, found recently on a doorstep in England, disposing of property valued at \$500,000, is a forgery, Michael F. Farrell, of this city, administrator of the estate of Mr. Hadley, last night declared that charges will be brought against four persons in England for forgery and conspiracy.

A WHITE SLAVE. Lured From Welland High School to City of Detroit. Detroit, Feb. 5.—Following the discovery by Trust Officer Piles that a 17-year-old girl had been taken to a house of questionable repute on Champlain street, and was being harbored there, Detective Sergeants Reid and Good raided the house yesterday morning and arrested Carrie Dowling, the landlady, 48 years old, and Maggie Hall, a roomer, who are held with Smith L. Reynolds, a barber from Oneonta, N. Y., to await prosecution on a charge based on alleged connection with "white slave" traffic.

WORLD DEBTOR. Curious Document is Left by Man Who Kills Himself. Cleveland, Feb. 3.—"The world, debtor, in account with Edward Melian, creditor. To one life, ruined; to carbolic acid, 10 cents; to hell, one eternity. This account may be squared by giving me a decent grave."

BURNED TO DEATH. Two Children Lose Their Lives in Quebec Fire. Montreal, Feb. 5.—Advices from Wickham, Que., tell of the burning of the home of Arthur Dubreuil, in which the lives of Mr. Dubreuil's two sons, aged two and five years, were lost. The cause of the fire is unknown.

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ROYAL CANADIAN DRAGOONS HONORED.



THE PRINCE OF WALES. (Special Despatch to the Times.) Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 5.—It is announced that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has become honorary colonel of Canada's permanent mounted force, the Royal Canadian Dragoons.

LEFT A BABY. With a Note: "God Bless and Forgive All Connected With This." New York, Feb. 3.—Two girls walking through Columbus avenue last night noticed a neatly dressed middle aged woman enter the vestibule of the Paulist Fathers' Church with a bundle and repaired empty handed. The girls investigated and found a baby boy 2 days old tucked in warm clothes of good material lying on the vestibule floor. They followed the woman to North avenue and Fifty-eighth street and had a policeman arrest her.

STOVE BLEW UP. Explosion Nearly Costs the Sight of Man Who Was Putting on Coal. Summit, N. J., Feb. 4.—The victim of a mysterious explosion of a pot stove last night in the office of the Summit and Madison Ice Company here, David Carpenter, one of the employees of the concern, lies at his home in agony with all the chances in favor of his losing the sight of his left eye. He was completely blinded at first, but physicians managed to restore the sight of the right eye.

ALL FINED. Seventy or Eighty Patrons of Cockfight Arrested in Buffalo. Between 70 and 80 people, principally from Buffalo, Cleveland and Erie, who were caught at a cocking main on the outskirts of Buffalo yesterday morning, were fined amounts ranging from \$5 to \$100, by Justice Fossett, of Cheeklow, yesterday afternoon, and this morning. All the men, with the exception of the owner of the saloon, in rear of which the fight was being held, and a few well known Buffalo sports, gave fictitious names. Twenty-one birds were seized.

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THREE LITTLE ONES MISSING.

Haskell Memorial Home, Battle Creek, Buried.

Little Children Jump From a Third Storey Window.

Matron Escapes With Baby in Her Arms—Boy's Plucky Act.

Battle Creek, Mich., Feb. 5.—The Haskell Memorial Home, a three-and-a-half-story brick orphanage located on the western boundary of this city, was destroyed by fire early to-day. Three of the thirty-seven little inmates were missing when the roll was counted in a cottage on the orphanage grounds after the fire. The missing: Lena Ferney, 14 years old; Cecil Quoten, 13; George Goodenow, 8.

THE MAN IN OVERALLS. Now that the Christmas music has been put away in the campfire bag, the congregation might get up a little entertainment for the choir. No, I am not a member.

500 Drowned. Marysville, Cal., Feb. 5.—Five hundred cattle were drowned by the flood waters on the Stanford ranch near Tehama, Wednesday night, and 1,500 sheep perished near Colusa.

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MISS MARY QUINCY DIXON. Announcement is made by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Dallas Dixon, of her engagement to Gardner Cassatt, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Gardner Cassatt, of Philadelphia. Miss Dixon is one of the most popular members of the younger set.

SPECIAL MEETING TO GET REPORT.

Power Committee Meets This Afternoon and Council To-night—A New Industry.

The independent opinion of L. C. Hellmuth, K. C., of Toronto, on Justice Anglin's decision in the Cataract case, for which the aldermen have been waiting before taking definite action in the power matter, reached Mayor McLaren yesterday afternoon, and will be laid before the Council at an informal meeting called for 8 o'clock to-night. His counsel refused to divulge the contents of the document or give any hint of what the Toronto lawyer's opinion is.

THE HUMAN HORSE COLLAR COMPANY. The Humane Horse Collar Company, which has factories in Omaha, Neb., and Chicago, with headquarters in the latter place, is installing machinery in the old Campbell brewery, on John street north, and will begin manufacturing goods there shortly. The company got a lease of this building about a year ago, but as a result of difficulty in forming a company, nothing has been done until recently. Hamilton firms are manufacturing parts of the machinery, and it will be necessary to bring some from Nebraska. It is expected that about thirty men will be given employment, to begin on Monday.

THE HARBOR COMMITTEE. The Harbor Committee is supposed to meet to-night, at 8 o'clock. It will probably be necessary to postpone it, however, on account of the Council meeting at that hour.

THE REORGANIZATION OF THE ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT. The reorganization of the engineer's department will be tackled by the special committee early next week.

SIX YEARS EACH. Heavy Sentences Given to Two Kingston Burglars. Kingston, Ont., Feb. 5.—Reginald Lewis and Percy Pare, the young men who on Tuesday in the Police Court pleaded guilty to burglarizing the stores of Louis Abramson and Andrew MacLean, this city, came up for sentence this morning before Magistrate Farrell, and were each sentenced to six years in Kingston penitentiary. They were arraigned this morning on the charge of stealing silverware and other articles from the jewelry store of Walter Abbott last Saturday night, and both pleaded guilty to that charge. Before sentence was passed Mr. J. McD. Mowat, on behalf of Pare's young wife, and her five-months-old baby, made an eloquent plea in which he urged that justice be tempered with mercy. Magistrate T. Farrell in passing sentence said he had made allowance for the youth of the prisoners, and for the fact that they had young wives of only a few months' standing. At the same time, he had a duty which he owed to the community. He thought, therefore, that a sentence of six years on a charge the maximum penalty of which was fourteen years, would be a proper one in view of all the circumstances. Lewis and Pare were sentenced to six years each on the Kingston charges and three years each on the Gananoque charge, the sentences to run concurrently. Both prisoners heard their fate with a good deal of composure.

PLEA FOR YOUNG WIFE AND FIVE-MONTHS-OLD BABY. Kingston, Ont., Feb. 5.—One of Hespeler's oldest citizens, in the person of Christian Pabst, died suddenly during the night of heart failure. Mr. Pabst was one of the most widely known men in this district and was a Mason of over 35 years' standing. He was a director of the Economical Insurance Company, of Berlin, Ont. Mr. Pabst was 74 years old and leaves a wife and grown up family.

THOROLD WEDDING. Mount Hamilton Man Married to Miss M. E. Devine. (Special Despatch to the Times.) St. Catharines, Feb. 5.—The marriage of Marion E. Devine and St. Clair Olmsted, of Mount Hamilton, was solemnized on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, James and Mrs. Devine, Ormand street, Thorold. Rev. J. W. McLeod conducted the ceremony in the presence of only the immediate relatives of the contracting parties. Miss Marion Hopkins, of Hamilton, was bridesmaid, and Wellington Nunn of Hamilton, best man.

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WILD CHASE BY OFFICER.

P. C. Smith Captured Crisp and Bag of Junk.

But Had a Narrow Escape on the Way.

Prisoner Suspected of Stealing Brass and Copper.

There was an exciting chase last evening in the north end, when Constable Harry Smith and Charles Crisp, 36 York street, did a steeplechase stunt, over fences, through private yards and around cars. During the chase the constable had a fall that came near ending his career, or he would have been able to catch Crisp sooner than he did, as the fleeing man was struggling over all obstacles with a bag that had in it a large quantity of brass and copper wire. Smith was walking his beat in the north end on Barton street near Caroline. He saw Crisp in Levi & Co.'s junk shop and watched him. When Crisp left Smith went into the shop and the proprietor told him that Crisp was trying to sell brass and copper at bargain prices, but they would not take chances on buying it. Smith then went out and followed Crisp. The latter saw him and started to walk very fast with the bag slung over his shoulder. Smith increased his gait and Crisp started to run. The officer followed suit, and Crisp made for a fence, climbed it and went through a yard near the Gartschore-Thompson foundry. Smith followed, and keeping his eyes on Crisp ran across the yard. This came close to being his finish, for as he ran he failed to notice a pile of scrap pipe he was approaching and the first thing he knew he was stumbling over it. He fell on top of the heap, and a small pipe almost impaled him and knocked the wind out of him. Smith recovered in time to see Crisp going through the dusk towards the G. T. R. yards, and again he followed. In the yards he lost all trace of the prisoner, but looking along a string of freight cars he saw something shadowy beneath a car, and some time later Crisp was seen there beside his bag, and the officer dived under the car after him. He caught Crisp by the legs with a low tackle, and the latter immediately put up a fight for his liberty. The officer triumphed in the end, however, and returned to No. 3 station with his prisoner. Crisp was charged with this morning's theft of brass and wire. Crisp is well known to the police, and has not been out of jail long, having served a term for assaulting police officers. Two detectives had a fight with him and an older brother of his in a King William street barroom some time ago, when the trio arrested the pair, and this fight added a few months to the term of each.

WILLIAM ROY AND LOUIS WEINSTEIN. The latter the father of the young man who died some time ago at the City Hospital under peculiar circumstances, and also the father of the young man who was charged with assault against Roy. A summons was served, but Roy failed to appear, and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

JOHN MOSTON CAME TO HAMILTON yesterday to accompany the body for being drunk. John cheerfully paid \$2 this morning to obtain his liberty.

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The Tangle of Fate

Poor Lin, who had been in West Virginia nearly three weeks, had never received a single one of the letters calling him to his relative's bedside. On his return to Washington the letters were overlooked somehow, and so he was fated never to know until too late how the old man's heart had yearned for him in those weary days when the tide of his unhappy life was ebbing to its end.

The next day wanted to his closer, and then John Lloyd sent for his lawyer. Ere he arrived he ordered his household of servants to be assembled, and while Bonnie was resting in her own room he said to them:

"You have all been taught to regard Mr. La Valliere as my heir, but I have changed my mind, and concluded to adopt the child of my old friend as my daughter and heiress. I shall make my will to that effect as soon as my lawyer comes, and all of you who have all served me well shall be handsomely remembered in it. Mr. La Valliere will get a legacy also, but he has treated me very shabbily, and I do not wish that my adopted daughter, Miss Avis Lloyd, shall ever be told by any of you anything concerning my cousin, or that she has supplanted him in the new will I am about to make. She is very tender-hearted, and might feel badly over it, so it is my wish that the name of my cousin shall never be mentioned in this house again."

They promised obedience to their master's will and withdrew. The lawyer came, and the will was at once executed that made Bonnie Dale adopted daughter and heiress of the lonely old man fading so fast out of life.

Bonnie had been treated so simply in her country home that she did not realize the great good fortune that had come to her. She had found a refuge and a friend; that was cause enough for rejoicing, she thought.

But in the long conversation she had had with Mr. Lloyd that day Bonnie had been too shy and frightened to give more than an outline of her history.

"For if I tell him all he may turn against me as the others did. I dare not lose my only friend," she thought, and so she touched but lightly on the lover for whose sake she had been so cruelly punished at home, and who, after she had eloped with him, had declined to marry her because of a false story.

"They have told you some false story, you believe them all they say. You are false, but I'll forgive you. But forge! I never may."

John Lloyd was an old man and a recluse, but he knew the world well, knew how prone love is to pride and to anger, and he could fathom too all the pain at the young girl's heart that made her sweet lips tremble and the tears rain down her beautiful cheeks.

"Poor little one, we will talk no more about it. He was not worthy of your love," he said, and so dismissed the subject without ever hearing the name of Bonnie's recreant lover. Had she but spoken it the old man would have known the cause of his cousin's neglect, would have sent for him, and tried to make the parted lovers happy. But Bonnie's lips were silent, and so fate came in between her life and the dream of a life both with the shadow of a great despair.

"All truth, all honor now must seem vain clouds which the first wind blows by."

All trust, a folly doomed to die.
All life, a useless empty dream;
All love—since thine has failed—a lie!"

For a few days after Bonnie's coming the invalid seemed to rally. His heart went out to the hapless child of his dead love, he longed to live for her sweet sake.

"I will make your future so bright and happy if God will spare my life," he said to her, after one of those twilight talks that had each day, and tears came thickly into her eyes as she listened, for it seemed to Bonnie she could never be happy again. In the rich man's home, where she was surrounded by luxuries of which she had never even dreamed before, Bonnie fell asleep, each night setting her pillow with homesick tears for all that she had lost—her home, her father, her sister, her lover, her old friends. In the grand library one day she had read some verses that rang in sorrowful chimes through her brain:

"Where I am the halls are gilded,
Stored with pictures bright and rare;
Strains of deep, melodious music
Float upon the perfumed air.
Faded autumn leaves are trembling
On the withered jasmine tree,
Creeping round the little casement
Where I fain would be.

"Where I am the great and noble
Tell me of renown and fame,
And the red wine sparkles highest
To do honor to my name.
Far away a place is vacant,
Far from a humble hearth to me;
Dying embers faintly show it,
Where I fain would be.

"Where I am all think me happy,
For so well I play my part,
None can guess who smile around me
How far distant is my heart,
Far away in a poor cottage,
Listening to the dreary sea,
Where the treasures of my life are,
Where I fain would be.

Poor Bonnie, thinking of the old farm where she had been so happy, and of her cruel sister and dear father, who had once loved her so fondly, would weep over those lines until the smooth-printed page was all scarred with her bitter tears.

But she always had a gentle, grateful smile for the old man who was so good to her, who loved her so dearly, and who called her tenderly, "my daughter Avis."

She would sit by his side, read to him, sing to him, or talk, just as he preferred, but she soon found that what he liked best was to hear stories about the life of her mother.

"Do you think she was happy, dear?" he once asked, wistfully.

It did not seem to him that Avis could have been happy with her former husband and in her simple country home. He believed that wealth was essential to happiness. It seemed to him that in time she would regret her choice.

But Bonnie answered, quietly:

"Oh, yes, mamma was very happy. Papa loved her so dearly and was so kind to her always, and she was devoted to us. But she was never strong, and a fever carried her off very quickly.

Poor papa, he has never been cheerful as he used to be while she was living."

"I am glad that Avis was happy," he said, with a smile of content, unselfishly glad that she had not repeated her choice. He smoothed tenderly a lock of hair that Bonnie had given him from among her treasures—golden hair just a few shades darker than Bonnie's, and still untouched by gray. They had cut it from Avis Dale's head for her daughter when she lay dead.

Bonnie had promised her adopted father that when he died some strands of this golden hair should be buried with him.

"Do not forget your promise, dear little daughter," he said, and with tears Bonnie promised that she would not, not dreaming how soon she would be reminded of her vow.

But death came that night gently and peacefully, and Bonnie, holding the weak hand till the very last, whispered, lovingly:

"Good-by, dear friend; you will soon be with my angel mother, and she will bless you for your goodness to her child."

Four days later John Lloyd's beautiful heiress sat in the darkened library, listening to the words of the dead man's lawyer, Mr. Rainsford.

The thronged and stately funeral of the richest man in Lloyd was over. Although he had led the life of a selfish recluse, the neighborhood respected him, and turned out en masse to his funeral.

The telegram sent to his best-known relative, neither had Lin La Valliere come to the funeral. Avis, the adopted daughter of the deceased, acted as chief mourner, and shed very genuine tears on the black draped coffin that held the cold form of her loved friend.

The townspeople had considerable curiosity over the new mistress of that stately home on the hill, but through her long black veil they could see but little of the beauty that was said to be so wonderful. Some long, loose golden curls strayed from under the lengths of the veil, making the slight figure that seemed very childish and graceful, that was all, and Bonnie never threw back the veil from her lovely face until she returned to the desolate home, where she sat now in her heavy mourning garments like a ghost in the house.

Mr. Rainsford, who had been telling her how rich she was and asking about her plans for the future.

In his heart Mr. Rainsford rather resented the way in which this mysterious stranger had ousted Lin La Valliere from his cousin's will. Mr. Lloyd's explanation had been meagre and unsatisfactory—"the daughter of a dear dead friend," that was all. No one but the housekeeper and nurse knew the strange fashion in which Bonnie had arrived and become a member of the household.

But though Mr. Rainsford was sorry for the disappointment of Lin, of whom he was very fond, he could not help admiring beautiful Bonnie, and pitying her, too, she seemed so unhappy and so desolate, and so he told her that if she had no nearer friends to turn to for advice he would be very happy, as the friend of the deceased, to aid her in any future arrangements she might wish to make.

"You are very kind," she said, clasping her little white hands in a pathetic fashion on her black dress. "I have been thinking what to do, Mr. Rainsford. I want to go to boarding-school a long, long way from here—to England if I may."

"But is not that a strange fancy, Miss Lloyd? There are so many good schools nearer home."

"I want to go away from here a long, long way," repeated the girl, and no arguments could turn her from her decision.

"You say I have plenty of money, so what does it matter how far I go, since I am an orphan and have no home ties to bind me here," she said, sadly.

"That is true," he replied. "I will go home and consult with my wife about it. She will come and talk with you about the arrangements for your going."

So in a few more days John Lloyd's lovely heiress bade adieu to her native land and sailed for England. Lawyer Rainsford and his wife accompanied her and placed her in a fashionable London school, and left her there apparently contented, but at heart the saddest girl in the world.

So while the people in her old home wondered and wondered over Bonnie Dale's fate, finally deciding that she had drowned herself in the river, Bonnie herself lay in the fire without speaking unless someone addressed him, seemingly lost in a painful reverie. Although Imogen tried to rouse him, by telling him that the work on the farm sadly needed his oversight, he took no interest, and the hired men had things all their own way.

The reason of it all was because he believed that poor Bonnie, his best loved child, was dead, and although she had behaved so badly the remembrance of his cruelty was breaking his heart.

The search for the young girl had been given up. Her pretty red cap and her little gloves had been found on the bank of the river, and every one declared that she must certainly have committed suicide. Imogen believed it herself, and put on a black dress and a serious air, and lay awake some nights tormented by a keen remorse for her cruelty to little Bonnie, the household pet.

Miles Westland, too, was given up for dead, and another teacher was employed at the red school-house on the hill.

The pool and the river had been dragged, but the body of the missing schoolmaster had not been discovered. His hat and his watch were found in the pool, however, and it was supposed that his body had become food for the

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And then it all came up again, for in the midst of a husking bee at his uncle's the door suddenly opened, and there entered—Miles Westland!

There was a great stampede at first, for the young people took him for a ghost, but at last he made them understand that he was alive, and then, finding out that they all knew of his marriage to Bonnie Dale that night at the old mill, he had to give a garbled explanation.

"Yes, we were married," he said, but he took care not to explain how he had forced the hapless Bonnie on pain of death to become his loving bride. "We were married, and Bonnie, after her willful way, refused me a kiss. In struggling with her I lost my balance, and fell back into the pool. It was all an accident. I do not see how any one could have believed that sweet little Bonnie could be so wicked."

"It was that cruel Imogen who started it," cried Mollie Miller and Ella Deane, in a breath.

"Then I shall go over to Mr. Dale's to-morrow and tell them how it happened. I do not want them to blame my poor little Bonnie," said the young man, who was curiously pale, and spoke in an uneven voice.

"But how did you escape from the pool?" inquired his uncle, Mr. Martin.

"I heard poor Bonnie's shrieks as I went down, but when I came up to the surface again, after a short interval, she had fled from the scene, no doubt thinking I was dead. I am a good swimmer, you know, and then a strange thought came to me. Bonnie did not love me as well as I wished her in spite of our marriage, so I thought that if she believed me dead a while her tender heart would soften toward me, and when I came back she would love me better."

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RACE WAR.

Armed Young Men of Pittsburg Out on the Streets

Dressed as Women Hoping They Will be Attacked.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 4.—The situation in the Herron Hill district, where over 150 negroes have been arrested following the many attacks on young white girls, is quiet to-night, but a double force of police and plain-clothes men is still on duty, as there is a strong undercurrent of racial feeling that needs but a slight excuse to break forth in violent form.

The authorities believe that in Mack McGee they have the man who has been terrorizing the Herron Hill district. McGee was identified to-day as the man seen running away from the scene of the most recent assault, and Miss Ida O'Neil, the victim of the attack, gave a description of the cap worn by her assailant that fits the headgear worn by McGee.

John D. Shuter to-day sentenced William Martin, colored, to serve five years in the Western Penitentiary, the limit of the law, on the charge of assault and battery with intent to commit a more serious crime, on Mrs. Mary Schaffer several weeks ago.

Many negroes of the Herron Hill district are moving to the suburbs, to get away from the scene of the trouble. The authorities have sent out young men, dressed as women, and armed with blackjacks, hoping to have the guilty negroes accost or attack them.

ANTI-JAP LAW.

