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All right with the world.  
— Browning.

SAYS "The Fourth Estate,"  
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"The London (Ontario) Advertiser is considered by those competent to judge, the best paper in Ontario outside of Toronto."

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○ DAILY ADVERTISER—2 p.m.  
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○ Western Ontario by afternoon  
○ trains).  
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○ neighborhood).  
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○ Our mammoth weekly.  
○ Combined, they cover Canada's  
○ most progressive territory.

London is the capital and important  
railway center of the most fertile and  
smiling territory in the world. It lies  
between Niagara and Detroit, and  
Great Lakes north and south, in the  
agricultural garden of the continent.

The London Advertiser has been estab-  
lished 34 years.

It supplies full market reports, and  
goes into the hands of live business  
men, wide-awake farmers, and the  
general public.

It has always been a favorite in home  
circles, where its advertisements are  
carefully read in the leisure of even-  
ing by those who do the buying.

The Advertiser goes into thousands of  
homes where, through habit, and  
identity of opinion, it is the only  
newspaper taken. Without it, "the  
whole field" cannot possibly be covered.

The purchasing quality of the circula-  
tion of The Advertiser has been  
frequently tested in specific instances  
by leading merchants, with the most  
satisfactory results.

The circulation of The Advertiser in-  
creased 20 per cent during the past  
five months, and will more than  
maintain this percentage of increase  
throughout 1897.

There is one infallible test of the ad-  
vertising efficacy of any newspaper—  
namely, results. Make the trial!

Estimates of cost, and proof-sheets of  
advertising, furnished on application.

## The Bicycle Political.

A correspondent points out that the  
Conservative Club of this city is mak-  
ing London "a slaughter market" for  
United States bicycles. It is said to be  
pushing the sale of these bicycles at  
a figure which no Canadian manufac-  
turer can meet, and which, it is con-  
tended, must seriously injure the re-  
tail trade.

"Protection for home industry," we  
are reminded, is the shibboleth of the  
Conservative party. It has been shout-  
ed from the platform of the Club it-  
self loudly enough, no doubt, to awake  
the slumbers in the attic. Is it "pro-  
tecting home industry" to bring in  
United States wheels by the hundred,  
at cut-rate prices, ruinous to the Cana-  
dian manufacturer who would at-  
tempt to compete? We do not argue  
that the importation of American  
wheels is an evil. The loudest protec-  
tionist, the most fervent patriot, pre-  
fers foreign to home goods, if the for-  
mer are cheaper. He would be super-  
human if he did not. But in becoming  
the self-constituted agent of a foreign  
bicycle factory—and a United States  
one at that—the Conservative Club has  
a good deal to explain from the stand-  
point of inconsistency. It is trying  
to advance its own interests by violat-  
ing the principles which it was estab-  
lished to support. According to the  
Conservative creed, every bicycle im-  
ported from the United States dis-  
places so much Canadian labor, and  
sends so much Canadian money out of  
this country to enrich another. Ergo,  
the Conservative Club stands convicted  
out of its own mouth of aiding  
to destroy Canadian industry and de-  
prive Canadian workmen of the means  
of livelihood.

The position of the Conservative Club  
does not seem to be readily defensible  
from the standpoint of the Conserva-  
tive party.

## Our Wool and McKinley Taxes.

Canadian sheep-owners will be in-  
terested to know that the new United  
States tariff, a synopsis of the agri-  
cultural features of which was pub-  
lished in the Daily Advertiser last  
night, substantially restores the Mc-  
Kinley law of 1890 with regard to wool.  
The rates on the common grades of  
raw wool, which were put on the free  
list of the Wilson law, are 11, 12, and  
13 cents a pound, the McKinley law  
rates on the same grades, with double  
taxation for washing and triple tax-  
ation for scouring. The schedule of  
wool manufactures is long and intri-  
cate. As an example: Cloths and  
fabrics of wool valued at not more  
than 30 cents a pound are taxed  
"three times the duty per pound im-  
posed on a pound of unwashed wool  
of the first-class, with an addition of  
40 per cent ad valorem." From these  
duties \$14,000,000 additional revenue is  
expected. Canadian wool is much  
sought after for certain lines of man-  
ufacture in the United States, but the  
new tax will have a tendency to dis-  
courage its purchase. The latest Mc-  
Kinley Bill will also increase the price  
of woolen goods. No one need be sur-  
prised if the result is increased man-  
ufactures of Canadian woolsens and a  
decided revival of the industry of  
United States importations of these  
products by the underground railway.

Even the Fiji Islanders, who but  
yesterday were cannibals, are aiding  
the British Government to alleviate  
the sufferings of the famine-stricken  
of India. About \$2,000 has already been  
subscribed in the island and cabled to  
the Secretary of State. All the nations  
sympathize when one is in genuine  
affliction. The world moves.

## Contracting vs. Day Labor.

Toronto aldermen, at the last meet-  
ing of the civic board of works, had  
an excited discussion over the contract  
vs. day labor question. The commit-  
tee reported that no more work will  
be done by day labor, as the cost was  
more than if done by contract. Ald.  
Crane said this state of affairs was  
brought about by certain aldermen  
insisting on their friends being given  
work, when there was really no work  
to be done. Ald. Lamb protested  
against insinuations of this kind, but  
it was asserted by others that Ald.  
Crane told the truth, and Ald. Gowan-  
lock said day work was so badly man-  
aged that it cost 60 to 70 per cent more  
than contract work, and was a robbery  
of the people. Ald. Preston pro-  
tested that without day work the city  
would be at the mercy of the contrac-  
tors, who had already fleeced, robbed  
and defrauded the city as no other city  
on the continent had been. The clause  
in the committee's report was struck  
out by a majority of one. If her alder-  
men tell the truth, Toronto affairs  
have been poorly managed in the past.  
Her local taxes are undoubtedly very  
high.

A young Canadian, now in London,  
Eng., writes as follows to the Toron-  
to World:

"The reports of mining progress are  
making me feel a little uneasy to get  
back to Canada. Canada, or at least  
British Columbia, is now in about the  
same state that South Africa was  
when I left home. Now, the place to  
go is unquestionably Canada. I see  
that numbers of men are returning  
from the Cape to Canada, and every-  
thing points to a prosperous future  
there."