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 5.—Governor Gillett will send a message to the Assembly to-day asking that body to reconsider the vote by which it yesterday passed the bill compelling Japanese children to attend separate schools. This intended action is the result of a message received from President Roosevelt yesterday, appealing to him to devise some means of blocking the measure in the Legislature.

WARNER

Quite a number attended quarterly meeting at Merritt's, although the day was not very favorable.

A special meeting of the Township Council was held on Monday last.

Mrs. S. Silverthorn is spending a week with her parents at Simcoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Travers and Malcolm Lymburner passed through this locality en route for Niagara Falls.

Mr. McSorley, from Blackheath, was through here buying heavy draught horses.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Silverthorn and family visited at C. Lymburner's on Sunday evening last.

G. E. Lounsbury and family spent Sunday at Mr. Aaron Merritt's.

Harvey Evans is spending a few days with his sister, Mrs. E. Lymburner.

Messrs. Albert Ties, Farmer Merritt and Christopher Warner made a business trip to Cayuga.

Friends to the number of about eighty assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Travers to bid farewell before leaving for their new home near Wellandport. A sociable time was spent; games of all kinds passed the hours away, after which refreshments were served, and at the hour of 1 o'clock all started homeward, bidding farewell to the host and hostess, and thanking them for the good time they all had.

SINCLAIRVILLE

Special meetings, conducted by the pastor, Mr. Springer, and Mr. Scott, evangelist, will be commenced in the Methodist Church of this place on Sunday evening, Feb. 7. The meetings which have been carried on in the Castorville Church will conclude on Sunday morning. The meetings have proven very helpful to the people of Castorville and great things are expected from the meetings at Sinclairville.

WINONA

Following is the honor roll of Winona public school for month of January: Fifth class—Leslie Ellsworth, Charlie Pattison, Pearl Strangway, Stanley Rolfe, Ruby White.

Senior fourth class—Gladys Hand, Edith Coeks, Russell Ham, Howard Barnard, Roy Leggett.

Robbie Wood, Vera Frye, Allie Hand, Muriel Kerr.

Senior third class—Lena Frye, Arthur Woodcock, Evelyn Awty, Lloyd Pettit, Vivian McKay.

Junior third class A—Jack Hicks, Reggie Hicks, Willie Marlatt, Willie Wilbur, Grace Horton.

Senior second class—George Menan, Arthur Coeks, Dewitt Leggett,

Fun For Our Readers

Where the Miracle Came In. Dr. Walter C. Smith, the popular Scotch poet-preacher, on one occasion tried to explain to an old lady the meaning of the scriptural expression, "Take up thy bed and walk," by saying that the bed was simply a mat or rug easily taken up and carried away.

"No, no," replied the lady. "I cannot believe that. The bed was a regular four-poster. There would be no miracle in walking away with a bit of mat or rug on your back."—Argonaut.

Law-Abiding Citizen. One evening, when the city clerk's office was full of men seeking registration, an Irishman asked to be registered. He received the usual blank, with the request that he sign his name. This he succeeded in doing after a painful effort. Suspecting that this was the extent of his accomplishments, an onlooker called out to the clerk:

"Try him on another name; let him write yours."

"Deed, I'd never dare," said the Irishman, quick as lightning. "Sure, 'twould be forgery."—Youth's Companion.

The Sword Swallower. Rhobs—I don't imagine that Gotrox was born with a silver spoon in his mouth.

Stoids—No, I dined with him the other evening, and if anything I think it must have been a silver knife.—Philadelphia Record.

Choice of Evils. President Nicholas Brown, for whom Brown University was named, was fond of quizzing small boys. One day, while walking in the streets of Providence, he came upon a little fellow who attracted his notice. "How do you do, my boy?" said the President. "What is your name?"

"My name is Harry, sir," replied the child.

"Harry, is it?" returned President Brown. "And did you know the evil one is often called Old Harry?"

"Why, no, sir," answered the boy. "I thought he was called Old Nick."—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

Behold the Scenes. The stage manager of one of the Glasgow theatres was, in the old days, well known for his impetuous and hasty temper.

On one occasion a drama was put on, in which a snowstorm occurred. Some men were sent up into the hills with brown paper bags filled with little pieces of white paper, which they let fall to represent the snow. Suddenly the shower stopped.

"What's your snow?" roared the stage manager.

"We have no snow white paper," came a loud whisper from above.

"Then snow brown, ye fools, snow brown," was the manager's response.—Tit-Bits.



A LITTLE REHEARSAL. Mr. Saphend—Willie, is your sister busy?

Willie—She seems to be. She is standing in front of the mirror saying, "Mr. Saphend, this is so sudden."

Dressed for the Concert. Heinrich Conried was telling how he had the old-fashioned concerters were sometimes. "An old Chicago millionaire," he said, "called upstairs to his daughter:

"What a time you girls take getting ready for the concert! Look at me—a bit of wadding in each ear and I'm all ready."—Success Magazine.

Improving. Bach—Confess, now, Henry—you don't pay as much attention to your wife as you did before you were married, do you?

H. Peck—Lord, yes! I mind twice as quick now.—Cleveland Leader.

Too Risky. "Do you approve of the plan of teaching pupils to box?"

"Not unconditionally," replied the country pedagogue, "remembering his hunky 19-year-olds. 'Might be all right, though, if you'd authorize the teachers to carry guns.'—Philadelphia Ledger.

Terminology. Official Salesman—Wouldn't you like to look at some of our overcoats or suits?"

Dyspeptic Looking Customer—No, but if you will be kind enough to tell me where the drug department is I'll take a look at your pills and porous plasterings.—Chicago Tribune.

Grateful. Henry E. Dixey was sitting in his dressing room before the curtain rose on "Mary Jane's Pa" the other night, watching a large roach leisurely traveling up the wall.

"Ah, a roach," said Mr. Dixey. "Once, in my own home, I found a roach struggling in a bowl of water. I took a half walnut shell and put him in, it made a good boat; I gave him a couple of toothpicks for oars. Next morning I saw that he had fastened a hair to one of the toothpicks, and had evidently been fishing. Then, overcome by exhaustion, he had fallen asleep. The sight moved me. I took him out, washed him, gave him a spoonful of boiled egg and let him go. That roach never forgot my kindness, and now my home and dressing rooms are full of roaches."—Young's Magazine.

WAS HEREDITARY. Dix—From whom does she get her lovely complexion?

Nix—Her father, I believe.

Dix—Is he a druggist?

Monumental Blunder. It was while Charlemagne Tower was Ambassador to Russia that a newspaper "spoke itself" upon a fête held at St. Petersburg. A green copy reader produced this result:

"As pleasing to the eye as was all this decoration there was additional pleasure in the sight, as one stood at the head of the Prospekt. News, of Charlemagne Tower, brilliantly illuminated, looming grand and imposing against the winter sky."—Success Magazine.



To Henry Kime, will have a sale of stock and implements on Monday, Feb. 8.

Elliott Brown is suffering with a severe attack of pneumonia and is under the care of Dr. McQueen.

Mrs. Rev. G. F. McQueen has returned from a visit to relatives in London.

Miss Elsie Valens is confined in the house with diphtheria. Her friends hope to hear of her speedy recovery. Mr. Taylor Eaton is also confined to the house with an attack of inflammatory rheumatism.

Mr. Verne Hood had a valuable horse recently.

Mrs. Allison, sen., is visiting relatives in Hamilton.

Miss M. Millard, who has been ill for some time, is recovering.

A number of young people took a surprise party to the home of Mr. Thos. Mills on Wednesday night, and spent a good time.

TOLSTOVS WORKS. Moscow, Feb. 5.—A local publishing house is planning to bring out the long awaited complete edition of the works of Count Leo Tolstai, an undertaking that up to the present time has been impossible in Russia because of the censorship and the difficulties in the matter of paying royalties.

FOUND STEAMER. Hamilton, Ga., Feb. 5.—News received here last night that the steamer Minnie, reported lost at sea, has been anchored off Delmar, Del. since Monday, blowing on a pilot continuously. The steamer should have entered Sparks Bay instead of Delmar. Pilots have been looking for the steamer since Saturday.

VALENS

Mr. Chas. McKilligan was the guest last week of Mr. Percy Harbottle.

Miss Edith Walker is holidaying in Hamilton.

Miss Elsie Valens is ill with grip.

Mrs. John Evans is visiting this week with Mrs. Colburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gibson, of Birtle, Man., are at present visiting with his sisters, Mrs. John and Mrs. E. Robson, here.

Mrs. Geo. Bickell has returned home from a month's visit with Toronto friends.

Mr. Jared Macy has moved to the farm he recently purchased.

Mr. Wm. Gallbraith, from the west, is renewing old friendships in this neighborhood.

Mr. John Creighton, of Calgary, and Mr. Jas. Alexander, of Milton, visited a couple of days this week with Mr. Adam Valens.

Mrs. Maggie Lemon has returned home after spending some time in Hamilton.

CARLISLE

Miss Margaret Porter spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Geo. Gastle, at Lowville.

Mrs. G. Allison and son Edwin, of Guelph, are visiting in the neighborhood.

Geo. Hinton, having sold his farm

Times Ads Bring Results

Call for letters in boxes 1, 3, 6, 7, 13, 34, 35, 36, 38, 47, 49.

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THE HAMILTON TIMES

FRIDAY, FEB. 5, 1905.

THE FIRST DIVISION.

The first division of the session and of the new House took place yesterday afternoon upon Dr. Reid's motion and Mr. Guthrie's amendment in regard to the reception and opening of tenders. It was not a full House, only 194 of the 218 members voting, the Government majority being 42. Great efforts were made by the Opposition to present its full strength, so as to make a good showing. The Third Party (W. F. Macleaz, M. P.) and Mr. Joseph Russell voted with the Tories and Mr. Verville voted with the Government. An effort was made by the Tories to give the discussion a turn which would appear to place the Government in supporting the amendment as discriminating against Conservative tenderers and preventing them from securing contracts. Of course, such a contention could not for a moment be upheld in the face of the readily presentable facts. Mr. Miller was proceeding to show the utter groundlessness of such a contention by pointing out important contracts secured by the prominent members of the Tory party, when Mr. Borden, seeing the effectiveness of his line of argument, rose to a point of order, claiming that Mr. Miller could not be allowed to present this evidence on the motion and amendment before the House on account of a previous ruling. The Speaker sustained the objection, and Mr. Miller was not allowed to proceed.

A majority of 42 in a House of 194 is one that will be satisfactory to the Liberals of the country. With all the members present, it will probably be close upon 50. The Liberals have still a considerable margin over the forecast made by the Times during the election campaign. And it is not likely to grow less as the work of Parliament proceeds.

THE REGULATION POLICY.

Last night, at Mayor McLaren's instance, the Finance Committee passed a resolution asking the Dominion Government to include the Cataract Power Company and all others using water from the Welland Canal, under the control of the Dominion Railway Commission, as is proposed to be done with those generating power from the Trent Canal. We are not inclined to regard this resolution as arising from hostility toward the Cataract Power Company. Rather is it perfectly in line with the policy of the Dominion Government as illustrated in its control of railways, telegraphs and telephones, and, more recently, with reference to the power companies using the Trent Canal as a source of water supply. It is highly improbable that the Cataract Company will offer the slightest objection to any just regulation such as may be expected from the Dominion Railway Commission. Probably the very fact that the Company is subject to regulation by the Commission will do much to dispel the falsehood and prejudice which have been sedulously cultivated in certain quarters to its injury. Moreover, it will absolutely remove the last shred of excuse which the anti-Hamilton interests and their local organ have for their war upon this most important industry of our city. With this Government regulation in force, the only plea which the Hydro ring could present for asking citizens to bear a huge burden for alleged competition (?) would be desire to injure the great industry built up by local investors.

And, while we are pleased to see that the Dominion Government is extending and making more efficient its control of the great public services of the country, so that the Finance Committee has thus expressed its confidence in the policy by its resolution of last night, we cannot but think that something remains yet to be done by extending that control and regulation to all the public service companies of a similar character. This regulation should cover the Ontario Power Company and all the power-generating and distributing companies using Niagara. All should be placed on the same basis.

And now that Mayor McLaren and the aldermen have come to see that the local electric company is not the "huge octopus" and "tyrannous monopoly" which cannot be controlled, that some people have sought to represent it as being, it may be worth their while to keep in view the fact that in the matter of electric lighting, whether for public or private uses, it cannot practise extortion or disregard the wants and conveniences of the people. IF THE COUNCIL DOES ITS DUTY. The law provides that the Council can compel it to furnish light for private or public uses at a price to be fixed by arbitration. If the prices charged are excessive, the fault lies with the Council.

APPETITE FOR BOUNTIES.

The Spectator tells its readers that it was "uphill work trying to establish the iron and steel industry in Canada, and down to 1879, when the protective tariff was adopted, disaster followed nearly every effort." The organ is less than candid. It would make it to appear that with the N. P. came the establishment of the industry. That is, of course, false. Even after eighteen years of N. P. plus bounties and bonusing, it said it was not "established." The Liberal Government reformed the absurd N. P. tariff, and adopted a direct and large subsidy system. By this means some progress has been made, but it has been a very costly process. Millions upon millions of the taxes are paid to the steel and iron men to run their own business for their own profit. In many cases the bounty poured into their pockets amounts to far and away more than all the wage cost of the product! It

is a pretty costly sort of encouragement, although a fat thing for the recipients. Our contemporary "moralizes" on the iron and steel "encouragement" in this way: "Had the Laurier Government dealt as kindly and generously with the woolen industry at it has with iron and steel, there would be fewer idle woolen mills in Canada to-day." Perhaps. But surely we should not be obliged to tax ourselves more than the value of the entire product of these mills in order to keep them alive; better that they should die, if they can only live at such ruinous cost to the people. They have 30 to 50 per cent. protection now; how much would satisfy them? We could better afford to buy all these mills out and let them lie idle, paying the owners large salaries and all the employees high wages, and keeping them at first-class hotels, rather than shut Canadians up to the monopoly the organ seeks. Moreover, were we willing to adopt the plan which our contemporary approves as "establishing" the iron and steel industry, which gets so many millions of bounties, and apply it to the woolen and other industries (where would the limit be fixed?), we must not forget that somebody would have to earn the millions. The people would have to pay them. All could not be fed on their chops and squeal for more. Somebody must speak for the men who toil to pay the taxes for these men of healthy appetites and boastful love of their country—or of its coin!

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Hamilton Cataract Power Company paid the Government in 1907 for water from the Welland Canal \$21,205.

Wonder why, Mayor McLaren, the Council kept Mr. Hellmuth's name as power contract expert so dark? Was it feared he would be "fixed" by some interest?

The Ontario branch of the Dominion Alliance has called a convention for March 3 and 4 in Toronto. The year 1909 promises to be fruitful in effort for temperance progress.

One of the difficulties in the way of law reform is the necessity of law costs which must follow any reasonable measure. How can we expect the lawyers to reduce their own emoluments?

Mr. Barnard, M. P. for Victoria, by grace of the forged Borden telegram, manifests no disposition to give up the stolen goods. He apparently does not admit that the receiver is as bad as the thief.

Stanley Mills & Co.'s idea for promoting Hamilton industries by a made-in-Hamilton special exhibit is a good one. Pity more would not take it up instead of knocking local concerns in the interest of outsiders.

It exasperates the Spectator to mention the fact that in exchanging Zimmerman for Stewart the city got a real deal and Hamilton industries lost a very good friend. But it is what people all over the city, Grits and Tories, are frankly saying.

The power monopoly organ declares that "it requires no expert knowledge of electrical science to enable one to recognize the salient facts of the local power situation." Yes, its treatment of the subject would indicate that it regards knowledge of the situation as the least qualification for discussing it.

George Wright, of Halifax, protests against low forms of public amusements which tend to demoralize the youth of the country. We gather from Mr. Wright's communication that there is room for improvements in Halifax. He even hints that there is need of cleaning up in "Toronto the Good."

The usual stories as to the success of Manitoba's Provincial telephone system continue to come in in varying forms, with promises of reductions in rates. As yet, only increases have been made, and the Provincial methods of bookkeeping are such as "surpluses" will not be credited until a careful examination of the public accounts has been made.

King Menelik, who calls himself "The King of Kings," and claims descent from Solomon and the Queen of Sheba, is said to be dying. The Abyssinian monarch maintained a large and efficient army equipped with modern weapons, and, before the succession is settled, it is to be feared that there will be much bloodshed in Abyssinia.

A two hundred million cement combination is projected in the United States, with the object of keeping up prices and "regulating" the supply of distribution. It is said that cement will be advanced from 25 to 35c a barrel immediately upon the organization being perfected. Those in the combination, however, deny that increase of prices is aimed at.

Rumors of a widespread plot to overthrow the new Turkish constitutional government and re-establish absolutism are now rife. It is interesting to note that the object of the alleged conspiracy is said to be the substitution of a Moslem fanatic instead of Abdul Hamid. The European press seems to take it for granted that there might be worse rulers than Abdul.

With due respect to Mr. Aylesworth and those members of the House who object to the use of the lash as the punishment for abuse of women, and for robbery with violence, we are unable to share their sentiments of horror at the proposal. The argument that the lash

is degrading is not a new one, and, moreover, it is not proposed to use it upon any criminals that it could possibly degrade. The men who amuse themselves by inflicting physical tortures upon their wives, and those who seek to profit by robbery with violence, are not in need of public sympathy, and are in no danger of being degraded by flogging. The judges might safely be trusted to see that the powers given them by the statute to order flogging when deserved, are not abused.

This journal has spent money in the employment of special writers qualified to discuss the disclosed terms of the Waterways Treaty in their effect upon the Hydro-Electric problem in Ontario. —Toronto Telegram.

If that be true, the public generally will think that the Telegram wasted good money to make a pitiful exhibition of a lot of ignorant, hysterical rot for which a self-respecting Canadian newspaper should be heartily ashamed.

The Sarnia Canadian (Tory), in its sour and disgruntled humor, declares that "Canada's credit is weakening." We venture to say that no honest, intelligent Canadian for a moment thinks so. The excellence of Canada's credit is a matter of common remark in financial circles in Great Britain. A question of more or less in interest rate is merely a matter of tightness or looseness of money in the world's markets; but as to Canada's credit there has never been a shadow of a doubt.

The fairness (?) of the Toronto News is illustrated by charging the crime of Moir to "the present system of immigration." It will be remembered that Moir was tried for homicide and was found to be suffering from epilepsy, and is now incarcerated in the insane asylum. Nobody ever suspected him of being an epileptic until his trial. He had been two years in the country and was wearing his Majesty's uniform at the time of the crime. If Moir had been ten years in the country before it became suspected that he was an epileptic, doubtless the News would be equally ready to blame the Immigration Department.

Fourteen of the most important industries in Hamilton have iron and steel as their foundation, giving work to several thousand men. It would form an interesting chapter on Industrial Hamilton to gather the number of men employed in each of the establishments, the amount of wages paid, and the total output of the finished product. It would open the eyes of the Liberal shriekers for free trade or a reduction in the tariff. —Spectator.

Sounds familiar, doesn't it? But the writer should bear in mind when he feels like "throwing himself" in that way that Hamilton and its industries just began to recover from the evil days of the N. P. and to forge ahead and expand when a Liberal Government reduced and reformed the tariff and took the letters off. Hamilton's prosperity dates from the accession of a Liberal tariff-reducing Government!

Fires in Montreal.

There were in Montreal last month 115 fires calling for the services of the brigade. This was at the rate almost of one fire every four hours. This sort of thing is calculated to strengthen the impression that the cause of the heavy losses by burning which this and other cities suffer is to be found within rather than without the buildings, and that the brigade which keeps down fire losses in face of such conditions has to be lucky as well as efficient.

The York County Council decided to discontinue their grant of \$50 to the Canadian National Exhibition.

FOUND CUTICURA INDISPENSABLE

For Her Children—Little Girls Suffered with Itching Eczema Which Simply Covered Back of Head—Baby Had a Tender Skin, Too.

ALL PROMPTLY CURED BY "WONDERFUL OINTMENT"

"Some years ago my three little girls had a very bad form of eczema. Itching eruptions formed on the backs of their heads which were simply covered. Before I heard of Cuticura, I used to try almost everything, but they failed. Then my mother recommended the Cuticura Remedies. I washed my children's heads with Cuticura Soap and then applied the wonderful ointment, Cuticura. I did this four or five times and I can say that they have been entirely cured. I have another baby who is so plump that the folds of skin on her neck were broken and even bled. I used Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment and the next morning the trouble had disappeared. I am using the Cuticura Remedies yet whenever any of my family have any sores, I can never recommend Cuticura sufficiently; it is indispensable in every home. I cannot find its equal. Mme. Napoleon Dupepe, 41 Duluth St., Montreal, Que., May 21, 1907."

PAINFUL ULCER On Foot for a Year. Healed by Two Sets of Cuticura

"I had an ulcer on my foot for a year or more and it was very painful as it was a running sore. I had a doctor, but his treatment did not heal it. About eight months ago I commenced to use Cuticura Soap, Cuticura Ointment, and Cuticura Pills. I used two sets and it is now all healed up. J. E. Fisher, West Brewster, Mass., April 29, 1907."

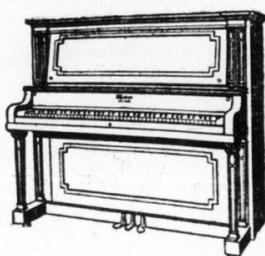
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RUSH OF PIANO BUYERS

Everybody is Taking Advantage of Geo. W. Carey's Retiring from Business Sale

Yesterday was another busy day at the great Carey Retiring from Business Sale and many beautiful pianos found new homes.

Never in the history of the piano trade have such beautiful instruments been offered at such ridiculously low prices, but the goods must be sold, and the only way to sell them is to make price the object.



There are no finer pianos in the world than Mason & Risch New Scale Williams Haines Bros. Ennis & Co. Newcombe Dominion Krydner and all are offered at from

\$100 to \$200

below the regular prices, so our loss is your gain. We do not hesitate to say this is the finest collection of high-grade pianos ever seen under one roof, and it seems a pity to see them go so cheap, but we want to close everything out in the shortest time possible, and in many cases goods are offered at less than the cost to make them.

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If you haven't got the money, borrow it, for this opportunity will never come again

25 Organs at \$10, \$15, \$20, \$25, \$30

Everything Guaranteed Your Own Terms Prevail

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OUR EXCHANGES

Your Valentine. (Belleville Intelligencer.) Soon be time to get the valentine verse machine oiled up. Going to send her something nice this year? Both Claim It. (Toronto Globe.) That must be a pretty good Government at Ottawa. Everything it undertakes to do the Opposition yells, "I saw it first." Carried unanimously then. Foster's Economy. (Ottawa Free Press.) Hon. Mr. Aylesworth yesterday presented a bulky return moved for on Feb. 10 last year by Mr. Foster, relating to the release of convicts since 1896. Later

on, it was stated by the Minister of Justice that the preparation of this return, which covered 686 pages, had cost the country \$2,000. That is the way in which the member for North Toronto practises economy! But Not Always. (Toronto News.) Natural gas would make an almost ideal fuel if it were not for its habit of giving out when the thermometer is ten below zero. Certainly. (Guelph Herald.) It sounds strange to hear the Hamilton Times talking about "Obstacles to Reform," but nevertheless that paper ought to be an authority on the subject. Air Too Strong. (Toronto Star.) An unemployed person, hired by the city to shovel snow, has just paid a fine for drunkenness. Our champagne air,

which word-painters are never tired of referring to, must have gone to his head. Just Like New York. (London Advertiser.) "Are we being Americanized?" asks a contemporary. "Judging by the spread of the 5-cent theatre, the shoe-shine parlor and the quick-lunch restaurant, we are." May Invade Canada. (Major-General Lake.) "How about Japan?" asked General Lake. "When Japan has pulled herself together and reorganized her army and navy, as she is doing; when she feels the need for expansion, it is quite certain in what direction that line of expansion is going to trend. When China awakens and realizes that she has hundreds of millions living under difficulties on land cultivated to the last point, will she be satisfied to stand still? We see signs of nationalhood in India. Great Britain

has been working to educate India, and she cannot stop. These recent ebullitions, a sort of agitation by outrage, may check the process for a time, but cannot stop it. India is going to be a nation, and in the course of the present century we are going to have to face a great fight, a desire for expansion on the part of these big Oriental nations. They are bound to do that soon, and it seems to me that every white inhabitant of America is given a live and pressing problem. How far are we going to share the country with the eastern peoples, and their ideals, moral and religious, and family life to obtain here as opposed to the western ideals? If mere arguments," he proceeded, "will not prevail we shall need force behind, and must prepare to fight for our ideals." Three anti-Japanese bills were considered in the California Assembly yesterday and two were beaten. The only one which passed was Grove Johnson's bill, providing for the segregation of Japanese children and placing them in special Asiatic schools.

CONTROL OF POWER RATES.

City Will Ask Government to Include Cataract Company

Which Gets Its Water Supply From the Government.

Economy to be the Watchword of the Year.

The city's latest move to hold a tight rein on the Cataract Power Company is through the Dominion Railway Commission...

As forecasted some weeks ago, rigid economy is to be practiced this year.

The committee acted on the suggestion in Mayor McLaren's inaugural address...

The aldermen agreed to wait until they see what becomes of the application to the Government for permission to issue debentures for \$237,000...

The money market is in first-class shape now," said City Clerk Kent.

The committee decided to call for tenders on all the debentures at the same time.

The matter of getting a new and more suitable form of debenture was referred to a small committee.

City Solicitor Wedell suggested that, as Ald. Crerar was going to move in the Council on Monday for the appointment of a committee with power to go to the Legislature and ask for permission for the city to build a switch to the bay-front, a by-law being submitted later to the ratepayers for the money, it would be a good idea to apply at the same time for authority for the city to acquire low lying marsh lands, fill them in, and have the Government's permission to dispose of them to manufacturers on terms to be agreed upon, exemptions included.

The money for filling these lands could be raised by submitting by-laws to the people.

Mayor McLaren thought that this might interfere with the city getting the patents it is now applying for, and it was decided to take no action along this line for the present.

The report that a deputation had appeared before the provincial authorities in support of the application for a patent to the Coal Oil Inlet, and that the patent had been granted as soon as the city arranged to give the Radial, Grand Trunk and T. H. & B. right of way.

The city solicitor was instructed to prepare a plan of the west end marsh lots.

An account of \$150 from Andrew Thompson, an Ottawa solicitor, who looked after the city's interests when the Radial bill was up, was ordered paid.

Mrs. Morton, Miss Simpson and J. Orr Callaghan appeared on the petition of Y. W. C. A., which is asking for a grant of \$500 towards the fund to erect a new building. Last year's Council recommended this grant. It will be taken up at the next meeting with the other grants.

The aldermen talked again of granting \$1,000 this year and a similar amount next year to the charitable organizations for the municipal lodging house. They decided to defer action until they got an agreement from the representatives of the societies that they would be satisfied with this.

The usual grant of \$25 was made to the Ontario Municipal Association.

Hamilton will not join with Halifax in a petition for legislation to empower municipalities to pay the cost of fire insurance, because the city solicitor reported that the laws of Ontario gave the city all the scope it required.

Burlington sent the city a bill for \$15 for caring for Jordan Dillard, and this and another bill for \$9 from the Toronto General Hospital for caring for John Hanwood will not be paid. The aldermen said that Hamilton had to care for many outsiders and was never reimbursed.

LOOKING AHEAD.

Finch Bros. are looking ahead and preparing for the season to come, but at present they are advertising some extraordinary reductions for things for present wear and use. It is the time of the year to buy, if you want to save. Read their large advertisement for particulars and prices. Remember the tremendous sale of women's coats at \$2.39, \$3.59, \$7.59 and \$9.59. These represent in most cases half prices. The stylish millinery now to go at \$2.49 and \$3.49. Also a clearing lot of dress skirts at \$6.50, \$4.25 and \$2.50. Also a great sale of dress goods at most surprising prices. In fact, every department in the store is sharing in the saving economies, many too numerous to mention here. But these Saturday sale events are looked forward to, and to-morrow's offering should crowd the store from opening time. Remember Finch Bros., King street west.

KNOX CHURCH Y. M. U.

Mr. A. S. Cruickshank addressed Knox Church Young Men's Union last evening on "History." The subject was handled in a manner that made it both interesting and instructive. Mr. Cruickshank has an original chart which shows the leading dates in the history of the world since Adam. The chart, however, more particularly covers Canadian history, and it is drawn up in such a way that with very little study one can secure a good understanding of the subject.

Wm. Mayne, a cattleman, dropped dead at Toronto.

HELD DEBATE.

Victoria Avenue Baptist Young People on Temperance.

The Victoria Avenue Baptist Literary Society held its regular meeting last night. It was opened by a brief speech by the president, and Miss Glodow favored the audience with a piano solo. The subject for debate was "Resolved, that prohibition is detrimental to the locality in which it is enforced." The debaters for the affirmative were Miss Keoppe and Mr. Atkins, and for the negative Mr. Freed and Miss Aekert. Mr. McCullough was judge, and gave his decision in favor of the negative side. Mr. Houlding favored the meeting with a vocal solo, "The Henpecked Man." Rev. Edgar Allen spoke, and his speech was greatly enjoyed by all present. The meeting was closed by singing "God Save the King."

OWNERSHIP.

Westminster Young Men Debated the Subject.

The Men's Society of the Westminster Presbyterian Church met last evening to hear a debate on "Public vs. Private Ownership." The debate was ably handled, Mr. G. Knox and Mr. G. Hewish advocating public ownership, and Mr. Jamieson and Mr. John Stephens that of private ownership. By a vote of those present public ownership won. Mr. Bonny addressed the meeting, as did also the pastor, Rev. J. Roy Van Wyck. The society will hold a social evening Feb. 18.

THE SEASONS.

Delightful Social by First Methodist Mission Band.

A unique entertainment, given last evening in First Methodist School-room, by the Mission Band, attracted a large number who greatly enjoyed a "Season Social." Four booths, elaborately decorated, represented the seasons, and in these dainty refreshments were served. Spring was a bower of apple blossoms and pink and white lanterns, with birds which rivalled the singers during the programme. Summer had crimson ramblers and red candles. Fall, autumn leaves and yellow flowers, and Winter looked very cosy with evergreen and red bells.

The following programme was given: Chairman's address, Rev. R. J. Treleaven; piano duet, Misses Nixon and Walker; reading, Mr. Russell Treleaven; violin solo, Miss Nichols; vocal solo, Miss Alma Tallman; vocal duet, Misses Chagnon and Treleaven; recitation, Violet Thompson; vocal solo, Mr. Herbert Nichols.

THE LIBRARY.

East End Adding to Its List of Patrons.

The first regular meeting of the Hamilton Public Library Board of 1909 was held yesterday afternoon in the board room. R. C. Fearman presiding. Accounts amounting to \$1,163.54 were passed. Librarian Hunter reported that 71 volumes of "Engineering" were received a short time before the meeting from the estate of the late Hugh Fairgrieve. The board directed that its thanks be conveyed to the administrators.

The usual resolution to employ Adam Hunter and his efficient staff at the same salaries and on the same terms as heretofore was passed.

New cards to the number of 154 were issued during January 197 new books added to the library; 15,144 books out during the month, being an increase of 1,152 over December's issue.

The sum of \$89.56 was collected and \$31.60 spent. Petty balance \$57.96.

The board street branch issued 63 new cards in January, making 542 patrons of the branch; 1,789 books out during the month; \$7.83 collected.

HALL & HYKE.

Judgment Secured by Hamilton Men at Niagara Falls.

Niagara Falls, Feb. 4.—In the Division Court yesterday before Judge Wells judgment was given in favor of Hamilton parties against two men named Hall and Hyke, absconding Hamilton undertakers, charged with the fraudulent removal of two carloads of goods from Hamilton, which were placed under seizure here some time ago. At that time other goods, horses, etc., were taken across the river, where they were seized and sold by the customs authorities, who charged the two men with making false customs entries. The trial of Hall and Hyke on this charge comes up before the Federal grand jury at Buffalo in March. A bailiff will sell the furniture and distribute the proceeds to the creditors.

Hall and Hyke did business while in this city, on Barton street east, and disappeared a couple of months ago after getting horses, rigs, furniture, etc., upon which, it is alleged, they paid little or nothing. At the time they skipped it was said they had had only one burial in three months.

First Day of the February Clearing Sale.

R. McKay & Co. are offering some of the best buying chances of the whole year for to-morrow, the first day of their annual clearing sale. Bargain examples such as these will crowd this store again to-morrow. Valenciennes lace insertions, 1c yard, worth regularly 5c. Plain Chantilly laces and insertions, worth regular 25 and 35c. Saturday sale price 5c yard. Pure silk trimming braids, assorted colors, regular selling price 15c. Saturday sale price 5c yard. Five dozen Directors rose hat pins, worth regular \$1.50, sale price 30c each; 10 dozen dainty new spring white multi waists, worth regular \$2, sale price 98c each. Children's Berlin wool scarfs, good value at 25c, sale price 19c each; regular 40c leggings for 19c; and every woman should visit the dress goods section and view the new costume lengths on sale at half price.—R. McKay & Co.

Stanley Mills & Co. Friday, February 5th, 1908. The Great Home Industrial Exposition Will be at its Best To-morrow. An exposition of commerce and industry surpassing in comprehensiveness, interest and educational value, anything that has ever been attempted in a Canadian Store. Come To-morrow.

Everything is in perfect running order now. All the exhibits and demonstrations are in full swing, reminding one of nothing so much as a great world's fair. The whole 3rd floor is a fascinating scene—brilliant with lights, gay with flags and decorations, merry with eager throngs and bewildering with the whirl and burr of machinery. This store never does things by halves, and when we say this Industrial Exposition exceeds its three important predecessors, you can come to-morrow expecting much.

- List of Exhibitors: Chadwick Bros., Hamilton Mirror Plate Co., T. W. Jutten, Meriden Britannia Co., Geo. E. Tuckett Son Co., Times Printing Co., Herald Printing Co., Robert Duncan & Co., Geo. H. Lees & Co., Ontario Engraving Co., Canadian Westminster Carpet Co., Spectator Printing Co., Duncanson Lithographing Co., Chipman & Holton Knitting Co., Eagle Knitting Co., Van Allen Co., Limited, W. E. Sanford Manufacturing Co., Hamilton Colton Co., Ellis Manufacturing Co., G. F. Glasco & Co., Geo. Adams, Force Food Co., Bennett Bros.

- List of Exhibitors: Hamilton Stamp & Stencil Works, Hand Fireworks Co., Imperial Cotton Co., Jas. Smart & Co., Canadian Shovel Co., Welland Vale Manufacturing Co., Canada Screw Co., Menkens & Sons, Commercial Oil Co., Canadian Hart Corundum Co., Canadian Draw Steel Co., Canadian Steel Goods Co., Hamilton Shovel Co., Gurney-Tilden Co., Limited, Hamilton Glove Co., Buntin, Gillies & Co., John McPherson & Co., Campbell's Pottery, Domestic Specialty Co., Dominion Soap Co., R. Soper, Collegiate Institute, Fowler Canadian Co., Wood Milling Co.

- List of Exhibitors: S. G. Buskard, Foster Potting Co., John E. Brown, Canadian Meter Co., F. W. Bird & Son, Ben Hur Manufacturing Co., Dominion Belting Co., Gustiana Bros., The Hamilton Pressed Brick Co., Geo. Frid & Co., Clappison Pipe & Boiler Covering Co., Banwell-Hoxie Fence Co., Burrow, Stewart & Milne, Canada Wire Goods Co., Brown, Boggs & Co., Dowdell Manufacturing Co., McClary Manufacturing Co., Walter Woods & Co., B. Greening Wire Co., Consolidated Hardware Mfg. Co., Brown, Boggs & Co., James Jolley & Sons, Balfour, Smye & Co., White & Co.

- List of Exhibitors: Hamilton Cataract Light & Power Co., Canadian Westinghouse Co., Hamilton Willow Works Co., William Peace Co., Limited, Hamilton Steel & Iron Co., Limited, Ontario Lamp & Lantern Co., Frederick Reynolds, J. W. & Sons, Ontario Silver Co., Ohio Tool Co., Globe Pipe Co., W. H. Terhuma, Jas. Crawford, H. L. Bastien, V. H. Mitchell, Stanley Mills & Co., Limited, Canadian Cannery, Limited, A. W. Maguire, Wagstaffe, Limited, McLaren's, Limited, Young, Winfield, Limited, T. Upton Co., Limited, Cyrus King, E. D. Smith, Imperial Spice Co.

Stand Up for Hamilton HAMILTON—Rightly named the Birmingham of Canada

Invitation to Workmen To-morrow afternoon and evening thousands of men employed in the various manufacturing centres throughout the city will be off duty, and to them we extend a special invitation to this store's interesting and instructive exhibit of Hamilton-made goods. Be sure and get one of our Guides to the Exposition to-morrow. Free to all. Tells all about the exhibits.

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Notion Bargains 6 dozen pairs of Women's Military Hose Supporters, in red, white, pink, blue, yellow or black; some with four straps of plain or fancy elastic, satin pad, and rubber button fasteners; also some of the "Princess Chic," with hip supporters and C. M. C. fasteners, also belt. Choice Saturday at 39c pair. 2 gross of Black Mending Wool, in balls, good quality and weight; regular 5c ball, Saturday 3 balls for 10c. 3 gross of Stiff Collar Forms, in either black or white, round or pointed in mostly all sizes, 12 to 16 inch; regular 5c each, on Saturday 2 for 1c.

700 New Lingerie Waists \$1.00 each on Sale To-morrow at - - \$1.00 each. One of the largest one-line purchases of Shirt Waists this store has ever made. All are advance spring models representing the prettiest and most popular styles in a full and comprehensive variety. It would be impossible to describe these waists in detail, and really they must be seen in order to properly appreciate their valuation. Speaking in a general way, there are waists of white lawn and of white vesting, some with embroidery fronts, some with embroidery or lace insertion, pin or wide tucking, open back or front, 3/4 or new mosquetaire sleeves, stylish collar, etc. Big range of sizes. Your pick to-morrow at all one price.....

Embroideries Corset Cover Embroideries, 18 inches wide, in pretty allover patterns, worth regularly 75c yd., Saturday special 49c. Blouse Fronts, in dainty blind and openwork patterns, 1/2 yard in each Blouse Length, Saturday special, per front 50c. Cotton Laces, in pretty Maltese Valenciennes and Irish lace patterns, 1 to 4 inches wide. Worth regularly 8 and 10c yard. Clearing Saturday at 5c. 100 yards of Embroidery Edging, in pretty blind and openwork patterns, from 5 to 9 inches wide. Worth regularly 20 and 25c yard. Choice on Saturday at 12 1/2c.

Ribbon Day 2 inch Taffeta Silk Ribbons, all colors, worth regularly 12 1/2c yard, on sale Saturday only 9c yard. Soft finish Taffeta Ribbons, 3/4 inch wide, suitable for hair bows; all the favorite colors, choice on Saturday at only 12 1/2c. 500 yards of heavy rich Taffeta Silk Ribbons, 4 1/2 inches wide, in white, sky, pink, green, navy, old rose, Copenhagen and grey; worth regularly 25c yard, Saturday only 19c. 5 1/2 inch Taffeta Silk Ribbons, beautiful finish for sashes, belts, hair bows, all colors; worth regularly 25c yard, Saturday only 22c. 4 1/2 inch black brilliant finish Taffeta, regular 25c yard, Saturday 16c.

50 Winter Coats Clearing Saturday at \$5.00. Worth Regularly \$10.00, \$12.50 and \$15.00. Oddments of splendid winter lines, all this season's styles, up-to-date and most desirable; sizes range from misses' size 14 up to 42 bust measure. They are made of Kersey, Beaver and Cheviot, in navy, brown, green and grey; loose, semi or tight-fitting models; some have coat collars, others with stole or high storm collars; single or double breasted. Worth regularly \$10.00 and \$12.50—a few at \$15.00. Choice on Saturday at all one price \$5.

Saturday Specials in Shoes Men's Dongola Kid and Box Calf Laced Boots, plain, lined and Blucher cut, with sewn soles, extension edge; sizes 6 to 10; worth regularly \$3.00, Saturday \$2.00. Women's Dongola Kid and Fine Box Calf Laced Boots, slip soles, military heels, "Empress" make; sizes 2 1/2 to 7, Saturday special \$1.98. Boys' Box Calf and Buff Boots, with heavy soles, extension edge and back straps; sizes to 5; regular \$1.50; Saturday special \$1.23.

Final Clearance of Small Lots of Furs To-morrow we will make our final clearance prices on our remaining odd lots of popular priced Furs. Those who have been waiting for this opportunity should be quick to take advantage of it as pieces are limited. Misses' Grey Lamb Capelines, and Women's Black Convex Capelines, worth regularly \$4.50, clearing at \$2.98. Misses' Imitation Grey Astrachan Capelines, worth regularly \$2.98, clearing Saturday at \$1.95. Women's Black Convex Storm Coats, clearing Saturday at \$1.95. Women's Marmot Stoles, regularly \$10.00, clearing Saturday at \$6.95. Muffs to match, at \$4.75.

Saturday Specials in Men's Goods Wonderful Values Men's Sample Underests, including English and best Canadian makes, in light, medium and heavy weight, medium and large sizes, worth regularly up to \$2.00 per garment, choice on Saturday at 80c. Men's Chester Wool Half Hose, pure Saxony wool, medium weight, seamless feet, worth regularly 37 1/2c pair, on sale Saturday at 25c. Men's Self-opening Umbrellas, fine twilled mixed covering, natural wood handles, worth regularly \$1.00, on sale Saturday at 60c.

Saturday Specials in Hosiery and Underwear "Made-in-Hamilton" Women's heavy elastic ribbed, plush lined Vests, in winter weight, with long sleeves, neat fitting cuffs, natural color, Saturday 39c. Women's heavy Union Vests, long sleeves, shaped waists, buttoned front, very special value, Saturday 19c each. Women's heavy Cashmere Hose, winter weight, seamless throughout, double heels and toes, very special value at 25c pair. Children's Cashmere Hose, sizes 4 1/2 to 7, at 25c pair.

Saturday Specials in Groceries 50 boxes of Choice Sweet Mexican Oranges will go on sale Saturday at 19c dozen. 20 dozen cans of Pitted Cherries, (2 lb. cans); regular 25c each; Saturday 2 for 25c. Extra fine California Prunes, Saturday 3 lbs. 25c. Pearl Tapioca 4 lbs. for 25c. Fancy Mixed Biscuits 3 lbs. 25c. Assorted Canned Vegetables, to-morrow 3 cans for 25c. Mince Meat 3 packages for 25c. Shredded Wheat Biscuits 2 pk'ts for 25c. Cleaned Currants 3 lbs. 25c.