The omens are indeed cheering. Cana-  
da's star port to progress has come.

## Borrowers of Brains.

The Liberal party have affected to be  
great admirers of American fiscal me-  
thods; wonder if imitation, which is  
held to be the sincerest form of flattery,  
will influence our rulers in Ot-  
tawa?—(London Free Press.)

Our contemporary is mistaken. For  
"Liberal party" it should have printed  
"Conservative party." When the "pro-  
tective" tariff was introduced in 1879,  
the Conservative Finance Minister sent  
to Washington for a financial expert,  
and hired him at a large salary to  
compile the new tax list. Hon. Mr.  
Fielding is not likely to follow suit.  
There are enough of brains in Canada  
to compile a tariff in the interests of  
the Canadian people. And such a tariff  
will soon be brought down.

The Toronto Telegram, which has  
generally been opposed to the Ontario  
Liberal Administration, and is free in  
its criticisms, defends Premier Hardy  
from the indiscriminate attacks which  
have been made on him. "Simple jus-  
tice," says our contemporary, "de-  
mands the admission that, as an ad-  
ministrator, Mr. Hardy has acted with  
the utmost fidelity to the interests of  
the province. The fact that Mr.  
Hardy's acts in the past have been  
good is no guarantee that his Govern-  
ment will not place bad acts to its  
discredit in the future. Yet it is well  
to emphasize the truth that these in-  
discriminate assaults on Mr. Hardy are  
not justified by his acts as an admin-  
istrator or by his character as a man."

## Fall Wheat Outlook.

The recent fall of snow was of great  
benefit to the fall-sown wheat. This  
crop has come through the winter in  
Ontario most satisfactorily. The snow  
fall has been comparatively light, but  
the weather has been moderate, and  
there have not been those extremes of  
temperature—alternately very cold and  
unseasonably warm—which in past  
years has often resulted in much in-  
jury to the wheat crop in the months  
of February and March. The plants  
generally are healthy and the spotted  
fields few. Moderate weather has  
also been of advantage to the fruit  
trees. For all of which blessings, no  
doubt, the farmers and fruit-growers  
are duly thankful.

We understand that before the Leg-  
islature rises, Premier Hardy will in-  
troduce a loyal and congratulatory ad-  
dress, to be sent to her Majesty on  
the occasion of the celebration of the  
sixtieth anniversary of her ascending  
the British throne. The address will,  
of course, be seconded by the Opposi-  
tion leader, and carried unanimously.

## The London Life.

To a very large portion of our read-  
ers, the pertinent facts regarding the  
progress of the London Life Insurance  
Company, contained in our news col-  
umns today, will prove interesting  
reading. During last year, despite the  
dullness in general business, which re-  
acted on life insurance, this old estab-  
lished home company made satisfactory  
progress. Its cash receipts were \$285,  
648 25, being 11 per cent of an advance  
in twelve months, while the outgo was  
\$1,909 27 less than for 1895. The assets  
of the company, which give ample pro-  
tection to insurers, are of the highest  
order, and now amount to the large  
sum of \$1,531 06. This has been ac-  
cumulated while the company has been  
constantly increasing the cash profits  
distributed to its policyholders. The  
company now carries 30,000 policies, an  
increase of 1,569 for the year. It has  
a staff of able officers, and energetic  
agents, who have begun the year 1897  
with a determination to make a  
record-breaker in the obtaining of new  
business.

It is asserted that in endeavoring to  
get possible rivals to the Tupper in-  
fluence to enter the Legislatures, in-  
stead of the Dominion Parliament, the  
old gentleman is really following up  
his usual policy of looking after No. 1.  
Sir Charles, sen., has nominated  
Sir Charles, jun., to fill his shoes.

Longmans, Green & Co., Paternoster  
Row, London, have issued Hall Caine's  
famous story, "The Deemster," in their  
attractive paper cover Colonial Lib-  
rary. Canadians who read this edition is cer-  
tain to have many readers.

Macmillan & Co., publishers, London,  
have issued Balzac's masterpiece,  
"The Passionist," in their cheap Colonial  
Library. Canadians who read this  
translation of a French novel by one  
of the master writers of the age will  
like this one. It is one of Balzac's  
best.

A story of Western life by Octave  
Thane, a Drumchott story by Ian  
MacLaren, a group of true railroad  
stories by Cy Warman, a romantic  
sea story, and installments of Robert  
Louis Stevenson's last novel, "St.  
Ives," and of Kipling's fine tale of the  
Grand Banks, are promised in Mc-  
Clure's Magazine for April.

The contributors of the March num-  
ber of the Canadian Magazine are  
mostly notable Canadians, and the  
number, consequently has peculiar in-  
terest. This magazine has taken a  
better place among the monthlies of  
the continent. J. Macdonald, Oxley  
and Kathleen Sullivan contribute  
MacLaren, Cy Warman, and Robert  
Louis Stevenson. The magazine is  
under the heading "What Shall the  
Tariff Be?" and there are articles by  
Prof. Clark of Trinity College, T. G.  
Marquis, Prof. Huntington and R.  
J. O. Miller. James Lawler writes of  
Manitoba University, and the article  
is accompanied by a number of pho-  
tographs. A. H. U. Colquhoun tells of  
"Reciprocity Tips to Washington." William  
Harrison gives a brief history of  
"London's Traffic Tower," and Mrs.  
J. D. Edgar gives "A Page from the  
Early History of Newfoundland."

## NOT IN THEIR LINE

Hamilton Herald.

Now, we suppose, that every one of  
the news-giving fellows who are howl-  
ing about that mining "monopoly,"  
granted an English syndicate is just  
eager to spend \$120,000 in prospecting  
for gold up country, as this syndicate  
is bound to do.

## TROUBLE AT HOME.

Chicago Record.

"We had a row at our house yester-  
day."  
"What was the matter?"  
"The cook broke my china cup, so  
she went down town and bought me  
another, which was inscribed 'To One  
I Love.'"