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SCOTCH NICHT. Enjoyable Entertainment in St. James' Church. A very successful Scotch concert was held at St. James Presbyterian Church, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid, on Thursday evening. Mayor McLaren occupied the chair and Pipers T. Davenport and R. Landsborough opened the proceedings, with a tune on the bagpipes. A fine programme of Scotch songs was given by Mrs. Weir and Miss Selars, and by Messrs W. Davenport, T. Jackson, A. Rodgers, J. Dobson, G. Slosser and W. Scott; comic songs by Scott Morrison; piano selection by A. C. McMillan; recitations by Messrs. W. and T. Davenport. Miss Husband and Mr. McMillan acted as accompanists. A hearty vote of thanks, moved by R. S. Wallace and G. H. Milne was tendered to those assisting. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought to a close a "braw Scotch nicht."

Promptness Makes Sure. It will pay you to take prompt advantage of Treble's great shirt sale, starting to-morrow of manufacturer's stock at sixty-nine cents, regular one twenty-five quality. They certainly will sell fast at such big savings, and only promptness makes sure. C. P. R. and the W. O. Montreal, Feb. 4.—That the acquiring of the Wisconsin Central Railroad was the first step in the procuring of a straight line in every sense of the word between Montreal and St. Paul by the Canadian Pacific Railway, leaked out here to-day when it was more or less officially handed around the street that negotiations had been pending and were still under consideration for the purchase of the Pere Marquette Railway to connect Montreal with St. Paul.

MAY ARREST EDITOR Nesbitt-Macdonald Libel Action Grows More Interesting. Toronto, Feb. 4.—Defense lawyers in the Nesbitt-Macdonald libel case threatened to have Rev. J. A. Macdonald, editor of the Globe, arrested yesterday if it was the judgment of Justice Latchford in the non-jury assizes that the court had no jurisdiction over the case. N. W. Rowell, K. C., who appeared for Rev. Mr. Macdonald, pointed out to the court that as the defendant had not had his case brought up, nor had his case been traversed, the court had no jurisdiction, and the matter should be allowed to drop. Wallace Nesbitt, K. C., said that if the reason that the case could not proceed was that the defendant had not been arrested, that matter could be done at once. The trial goes on to-morrow.

THE GROCERS Will Interview Government on Law Reform. The regular monthly meeting of the Hamilton Retail Grocers' Association was held in the Board of Trade rooms last evening, with President John Forth in the chair and a large attendance present. The question of law reform was discussed. As this matter will be taken up by the Ontario Legislature at the coming session it was suggested that a deputation be sent to Toronto to interview the Government in regard to a simpler procedure for the collection of small accounts. Regret was expressed at the defeat of the good roads by-law at the last election and hopes were expressed that the City Council may be able to devise some way to raise the money to improve the city streets. It is the intention of the association to hold a series of debates that will be of interest to the members in the near future. The secretary was instructed to invite Mr. H. C. Beckett to give an address at the next regular meeting. With reference to the Canadian Associated Press cable of Jan. 11, the Secretary of the Imperial Press Conference says there is no idea of any kind or sort of party politics in the invitation to newspaper colleagues overseas. On Thursday the ratepayers of Kingston carried the by-law to grant the Wornwith Piano Company a bonus of \$10,000 to prevent it moving to another place, in view of the big loss it sustained by fire in December. If we pay for the music we will join in the dance.—French.



MUSIC AND THE DRAMA. My Prayer, one of Mendelssohn's greatest and most pleasing compositions.

"The Servant in the House" engagement at the Grand Opera House will be for one performance only, Monday night, Feb. 8.

A ROMANTIC COMIC OPERA. At the Grand Opera House, for one performance only, next Thursday evening, "The Golden Butterfly."

AT THE SAVOY NEXT WEEK. "The Galley Slave," a reflex of American society abroad, one of Bartley Campbell's best known dramas.

AT THE BENNETT THEATRE. "Pat and the Genii," the amusing Irish comedy in which Tom Nawn, the well-known comedian, will make his first appearance here in vaudeville.

TWILIGHT RECITAL TO-MORROW. The following compositions by Mendelssohn will be rendered by W. H. Hewlett at the usual monthly organ recital in Centenary Church to-morrow afternoon.

SHOT GIRL AND SELF.

Pope in Love Frenzy Kills Himself; Girl Will Recover.

New York, Feb. 3.—Harry C. Pope, a saloonkeeper of Williamsburg, to-day shot Bessie Schroeder, a 20-year-old girl, of whom he was enamored, in a Flatbush hotel and then killed himself by sending a bullet through his heart.

RESCUES BABY.

Ten-Year-Old Girl Takes Brother From Blazing Crib.

Pittsburg, Feb. 3.—With feet bare because her mother was too poor to buy shoes for her, Annie Ludowitz, 10 years old, walked twice across the burning floor of their home at 1409 Our Alley, to-day, and rescued her baby brother.

INSURANCE MACHINE.

Drop a Dime in the Slot and Get an Accident Policy Good For Week.

New York, Feb. 4.—Dime in the slot accident insurance is the latest convenience for those about to brave the terrors of transportation in New York or other dangers that lurk in the highways and byways of the city.

BORE OFF CHILD.

Eagle Carried Five-Year-Old Girl to Top of Barn.

New York, Feb. 4.—A despatch to the Herald from Gouverneur, N.Y., says: Josiah Olinfree, who resides in the town of Pittsford, on the edge of the Adirondacks, is rejoicing at the rescue of his little daughter from the clutches of a big blue headed eagle.

IMPEACH CASTRO.

Is Still President of Venezuela Under Terms of Constitution.

New York, Feb. 4.—That the new Government of Venezuela must bring a judicial prosecution on a criminal count against Cipriano Castro, self-exiled president of that country, in order to compass his return to office, was learned to-day from Count Luigi Aldrovandi, acting Italian chargé d'affaires at Caracas on the steamship Julia.

STRUCK BY TRAIN.

Herman Schaaf Probably Fatally Injured at Berlin Crossing.

Berlin, Ont., Feb. 4.—Herman Schaaf, a farmer whose home is near Berlin, was hurt at a level crossing here this afternoon, and lies at the hospital in a precarious condition with a fractured skull, the doctors holding out no hope for his recovery.

The Right House. HAMILTON'S FAVORITE SHOPPING PLACE. Great February Reduction Sales.

The goods you want at one-third to one-half less than you would have to pay elsewhere.

PRETTY STRONG assertion that! But customers tell us the same thing everyday. And a visit to The Right House will demonstrate its certain truth.

Good black dress goods. A tremendous February sale. VOILES, Panamas, Armures, Serges, Cheviots, Satin Cloths, Venetians, Henriettas, Cashmères, Crepe de Chines, Brillantines.

Black silks. BEAUTIFUL firm rich weaves in good-wearing Taffetas and Beau de Soies that every woman will have many uses for.

Colored dress goods. You save full half to a third. PLAIN shades and rich novelty effects in such desirable weaves as Broadcloths, Venetians, Panamas, Worsteds, Cheviots, Chevrons, Serges, Diagonals and novelties.

Winter coats for women, misses and girls: average half price. \$2.00, formerly \$8.50. \$3.00, formerly \$10.00. \$12.50, formerly \$18.50.

Sealette coats made free. WE will make entirely free of a charge, every Sealette Coat for which the customer buys the materials here during this great February Clearance Sale.

Women's Right House tailored Separate skirts are reduced. THREE great sale groups of smart new Dress Skirts will be on sale again to-morrow.

Lace, net and silk blouses. Lovely dressy sorts greatly reduced. \$3.59 for our regular \$5.00 Blouses. \$3.98 for our regular \$7.50 Blouses. \$5.00 for our regular \$10.00 Blouses.

Table cloth and napkin sale. A stock adjustment reduction sale. PRACTICALLY our entire stock of good Cloths and Napkins are in the sale.

NEWS FROM THE OLD LAND. Many Interesting Happenings Reported From Great Britain.

(London Daily Mail.) A fierce blizzard swept Dorset, Devon, Somerset, Wales, Lancashire, Yorkshire, the Border country and the west of Scotland during the week-end.

PERILS OF MOVING BOG. Impelled by heavy floods behind it a bog, thousands of acres in size, on Mount Mary Kilmore, near Ballygar, County Galway, began moving on Sunday and has engulfed farms and hamlets at the foot of the mountain.

STRAW BUSHIES FOR WOMEN. The battle of the hats has ended in the complete rout of the "Merry Widow" which has retired from the millinery arena a victim to the newer charms of the spring busby.

FANCY DRESS TRAGEDY. The death of Miss Elizabeth Crayston, a nurse at the Liverpool Royal Infirmary, who was fatally burned at a fancy dress party, was the subject of an inquiry by the Liverpool coroner.

"SPIRITUALISM'S CURSE." Strange letters were read at an inquest held at Manchester on Monday concerning the death of John Houghton, aged thirty-nine, a school teacher, of Whalley Range, who shot himself.

BLIND BEGGAR GIRL. In a lecture on Monday at the Victoria Institute upon "Science and the Unseen World," Dr. A. T. Schofield gave an account of what he described as a cure of blindness by faith-healing.

BRITON OR BOER? According to Professor Wallace, of Edinburgh University, the Briton cannot manage the South African native as well as the Boer can.

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Charles Mitchell, a Peterboro postman, was committed for trial on a charge of robbing the mails.

PENSION PROBLEM. A problem not covered by the old-age Pensions Act has occurred at West Bromwich, Birmingham, where a pensioner, John Harper, after drawing two sums of five shillings, gave his book to his wife and entered the workhouse.

VETERANS' REQUESTS. Ottawa, Feb. 4.—Representatives of the veterans of '66 from all parts of Canada will march to Parliament Hill to-morrow from the City Hall to lay before Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the members of the Government a memorial setting forth their claims to land grants from the Dominion similar to those granted the South African veterans.

AUSTRALIA'S WELCOME. To the New South African Union. Melbourne, Feb. 4.—Premier Fisher and Mr. Deakin welcome the South African Union to the family of nations within the empire in the warmest manner.

The Capital Question. Cape Town, Feb. 4.—The responsible newspapers of the Transvaal refuse to denounce the compromise on the capital question. The Cape press is moderate, while that of Natal is still hostile, though the Times would prefer the compromise to the failure of the whole scheme.

Men Who Fought in Fenian Raid Gathering at Ottawa. Ottawa, Feb. 4.—Representatives of the veterans of '66 from all parts of Canada will march to Parliament Hill to-morrow from the City Hall to lay before Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the members of the Government a memorial setting forth their claims to land grants from the Dominion similar to those granted the South African veterans.

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MARKETS AND FINANCE

TORONTO MARKETS

FARMERS' MARKET

The offerings of grain to-day were fair. Wheat, fall, bush \$1.00 0.00. Do, goose, bush 0.94 0.00. Oats, bush 0.46 0.47. Barley 0.56 0.60. Rye, bush 0.69 0.70. Peas, bush 0.88 0.90. Hay, per ton 12.00 13.50. Do, No. 2 13.00 11.00. Straw, per ton 13.00 0.00. Dressed hogs 9.25 9.75. Butter, dairy 0.25 0.28. Do, creamery 0.30 0.35. Eggs, new laid 0.30 0.35. Chickens, dressed, lb 0.27 0.28. Geese, lb 0.14 0.17. Turkeys, lb 0.18 0.20. Carriage, per dozen 0.50 0.75. Celery, per dozen 0.50 0.75. Potatoes, bag 0.75 0.85. Onions, bag 0.85 0.90. Apples, barrel 3.00 5.00. Beef, hindquarters 8.50 10.00. Do, forequarters 6.00 7.00. Do, choice, carcass 8.00 8.50. Do, med., carcass 5.50 7.00. Mutton, per cwt 7.00 9.00. Veal, prime, per cwt 10.50 12.00. Lamb, per cwt 10.50 12.00.

LIVE STOCK

The railways reported a total of 123 car loads of live stock at the city market for Wednesday and Thursday, consisting of 1,981 cattle, 2,646 hogs, 938 sheep and lambs, 118 calves and one horse. Exporters—Mr. Rowntree quoted them at \$5 to \$5.30, although for a few odd cattle of extra quality he paid more money. Bulls for export ranged from \$4 to \$4.50. Butchers—Prime picked lots of butchers' cattle were very scarce, not more than two loads, or say, 40 cattle out of nearly 2,000 on sale, could be classed as such. These sold from \$4.90 to \$5.25, the latter figure being paid for 16 cwt. the 1,135 lb. each. McDonald & Halligan sold two lots of 35 each, 1,100 lbs. each, at the latter price; medium loads, \$4 to \$4.40; common, \$3.50 to \$3.80; cows, \$3 to \$4.25, with some extra quality, \$4.40; canners and best cows, \$1.50 to \$2.60. Feeders and Stockers—Common feeders, 900 to 1,000 lbs. each, at \$3.70 to \$4.15; best stockers, 700 to 900 lbs. each, at \$3.30 to \$3.70; medium stockers, 600 to 900 lbs. each, at \$3 to \$3.50. Milk and Springers—Receipts fairly large, with a fair trade at a little lower quotations generally. Prices ranged from \$50 to \$60, but few brought the latter figure. Veal Calves—A moderate supply of veal calves sold at \$5 to \$6.50, with a few of choice quality going at \$7 per cwt. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts of sheep and lambs were light, which sold at firm prices. Sheep, ewes, \$4 to \$4.25; yearling ewes, \$4.50; rams, \$3 to \$3.50; lambs, \$5.50 to \$6.40 per cwt. Hogs—Mr. Harris quoted the market about steady at \$8.50 for select f.o.b. and watered at the market, and \$6.65 f.o.b. cars at country points to the drovers.

PROVISIONS

Pork—Short cut, \$23 to \$24 per barrel, mess, \$19.50 to \$20. Lard—Strong, tierces, 12 1/2; tubs, 12 1/2; pails, 13c. Smoked and Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, 11c to 11 1/2c; tons and cases, hams, large, 11c to 13c; small, 13 1/2c to 14c; rolls, 10 1/4c to 11c; breakfast bacon, 15c to 16c; green meats out of pickle, 1c less than smoked. SEEDS. Prices at country points are: Alsike—No. 1, \$7.50 to \$7.75; extra fancy lots a little higher. No. 2, \$7 to \$7.25. No. 3, \$6.75 to \$7 per bushel. Red Clover—\$4.50 to \$5.50 per bushel, according to quality. Timothy—\$1.50 to \$2.10 per bushel, according to quality. London, Feb. 4.—Calcutta linned, February-March, 42s 9d per 412 lbs. BALED HAY AND STRAW. Prices in car lots on track, Toronto, are: Hay—No. 1, timothy, \$10.50 to \$11; inferior, \$9 to \$10. Straw—Range is from \$6.50 to \$7.50, according to quality. SUGAR MARKET. St. Lawrence sugars are quoted as follows: Granulated, \$4.60 per cwt. in barrels, and No. 1 golden, \$4.20 per cwt. in barrels. These prices are for delivery here. Car lots, 5c less.

OTHER MARKETS

WINNIPEG WHEAT MARKET. Wheat—February \$1.02 bid, July \$1.05 5/8 bid. May \$1.04 5/8 bid. Oats—February 28 7/8c bid, May 42c bid. London—Raw sugar, Muscovado, 10s; centrifugal, 11s; beet sugar, Feb. 10s; Calcutta linned, Feb. March, 42s 9d; linned oil, 21s 6d. Sperm oil, 28s; refined, petroleum, American refined, 7 1/8d; spirits, 7 1/4d; turpentine spirit, 29s 6d; rosin, American, strained, 8s 3d; fine, 15s 3d. London—London cables for cattle are steady, at 12c to 13 1/8c per lb. dressed weight; refrigerator beef is quoted at 10 1/4c to 10 3/8c per lb.

COBALT MINING STOCKS

Montreal took the lead in the mining market to-day, with a boom in Crown serve as the feature. The stock went as high there as 2.96 for 60-day delivery. In the local trading the failure of a firm which has been prominent on the Standard Exchange rather dampened the enthusiasm of market followers. Silver Queen had another sharp drop on further bearish reports from the camp. Crown Reserve sold at 2.80 here.

STANDARD EXCHANGE

Thursday Morning Sales. Amalgamated—500 at 10 1/2, 500 at 10 1/2. Beaver Consolidated—100 at 27. City of Cobalt—100 at 2.53, 100 at 2.50, 100 at 2.50, 200 at 2.50. Cobalt Lake—100 at 16 1/2. Cobalt Central—200 at 48 1/2, 500 at 47 1/2. Buyers 30 days, 5,000 at 50. Crown Reserve—100 at 2.80 1/2, 100 at 2.80.

TORONTO EXCHANGE

Thursday Morning Sales. Crown Reserve—500 at 2.80, 500 at 2.80. Scotia—1,000 at 63, 500 at 63, 500 at 63, 1,000 at 63. Silver Queen—200 at 85, 2,000 at 79, 500 at 79, 500 at 79. City of Cobalt—100 at 89, 100 at 89. Little Nipissing—500 at 41 1/2. Beaver Consolidated—500 at 26, 500 at 26, 500 at 26. Peterson Lake—150 at 32. City of Cobalt—100 at 2.54. Nova Scotia—500 at 61 1/4, 500 at 61. Trethewey—200 at 1.58 1/2, 100 at 1.58 1/2. Thursday Afternoon Sales. Temiskaming—200 at 1.62 1/2, 100 at 1.62 1/2, 100 at 1.62. Otisew—500 at 42 1/2, 20 at 42, 10 at 42. Beaver—400 at 27. Coniagas—20 at 6.60. Silver Queen—200 at 73, 100 at 73. MONTREAL STOCKS. Montreal, Feb. 4.—Mexican and Twin City went scotching skyward to-day. Toronto Railway was also in the limelight, with Richelieu & Ontario also a feature. Mexican took a turn upward this morning, making about three points on an active market. The annual meeting will be held in the course of two weeks; the stock rose to 85 1/4, the highest price in the past two weeks, but reacted and closed at 84. There was a big buying demand for Toronto Railway, which stock rose to 129 3/4, and traders are reported as being very bullish inclined towards the stock despite the big movement of the past two months. Twin City rose to 104 1/2, on a heavy turnover. Montreal Power was also strong, closing at 116 1/4. Montreal Street Railway rose to 207. Richelieu was active and higher, closing at 81 1/2. The whole list was strong and trading was in large volume. CHINA'S PEANUT CROP. Peanuts form one of the largest crops over a large part of the northern provinces of China, and enter rather heavily into both the China coast and foreign trade. They are chiefly to Russian Pacific ports, Siam, Japan and Great Britain. Of the peanut oil the United States buys \$500,000 worth a year. COMMERCIAL NOTES. Buenos Ayres received a steamship tonnage of 551,601 in August and September, 1908, of which not a single ton was American. British foreign trade for the ten months ended October, 1908, covered imports, \$2,267,681,358, a decrease from 1907 of \$225,118,031, and exports \$1,550,810,416 a decrease of \$189,453,312, a total trade decrease of \$414,671,343. Quarry Bay, Hong Kong, now has the most important dock in the far east, the largest and most efficiently equipped, having a length of 787 feet. The Tasmania Agricultural and Pastoral Society held its annual carnival at Launceston, Tasmania, during October. American agricultural implements and machinery, windmills, traction engines, etc., were freely shown and well received, says Consul Henry D. Baker, of Hobart, Tasmania, who was there. Turkey wares American collars, shoe polish, porcelain and glassware, and Spain wares American steel, bolts, nuts, and wire. Canadians are accumulating money at a much faster rate than the banks and business men can profitably invest it there. The Ottawa October bank statement showed a decrease of \$64,000,000 in home loans in one year and an increase of \$6,000,000 in the loans made abroad, says a consular report. Liverpool shipping returns for 1907, though covering the entrance of 3,359 vessels of 8,127,419 tons, do not list a single American ship, unless maybe some little odd one is included in "other foreign nationalities," four vessels, aggregating 6,314 tons. HOW THE STARS AFFECT THE STOCK MARKET THIS MONTH. It is interesting to see how the stars

influence the stock market in February. Raphael, the London astrologer, ventures the following as "the voice of the heavens": 2nd.—Buy, speculate up to 3 p.m. 3rd.—Keep quiet. 4th.—Ask favors. 6th.—Do business up to 1 p.m.—then doubtful. 8th.—Uncertain. Postpone all important business. 9th.—Sell; the day is evil. 10th.—Buy and speculate in afternoon. 15th.—Unfortunate day. 18th.—Ask favors. 19th.—Very doubtful. Be careful. 20th.—Good for business. 22nd.—A very unfortunate day. 24th.—Ask favors. 26th.—An unfavorable day.

TO BEAT BANK OF ENGLAND.

A Montreal banker, who has just returned from New York, states that he has heard of plans on foot there to give New York a bank that will beat the Bank of England. Plans are approaching completion, he says, for a consolidation of the National City Bank and the National Bank of Commerce, with a combined capital and surplus of \$100,000,000 and deposits of about \$500,000,000, making it by far the biggest bank in the world. It is said that Frank A. Vanderlip, now president of the National City Bank, will become president of the merged institution. Valentin P. Snyder is president of the Bank of Commerce, and it is presumed he will have a high position in the new bank. The National City has a capital of \$25,000,000 and a surplus of \$10,000,000. Its deposits are in excess of \$20,000,000. The Bank of Commerce has a capital of \$25,000,000, a surplus of \$15,250,000, and deposits of about \$200,000,000. Pittsburgh, Feb. 5.—Oil opened unchanged at \$1.76.

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STOCK EXCHANGE.

On May 17, 1792, the First Agreement Among Brokers was Signed.

In the early part of March, 1792, the first notice was printed of the opening of a Stock Exchange office at 22 Wall street by A. L. Bleecker & Sons, J. Pinard, McKevs & Barclay, Cortlandt & Terrell, Jay & Sutton. These several firms had agreements of stock each day at noon, selling in rotation to insure equal opportunities for each other. Some of the broker specialists resented such a restricted organization, and on March 21 a meeting was called of the dissenting brokers for purposes of protection and a committee was appointed to provide a suitable room in which to assemble and to suggest such rules and regulations for conducting their business as the committee deemed necessary. The final result of this meeting, says Moody's Magazine, was the first signed agreement among dealers in securities, the oldest record now in the archives of the New York Stock Exchange. The agreement reads as follows: We, the subscribers, brokers for the purchase and sale of public stock, do solemnly promise and pledge ourselves to each other, for any person buy or sell from this day, that we will not, on commission, any kind of public stock at a less rate than one-quarter per cent. commission on the specie value, and that we will give a preference to each other in our negotiations. In testimony whereof we have signed our hands this 17th day of March, 1792. This organization had no local habitation for conducting exchange business. Like the curb brokers to-day, transactions were carried on in the open air at the point between the present numbers of 68 and 70 Wall street, under a famous old buttonwood tree that stood there with wide-spreading branches which protected them from the sun-rays and ordinarily inclement weather. Business in those days was not rushing and there was an air of leisure and calm about the gathering. Securities were not active enough to employ all the time of the brokers, so between times betting on the results of domestic and foreign political controversies and dealing in merchandise were included. The first inside quarters of the exchange were secured in 1793, when the building known as the north-east corner of Wall and William streets, was completed. The old buttonwood tree was abandoned and the dignity of the brokers' organization was elevated by the change. The Tontine Coffee House was controlled by a chartered company composed of subscribers at \$200 each, organized as a Merchants' Exchange.

The dealers in securities and the merchants were all jumbled up together, and at times when trading was brisk there was wild excitement and shouts which would have done credit to a band of Comanche Indians. No constitution for a stock exchange was adopted until 1817, when the New York Stock and Exchange Board was formally organized and a constitution adopted. Nathaniel Prime was appointed president and John Burson secretary.—New York Sun.

BRUTAL.

He—This is heavenly, darling! She—Divine. He—What a lovely girl! She—Angelic! Servant (entering)—Miss Alice, your tripe and onions is ready! GERMANY'S IRON DISCIPLINE. Sentry, Following Regulations, Refused to Rescue Drowning, Man. An extraordinary example of German military discipline which occurred near Bronikowen is attracting public attention and has given rise to a discussion as to whether or not it would be desirable to allow soldiers doing sentry duty liberty of action in cases where human life is endangered. A wealthy land owner of Bronikowen, Herr Arthur Kriede, was skating on Sensburg Lake when the ice broke and he fell through into the water. Close at hand a soldier was doing sentry duty and Kriede shouted to the soldier for help and begged him to render assistance. Military regulations, however, prohibit a soldier doing sentry duty from leaving his post under any circumstances. As this particular soldier could not render assistance to Kriede without leaving his post and thereby infringing military regulations, he remained where he was and watched Kriede drown before his eyes. There were several long poles lying near the spot, and the soldier need only have walked to the bank of the lake and held one of the poles to the drowning man in order to effect his rescue.—From the London Evening Standard.

A Winter's Tale.

Mme. De Navarro praised at a luncheon in New York American wit. "It was horribly cold the other afternoon," she said. "A bitter wind whirled down before his eyes. There were policemen had red, swollen faces, and all the teamsters, as they drove, kept slapping their poor frosted hands against their breasts. "Getting into my hansom I said to the driver: "This is real winter weather, isn't it?" "The driver nodded and smiled grimly. "I give you my word, ma'am," said he. "I ain't seen a butterfly all day."—Washington Star.

Man wants but little here below, except the things he knows he can't get.



A Birthday Fund has been started by many parents to provide a start in life for their children when reaching twenty-one . . .

An excellent means of providing a son or daughter with a good start on life's journey when they come of age, is to open a Birthday Savings Bank account in the child's name. Each birthday, deposit a sum to their credit, equal to their years—at five years, \$5.00, and at ten years, \$10.00.

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Tonic Sol Fa in Scotland.

(Windsor Record.) The 1909 Calendar of the college at London just to hand tells a marvellous story of what the system has done for Britain. The official figures for England and Wales were not published when the Calendar was issued, but those for the Scottish education department are published, showing that during the year elapsed in the report, 2,504 schools were taught Tonic Sol Fa.

INTERNATIONALS AND NATIONALS WON.

A small crowd at the Armory rink witnessed two fast and exciting games in the City Indoor League series. The first game was between the Internationals and St. Patricks, and it resulted in a win for the former by a score of 9 to 6. McLeod pitched for the Internationals, and considering that it was his first game, he made a creditable showing. The whole team was on edge, both in fielding and hitting. Davy Adams for St. Patricks, pitched a good game, but the support he received was poor. Padden and Casey were the only two that played to form, the rest of the team being off color. The teams lined up as follows: Internationals (9)—Hottrum 2b, D. McGavin for St. Patricks, and it resulted in a win for the former by a score of 9 to 6. McLeod pitched for the Internationals, and considering that it was his first game, he made a creditable showing. The whole team was on edge, both in fielding and hitting. Davy Adams for St. Patricks, pitched a good game, but the support he received was poor. 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TO-DAY'S CAIRD.	
O. H. A. Junior	—Toronto R. C.
O. H. A. Junior	—Mount Forest and Lincolnton at Stratford at Woodstock.
O. H. A. Junior	—Berlin at Brantford, postponed.
Federal League	—Smith's Fall at Senators, Renfrew at Cornwall.
Northern League	—Durham at Midway.
Northumberland League	—Brighton at Coburg.
Temiskaming League	—Cobalt at Lisboard.

SHORT ENDS.

Little Paragraphs of Sport From Far and Near.

The Hamilton Homing Pigeon Club will meet in the Arcade Hall to-night. Officers will be elected.

Hugh Duffy won the Eastern League golfed the international. Somebody suggested that Toronto and Montreal might drop out. Sixatters said that Toronto would be in the game as long as there is a league to play in.

Waltham, Mass., Feb. 5.—John Clarkson, famous the land over as a baseball pitcher in the days when \$10,000 release prices began to be paid between National League clubs, died yesterday of pneumonia. Clarkson's name developed with his work as a pitcher for the Chicago Club in the early 80's. His release was purchased for \$10,000 by the Boston Club in 1887. Clarkson was 48 years old.

Ruby Waddell has returned to St. Louis after a delightful visit in Sparta, Ill. The eccentric pitcher left the day after Sparta went "dry."

Rumor has it that President Comiskey contemplates reaching out for Elbertel. Comiskey is a master at making new stars out of discarded veterans.

The second regular shoot of the H. G. C. will be held on Saturday, and a large attendance is expected. Members are requested to take the special on the Radial at 120.

Glasgow, Feb. 5.—The Canadian curlers won a four-riek match yesterday at Crossmoylof against the players of Perth and Dundee Provinces. The score was 77 to 31.

London, Feb. 5.—Jack Johnson, the heavyweight champion, has notified the National Sporting Club that he accepted their offer of a \$6,000 purse for a match of twenty rounds with Sam Langford. The fight will take place during Derby week, and the purse will be divided, \$4,000 to the winner and \$2,000 to the loser.

New York, Feb. 5.—In the morgue there is an unclaimed body of a negro which is believed to be that of Roscoe Johnson, a brother of Jack Johnson, the champion heavyweight fighter. The negro, who was a writer, died yesterday in the New York Hospital from pneumonia. A telegram to Lawson Johnson, father of Jack Johnson, in Galveston, Tex., brought a response to bury the dead man and mark the grave.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 5.—E. J. "Lucky" Baldwin, the veteran and widely known horseman, who has been ill for some time, became worst last night, and grave fears for his recovery are felt. He was unconscious last night.

Could't.

Smith.—When I went home last night a rat jumped out of the kitchen stove.

Jones.—Did you shoot at it?

Smith. No. It was out of my range.

Knocking Down the Pins

At the H. B. & A. C. alleys last night some good bowling was done in Class B. St. Patrick's took two games from the Knight Hawks. Both teams made a total of 2,398 pins. The scores:

St. Patrick's II—

P. Casey	126	140	144	410
A. Morden	171	146	194	511
G. Awrey	121	171	182	474
F. Smith	172	209	168	549
G. Ratelle	150	150	145	445
740 825 833 2398				

Knight Hawks—

R. Johnston	147	148	140	435
E. Lord	172	204	144	520
W. Smith	145	166	172	483
H. Green	136	193	156	485
G. Nelson	135	151	169	455
755 662 781 2398				

In the International Harvester Co.'s League the wood team defeated the S. L. R. two games out of three. The scores:

S. L. R.'S TEN-PIN LEAGUE.

S. L. R.	152	99	115	366
Adams	178	103	139	420
Crowther	131	151	149	431
Dodds	123	156	141	420
Geddes	133	151	138	422
Berkley	133	151	138	422
717 660 702 2679				

Wood—

Stevens	124	141	168	433
Duffy	134	138	154	426
Marshall	130	136	162	428
Day	94	119	123	336
Bowers	128	204	174	506
610 738 721 2069				

At the Brunswick alleys in the City Tenpin League series last night the Printers' team lost three games to the H. B. & A. C. team. Big scores were made. Bell made 597 and Walter Thomson 592. The teams:

H. B. & A. C.—

W. Thomson	210	190	192	592
W. Bell	180	198	169	547
Sweeney	151	131	148	430
J. McMahon	144	187	167	498
B. Bell	167	206	224	597
\$52 932 900 2684				

Printers—

Fitzgerald	152	170	208	530
Atchison	127	168	186	481
Perry	158	170	161	489
Davis	140	181	147	468
Jamieson	196	175	159	530
772 864 861 2498				

ARE CHAMPIONS OF DISTRICT.

Beamsville Won the Deciding Hockey Game From Grimsby.

Beamsville, Feb. 5.—There was "naething te it" last night but the red and green all the way. Seven to four in Beamsville's favor was the story and the home crowd went wild with delight over their boys.

It was a fine game all through and Referee Waghorne kept both sides in their places from start to finish. The only accident of the night occurred in the second half, when Chester Gibson, the visiting rover, careened into Beamsville's stone-wall defence man, Julke. Gibson fell rather heavily and struck the back of his head, putting him out of business altogether. Keller went off to even up. Two Beamsville players, Young and Gibson, were the only ones landed out for roughing it, and then only for a couple of minutes each. Shortly before the end of the last half, Farrell, of Grimsby, was sent crashing into one of the iron supports of his goal net, but, although he received a good shaking up, he went plucky on.

In goal for Grimsby, Flett was borne down repeatedly by Walker and G. Gibson, of the home side, and lightning plays of the former were a few features of the game. Beatty and Keller were always in their places, and the little rover had a number of cards up his sleeve whenever they were necessary. Young, Gibson and Gibson, did marvelously well for a first appearance in fast company, and stood his baptism well. H. Farrell, at point, for the visitors, and Harrison and Hand, had to do the lion's share of the work, and they were kept at it.

The ice was not in the best of condition for combinations, and individual work was ever necessary.

Walker scored first for Beamsville in three minutes. Two were quickly put through by G. Gibson, then Walker shot from the side for another, and Beatty made it five, whitewashing the Western town in the first half.

"Dad" Fenn, of the home side, was first goal in short order, but Gibson again found the nets for two. After a number of long passes, and amid considerable confusion near Beamsville's goal, Farrell tallied. This rover put some stamina into the green and white, and they went at it like beavers. The result was that Hand scored, and four minutes before time ended the last one.

W. Flett	Goal	I. House
H. Farrell	Point	R. Hewitt
White	Cover	E. Julke
C. Gibson	Rover	W. Beatty
Hand	Left	J. Keller
C. Harrison	Centre	G. Gibson
Dad Farrell	Right	Punk Walker
Referee—Fred Waghorne.	Timekeeper—W. Reid.	Penalty—H. Lloyd.
Umpires—O. Livingston and C. Glover.	Time—1:15.	

HORSE RACING ON THE COAST IS KILLED.

Sacramento, Feb. 5.—Racing in the State of California received a vital blow when the Senate yesterday, by a vote of 33 to 7, passed the Walker-Otis anti-race track gambling bill, which prohibits pool-selling, bookmaking or gambling on horse races.

The bill already had passed the Assembly and it will now go to the Governor for his signature, after which it will become a law. Governor Gillett has signified his intention to sign the measure if passed by both houses, but it is believed that he will not take this action until 30 days shall have elapsed. As the bill permits bookmakers 60 days in which to close up their affairs, the present season of racing at the Emeryville and Santa Anita courses will not be disturbed.

The Walker-Otis bill is referred to as the "Hughes law of California," inasmuch as it follows closely the text of the bill which was passed by the Legislature of New York. Violation of the measure is made a felony, the punishment for which is imprisonment in the penitentiary and a heavy fine.

The Senate galleries were packed this afternoon when Senator Walker, sponsor for the bill, presented the measure for consideration. He explained that it would not prevent horse racing and would not injure the business of the State. It was agreed by the supporters of the bill that there should be no debate on the part of those favorable to its passage.

JAMES BROS., THIS CITY, BUY IMPERIAL ALLERTON.

New York, Feb. 5.—James Bros., of Hamilton, made an import addition to the breeding interests of Canada, having purchased the brown trotting stallion, "Imperial Allerton," 2:12 1/4, for a large figure, at the sale of trotters at Madison Square Gardens, New York.

He is a standard bred trotter, bred to George Wilkes, being by Allerton, 2:09 1/4, and his dam is by Oward and second dam by Ashland Chief, a descendant of Mambrino Chief. He has been a successful race horse, and as he is a good individual, standing over 16 hands, with plenty of substance, his royal breeding should make him a successful sire.

Imperial Allerton will arrive in Hamilton on Saturday.

BIG GAME OFF.

No Hockey Match at Brantford To-night.

Brantford, Ont., Feb. 5.—Owing to poor ice the management of the Brantford hockey pros, this morning postponed the game scheduled for to-night with Berlin. Tickets will be honored at Tuesday night's game with Toronto.

TORONTO BEAT GALT.

Toronto, Feb. 5.—The Galt team, which has been beating all comers of late, got a thorough beating by the Torontos at Mutual street rink last night, and the champions thereby moved up into a position which puts them strictly in the running for the championship. That good forward line which has been gathered by Manager Mlin got in its great work again, and the Galt defence could not prevent it from going in on Mercer time and time again. The Galt goal tender gets the credit for holding down the Toronto score, for he had done fast, accurate shots to stop, and stop them he did. The six which evaded him were on hard chances.

The Galt team was rearranged by Manager Irving to increase its scoring abilities. The change did not have the desired effect. The players from Little Manchester are good individually, but they were very much lacking in team play. This may have been the result of

LONGBOAT AND SHRUBB

Here is a comparison of the physical make-up of Shrubb and Indian Longboat, who meet to-night in a Marathon race at Madison Square Garden:

ALFRED SHRUBB.

Nationality—English.

Age—36 years.

Weight—136 pounds.

Height—5 feet 7 inches.

Stride—5 feet 2 inches.

Shrubb's best performances—

Five miles, 24m. 33 2-5s.; ten miles, 50m. 40s.; Jan. 16, 1908, defeated five men in relay at Boston, ten miles, time 51m. 33 2-5s.; November, 1907, beat relay of Tom Meyers, Sam Williams and Frank Kanaly, ten miles, time 52m.

TOM LONGBOAT.

Nationality—Canadian Indian.

Age—20 years.

Height—5 feet 11 inches.

Stride—6 feet 6 inches.

Longboat's best performances—

Won Boston Marathon race last year, establishing a record of 2h. 24m. 24s., for 25 miles; won three J. J. Ward Marathons, 15 miles, in 1906, in 1h. 31m. 10s.; 20 miles, in 1907 (distance doubtful), in 1h. 4m. 40s.; and 19 1/4 miles, in 1h. 51m. 29s.; defeated Dorando in regular Marathon distance in Madison Square Garden and at Buffalo.

Y. M. C. A. SWIMMERS.

Instructive Lecture by Dr. Wickins Last Night.

The social evening of the Hamilton Y. M. C. A. swimming club, held last night at the Association building, proved a successful affair and materially assisted in the promotion of a sport which is now rapidly taking its place in athletic circles on a firm and substantial basis.

After the disposal of the more substantial forms of the evening's entertainment, the members had the pleasure of listening to a lecture by Dr. Wickins on "The Heart and Lungs in their Relation to Swimming." In giving his address the doctor gave it as his opinion that for an all round beneficial exercise, swimming stood unrivalled among athletic sports. After discoursing at considerable length on the primary functions of the respiratory organs and the heart, he proceeded to the vital question of the resuscitation of a drowning person, and the artificial respiration. This particular subject forms one of the most important phases of the work of the club, and the members found the doctor's remarks most interesting.

In expressing his thanks to Dr. Wickins, Mr. Best remarked on the generosity of the modern physician as demonstrated in such broadminded talks as compared with the conservative conduct of his predecessor who, as he said, "gave one little more than a pill, a bottle of medicine and a grunt."

Mr. Shierfield, whose name has become inseparable from the sport in Hamilton, also expressed his appreciation of the work Dr. Wickins has done, and is doing, to place swimming on a substantial basis among the sports of the country. A recitation by Capt. MacBrien concluded a very pleasant evening.

Next Tuesday will be the monthly business meeting of the club.

MERRY WIDOW'S 4TH.

Camp Mare Won Again Yesterday at Montreal.

Montreal, Feb. 5.—The meeting at Delorimier track closed yesterday, when a large crowd assembled to witness The Merry Widow, the local track record of 2:14 1/4, which was made last season by Dany K., a local horse. The Fel's record for a mile, which is 2:11 1/2, was expected that the horse could approach this time at Delorimier Park, owing to a heavy track and unfavorable weather conditions. However, The Eel clipped a second off the track record by doing the mile in 2:14 1/4.

The Merry Widow made another win in the 2:20 pace to-day, making four wins in all for her during the meet.

There will be a special matinee at the park next Wednesday, and a four-days' meet will take place on the 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th, during the carnival, summary:

Free-for-all, purse \$500.—

Prince Greenlander, M. Lecavaier, Montreal	1 1 1
Baby Girl, G. Counter, Megantic	3 2 2
Dene, F. Pierce, Stanstead	2 2 3
Marguerite, H. N. Tailon, Montreal	4 4 4
Time—2:24 1/4, 2:23 1/2, 2:20 3/4.	

2:20 class, purse \$400.—

Merry Widow, S. G. Camp, Ontario, N. Y.	1 1 1
Dolly Foster, J. L. Clark, Brantford	5 2 2
Honest Bill, J. Ward, Toronto	2 4 5
Lavigne Wilkes, W. Holson, Montreal	3 3 3
Jerry, D. A. McEwen, London, Ont.	4 5 4
Time—2:22, 2:19 3/4, 2:20 3/4.	

BUSH WON FROM LAMY.

Sarnia Lake, Feb. 5.—The second day's racing of the international one-day skating championships closed last night with three straight wins for Edmund Lamy, the champion amateur skater, in the finals for 880 yards, one mile, and three miles. In the final for the 220 yards, however, O. B. Bush, of Edmonton, Alberta, defeated Lamy, the race arousing the spectators to a high pitch of excitement. The summary:

220 yards, final—O. B. Bush won, Ed. Lamy, 2nd.

880 yards, final—Lamy won; Bush, 2nd; Joe Miller, New York A. C., 3rd. Time—1:23 3/5.

Backward skating, 880 yards—A. Mason, Montreal, won; R. Whelock, Montreal, 2nd; Bulmer, 3rd. Time—1:45 2/5.

One mile, final—Lamy won; Bush, 2nd; A. Anderson, 3rd. Time—2:33 2/5.

Three miles, final—Lamy won; Miller, 2nd; C. Fisher, 3rd.

Narrow is the way that leadeth to life.—Bible.

BOTH ARE CONFIDENT.

Shrubb is Still 6 to 5 Favorite.

Big Race Will Start at 9 To-night.

Brantford Hockey Match Postponed.