## CURED OF SCIATICA.

Left Hip Affected—Suspected Kidney  
Trouble—Relieved and Perfectly Cured  
by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Toronto Junction, March 13.—Mr. H.  
Payer, is not a difficult man to find.  
The hand that he knows that he is  
foreman of No. 1 Fire Hall. He was  
the picture of health when called upon  
by your correspondent, and told his  
story.

"In April, 1896, I suffered from a se-  
vere attack of Sciatica, affecting my  
left hip, and the leg to the tip of the  
toes. I suspected it came from some  
form of kidney trouble, and as they had  
been recommended, I procured a box  
of Dodd's Kidney Pills.

"At the end of the fourth day I was  
entirely relieved, but desiring a per-  
manent cure I continued to use that  
and another box, and am now per-  
fectly cured, and as well as ever in my  
life. A brother of mine, living at Pine  
Orchard, has been cured by Dodd's  
Kidney Pills."

## The Lord's Banners.

The Ensigns of Christ's Peaceful  
Kingdom.

The Poetry and Prose of War—Dr.  
Talmage's Discourse.

Washington, D. C., March 14.—Dr.  
Talmage's text was Psalms xx., 5: "In  
the name of God we will set up our  
banners."

"I hate war." In our boyhood we may  
have read the biography of Alexander  
or of some revolutionary hero until  
our young heart beat high, and we  
wished we had been born over a hun-  
dred years ago, just for the glory of  
striking down a Hessian; or on some  
public day, clothed in our grandfathers'  
soldiery accoutrements, we felt as  
brave as Garibaldi or Miltiades. We

are wiser now, for we make a wis-  
dom of the poetry and the prose of  
war. The roll of drums and the  
call of bugles, and the clamping  
of steeds, foaming and pawing for the  
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## Merit Talks

"Merit talks" the intrinsic value of Hood's Sarsaparilla. Merit in medicine means the power to cure. Hood's Sarsaparilla possesses actual and unequalled curative power and therefore it has true merit. When you buy Hood's Sarsaparilla, and take it according to directions, to purify your blood, or cure any of the many blood diseases, you are morally certain to receive benefit. The power to cure is there. You are not trying an experiment. It will make you blood pure, rich and nourishing, and thus drive out the germs of disease, strengthen the nerves and build up the whole system.

## Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the best, in fact, the One True Blood Purifier. Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Hood's Pills Do not hurt, pain or gripe. All druggists sell.

## Commercial.

### Local Market.

(Reported by A. M. Hamilton & Son.)

London, Wednesday, March 17.

### WEEKLY REVIEW.

Wheat (red), per bu. 72c to 74c  
Wheat (white), per bu. 72c to 74c  
Oats, per bu. 35c to 36c  
Pears, per bu. 35c to 36c  
Corn, per bu. 25c to 26c  
Buckwheat, per bu. 24c to 25c  
Rye, per bu. 22c to 23c  
Barley, per bu. 20c to 21c  
Beans, per bu. 25c to 26c

This week closes quiet and unchanged in almost every line, the only exception being hay and dressed hogs. In both of these the deliveries have been considerably greater than the demand, and as a result lower prices have ruled.

Oats did not change in value. The quality was about the same as last week. A better demand existed for good peas, some lots selling at 72c. Corn was wanted, at 50c. Very little trade was done in beans. We see little change in the wheat situation. Prices here and abroad are about the same. Butter was quiet. Eggs considerably lower, selling down 1c per dozen. General values as follows:

| GRAIN.                           | 120 to 122 | 122 to 124 |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Wheat, white, fall, per 100 lbs. | 120 to 122 | 122 to 124 |
| Wheat, spring, per 100 lbs.      | 120 to 122 | 122 to 124 |
| Oats, per 100 lbs.               | 35 to 36   | 36 to 37   |
| Peas, per 100 lbs.               | 70 to 72   | 72 to 74   |
| Beans, per 100 lbs.              | 25 to 26   | 26 to 27   |
| Barley, per 100 lbs.             | 20 to 21   | 21 to 22   |
| Rye, per 100 lbs.                | 22 to 23   | 23 to 24   |
| Buckwheat, per 100 lbs.          | 24 to 25   | 25 to 26   |
| Provisions.                      |            |            |
| Honey, per lb.                   | 8 to 10    | 10 to 12   |
| Butter, per lb.                  | 12 to 14   | 14 to 16   |
| Eggs, per doz.                   | 12 to 14   | 14 to 16   |
| Chicken, per lb.                 | 10 to 12   | 12 to 14   |
| Turkey, per lb.                  | 10 to 12   | 12 to 14   |
| Beef, per lb.                    | 10 to 12   | 12 to 14   |
| Pork, per lb.                    | 10 to 12   | 12 to 14   |
| Lard, per lb.                    | 10 to 12   | 12 to 14   |
| Flour, per 100 lbs.              | 10 to 12   | 12 to 14   |
| Wheat, per 100 lbs.              | 10 to 12   | 12 to 14   |
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### FOREIGN PRICES.

London, March 15.—Although supplies of cattle were heavier, and trade slow, the tone of the market for choice American steers was about steady, and prices were unchanged at 12c, with Argentine quoted at 11c. The market for sheep was weaker, and prices declined 1/2c, best being quoted at 12 1/2c to 13c.

A private cable from Liverpool quoted choice Canadian cattle at 11c, and American at 11 1/2c.

Messrs. John Old & Son, live stock salesman, of London, England, write W. H. Beattie, live stock agent, of the Board of Trade, as follows: "The supplies of cattle for sale at Deptford and 450 from South America, which met a dull and dragging sale at late rates for States cattle, viz. 54d to 55d. The prices for South American cattle were a little lower, on account of the inferior article, but the best native cattle were sold at 56d to 57d for middling qualities. The sheep trade was dear; prices were without alteration from last Monday. There were 1,000 South American sheep for sale, which realized 64d, but 1,923 from the same country had been previously sold on Tuesday at the same rates."

### MONTREAL.

Montreal, March 15.—Everything is very quiet just now in the export live stock circles, and not much activity is looked forward to for at least another month; the demand for export cattle today was limited, and only a few small lots were sold at 35c per lb; recent cables from Glasgow show a sharp advance within the past two weeks; sales of choice Canadian steers are reported at 11c 10s, 11 1/2s, and 12s, and heifers at 11s 10s.

The offerings of live stock at the East End abattoir this morning were 500 cattle and 150 calves; prices steady, at the slight decline noted last Thursday; demand was somewhat better; some were left over; choice sold at 25c to 26c; good at 24c to 25c; fair at 23c to 24c; and common at 22c to 23c per lb, live weight.

Sheep and Lambs—None on the market. Calves—Demand for calves active, at 30 to 31c.

The Point St. Charles market trade in cattle was dull; only 7 loads offered; the receipts of hogs were only 200, for which the demand was somewhat slow, and prices ruled 12c to 13c, sales being made at \$4.80 to \$4.90 per 100 lbs.

### CHICAGO.

Chicago, March 17.—Hogs—Receipts, 25,000; left over, 15,000; market active, and 6c higher; light, \$3.90 to \$4.10; mixed, \$3.80 to \$3.90; heavy, \$3.70 to \$3.80; rough, \$3.60 to \$3.70.

Cattle—Receipts, 12,000; market is strong; the high end, heavy, \$5.75 to \$5.80; cows and heifers, \$2.40 to \$2.50; Texas steers, \$3.25 to \$3.40; stockers and feeders, \$3.40 to \$3.50.

Sheep—Receipts, 3,000; market strong to 10c higher. Cattle—Receipts, 12,000; market is strong; the high end, heavy, \$5.75 to \$5.80; cows and heifers, \$2.40 to \$2.50; Texas steers, \$3.25 to \$3.40; stockers and feeders, \$3.40 to \$3.50.

Purity and wholesomeness are the physicians' indorsement of Angostura Bitters, manufactured by J. G. B. Riegert & Sons.

## Fraternal Visit.

A Masonic Event in London Last Night.

Visit of Corinthian Lodge 40 Union Lodge—The Guests Entertained.

Last night Wor. Bro. A. T. Cooper, W. M. of Corinthian Lodge, No. 330, (East London) and officers paid a fraternal visit to Union Lodge, No. 330, at the Masonic Temple. There was a very large attendance of members and guests, the past masters present embracing R. W. Bro. W. G. McMillen, D.D.G.M., A. B. Greer, G.J.W., P. W. D. Broderick, John Simpson and A. E. Cooper, P.D.D.G.M.s; J. S. Dewar and Geo. C. Davis, P.G.J.W.s; Y. W. Bro. J. Callard, J. H. Flock, J. D. Clarke, H. C. Simpson, O. J. Briddle, P. Toll and M. D. Dawson; W. Bros. J. G. McNeen, Thameford; W. C. Harris, Delaware; T. R. Parker, W. J. Clarke, O. W. Francis, Alex. McDonald, C. W. Davis, Alex. Findlay, W. T. Barker (Toronto), M. McNeil, Geo. F. Morris, Harry Starford, A. J. McInnes, Bro. E. R. J. B. Munro, H. Hayman, A. D. Hodgkins, Ed. Paul, W. F. W. Findlater, John Blane, John Higham, J. W. Nathan, J. W. Nathan, J. W. Nathan, A. A. Campbell and others. After the reception of the visitors, Wor. Bro. W. C. Fitzgerald, W. M. of Union Lodge, conferred the first degree on four candidates in an able manner. Then the officers of Corinthian Lodge, W. Bro. A. T. Cooper, W. M., F. E. Davis, S.W., and E. Blanchard, J.W., took the principal chairs, and conferred the third degree in an impressive and masterly style. V. Wor. Bro. Briddle heavily assisted at the close. The W. M. of Union Lodge highly complimented the W. M. and officers of Corinthian Lodge, and a vote of thanks was tendered them. Wor. Bro. Cooper made suitable response, and an adjournment was made to the banquet hall, where an hour's festivities were indulged in under the presidency of Wor. Bro. Fitzgerald. "The Queen and the King" was given and responded to with the National Anthem, and speeches by R. W. Bro. Bro. McMillen, Greer, Davis and Dewar. Harry Poole, of Lambeth, sang his new song, "The X Rays," and was warmly applauded. Y. W. Bro. J. D. Clarke, president, and Wor. Bro. J. H. Flock and W. J. Clarke responded to the toast of "The W. M. of Union Lodge." Wor. Bro. Davis sang "The Dear Little Shamrock" most acceptably. Then officers and Brethren of Corinthian Lodge were toasted, and Wor. Bros. Cooper and McMillen and the W. M. made appropriate replies. Wor. Bro. Cooper gave a patriotic melody. Not long after the W. M. of Union Lodge, W. M. Officers and Brethren of Union Lodge, to which Wor. Bro. Fitzgerald and officers responded. At a seasonable hour the happy proceedings were brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem.

## Getting in Shape.

Some of the Carshops Machinery Here—More Coming.

Officials in the City—A New Machine Shop.

Mr. King, of the mechanical department of the Grand Trunk Railway, Montreal, was in the city yesterday, and told an Advertiser reporter that the large engine for the new car shops here would be ready to ship in two weeks. It is being handled by Goldie & McCulloch, of Toronto.

A number of machines for woodwork have been brought from Brantford and placed in position. They were not in use there, and comprise shapers, borers, mortise machines, etc.

Foreman Phillips is at work in the old machine shop with a gang of men, shifting machinery, removing shafting and tearing down partitions, in order to make what was the wheel shop, and machine shop and blacksmith shop into a new machine shop. It will be six weeks or two months before the machinery will be brought in, as the heating arrangements have not yet been made, and the whitewashing remains to be done. This latter work cannot be done before the weather grows warmer.

Mr. Mills, contractor for the brick work, and Mr. Donaldson, of Donaldson Brothers, contractors for the carpenter work, were on the scene yesterday, having just come from Hamilton.