New York, Feb. 5.—What is expected to be the greatest long distance foot race ever held in this country will be run in Madison Square Garden to-night, when Alfred Shrubb, the famous English professional, will meet Tom Longboat, the Indian, at the full Marathon distance. This match was arranged several weeks ago to be decided on Jan. 26, but a postponement was necessary owing to injury sustained by Shrubb while taking a road run near Montreal, N. J. Since Longboat took the measure of Dorando in a Marathon in the Garden in December, and Shrubb won a sensational 12-mile relay race from the men later on, the respective running records of the two have caused widespread discussion. It is conceded on all sides that Shrubb is the fastest man in the world for ten or twelve miles. Although he does not weigh more than 135 pounds and is slightly built, he possesses a wonderful speed and stamina. He has better muscularity than Shrubb, while Shrubb may carry off the honors. It has been figured out by the experts that if Longboat attempts to stick to the Englishman while he is cutting out the pace for the first half of the journey, he cannot last. For this reason it is expected that Shrubb will run off from the Indian in the first ten miles, and may gain several laps. But after accomplishing such a feat, it is believed that it will be a hard task for him to hold his advantage. Longboat is also a fast runner for ten miles and is also a better physically than Shrubb. His handlers may instruct him to follow Shrubb's pacemaking as well as he can, and they may advise him to let the Englishman draw away in the early stages of the race, so that the Indian can put his rival to a grueling test in the last seven or eight miles, when the Indian should demonstrate his wonderful staying powers and wear Shrubb down. The one best bet: Shrubb for the place.

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Carroll replied that he would have to see an affidavit from Edwards, in view of Edwards' absence from a boxing tournament not long ago.

Yesterday Edwards presented himself and an entry blank, signed by himself. "Are you sure of the route, the affair asked Mr. Carroll. "No doubt about it. "Well, you can go ahead and dance and we will pay the piper."

CRICKET DINNER.

Arrangements Being Made For a Big Event in Toronto.

Toronto cricketers are to hold a meeting on Monday evening next to arrange for a dinner to be held some time during the last week of this month, at which it is hoped to gather practically all the cricketers around Toronto and some from the other cities of the Province. Hamilton has been asked to send representatives. It is intended that the affair shall be informal, the object being twofold—a pleasant reunion and a talk over the coming season's prospects and the future of the game generally. Mr. W. H. Garrett, Toronto, is acting as secretary of the committee.

WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—The amateur wrestling championships of Canada, which are to be held under the auspices of the C. A. A. U., are scheduled to take place on March 26 and 27 next, in the gymnasium of the new Y. M. C. A. building on Metcalfe street. There will be competitions in the following classes: 165 lbs., 175 lbs., 185 lbs., 195 lbs., 215 lbs., 235 lbs., 255 lbs., 275 lbs., 300 lbs., 325 lbs., 350 lbs., 375 lbs., 400 lbs., 425 lbs., 450 lbs., 475 lbs., 500 lbs., 525 lbs., 550 lbs., 575 lbs., 600 lbs., 625 lbs., 650 lbs., 675 lbs., 700 lbs., 725 lbs., 750 lbs., 775 lbs., 800 lbs., 825 lbs., 850 lbs., 875 lbs., 900 lbs., 925 lbs., 950 lbs., 975 lbs., 1000 lbs.

Some of the best known wrestlers in Montreal and Toronto have signified their intention of competing. It is anticipated that several local men will be in line. Ottawa is fortunate in securing these championships to be held here, as it will give the public an opportunity of witnessing some of the best sport that has ever been offered in the wrestling line.

Spectacles and Eye-Glasses.

The latest and most beautiful designs can be secured from J. W. Gerrie, druggist and consulting optician, 32 James street north. Being a graduate of the best optical colleges, the public may rely upon being accurately fitted. Prices moderate. Examination free.

Gossip and Comment

It's easy to learn the winner of the Shrubb-Longboat argument. Just ask any Englishman.

When Mike Donlin joined St. Louis, Tebeau approached him and remarked: "Young man, I paid \$700 and transportation from the coast for you. You are a pitcher, aren't you?"

"If I ever pitched in this big league," grinned Mike, "they'd hit the ball so far your outfielders would run their feet off up to the ankles."

"Well, you can field, all right, can't you?"

"Could'n't catch a fly with a basket," was Mike's blithe response.

"What on earth can you do, then?" wailed Tebeau.

"I can hit," replied Donlin—and he could.

In the room where the New York Giants make their headquarters hangs a picture of the near winners of the National League pennant of 1908. The photographer, endeavoring to make the layout as "classy" as possible put underneath the picture the following:

"MDCCVIII.

"What the 'll does them letters mean?" asked Mike O'Toole, as he studied the inscription.

"Why that means 1908," remarked Charlie Herzog, throwing out his chest like a man on whom the world was waiting for the explanation of some mystery and who is now furnishing it.

"Well," observed Mr. O'Toole, "I've stood for it a long time without sayin' nothin' but I want to go on record right here as sayin' that these cranks is carryin' this here simplified spellin' idea a bit too far for me."

This Longboat-Shrubb race is interesting because you can't tell either who will win or how it will be run. It remarks a close observer of the sport. "If Longboat is in even fair shape and can be held down to running his regular race regardless of anything, the Englishman should do he should win. But if Shrubb goes out in front and the crowd starts to yell and the band to play, the Indian will set sail after him sure. And if he isn't in good shape the Englishman will probably kill him. But you can't tell anything about it in any way—and that is just what makes it interesting."—Toronto Telegram.

The dependence of the Longboat-Shrubb race is all in favor of the Indian to to-night's Marathon race. He has shown that he can negotiate the route, while Shrubb's races have been at much shorter distances. Shrubb is a wonder up to 12 miles, and will no doubt be the leader by a good margin beyond that distance. The real struggle will begin in the last seven or eight miles, when the Indian should demonstrate his wonderful staying powers and wear Shrubb down. The one best bet: Shrubb for the place.

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A Tremendous Clearing of Women's Coats

To-morrow's offering of Coats is the biggest "round up" we have had this season. Varieties, qualities and savings are the best yet; so you can look for some extra good chance. They are in Kerseys, Frieze, Cheviots and Broadcloths, in all colors and black. Come and see the graceful, handsome designs, in tight, loose, semi-fitting and Directoire styles. Depend upon it, you haven't been offered better grades this season, and many go half price and less.

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- \$7.59, reduced from \$13.50 and \$15.00
- \$9.59, reduced from \$16.50 and \$20.00

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Voiles 69c
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These go on sale Saturday:
54-inch Cream Serge, 75c, sale 59c
44-inch Cream Alpaca, 81.25, sale 69c
46-inch Cream Alpaca, 81.25, sale 79c
54-inch Cream Alpaca, 81.25, sale 89c
48-inch Silk Mohair, \$1.50, sale 98c
44-inch Cream Panama, \$1.25, sale 89c

Still More Reductions in Cheviot Serges

You can't imagine the quantities and values that await you here in these Serges. Stocks are large and they must go. They are in all wool qualities, some thoroughly soap shrunk and with the pile finish, 44 to 52-inch widths.

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NOTE—A full choice of all remaining Women's and Children's Fur Pieces at exactly half price to-morrow.

\$3.00 New Colored "Heatherbloom" Underskirts \$1.98

A great sale of this famous Underskirt to-morrow. It has all the best qualities of a silk taffeta, but it will wear twice as long. Colors in brown, navy and green, in plain and self stripes, made in the new close fitting hip style with full skirt and flounce, with dust trim; all sizes. Regular value \$2.50 and \$3.00, to go on sale Saturday only at \$1.98

\$3.50 Golf Coats \$2.75 - - - \$6.00 Net Blouses \$4.50

GOLF COATS—Made in the new coat style, with or without belts and pockets. Fancy double knitted weave, plain colors in white, navy, cardinal, grey and brown. This is a very popular style. Regular \$3.50, Saturday sale \$2.75

NET BLOUSES—New Net Blouses, made in the latest style, with colored trimming and silk; also Val and guipure lace and insertion; all sizes. Regular \$3.50 and \$6.00, Saturday sale price \$2.75

\$4.00 Stylish Directoire Scarfs, Now \$2.39

These go on sale to-morrow only. The latest Paris novelty. Very stylish for evenings or occasions of dress. Long lengths with gold tassel ends and gold trimming. Colors in sky, pink, navy, cream, Alice blue, grey, white and black. Regular \$4.00, sale price \$2.39

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Progress of Farming Interest Through Scientific Treatment.

Ontario Still Produces More Wheat Than Northwest.

The Canadian Club luncheon held last evening in the Hotel Royal was well attended, and the members had the pleasure of listening to an address by Mr. G. C. Creelman, B. S. A., president of the Ontario Agricultural College, on the subject of "Agriculture." Mr. Creelman is an interesting speaker, and has the happy faculty of interspersing his serious remarks with shafts of wit and humor that held the attention of his auditors. In the limited time at his disposal he gave interesting facts about the farmer and his occupation, and what the Ontario Agricultural College is doing for the Ontario farmer. Being a rapid and fluent speaker, Mr. Creelman did not take up the whole of the time usually allotted one speaker, but he said enough to convince the most skeptical that the farmer of to-day is an important personage in the history of the country.

Introduced by Mr. W. M. McClelland, Mr. Creelman was greeted with enthusiastic applause when he arose to speak. He complimented the Canadian Club on its progress, and referred to the good work being accomplished by the club in Guelph, of which he was happy to be a member. Coming down to the subject in hand, Mr. Creelman said that the Ontario Agricultural College was one of the most cosmopolitan institutions of its kind in the world to-day. It has pupils studying farming conditions from almost every country in the world, and that in itself, he thought, was an excellent criterion by which the school might be judged. One thing that he found around him, he said, was that the attention that might be given to the subject was that Englishmen when they visit the college want to see the animals. The Canadian is different. He always had a desire to see the conservatories, and taken together, goes in for bigger things than any other student connected with the institution. The average man in England always looks forward to the time when he will be able to own a farm of his own. The Canadian farmer is always looking forward to the time when he will be able to go to the city and leave the farm.

There is a prevailing opinion that the farmer of to-day is stingy, and perhaps there is some truth to the argument, but Mr. Creelman said that it must be remembered that the farmer is prone to measure his success at a year's end against the city man's total income, with the natural result that the farmer is always complaining that he is in the hole on the year's business. This attitude should not be taken by the farmer when he considers for a moment that his total investment of farm land, stock, house and farming implements would bring his total income away above the city man's total revenue.

Mr. Creelman went on to speak of the trials and hardships that the fathers of the nation had to contend with, before the land was in fit condition for farming purposes. It had first to be cleared of the bush and other obstacles that required almost a life-time of effort and singleness of purpose, with the result that Ontario has some of the finest farming country that is to be found in the world.

The problems that the College has to deal with, are such as would seem to make the advancing of farming interests a profession in itself. The farmer of so ago a farmer had practically to fight his way through, but now conditions are entirely different, the Government being at all times willing and ready to lend assistance to the progressive farmer, so that he might obtain the best there is on the market, for the advancement of a cause that has proven the backbone of Canada's achievements.

Mr. Creelman went into the question of those farmers who are afflicted with swamps on their farms, and stated that during the past year, three men had been sent from the College, throughout Ontario, for the purpose of assisting the farmers in getting rid of the trouble. Five men will be engaged in this work this year. Since the tile drainage system has been introduced, the farms throughout the Province have increased many times their original value.

Years ago, Ontario was a banner Province in the raising of potatoes, going so far as to export great quantities. During the last few years, there has been a blight, and Ontario has had to import one and a half millions of dollars' worth of potatoes, and the Province has suffered from a loss of revenue that should rightfully belong to it.

Canada is not able to compete in the United States on pork products owing to the McKinley tariff, and she also applies to other meat products. Speaking in reference to the British Isles, Mr. Creelman stated that it has become a consuming, not a producing country, and therefore it behooves Canada to give England what she wants, or run the risk of losing that trade altogether. The United States tried to palm off "the just as good stuff," but it didn't go. The trade with Great Britain can only be kept up by complying with the conditions asked for by the Mother Country.

Ham and bacon have a ready market in England. Throughout the Province, by means of the Farmers' Institute meetings, the farmers are being instructed as to what the market is demanding, and as to the means by which they may obtain a good market for their products. Over 800 meetings of institutes were held last year. Through the agency of the College, the conditions of the farmer have so changed that the trade that has been built up now amounts to \$32,000,000.

With reference to the grain raising of the Dominion, Mr. Creelman said that a mistaken impression had gone abroad as to the amount of grain raised, it being generally credited that the Northwest contributes the major portion of Canada's grain supply. This is erroneous, as it can be shown that Ontario alone raised 50 per cent. more grain than all the Northwest put together. The banks come out and say that the West has had a good winter, and that there is every prospect of increasing business, as a result of the conditions in that portion of Canada, for the year. What would the banks do, if there was a frost in June or July among the Ontario crops? There would be a different story to tell then. It has been said that the land becomes less productive each time grain is sowed, but the College has spent much time and labor in working out plans for the betterment of soil, and increasing its productivity.

In competition with the United States,



February Furniture Sale

The man or woman who economizes wisely does not hoard or save without discrimination. He or she judiciously spends. When the golden opportunity arrives, he seizes it with the knowledge that neglect of a profitable opportunity to spend is extravagance worse than the neglect of a reasonable opportunity to save. But a line of type from here to Halifax wouldn't give you as much information about the beautiful stocks we've gathered together for this February Sale as a visit of half an hour to this store would do for you. And really you should know about it, not only because we have larger quantities than are shown elsewhere, but because at the present time we are offering furniture so very low in price as to make it genuinely important for you to consider at once any furniture needs you may have in prospect. That's wise economy.

The following indicate in a slight way how it is possible to save money.

- PARLOR SUITE, five pieces, mahogany finished frames, fine upholstered seats, buttoned backs, covered in fine quality silk damask, regular \$60, February sale price \$45.00
- EXTENSION TABLE, five solid oak legs, surface oak top, good shelves, regular price \$7.50, February sale price \$6.00
- BUFFET, quartered oak, early English finish, bevelled British mirror, regular \$20, February sale \$30.00
- CHIFFONIERE, in good imitation of quartered oak, large bevelled mirror, large drawers and cupboard, regular price \$12, February sale \$8.95
- COLONIAL DESK, in mahogany, fancy top and plenty of drawer room, regular \$29, February sale \$20.00
- CHINA CABINET, quartered oak, early English finish, bent glass doors, regular \$56, February sale \$39.00
- WHITE ENAMEL BED—Strong and serviceable, good castors; regular \$3.50, February sale \$2.50
- WHITE ENAMEL BED—Brass rods and knobs; regular price \$5.25, February sale \$4.25
- WHITE ENAMEL BED—A handsome bed with brass ornaments; regular price \$7.75, February sale \$5.85
- OAK DINERS—Quartered oak diners, polished box seat, upholstered in good leather, regular price per set of 3 small chairs and 1 arm chair, \$19.00, February sale price \$15.35
- COUCHES—Large broad Couches, half a dozen of them, covered in tapestry and velours, ranging in price from \$23 to \$27, February sale price \$17.00
- PARLOR CABINET, in mahogany finish, fancy shelves, enclosed cupboard, regularly \$35, February sale \$24.00
- DRESSER, in golden oak finish, three drawers, mirror, February sale price \$5.65
- DRESSER, in mahogany finish, polished, swell front, regularly \$27, February sale \$19.85
- SOLID MAHOGANY SIDEBBOARD, five feet long, colonial design, regular price \$140, February sale \$100.00
- SIDEBBOARD, in good imitation of quartered oak, oval mirror, swell front, regularly \$22, February sale \$15.85
- PARLOR CHAIRS, mahogany frames, upholstered in best French silk, regularly \$7.50, February sale \$5.50
- RATTAN ARM ROCKER, comfortable and durable, a fine, easy rocker, for sitting room or bedroom, regular \$2.75, February sale \$1.95
- BUFFET, in solid quartered oak polished, two large mirrors, regular \$82, February sale price \$48.00
- BUFFET, in solid quartered oak, Sheraton style, 5 1/2 feet long, regular \$76.00, February sale price \$55.00
- SETTEE, in mahogany finish, upholstered in crimson silk damask, regular \$15, February sale \$10.00
- SIDEBBOARD, in imitation of quartered oak, 4 feet 6 inches long, large, heavy canopy top, regular \$36, February sale price \$30.00

Remember these are not old or out-of-style or seconds from the factories, but many of them just in for the Spring season's selling.

The Carpet Department

If a guaranteed good quality, at an extremely low price is any temptation to you during February, our salesmen will get your order for Carpets and Rugs. We continue the arrangement for another month to

Make, Line and Lay Carpets Free

Which in itself is a saving of 12 to 15c per yard on the start.

Rugs Rugs

Special prices in Small Rugs and room size—Wilton, Axminster, Velvets, Brussels and Tapestry—elegant designs. No other store shows the range of patterns we display and the prices are arranged to make this a busy department during February.

A. M. SOUTER & CO.

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PHONES (Office 551) (Factory 1660)

Mother's Bread

is subjected to the closest inspection and we are sure it will give entire satisfaction to all users.

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This is the Genuine Insist on getting this label on every Loaf of Bread.

A. M. EWING, HAMILTON.

KILLS HERSELF. PASSWORDS--SIGNS.

Girl Straps Shotgun to Chair and Pulls Trigger With String.

Kittanning, Pa., Feb. 4.—Laura Fitzgerald, 15 years old, grieving because a schoolboy friend had shown more attention to another girl than to her, blew herself to pieces in her father's home this morning. She emptied into her breast both barrels of a shotgun. Attired in black to go with her mother to a neighbor's funeral, she asked Mrs. Fitzgerald to wait a few minutes and went to her room. There she took her father's gun, strapped it to a chair, tied a string to the triggers and, standing in front of the weapon, fired a large quantity of buckshot into her body.

Secret Work of Chatham Oddfellows' Lodge Stolen.

Chatham, Feb. 4.—The carefully guarded news leaked out this morning that the Oddfellows' Temple, King street, was broken into Tuesday night by burglars, who got the combination of the safe and robbed it of many of the costly jewels and ornaments. Skeleton keys must have been used to gain admission to the lodge room. But it is not the theft of the valuables which is most worrying the local Oddfellows.

The thing which has caused the most consternation was the discovery that copies of the secret work of the order, kept in one of the innermost shelves of the safe, were taken by the thieves, who, it is feared, will sell them to the first publishing concern that will buy.

It is understood that the passwords, grips and other signs recognized by the order were all contained in the books which were stolen.

CHARGES LIBEL.

Galt Forman Brings Suit Against Contractor Egerton.

Galt, Ont., Feb. 4.—This afternoon George Egerton, contractor, was served with a writ claiming damages for alleged libel. The action arises out of a letter written by Egerton to the Town Council, charging that Adam Davidson, town foreman, had hired men to work on his farm and had put their names on the corporation pay sheet.

ALBERTA RED WHEAT.

Sample Weighing 67 1/2 Pounds Awarded First Prize.

Calgary, Feb. 4.—Alberta red wheat from Southern Alberta, weighing 67 1/2 pounds, was exhibited at the Provincial Seed Fair being held here and was awarded first prize. Government officials were in charge of the weighing and testing, many samples going 65, 66 and 67. The grain will be used by the Government for exhibition purposes. Experts claim this as the world's record in weight of wheat per bushel. Four exhibits of oats weighed 47 pounds, while all samples averaged 43. Entries of field peas show up splendidly. Judging will be completed to-morrow.

IRISH COURTS GAVE THE DUKE A FINE BONUS ON THE SALE OF HIS ESTATE.

Dublin, Feb. 4.—The Irish law courts, after many days passed in investigation, have reached a decision which puts £25,000 annually into the pocket of the Duke of Manchester.

The Duke sold his estate recently to the tenants under the act of 1903, which provides that when an estate is insolvent, the vendor, being a tenant for life, gets no bonus, but if the estate is solvent, the bonus goes to him.

The courts have decided that, although a receiver had been appointed over the Duke's estate in the interest of his creditors, yet the property escapes solvency by a few hundred pounds a year.

POLICE MAKE BIG HAUL.

Six Thousand Dollars' Worth of Stolen Goods Found at Westmount.

Montreal, Feb. 4.—Detectives recovered \$6,000 worth of jewellery, furs and other articles in two Westmount houses to-day, and this explains the number of thefts from apartment houses recently. Henry Cannington, under arrest for vagrancy, is charged with the thefts.

Mrs. J. H. Stanford went from one room to another in an apartment house, and her jewel box disappeared, containing \$1,200. All is recovered in this lot.

MISGUIDED WIFE.

"I Have Shown You My Soul In It," The Woman Writes.

Man in the Case Also Writes to the Husband.

Mr. Edmund William Locke, who resides at Sprathall road, Wanstead, Essex, was granted a decree nisi in the London Divorce Court on Monday on the ground of his wife, Lillian Rose Locke, misconduct with Mr. Arthur Knight, a clerk.

Mr. Mortimer, for the petitioner, said that the marriage was in August, 1899, and there had been two children. The co-respondent was the son of the family living next door, and he became friendly with Mr. and Mrs. Locke. In May of last year the petitioner found him and Mrs. Locke in the kitchen of his house, and noticed that his wife blushed and seemed confused.

The husband, on the same day, wrote to his wife from his office asking her if she had any affection for the co-respondent. She again denied any ground for suspicion. In October last Mr. Locke found that his wife was absent from the house, having left a note saying she had gone to stay with her sister at Hornsey. Later he found two letters pinned to one of the curtains. They were from Mrs. Locke and the co-respondent. The letter from his wife was as follows:

Dear Ted,—How can I start the painful confession I have to make? You know, and have known for years, I have not a wife's love for you, and the pretence is more than I can keep up. Why, may we both live for another twenty years, I could not do it.

Ted, it is only my own weak nature that has brought this about. Will you act as a good man and let me try a fresh life with a man who, I know, will be absolutely my master as regards my way of life. Ted, I have got to part from my dear children.