This was Mr. Donaldson's first appearance here since his accident, when he injured both ankles about eleven weeks ago. He is able to get about by the aid of crutches, and is suffering how severely he was hurt, his recovery has been very rapid.

Messrs. King, Mills and Donaldson left for home last night. About half a million feet of car lumber has been piled in the yard ready for use as soon as work is started.

Men and Women Agree. That corns are painful, not easily cured, and quite useless. Men and women who have used Putnam's Corn Extractor testify that it is the best, acts without pain and cures. Use Putnam's Famous Corn Extractor.

Eighty-one thousand passengers cross the English Channel every month. LIFE SAVER.—Mr. James Bryson Cameron writes: "I was confined to my bed with inflammation of the lungs, and was given up by physicians. A neighbor advised me to try Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, stating that his wife had used it for a throat trouble with the best result. Acting on this advice, I procured the medicine, and less than half a bottle cured me. I certainly believed I saved my life. It was with reluctance that I consented to a trial, as I was reduced to such a state that I doubted the power of any remedy to do me any good."

In contrast to his kinsmen who rules over all the Russian, Prince George of Greece is a giant of muscle and strength built in proportion.

A DINNER PILL—Many persons suffer from excruciating agony after eating a hearty dinner. The food partaken of is like a ball of lead upon the stomach, and the head is heavy and the system it becomes a poison to the system. Dr. Parmelee's Vegetable Pills are a powerful and effective remedy for such troubles. They correct acidity, open the secretions, and convert the food partaken of into healthy nutriment. They are just the medicine to take if troubled with Indigestion or Dyspepsia.

Statistics show that women marry later in life than they used to.

## Our Neighbors.

A Minister's Leaving—Cheese Instructor for the Avondale Factory.

The Misses Hall, who have been conducting evangelistic services in Gloucester, have left. The meetings will be continued during the week. Various speakers will assist Rev. Mr. Cobble-dick.

George Godfrey, who died at Galt on March 9, aged 87 years, and was buried at Christ's Church Cemetery, Delaware, formerly lived at Delaware village, but for the last eight years resided at Galt and Stratford. He stood very high in public esteem, being a gentleman in the true sense, a Reformer in his politics, and a member of the Episcopal Church.

Wm. Waddell, cheese instructor at the dairy school at Stratford, has been engaged to take charge of the Avondale factory. Mr. Waddell has had about 25 years' experience in the business, having been in some of the best and largest factories in the Ingersoll district. He was traveling instructor for the Ontario Dairywomen's Association for two years and butter-maker at the Komoka creamery until the Western Dairy School was opened.

### RIDGETOWN.

Sympathy for Patrick Mannix—Inroads Made by Death.

Ridgetown, March 16.—A petition is in circulation and being largely signed for clemency for J. Hall, now in the Ridgetown Jail, charged with the murder of Patrick Mannix. The petition is gaining ground rapidly, and it is believed that the sentence should not be more than a nominal one.

The millwrights who are to fit up the Diamond Mills are here. Mrs. Mary Bonham, relict of the late John Bonham, died yesterday at the residence of her son Ezra, Ridge road, Orford. Mrs. Bonham was one of the pioneers of this section, and had reached the age of 83 years.

Mr. Martyn Williams, aged 21 years and a student, who had been ill for his mother's death, died yesterday at the residence of his mother, Mrs. Howard, for some months, is dead. The funeral took place yesterday; interment at Greenock.

The W. C. T. U. will hold a social on Thursday evening at the residence of Mrs. D. O'Neill, conductor on the L. E. and D. R. R., at Walkerton this week enjoying a holiday.

### MUNCEY.

Meeting of the Council—Good Entertainment—Sawing Match.

Muncey, March 15.—A council meeting was held last week in the Central hall, and was presided over by Mr. Douglas in the chair. After reading the minutes of the last council, Chief Wolfe handed to the chairman the account of D. Hand for his late child's funeral. The expenses amounted to \$5.54. It was moved by Scott Logan, and seconded by Elias Logan, that it be paid out of our own fund. Unanimously carried. Mr. John O'Neil reported he had measured the wood contracted for—ten cords hard and ten cords softwood. The council, by Mr. Wolfe, informed the council that Mary Wilson wished to have the wood carried by the council. On 52 acres, lately held by Maggie Wilson, lot No. 6, range 6. After a long discussion it was moved by W. J. Waddell, seconded by C. Logan, that Waddell Nicholas and Annie Dolson divide the 50 acres of land. Carried. Moved by Peter Jones, seconded by Peter, to locate Annie Dolson on 52 acres, lately held by Maggie Wilson, lot No. 6, range 6. Carried unanimously.

In the evening the ladies prepared an oyster supper, the object being to raise money for the Central hall. The ladies were assisted by the men. The supper was a success, and the ladies were very happy. The ladies were assisted by the men. The supper was a success, and the ladies were very happy.

A Husband Rejoices in His Wife's Renewed Health. She was Weak and Easily Tired, Subject to Severe Headaches and Depression of Spirits—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Restored Her to Health.

From the Moncton Transcript. One of the happiest couples in Notre Dame, N. B., is Mr. Will Colborne and his wife. For the cause of so much happiness they are indebted in a great measure to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, by which Mrs. Colborne was quickly and permanently cured of a most stubborn malady. This is how Mrs. Colborne tells the story of her illness and cure: "When I was 3 years old I had an attack of inflammation of the lungs from which I never recovered. I was extremely nervous, my appetite was never good, and my nights frequently sleepless. Growing up, I felt very fatigued, and the exertion of my affliction less severe, and as time went on I married. Shortly after my marriage all my old symptoms came back in an aggravated form. I could eat nothing and could not sleep at night. My blood became thin and weak, and I felt dull and spiritless. I had no ambition, and the thought of moving about was distasteful to me. I was so easily fatigued that the exertion of walking up stairs almost overcame me, and I suffered from an almost constant bilious headache. My husband became alarmed at my condition and called in a doctor, though nothing beneficial resulted. I continued to grow worse, and acting on the earnest counsel of friends, my husband procured for me a box of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and I began taking them according to directions. Almost immediately I felt a change, my appetite became good, and I ate my food with a relish. I began to sleep well, and the color came back to my face; I became strong and ambitious, and could do my usual household work. All the tired feeling disappeared so that I felt like a new person. I have not since felt the least symptom of my former trouble, nor have I any fears that I shall. I consider Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a great blessing to mankind, and I strongly recommend them to all. They are the greatest medicine in the world."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are a tonic medicine. By their use the blood is renewed, the nerves made strong and vigorous, and in this way disease is driven from the system. As a spring medicine, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are unsurpassed. If feeling languid or "out-of-sorts," a box or two will restore you to your former activity. Ask for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and take nothing else.

The bath of a child should be given at least an hour after food has been taken, and the heat of it should be carefully tested. Worms cause feverishness, moaning and restlessness during sleep. Mother knows best. Extra medicine for a child is sure and effectual. If your drug-gist has none in stock, get him to procure it for you.

### RAVENSWOOD.

Annual Meeting of the Local Bible Society—Formal Election.

Ravenwood, March 16.—The annual meeting of the Ravenswood branch of the W. C. Bible Society was held in the Wesleyan Church on the evening of the 10th inst. The Rev. R. Driman, of Camlachie, agent of the society, addressed the meeting, giving a clear and concise account of the working of the society in all its branches. The church is most tastefully finished in the interior, and was rendered even more tasteful than usual on the present occasion by a collection of flowers, which were placed on the altar. The Rev. Dr. Driman, of Camlachie, agent of the society, addressed the meeting, giving a clear and concise account of the working of the society in all its branches. The church is most tastefully finished in the interior, and was rendered even more tasteful than usual on the present occasion by a collection of flowers, which were placed on the altar.

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| 10c Toweling.....                      | 6       |
| 40c Hooks and Eyes.....                | 1       |
| 50c Fancy Silks.....                   | 29      |
| 30c Cashmere Dress Trimmings.....      | 1       |
| 10c Dress Steels.....                  | 74      |
| 12c Gingham.....                       | 74      |
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| 10c Black Skirts.....                  | 3 00    |
| 30c Long Waist Corsets.....            | 1       |
| 50c Shaker Flannel.....                | 5       |
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| 30c Sheet, unbleached.....             | 125     |
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| 30c Needles.....                       | 2 for 5 |

There'll be no lack of drawing cards in every department. The above is only a part of the good things for Friday.

### FINE DRESSMAKING.

Bayley's

small, was very appreciative. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the speaker at the close of his address. The duties of the chair were ably discharged by Mr. D. Whyte, teacher. The old officers were all re-elected. Misses Horner and Ford were appointed collectors in the room of two who had been elected. Their names were a selection of appropriate music. The contributions for 1896 were \$32.45; collection at the present meeting \$2.54.

### HIS LAST WHOOP.

The Indian Murderer Charcoal Carried to the Gallows.

MacLeod, N. W. T., March 17.—Charcoal, the Indian murderer of Sergeant Wilde, of the Northwest Mounted Police, was hanged here yesterday morning. The Indian gave three whoops as he neared the scaffold stairs, up which he had been carried by the infirmity of his legs.

### A Happy Household.

She Was Weak and Easily Tired, Subject to Severe Headaches and Depression of Spirits—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Restored Her to Health.

From the Moncton Transcript. One of the happiest couples in Notre Dame, N. B., is Mr. Will Colborne and his wife. For the cause of so much happiness they are indebted in a great measure to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, by which Mrs. Colborne was quickly and permanently cured of a most stubborn malady. This is how Mrs. Colborne tells the story of her illness and cure: "When I was 3 years old I had an attack of inflammation of the lungs from which I never recovered. I was extremely nervous, my appetite was never good, and my nights frequently sleepless. Growing up, I felt very fatigued, and the exertion of my affliction less severe, and as time went on I married. Shortly after my marriage all my old symptoms came back in an aggravated form. I could eat nothing and could not sleep at night. My blood became thin and weak, and I felt dull and spiritless. I had no ambition, and the thought of moving about was distasteful to me. I was so easily fatigued that the exertion of walking up stairs almost overcame me, and I suffered from an almost constant bilious headache. My husband became alarmed at my condition and called in a doctor, though nothing beneficial resulted. I continued to grow worse, and acting on the earnest counsel of friends, my husband procured for me a box of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and I began taking them according to directions. Almost immediately I felt a change, my appetite became good, and I ate my food with a relish. I began to sleep well, and the color came back to my face; I became strong and ambitious, and could do my usual household work. All the tired feeling disappeared so that I felt like a new person. I have not since felt the least symptom of my former trouble, nor have I any fears that I shall. I consider Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a great blessing to mankind, and I strongly recommend them to all. They are the greatest medicine in the world."

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## GERALDINE:

A Lover's Romance.

"Well, I don't know. I must think it over, for, mind, it's a responsibility. A child isn't a thing to be picked up and then chucked away when you're tired of it, or when you have something else you like better to take its place. And, mind you, if I thought there was anything in your wild fancies about Waringham, I'd leave the child under a hedge rather than take it in. But then, you're not the place but Mr. Johnson, the butler; and I'm sure he's not the sort of a man

"But Mr. Johnson's not a gentleman, John. You know, in the woman's letter it said 'a gentleman'."

"He's a gentleman to the likes of her; and goodness! you wouldn't suspect Sir Charles."

"No, no, of course. That's true; I'd forgotten there was only Sir Charles now." interrupted his wife, hastily. "Yes, how silly of me! Of course, there's nobody it could be."

"Your wife have had a rare time of it, wool-gathering today. Molly; now, let's have a little sense for a change. Here we are at the gate; don't walk on the grass—you'll get your feet wet. You ask for Mrs. Symes, and I'll wait for you."

"Heaven send the baby's safe, John!" whispered she, slipping her hand through her husband's arm as they made their way along the narrow path under the thick-growing trees in the park, over the wet leaves, through the dense October night.

"Amen, to that," said he huskily.