Now you know why I have been awake at nights and have pleaded headache to excuse my swollen eyes. Heartache was the real truth. But I can't bear more than I have already suffered. If—and I pray heaven you may not—you treat this in a spirit of revenge I swear I shall take my life. I have been near it so often.

Do you remember us seeing Pete? God

TO HELP THEM.

Expedition to Succor Earthquake Sufferers in Calabria.

Rome, Feb. 5.—A new relief expedition into Calabria has been organized by United States Ambassador Griscom. The Italian authorities have given their approval, and Captain Mola, of the general staff, has been assigned to accompany the expedition in uniform and aid in the work of distribution. Capt. Mola's wife is an American woman.

The expedition will leave here on Saturday, and the Government has given it free transportation. Two railroad cars loaded with supplies will be sent down to Palmi, and from this point the distribution will be made to the mountain villages, where the suffering is greatest, by automobile. The supplies include 2,000 quarts of sterilized milk for babies and the sick, as well as blankets and shawls and a complete medical outfit.

NO MEDAL FOR THEM.

Pittsburg, Feb. 5.—The Carnegie hero commission announces that it will be unable to grant hero medals to Captain Seabury, of the Republic, and "Jack" Bins, his wireless operator, as their gallant deeds were performed beyond the three-mile limit, consequently outside of the U. S. American body will try to have its associate, the British Hero Commission, grant the medals.

They can conquer who believe they can.—Virgil.

OBITUARY.

Death of Mrs. Stevens—Called to Chicago.

The death of Sarah Ann, relict of the late Isaac Stevens, occurred yesterday afternoon at her home, 201 John street north. Deceased was born in Norfolk, England, 76 years ago, and came to Canada when a little girl. She lived in eastern Canada for some time, and 53 years ago came to this city, where she has resided ever since. She leaves three sons, William and Robert, of this city, and Charles, of Cranbrook, B. C., and three daughters, Misses Elizabeth, Ann and Amelia. The funeral will take place on Tuesday at 3:30 p. m. from her late residence. The bereaved family have the sincere sympathy of all.

Todd and Law Reform.

(London Free Press.)

The story of the Todd case, at Hamilton, is only an exaggerated instance of what is occurring with great frequency in the law courts of the province. Apparently Todd died unexpectedly in Hamilton. It developed that he had an estate of \$50,000. There were various claimants, the deceased having neglected to properly arrange for the disposal of his death of his wealth.

What happened? The heirs fought among themselves, as heirs will. To the great delight of the lawyers called in, the fight was protracted. It spread over five years. And the conclusion was that two men who held notes of deceased got \$5,000 each, and the lawyers and courts divided the balance of \$40,000 between them. The fighting heirs received nothing.

We fancy there are no two lay opinions in the Hamilton case. Laymen will regret that there was no competent authority who could decide within reasonable time just who among the heirs were and were not entitled to the money and the property that Todd left behind. The lay mind can see no purpose in statutes that make the Todd case even a remote possibility.

No man wants to go to heaven by the aeroplane route.

Will you file a petition early so I may have an opportunity of proving to the world and my people that I am in earnest. I ask this for the sake of a woman's honor.

The petitioner had an interview with his wife and Mr. Knight, but she declined to return to him, and shortly afterwards he received a letter written from a temperance hotel in London as follows:

We have stayed at the above address, and as Mr. and Mrs. Knight, and occupied room 30. We are just leaving.

Evidence was given, and his Lordship granted the husband a decree nisi, with costs and the custody of the children.

Mrs. Brown—Are you, Mr. Brown, in favor of clubs for women? Mr. Brown—Certainly, my dear; clubs, sandbags or any old thing.—Ally Sloper.

AN INCREASE RESCINDED.

Kindergarten Maximum Restored to Last Year's Figures.

Large Increase in Attendance at All the Schools.

Move to Enlarge the Barton Street School Building.

The Internal Management Committee of the Board of Education last night, on motion of Trustee Armstrong, seconded by Trustee Wodell, rescinded the resolution passed by the board last year increasing the maximum of the kindergarten teachers from \$550 to \$650.

Trustee Wodell said that he had received a complaint from a taxpayer who said his child was being taught to make fudge in one of the domestic science centres. This man wanted to know if that was what he was paying taxes for.

Miss Isabelle Strong was appointed supervisor over all the domestic science centres, succeeded by Miss McPherson, who resigned some time ago.

It was decided to grant the Germania Club the use of one of the top rooms in the Cannon street school, when it becomes vacant, the club to pay any expense. The room is wanted by the Germans for the purpose of teaching the native language to German children.

Miss Kathleen White was appointed to the public school teaching staff and Miss H. F. Fraser was granted another six months leave of absence on account of poor health.

Inspector Ballard's report showed the attendance at the public schools for February to be as follows: Central 743, Victoria 778, Hess 1,349, Cannon 1,258, Victoria 2,085, Queen 935, Homes 116. The total attendance was 7,204, as compared with 6,877 for the corresponding month a year ago.

Inspector Thompson's report of the attendance at the Collegiate showed 390 boys and 389 girls, or a total of 779 on the roll for February, as compared with 657 a year ago.

The Building Committee instructed Architects Peene and Witton to prepare estimates for a four room addition to the Barton street school.

FELL DEAD.

Sudden Call to a Western Man Here To-day.

Joseph Baker, a western man, dropped dead this morning at the home of Mr. Alexander Main, 234 Mary street. The deceased called on Mr. Main this morning and the two were sitting chatting in the parlor when Baker suddenly toppled over and fell on the floor.

G COMPANY.

Capt. McCullough's Highlanders Hold Annual Meeting.

G Company, of the 91st Regiment, held its annual meeting in its new armory last evening, for the purpose of receiving the yearly financial report, reviewing the work of the past twelve months, and appointing committees to carry forward the work for the year.

Captain McCullough was re-elected President; Lieut. Miller, First Vice-President; Lieut. Bertram, Second Vice-President, and the Color-Sergeant, Third Vice-President. Sergt. Bechell was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

OBITUARY.

The friends of James A. Young will learn with regret of his death in Palatine, Ill., on Saturday, Jan. 30th, at the age of 45 years.

47-49 KING ST. EAST

New May Manton Patterns now in stock.

D. & A. Sample Corsets, 50c to \$5.00, on sale for 35c to \$3.00.

Our Winter Clearing Sale

ALL kinds of Winter goods are going at this splendid sale at prices that are without question the best examples of value-giving ever placed before the buying public of this good city of Hamilton-- The thrifty ones are here every day--Be thrifty.

8-10 HUGHSON ST. NORTH

Skirts made to measure, of sale goods for \$1.25

Corduroy for Men's or Boys' Wear, 65c for 40c, 90c for 50c.

Early Morning Sale--35c Embroidery 15c

500 yards of Cambrie Embroidery, 18 inches wide, in the best designs of Swiss needlework, sells regularly for 20, 35, 40c, 8.30 to 10 o'clock per yard

Early Morning Sale--Wrapperette 7 1/2c

1,000 yards of splendid quality Wrapperette in good width, in stripes, spots and floral designs, dark and light colors, 12 1/2 and 15c, from 8.30 to 10 o'clock per yard

Early Morning Sale--\$5 Blouses \$1.95

100 only Silk and Net Waists, black, cream and white, embroidered, tucked and trimmed with lace and insertion, \$5.50 to \$5 value, some worth more, from 8.30 to 10 o'clock they go for each

Mantles, Suits and Skirts--A Slaughter

All genuinely good stylish garments, that are perfect in fit, finish and materials. Canadian made garments, German made garments and New York models. These are the cut prices:

- Women's elegant Coats, sizes from 32 to 48 bust, \$25 to \$50 values, for each \$15.00
Women's Coats, good range of sizes, \$15 to \$20 values, on sale Saturday for each \$8.95
Women's Panama, Broadcloth and Poplin Skirts, silk trimmed, braided and strapped, regular \$5.95 value, on sale Saturday for each \$3.50

Table Linens, Household Linens, Staple Goods--A Clearance

A large portion of the goods in this splendid department are our own direct importations and offered regularly at the very lowest prices. These cut prices show the savings at this sale.

- Bleached Table Damask, warranted every thread pure flax and best Shear Linen values, on sale Saturday: \$1.20 Damask for 90c, \$1.50 Damask for \$1.25, \$1.25 Damask for 90c, \$1.75 Damask for \$1.25. Bath Towels, colored and white, 20c, for 22 1/2c
Cream Damask, all widths, from 60 to 72 inches wide, some union, some pure flax. 40c Tabling for 25c, 75c Tabling for 50c, 50c Tabling for 37 1/2c, \$1.15 Tabling for 88c. Towelling worth 12 1/2c, all linens for 8 1/2c
Wrapperette, in plaids and checks, good, dark colors and very heavy weight, 15 to 18c value, Saturday for per yard 12 1/2c
Cashmeres, in light and dark colors, worth 15c regularly, Saturday for per yard 11c
Fine Damask Towels, 50c for 39c

3 Stunning Suit Values Some Silk Lined

- Suits worth \$17.00 for \$8.95
Suits worth \$20.00, for \$10.00
Suits worth \$25.00, for \$12.50

SHEA'S

THE STORE FOR THRIFTY PEOPLE

Women's Fur Coat Bargains

- Women's Fur-lined Coats, worth \$45.00, for \$27.50
Women's Near Seal Coats, worth \$40.00, for \$25.00
Infants' Cashmere Coats, worth \$3.95, for \$1.95

Corsets

All the newest models of Corsets, with high and medium bust, 16, 18, 20 inch back, all the new hose supporters attached, all sizes \$1.00 to \$4.00

Coutil Corsets with hose supporters attached, worth 75c, for 59c

Glove and Hosiery Bargains

- Women's and Misses' Wool Gloves, 29c, for 15c
Women's All-wool Mitts, 35c, for 19c
All-wool Toques, colored, 35c, for 19c
Boys' Heavy Worsted Hose, extra heavy knees, heels and toes 50c, for 35c
Women's Pure Wool Llama Hose, in beautiful quality, pairs for \$1.00

The Biggest Bargains in Bedding

Pure Wool Blankets, 6 lb weight, 60x80 size, only 2.95 pairs left, \$4.50, for 1.29

60x80 Pure Wool Blankets 7 lb weight, fast colored borders, \$5.95, value, for \$4.50
White Quilts, full double bed size and extra weight, \$1.35, for 99c
There is only one quality of "The" Flannellet Blankets, and the Shea store sells them as follows on Saturday: 10 1/4 size, 89c, 11 1/4 size 99c; 12 1/4 size 1.29

New Prints at 12 1/2c

A large shipment of "Hard to Beat" and Crum's Prints, dark and light colors, fresh and new, on sale at, per yard 12 1/2c

Mercerized Gingham

New Mercerized Gingham, in the new tartan plaids, dark and light shades, looks like silk, per yard 15c
Pink and Blue "SILK" Mull for evening wear, 42 inches wide, special, per yard 29c

DRESS GOODS AT 50c--500 yards of Panamas, Serges, Taffeta Cloths, Espingles and Armures, etc., black, brown, navy and cardinal, 75c to \$1.00 on sale, on sale to clear at, per yard 50c

500 Women's Silver and Gilt Mounted Umbrellas, worth \$3 and \$3.99 on sale for \$1.99

Clearance Prices in Waists, Underskirts, Underwear

These special bargains are all shown in our Blouse Department, main floor, and of good quality at low prices. Come early.

- BLouses, made of wrapperette Lustre and Cashmere, lawn and print, worth \$1 and \$1.25, on sale Saturday, each 59c
BLouses, worth \$1.50 and \$2.00, tailored and negligee styles, long and three-quarter sleeves, made of Zephyrs, Cashmeres, Lawns, white and colors, on sale Saturday for each 95c
BLouses worth \$2.50, Delaines, Lustres, Poplins, black, and colors, long and 3-4 sleeves, beautifully made goods, on sale Saturday for each \$1.50
WAISTS, worth \$6.00, made of silk and net, black and colors, tucked and beautifully trimmed with applique and insertion, Saturday for each \$3.50
Women's Combination Suits, white or grey, both union and all wool, \$2.00 value, for 98c
UNDERSKIRTS, worth \$5, made of silk, moiree and moirette and embroidered "Hygrade" goods, very full and pleated, ruffled an drilled, on sale Saturday each \$2.95
UNDERSKIRTS, made of saten, in black and dark colors, extra wide and bright finish, the best skirts in Canada, at each \$1.00
UNDERSKIRTS, knitted in fancy stitch, part wool and cotton, mixed fancy colors, good full size and width, worth \$1.25, on sale Saturday for each 89c
GOLF WAISTS, good \$3 and \$2.50 value, white, black and colors, German knit, some travellers' samples, all most beautiful styles, Saturday to clear at \$1.19
Women's Vests and Drawers, made of union yarn, both white or natural, 60c value, for each 45c
Women's and Misses' Black Tights, part wool, ankle length, 50 and 60c value, for per pair 39c

500 boxes of Frilling, 5 and 6 frills in box, 50c and 75c values, for 25c

MANTLE CLOTHS AND SUITINGS--Black and Colored Mantle Cloths and All-wool Cheviot Suitings, 56 inches wide, all on one table, worth from \$1.25 to \$2.00 the yard, all go at one price per yard 69c

TRADE MARKS.

Hamilton Company Being Sued For Infringement.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 5.--The National Drug and Chemical Co., of Hamilton, is being sued by N. C. Polson & Co., of Kingston, for damages for alleged infringements of trade marks and designs of defendants as goods of the plaintiffs. The latter are asking for an injunction also for the prevention of the sale and manufacture in the cases in which they allege the defendants are imitating them.

FOR PERJURY.

Fred C. Noyes Arrested at Toronto This Morning.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 5.--Fred C. Noyes was arrested here this morning to answer to a charge of perjury, laid against him in Port Arthur as a result of his evidence before the civic commission. He will appear before the Police Magistrate to-morrow and will be remanded until the arrival of an officer from Port Arthur, or if such an officer arrives in the meantime he will be handed over to him.

WAR MEMORIAL

To the Canadians Who Fell in the South African Campaign.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Toronto, Feb. 5.--A memorial to soldiers killed in the South African war will be erected shortly on University avenue, opposite the armories. A delegation secured the Premier's consent this morning. The figures for the memorial are already completed by Sculptor Alward, and ground will be broken in the near future. The memorial costs \$35,000.

A BIG BLAZE.

Charlottesville, Va., Feb. 5.--The most disastrous fire here in twenty-four years early to-day destroyed property valued at \$220,000. The blaze originated in the building of the Charlottesville Hardware Co., on East Main street.

CALVIN AND ROOSEVELT.

Geneva, Feb. 5.--President Roosevelt has declined an invitation to attend the four hundredth anniversary of the birth of John Calvin, to be observed on July 10, when a monument to the celebrated French reformer is to be unveiled. In his letter to the committee Mr. Roosevelt points out that he will not visit Europe this year.

She--You can say what you will about the summer girl, but she is never mean. He--No, I never saw one who wanted to keep a hammock all to herself.

BIG FLOODS IN GERMANY.

Ten Persons Drowned and Bridge Swept Away at Nordhausen.

At Nuremberg River Rose Twelve Feet in the Night.

Many Towns Flooded and Railroads Washed Away.

Berlin, Feb. 5.--The floods in Germany arising from several days of heavy rains and a spell of warm weather, are to-day taking on a most serious aspect in many parts of the country. The first fatalities are reported from Nordhausen, where many bridges have been swept away and ten people drowned. Along a number of the main streams, however, the freshets are diminishing.

At Nuremberg the Pegnitz rose twelve feet last night, and this morning it is raging through the lower streets of the city. The water is higher than it has been for thirty-three years. The newspapers of Nuremberg have suspended publication, and enormous damage has been caused.

Frankfurt-on-the-Main reports the highest water in fifty years in some of the streams in the Odenwald. At Essen the situation is growing more threatening in the territory adjacent to the city. The town of Herdecke is flooded, and a number of dams in the vicinity of Hagen have been carried away. At Dortmund the floods are increasing, and the fire department was called out last night to rescue a family from the second story of their dwelling. Several railroads over the confluents of the Rhine on the north side have been swept away, and all trains from Cologne up the river are being sent over the tracks on the south bank.

At Giessen the River Lahn is sixteen feet above the normal, the highest in thirty years. The valley between Giessen and Wetzlar appeared an immense lake. The rivers of Silesia also are very high, and many miles of territory are flooded. The waters are falling at Chemnitz and Elber, but the Rhine and other larger streams are rising steadily. A special signal service has been put in operation along the Rhine, where it is expected that the danger point will be reached in a day or two.

"The Sister States."

A curious inquirer wants to know "what are the sister states," and the Fairfax Forum answers: "We should judge that they are Miss Ours, the Misses Sippi, Ida Ho, Mary Land, Callie Fornia, Ala Bama, Louisa Anna, Della Ware, and Minnie Sota--Kansas City Star.

Might Not Bark Forever.

"Come right in, Sambo," the farmer called out. "He won't hurt you. You know a barking dog never bites." "Sure, boss, ah knows dat," replied the cautious colored man, "but ah don't know how soon he's going to stop barking."--Success Magazine.

REUNION OVER

Hamilton Rites Made Life Members of Cleveland Consistory.

In connection with the closing of the annual reunion of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in the Valley of Hamilton last evening several events of more than ordinary interest took place. On behalf of the Rite in the Valley of Cleveland, Mr. Hassitt, 33, presented honorary life memberships in the Cleveland consistory to Messrs. George Moore and D. B. Dewar, of this city, in recognition of their many kind services to that body. Suitable speeches were made.

At the buffet luncheon which followed Donald McPhee, 33, chairman of the general reunion committee, presided, and informal toasts by Hon. Wm. Gibson, deputy for Ontario; O. V. Hannon, Cleveland; Aubrey White, Toronto, and Rev. Mr. Harvey, Niagara Falls, on behalf of the candidates.

BLAZE 1,800 FEET HIGH.

The greatest oil fire in history is supposed to have been the fire which by a conservative estimate, destroyed more than 5,000,000 barrels of oil last year in the San Geromino field near Tampico, Mexico.

The oil stratum was struck at a depth of 1,840 feet in a six inch cased well. The torrent of oil burst forth and was quickly followed by a blow out of gas which opened a big orifice in the earth's surface, swallowing up the derrick and whole drilling outfit, including the engine and boiler. The gas and oil were ignited from the fire under the boiler and the great fire was in this manner started.

It burned for sixty-two days. The vortex or crater through which the oil poured was gradually enlarged until it was more than 500 feet wide. A rim of rocks and earth was formed around its outer edge resembling a volcano's crater. According to the Technical World the blaze extended to a height of from 1,400 to 1,800 feet and the column of black smoke rose above it to a height of about 9,000 feet. On top of the smoke rested a great white cloud of vapor which was estimated to extend skyward to an additional height of 7,000 feet. The blaze could be seen 200 miles, and was extinguished by means of six centrifugal pumps which were kept constantly busy for weeks throwing mud and water into the crater. Heavy discharges of dynamite around the rim of the orifice also aided in the extinguishing work.

Shortly after the flames were put out the oil burst forth again in greater volume than ever and its output was estimated at 150,000 barrels a day. It has been a difficult problem to care for the oil. The Mexican Government sent several hundred soldiers to the scene to assist the owners of the well in building earthen reservoirs for temporary storage of the product. The oil overflowed these reservoirs and large quantities escaped into the San Geromino River and Lake Taniahu.

THE SALESGIRLS.

CHANCE TO RISE FOR THOSE BEHIND THE COUNTER.

Success in Business and Marriage Both Open to Them--It Takes Hard Work and Self-Denial--Good Saleswomen Spoiled by Marriage--Better Paid.

(New York Sun.)

"I often wonder," said a clever grey-haired woman who has risen to the position of superintendent in one of the department stores, "if the crowds of busy shoppers and the frivolous persons who are only killing time have even the faintest notion of the innumerable good qualities which every efficient saleswoman must possess.

"We have some very bright, clever saleswomen whose books show their steady ability in selling goods, their advance from the lowest positions through sheer pluck and industry, for nothing else pushes a sales clerk along. Every business firm knows the value of the woman who can sell goods, attract and hold customers, introduce new things, push certain stocks, etc., and department stores accord rapid advancement to the clever saleswoman. She is encouraged in other ways, too. Credit accounts are extended to some, and when a young woman really makes good in selling expensive garments like furs, costumes and evening wraps she often gets a couple of good gowns a year as a present from the firm.

"Buyers get tips to Europe, and no one can say, as formerly, that the work of a saleswoman offers no chance for a future. Certainly it should bring good rewards, for it is a trying job, especially before a young woman has acquired the poise and confidence which enable her to curb her temper and remain silent in the face of rude and sometimes ignorant shoppers.

"The saleswomen have grown to be distinguished by well arranged hair, well cared for skin and pretty neckwear. These items all help in their advancement and procure them places in desirable departments. A store is made much more attractive by pretty, cheerful looking girls with graceful coiffures. They are obliged to wear black frocks to prevent a flash of color, so to gain a stylish appearance they dress the hair according to the mode and indulge in a bit of lace or a string of beads or a chain.

"To arrange that pretty coiffure and those little details of dress a girl must often rise and get ready for her journey to the store by gaslight. Sometimes it is in a cold room and she must slough her breakfast.

up the little lace collars and cuffs that they must change so often during the week. I happen to know that a few of them in this store have curtailed their luncheon money in order to indulge in a syndicated beauty treatment at the hands of a friend who has gone into the business and who gives them a reduced rate for scalp and skin treatment, manicuring, etc., on Sunday.