### CHAPTER II.

Waringham Hall was a big, ugly, white house, built in the time of George III., and so picturesquely placed among the oaks of the park, with the ground sloping gently from the front, that not all the efforts of the architect, not even his freak of hiding away the principal entrance round the corner of the house, and surmounting it with a hideous brick portico, could prevent it from making it look quite the dreary barrack his fancy had imagined. But on this cold October evening, with the mist rising slowly up about the bare white walls, and the almost leafless oaks standing stiffly round, stretching out against crooked fingers, above the thin vapor that was gradually enshrouding them, the hall, with its meager lights seen dimly through the blinds of some half-dozen of the windows, looked from the outside hardly less cheerless than a family vault.

And the inside corresponded with the outside. Commensurate rooms, half-warmed, half-lighted, copies of Rubens and Marillio lining the carved-oak staircase and one feeble lamp in the hall below to see them by. Out of the present, in dyed stuffs and cheap shoes, leading the dull life of lives with the dreary hall, corridors skirted by unused rooms, massive silver candlesticks with unlighted candles in them, old furniture in the taste of past generations—all spoke of dwindled hospitality and declining fortunes.

The sonorous, measured voice of a middle-aged man-servant was calling through the halls and on the staircase, "Master James, Master James," with subdued respectfulness which threatened to turn into something quite different when he should succeed in catching the young gentleman in question. Getting no answer, after having opened the doors of several rooms and muttered, "I'll give you when I catch you, my young gentleman!" as he shook the heavy curtains of the old bedchamber, he walked down the stairs again and listened for a few moments at the door of the drawing-room. It was just in front of him, and his prey was there; Sir Charles and his two middle-aged sisters never had anything to talk about interesting enough to tempt the ear of the musty cur of servants; and Johnson knew the anatomy of every skeleton in the Waringham cupboards as well as the most people. He could hear Miss Elizabeth's rather sharp voice, and Sir Charles' acquiescent grunt; but as the lady did not seem to be scolding anybody, Johnson concluded that her nephew was not there; and he returned to the servants' hall to join in the discussion of the event of the day.

The bishop and two or three of the gentlemen of the neighborhood had lunched at Waringham Hall that day on the occasion of the consecration of a new burial ground, and Sir Charles and his sisters had been there, or rather Miss Elizabeth Otway was

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passing their guests in review, and her brother and sister were listening now and then offering a modest comment.

Sir Charles was a small, slight, fair man of about forty, with an aquiline nose and a retreating chin, who was saved from utter insignificance only by his upright bearing, due to twelve years' inactive service in a line regiment. The same features which expressed nothing in particular in his face were so full of significance in the face of his sister Elizabeth, who was a few years younger than himself, and who had in her girlhood borne a reputation for good looks, which the amount of admiration they excited in the lymphatic portion of the country scarcely justified, but which strengthened her position as the leading spirit in the family circle. Her manners were good, though imperious; her complexion was still delicate; her hair, though still pretty; her cold blue eyes were still bright, and her dress, in spite of the rigid economy they were all forced to practice, was dainty with lace and jewelry which had been in the family for generations. She was not the eldest daughter of the late Sir James Otway, but she had managed in this, as in other matters, to get more than her fair share of such good things as came in her way. Sir Charles had always been very submissive to her, and almost the only point on which he had made firm stand against her superior judgment had been that of his marriage. In spite of all her attempts to persuade him to entrain him into a match which would supply that need of money which, as times grew worse and her claims grew up their terms, she had refused to lower, got more desperately every day, he obstinately persisted in rejecting a match which would have made Eleanor, the eldest of the family, was a shriveled and shrunken brunette, short, sallow and insignificant, who followed her sister's lead dutifully in most things, spent a lazy life in shivering and lounging from room to room with a little woolen shawl round her shoulders, and in avoiding the fresh air, and who became plaintive only over such misfortunes as five minutes' delay in the arrival of a midday chop and a glass of sherry with which her discriminating fragility had to be sustained. She had no manners to speak of, and her powers of conversation were limited to trifling subjects connected with the religion of the uncompromising sort; but, for all that, she was far more popular in the household than her sister.

They sat together by the small fire by which the space round the worn white skin hearth-rug was economically half-warmed, in the little circle of light cast by a lamp and Sir Charles' reading-candle. This oasis in the two big, bare, lofty rooms, with its spindle-legged sofa, a work-table with the frayed silk-cover neatly darned, a couple of uncomfortable arm-chairs, a reading-table, a footstool, a fire-screen, and a cushion for the cat, was the only habitable spot in the expanse of uniform gloom. Here, in both fireplaces, and an outlay in candles which would have made the room cheerful, for the floor was covered by a pale carpet, strewn with a pattern of faded garlands connected by curly ribbons, and a bleak-looking, light-colored paper, stained in many places with damp, hung on the walls, while the doors and valances were white-picked out with tarnished gilding. Old-fashioned furniture of the slim and fragile order, much of it covered with worn wool-work of ugly and conventional design sprinkled the wilderness sparsely arranged in little groups of a table and two chairs, an ottoman and two foot-stools, with a prim attempt at inviting the feet of visitors who never took place there—

"Don't you think the bishop laughs and talks politics rather too much for one in his position, Elizabeth?" asked Eleanor, meekly. "Mr. Bamber and Canon Gillingham both tried to draw him into a discussion of modern serious matters, and each time I noticed that he avoided it."

"Discussion with Canon Gillingham is such a very serious matter that I think we may forgive him, Eleanor." Then Miss Elizabeth turned the subject. "Everything would have gone well but for James. Really, that boy is the most ungrateful, unmanageable child I ever met. Charles!"

"What did he do?" I thought he seemed very quiet," said Eleanor. "Yes, he was quiet as long as we wanted him to be bright and talkative. But, here, after luncheon, when the admiral had opened the 'Pilgrim's Progress,' and was looking over it with him, when he came to the picture of Christian going away, he said 'And who are all those unkind people laughing at him?' and James answered quite loudly, 'I suppose they are his uncles and aunts.' And, of course, it was in a pause, when everybody was listening. And it is just the sort of story that he ought to be told, and make people think we treat the ungrateful, tiresome child badly, meant to have spoken to him about it when they were all gone, but, of course, he knew that he had been naughty and ran out to play—in his best clothes. He ought to be here now, to say good-night—it is half-past six. Charles, will you ring?"