"All this means self-denial and fewer hours in bed. Then these girls must have the more important virtues, tact, infinite patience and courtesy and be blind to the unpleasant remarks of fastidious shoppers. Sometimes a floor manager will have a very disagreeable way of enforcing discipline, but that is not allowed in this store, at all events.

"You see I take the side of the saleswoman every time naturally. I have been through it all myself and know all the discipline the job is to a woman. You must put your pride in your pocket and hustle all the time to be a successful saleswoman.

"In other kinds of employment, office for instance, a girl can loaf now and then or put her work over, but the saleswoman's work is there for her each day and if enforced absence lessens her sales it counts against her and her neighbor's list grows in proportion.

"The young women are all quiet and kind to each other. They receive from seven to fifteen dollars a week--except in special stocks, where they get much more, sometimes. Shortly after a girl begins to begin and get less until they prove their ability to sell; but wages are much better than they were some years ago, and, best of all, ability and effort meet speedy recognition.

"There are some men of the masher type who will seek to annoy some of the girls, but we take special precautions to discourage anything of this sort. Most of the young women have their own admirers and some of them are engaged. They are all girls of excellent principles and of far better class and education than the English shop woman, for instance.

"Many of them study music and French and a few of them cultivate their voices evenings. A girl who has been a long day behind a shop counter is too tired at night for dancing or restaurants. Their days are too busy and full of excitement and events to leave them with much desire for late hours.

"They must keep well, for just as soon as a girl begins to get listless or to look out of sorts she is required to take a few days off to recuperate. Some of the old sales women are widows or married, but I have made a remarkable discovery in regard to this.

make a purchase she had them with her. "She did not look very well and hap-

stock, and she got 825 a week. She was sure of steady advance and a position for life.

"She married a rather fancy sort of swell chap and she lost sight of her old white, fancying that she had grown too proud to come and see her old time friends. Then we heard she had a cottage somewhere in the country and two children, and one day she came in to pay, and was not so bright and pretty as in her shop days, but the children were little dears and were finely dressed, so we thought that like all mothers she was sacrificing herself for her little ones. It seemed too bad, for she had always been a bright, engaging personality, remarkable for her charm and style.

"The next thing there was a scandal in the papers and we learned that her husband had deserted her and run off with another woman. She gave the children to relatives and finally came back looking for work.

"Now it never occurred to us that she would deteriorate. Her character had been so fine and her cleverness as a business woman so pronounced that we made a place for her at once. It was pitiful to realize the change that had taken place in her.

"One might expect her to be quiet and a bit sad after such an experience, but she had become morose, careless in dress, unpleasant to those about her, with an air of being above her employment. She never approached her old standards and when spoken to she was cross and tearful. We changed her about in different departments and finally we were forced to let her go. She was utterly gone as a principle, she drifted away from her home and friends and children.

"Owing to our experience with similar cases we never encourage the return of the old sales clerk who has left us to get married, for we find her a different person altogether. It seems as though the enthusiasm was gone and a bitter doubt care feeling had taken the place of effort and life.

"Marriage improves our men clerks and we are always inclined to take a married man in preference to a bachelor. There is no doubt that it makes many women very idle in their habits and that they let go more in matters of dress and appearance.

"Many of our sales women make very fine marriages, I am glad to say, and become our charge customers--a few of them. Life in a big shop knocks the romance out of their minds and they seem to appreciate what a good marriage means to a girl, so they choose well.

"Our girls are not chickens by any means, you know. They are in the important positions, all over 25, and some of them are 35 and over. The younger girls are in the notions, at bargain counters and in charge of stocks that do not aggregate so much money in the sales; but they speedily begin to show what they are made of and chances are given them to rise."

BLAME BALL FOR ACCIDENT.

Trainmen's Ball at Stratford on Night of Harriston Collision.

Engineer and Firemen in Court For Trial at Guelph.

Bail Refused the Men—Conductor Fleming Talks.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Guelph, Ont., Feb. 5.—That they did lay and kill Engineer John Smith, of Palmerston, and Murmur Root, fireman, of the same place, in the Grand Trunk freight head-on collision at Harriston on the 14th, is the charge upon which Conrad Kennedy, engineer, and Mathew Fleming, conductor, of engine 584 on the up train, were yesterday arrested at Stratford. The manslaughter charge was laid through Crown Attorney Peterson, Guelph, and the train men were yesterday arrested at Stratford by High Constable Remewether. They had been at Stratford since the wreck, that being their headquarters. Kennedy was the strange conductor on the line, who, it is alleged, gave the signal for the Southampton line instead of Warton at Harriston, thus causing the wreck, resulting in a double fatality. He has been on the verge of mental collapse ever since the inquest at Harriston. Fleming, the conductor, is an old and trusted employee of the G. T. R.

Strange as it may seem, it is said that the trainmen's ball at Stratford was a factor in the case of the accident. The ball was held the night of the accident, and it was the intention of the crew of 584 to change trains with a down freight, and thus get back for the evening. When the train left Harriston Kennedy and his crew went to the caboose to "bolt" their dinner, and in the storm never noticed that they were on the wrong track.

Before Magistrate Saunders the prisoners were arraigned this morning, and Crown Attorney Peterson refused bail on any conditions, although sureties were present to go good for a reasonable amount. Finally an adjournment was made until 3 o'clock this afternoon, and in the meantime Attorney-General Coy is being communicated with to make bail arrangements. At the Police Court this morning, in speaking of the affair, Conductor Fleming said: "It certainly seems hard for a trainman to have to pass the terrible ordeal of a wreck, knowing he is perhaps blamed for the death of his fellows, and then to have to face a trial."

A BAD CUP.

Colored Fortune Teller's Prediction of the Tragedy.

A reporter of the Toronto Star, who was at the VanSickle inquest at Jerseyville, tells the following story in his paper:

A story on everyone's lips in this district is that a fortune teller turned away in horror when he looked into Harry VanSickle's tea cup while telling his fortune, about a week before last Saturday's tragedy. The negro, Smith, who lives with Seth VanSickle, is the fortune teller, and owing to the accuracy of his predictions, has achieved a reputation throughout Ancaster county. He started to tell Harry's fortune, so the story goes, but when he looked into the cup he put it down and turned his head away. When asked what was the matter he said it was too dreadful to tell. Some time ago he also told Seth VanSickle's fortune and foretold that he would be wearing mourning in less than a year.

"I hope none of the children will die," said Seth.

"No," answered the seer, "it will be some one on the other side."

MONEY LENDERS.

Six Ottawa Men Summoned to Answer Charges.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Ottawa, Feb. 5.—Six of the Ottawa money lenders were summoned this afternoon to answer charges of violating the Money Lenders Act by charging interest at the rate of more than 12 per cent. The attention of the Ontario authorities having been attracted to the extent of the usury business in Ottawa by a suicide and seizure of effects in a particularly brutal manner, a campaign against the money lenders has been instituted. A detective of the Provincial Department has been at work for some time securing the evidence on which the action is being begun to-day.

THE JOLLY ELKS.

A meeting is to be held in the hall of the Royal Arcanum, Arcade building, to-morrow evening, of all those interested in the formation of a lodge of the Elks. Mr. R. M. Buckman, one of the supreme officers, will be present to explain the advantages and benefits of the order.

ARBITRATION TREATIES.

Copenhagen, Feb. 5.—The Rigsdag approved treaties of arbitration with the United States, Norway and Switzerland to-day.

BREEDERS MEET.

Toronto, Feb. 5.—The Ontario Sheep Breeders' association held its first annual meeting here to-day. When officers were elected, and a constitution was adopted. The Dominion Sheep Breeders' Association met this afternoon, when last year's work was reviewed. The financial statement showed a balance on hand of \$1,559.

STAFF BAND COMING.

In connection with the visit of Commissioner Coombs, leader of the Salvation Army forces in Canada and Newfoundland, to this city, Saturday and Sunday next, the Canadian Territorial Staff Band, the finest musical organization in connection with the Army in Canada, will be here. Commissioner Coombs will be in Dundas on Saturday evening and will hold services in the City aded here at 11 a. m. on Sunday, in Association Hall at 3 and again at 7 p. m. Especially good musical programmes have been arranged for all the meetings.

TEA TABLE GOSSIP.

—Mrs. Caswell, of Le Roy, New York, is visiting at the home of W. A. Cross, thwait, Main street east.

—Mrs. Jane Whitehorn, widow of Harry Whitehorn, who was killed in this city last fall, has brought action against Malcolm Webb to recover \$5,000.

—Mr. Isaac Lake was taken suddenly ill on King street, near Hughson, this morning, and was removed to his home in a cab. He quickly recovered.

—Persons desirous of attending the Mendelssohn Choir concert in Toronto may secure special railway privileges by using their names at the Conservatory of Music.

—To-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock the annual meeting of the Local Council of Women will be held in Centenary Church lecture hall. An invitation to all interested is given in this issue.

—Miss Allen, of Burlington, has been engaged by the Caledonia High School Board to fill the position held by Miss Dunlop, resigned. Miss Allen will commence her duties on March 1st.

—The annual at-home of the Collegiate Institute will be held on Friday, Feb. 12. The committee in charge are sparing no effort to make it, as usual, the event of the year, and the many friends of the students are anticipating a most enjoyable evening. Tickets are limited and are sold without invitation cards.

—An aged horse belonging to Mr. J. C. Cooper, Rebecca street, fell at the corner of James and Rebecca streets this afternoon while driving the wagon to get up for nearly an hour. A large crowd gathered and traffic was obstructed for some time. The owner of the animal and some other men finally got it up on its feet.

—Fred Scheiter, Ferguson avenue north, has complained to the police that while driving the wagon to get up for nearly an hour. A large crowd gathered and traffic was obstructed for some time. The owner of the animal and some other men finally got it up on its feet.

FIELD'S VERDICT.

Why the Times is a Valuable Advertising Medium.

There never was a keener student of advertising problems than the late Marcellus Field, who built his enormous fortune upon a solid foundation of publicity. He may therefore be safely quoted as an authority, and his conclusions must be accepted as finalities. Of the daily newspaper he said: "A copy in the home is worth a hundred on the highway." In the truth of that dictum lies one of the enormous advantages of the Times over its contemporaries as a trade-winning medium. From the inception of this newspaper down to the present day its publishers have ever borne in mind the necessity of first making it worthy of a place in the home and then indispensable to each member of the family circle. How well they have succeeded is amply demonstrated by the Times' reputation as a home medium among all observers of newspaper conditions in Hamilton. "A copy in the home is worth a hundred on the highway."

I. O. D. E.

Municipal Chapter Preparing For Mikado Production.

Hamilton Municipal Chapter, Daughters of the Empire, met in the reception room of the Y. W. C. A. this morning to receive reports and discuss the coming production of Mikado, which they are to present at the Grand Opera House on the 8th, 7th and 8th of May. Mrs. P. D. Crerar presided and read the reports, which were all of a very satisfactory character. St. Hilda Chapter reported that \$75 had been raised at the concert held recently, and this sum will be used to buy surgical instruments for the free dispensary on Hess street. St. Cecilia Chapter reported that the names of several young people who are willing to take part in the "Mikado" had been handed in to Mrs. Crerar and Mrs. Harry Burkholder. The cast is not yet complete, and any who wish to take part must have their names by Dr. Harris.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting on Monday, March 1, and invitations will be sent to Mrs. Nordheimer and Mrs. Van Coughnet, of the National Chapter, Toronto, to be present and address the meeting.

ANOTHER SURPRISE.

Suits and Overcoats at Lyons' To-morrow For \$12.75.

It is seldom that merchant tailors make such phenomenal offers as those announced recently and in this issue by the Lyons Tailoring Company, 116 James street north, and especially by a firm like the Lyons people. For years they have been giving Hamiltonians the best values in the fact is known that they took in sixty-five orders for \$15 suits a week ago last Saturday, it is not difficult to see that the men appreciate their business-like methods. To-morrow the customer will get still another surprise and will have the choice of a suit or overcoat for \$12.75. This is not for a ready-made article, but a hang-up, union made, artistically cut garment, and one that gets a try-on or two or three, if necessary. The Lyons policy claims to give the best values obtainable. This is certainly a splendid chance for a fine suit or overcoat.

Hundreds of People

Have bought freely of the big values offered in men's suits and overcoats the last few days. Just as good a suit as \$24 overcoats \$18, \$15 overcoats \$12, \$12 overcoats \$8, \$8 overcoats \$5, \$5 overcoats \$3, \$3 overcoats \$2, \$2 overcoats \$1, \$1 overcoats 50c, \$50c overcoats 25c, 25c overcoats 12c, 12c overcoats 6c, 6c overcoats 3c, 3c overcoats 1c, 1c overcoats 50c.

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Habit

People often talk about the strength of habits—bad habits; but good habits are just as strong, and the strongest habit of all, when once acquired, is the Savings habit. One dollar will open an interest bearing account with the Dominion Bank. GET THE SAVINGS HABIT.

The DOMINION BANK Main Office—39 MacNab St. N. East End Branch—Corner King and Wentworth Sts. W. K. PEARCE, Manager.

BAD LANGUAGE

Caused Suspension For Sixty Days From N. Y. Exchange.

Isidor Wormser, Jun., the Broker Who Offended.

New York, Feb. 3.—Isidor Wormser, jun., a member of the Stock Exchange since 1892 (as announced yesterday), has been suspended by the governors under the rule forbidding "indecorous language" on the floor of the exchange. The suspension is for sixty days, which is the maximum.

Winthrop Burr, of Parkinson & Burr, preferred the charges against Wormser, but it was not to Mr. Burr that the indecorous language was directed, nor had he any personal altercation with Wormser. As Mr. Burr explained it yesterday, he simply laid the charges before the governors in the interest of common decency and to relieve an intolerable situation.

"Indecorous language" brokers well informed regarding all the circumstances said, was a mild term by which to characterize Mr. Wormser's talk on the particular occasion and on other occasions. The official announcement of the case was made by Secretary Ely in the following statement: "The governing committee at a meeting held yesterday considered a complaint of Winthrop Burr against Isidor Wormser, jun., under section 1, Article XXXVI of the constitution, which reads as follows: 'Indecorous language or an act subversive of good order and decorum or serious interference with the personal comfort or safety of another person is forbidden. Any member who shall violate this rule within the limits of any department of the exchange may be fined by the chairman or by the committee of arrangements in a sum not exceeding \$50, or upon complaint may be summoned before the governing committee and suspended for a period not exceeding sixty days.'"

Mr. Wormser and witnesses in the matter appeared, and after their retirement the following resolutions were adopted, viz.: "That the governing committee determine under section 1, Article XXXVI of the constitution of the exchange that Isidor Wormser, jun., is guilty of indecorous language and an act subversive of good order and decorum. The particular remark on which Mr. Wormser was tried by the governors was an unprintable epithet addressed to one of the older members. Mr. Wormser was formerly a member of the firm of Wormser Bros. The firm was dissolved about two years ago, and latterly Mr. Wormser has been a floor trader and special partner in the firm of William E. Lauer & Co.

DEPUTIES FIGHT.

Violent Scene in the Austrian Parliament To-day.

One Member Thrashed and Another Bitten on the Cheek.

Vienna, Feb. 5.—The present session of the Austrian Parliament came to an end to-day after a scene of turbulence extraordinary even for an assembly where violent outbreaks are comparatively common. The trouble, which arose from the old racial feeling between the Germans and the Czechs, broke out during the debate on a Government bill, the object of which was to reconcile these differences. The radical Czechs obstructionists, who have been hindering the debate on this measure for several days past with a continuous din from drums and tin whistles, so exasperated the Germans to-day that the opposing deputies came to close quarters, and a fierce scuffle ensued. One of the radical Czechs deputies, a man named Speck, who has been most violent in his obstruction, was captured and whipped until he howled for mercy. Another Czech was bitten on the cheek by a German, and sustained an ugly wound, and black eyes and sore heads were numerous. The Premier, Baron Von Bienenrath, seeing the uselessness of attempting to pass legislation, closed the session and sent the Deputies home.

THE GOODS YOU WANT

At One Third to One Half Less Than You Would Have to Pay Elsewhere.

The Right House will give a value-giving demonstration to-morrow that will be an eye-opener to thrifty and economical people, who have not been trading at this old and progressive store. The great February cut price reduction sales at The Thomas C. Watkins store to-morrow will present you with the opportunity to buy just the things you need at fully one-third to one-half less than would be charged you elsewhere.

Well worth while for every one to visit The Right House to-morrow, isn't it? Read their advertisement in this paper. It is full of money-saving news.

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.

BIRTHS

KERR.—On Feb. 4th, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Kerr, 151 Jackson street east, a son.

DEATHS

STEVENS.—At her late residence, 301 John street north, on Thursday, 4th Feb., 1909, Mrs. Frank A. Kerr, 151 Jackson street east, in her 76th year.

Funeral Tuesday, 9th inst., at 3.30 p. m. Interment at Hamilton cemetery.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LOCAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN

Will be held in the lecture hall of the Centenary Church on Saturday, Feb. 6th, at 3 p. m. All are cordially invited.

BECOME A JOLLY ELK

There will be a meeting of young men interested in forming an Elk's Lodge and Club, Saturday evening, 5 o'clock, Arcanum Hall, Arcade Building, James street north. The principles, benefits and pleasures explained by R. M. Buckman.

THE CANADA LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY

The Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders and Policyholders of the Company for the election of directors and the transaction of other business, will be held at the Head Office of the Company, in the City of Toronto on Wednesday, the 24th day of February, 1909, at noon.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

WANTED—SMALL TWO STOREY BRICK or cottage by April 1st. In east or south-west corner. Reasonable rent. Lease if desired. Apply Box 21, Times office.

THE WEATHER.

FORECASTS—South and southwest winds, cloudy and mild to-day; Saturday rain or sleet at first, becoming much colder at night. The following is issued by the Department of Marine and Fisheries: Temperature.

Table with 2 columns: Location and Weather. Locations include Victoria, Calgary, Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Parry Sound, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, and Father Point. Weather conditions range from Rain to Cloudy.

WEATHER NOTES.

A pronounced disturbance now centered in Wisconsin is likely to move slowly eastward across the Great Lakes. The weather has turned somewhat colder again in the Western Provinces, while from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces it is cloudy and milder.

Washington, Feb. 5.—Eastern States and Northern New York—Rain to-night and Saturday; warmer to-night in south portion; colder Saturday in the north and west portions; brisk south-west winds.

Western New York—Rain to-night; Saturday rain, possibly turning to snow and colder. The following is the temperature registered at Parke & Parke's drug store:

SOME LATE SPORTING ITEMS

There will be a meeting of the Y. M. C. A. Junior Harriers to-night in the boys' parlors at 8 o'clock sharp. Every member is requested to attend and discuss important matters. Mr. John Bainbridge will, as usual, be there with his famous paper, the "Shorter."

Two games of basketball were played last night in the junior Y. M. C. A. League. The first game was between the Central school and St. John's, resulting in a victory for Central school, score 32-16. The second game, between the sixth team of the Central Y. M. C. A. and First Boys' Club team. Although East End Y. M. C. A. played several of their senior men, the sixth team held the score down to 22-19 in favor of East End.

New York, Feb. 5.—Tom Longboat, the Canadian runner, and Albert Shrubbs, the champion long distance runner of England, will compete to-night in a Marathon race over the full distance of 26 miles and 385 yards in Madison Square Garden. It is expected that this will be the best Marathon indoor race run this winter, as both men outclass any other long distance men in this country. Senator "Big Time" Sullivan will start the runners, and Tim Hurst, the baseball umpire, will be the referee. The race will be started about 9 o'clock sharp.

Steamship Arrivals.

Majestic—At Cape Race, from Southampton. Columbia—At Cape Race, from Mexico. Empress—At Liverpool, from Liverpool. Genoa—At Boston, from Liverpool. Saxonian—At Liverpool, from Boston. La Lorraine—At Havre, from New York. Carmania—At Naples, from New York. Laura—At Trieste, from New York. La Bretagne—At Cape Race, from Havre.

Montreal, Feb. 5.—The Empress of Ireland entered Halifax harbor 10.25 p. m. last night, making the passage from Liverpool in 5 days 18 hours, which is the record winter voyage, being one hour faster than the trip her sister, the Empress of Britain, made in 1907.

Montreal, Feb. 5.—Empress of Ireland docked 10.45 this morning at St. John.

Montreal, Feb. 5.—Empress of Britain passed 115 miles west of Inishtrahull 10 p. m. on Thursday.

Cheever's Case.

(Brantford Expositor.) The story told at an Expositor representative by William Cheever, a Brantford boy, who, at the early age of 12 years, fell into criminal ways, gives much food for thought. Truancy was evidently the beginning of the downward career, but this might have been averted at a comparatively early age, and before the sad's habits were irrevocably fixed, had there been some agency to extend a helping hand and provide him with employment. Manifestly, our "prison gate" methods still fall short of being what they ought.

NOTICE Treble's Great Spring Shirt Sale Starts Saturday. NOTICE Cor. King and James Streets Lighted With the New TUNGSTEN LAMPS.

Never a Shirt Sale the Equal of This 200 DOZEN SHIRTS --To be Sold Exactly At--

69c ---Regular \$1.25 Quality---

To-morrow we shall place on sale our greatest purchase. Manufacturer's stock which came to us at a price far less than garments of equal worth ever before sold at, in fact, less than it cost to make them.

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