Her brother obeyed, and Johnson appeared, like a dignified ghost in the gloom beyond the lamplight. "How is Master James? Is he not here, Johnson?"

"I can't find him, ma'am. Susan saw him going upstairs with his arms full of books that had been left from luncheon, that he had taken off the dishes, and now Mr. and Mrs. Corbly come to complain that he has stolen a baby, ma'am."

"Stolen a baby?"

"Yes, ma'am. I've been looking for them, and they are all looking for them; but we can't find any trace of either of them, except some jelly on the stairs."

"Dear me, this is a very extraordinary story," said Sir Charles, rising, glad to have something to walk about for. "Where are Mr. and Mrs. Corbly?"

"In Mrs. Symes' room, sir."

"Ask them to come into the study."

The door, which was ajar, showed Sir Charles' use, was the only comfortable room in the house. A screen round the fireplace hid its owner's eyes from the sight of the books, which he disliked, and his arm-chair had been until all the buttons had come off, and most of the surface of the leather had been worn away, while the light horse-hair stuffing stuck out in several places and tempted James, when no one was in the room, to pull it out to put on the hedge for the birds to build their nests with.

(To be Continued.)

### A Point to Remember.

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# The Cretan Trouble.

## Differing Statements Regarding the Blockade.

### A Commission to be Appointed for Crete Till a Governor Is Selected.

### Six Hundred Seaforth Highlanders on the Way to the Scene of Conflict.

### The Greek Feeling of Determination Stronger Than Ever.

Vienna, March 17.—The blockade of the ports of the island of Crete by the warships of the concerted European powers went into effect yesterday.

London, March 17.—Some doubt exists here as to whether or not the blockade of Crete has actually commenced, notwithstanding the statement of Prime Minister Salisbury in the House of Lords that orders had been given to put the blockade into operation at once. The special dispatches sent from Crete make no mention of the ports having been closed by the warships of the powers. A dispatch from Crete to a news agency says that the blockade have not yet proclaimed the blockade. The statement received from Vienna says that the blockade began yesterday, was reaffirmed last evening, but as it was not official, it is likely that it was premature.

The Standard publishes a dispatch from Athens saying that up to last evening the Government had received no official information that the fleets of the powers were blockading Crete.

### BRITISH SOLDIERS SENT TO CRETE.

London, March 17.—The detachment of 600 British troops from Malta which have been ordered to Crete, are from the Seaforth Highlanders, and will leave immediately. The vessels belonging to the Mediterranean Squadron now at Malta have been instructed to sail immediately for the island of Crete, in order to reinforce the British squadron now in those waters.

### A BRITISH NOTE.

In the House of Commons, Mr. A. J. Balfour said: "We have today addressed a communication to the powers in regard to Greece, but it is impossible, as it would be improper, and against public interest, to state the terms of the communication or to encourage debate on the subject."

### COMMISSION FOR CRETE.

Vienna, March 17.—It is announced here that an international commission to declare the appointment of a governor for Crete, a commission will be appointed to act in that capacity in the name of the European powers.

### THE GREEK SPIRIT.

London, March 17.—A dispatch to the Times from Athens says that since the action of the powers in ordering the blockade of the ports of Crete, the Greek popular determination that the Greek army should prevent the never been withdrawn from Crete has become stronger than ever. The people are unanimous in their determination to resist the Greek Government and the king and the Government have no choice but to swim with the tide of popular feeling.

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It is claimed that with the reservists of 1885 and 1886 the Greek army will number about 50,000 men. The policy paper has a dispatch from Constantinople stating that the Turkish troops on the Greek frontier number 60,000 with 200 guns.

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Paris, March 17.—M. Hanotaux, Minister of Foreign Affairs, made in the Senate a declaration of the policy of France similar to that which he made in the Chamber of Deputies, when he announced that France would adhere to the concert policy. The Senate attested its confidence in the Government's policy by a vote of 24 to 22.

### MORE VICTIMS.

Canea, March 17.—Five of the sea-

men who were injured by the explosion of one of the turret guns in the Russian warship Sissoi Velsky, while practicing outside Suda Bay, have died from the results of their injuries. It is expected that a number of others will also die.

### ENGLAND AND FRANCE AGREEED.

London, March 17.—Lord Kimberley, in the House of Lords, asked that the Government make a further and more explicit statement in regard to the Cretan situation.

Lord Salisbury referred him to the admirable speeches delivered by Foreign Minister Hanotaux, and Premier Meline in the French Chamber of Deputies yesterday, in the sentiments expressed in which he, Lord Salisbury, said he heartily concurred.

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Lord Salisbury—The policy of the powers explained in the speeches of M. Hanotaux and M. Meline. If I have not used their brilliant language, it is my misfortune and not my fault.

In the lobbies and House the remarks of Lord Salisbury are regarded as a statement of emergency. The dispatch of the Premier to secure a closer entente with France, and also as indicating a more intimate understanding in closer united with one another in understanding in regard to Crete than they are with the other powers.

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### THE MAJESTIC PASSES SOUTH-AMPTON.

Queensdown, March 17.—Owing to the severe weather prevailing, the White Star line steamer Majestic, Captain Smith, from New York on March 10 for Liverpool, was prevented from landing her passengers and mails here today. She proceeded on her destination without communicating with the shore.

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Paris, March 17.—M. Hanotaux, Minister of Foreign Affairs, made in the Senate a declaration of the policy of France similar to that which he made in the Chamber of Deputies, when he announced that France would adhere to the concert policy. The Senate attested its confidence in the Government's policy by a vote of 24 to 22.

### MORE VICTIMS.

Canea, March 17.—Five of the sea-

Corbett in the United States, as even money is the rule here. They recall the fact that Fitzsimmons is alleged to have "sold" a right to "Jim" Hall in Sydney, New South Wales, and the betting is light. No American money is in sight, and an offer of \$200 even on Fitzsimmons at the National Sporting Club was not taken. Corbett's supporters asking for odds.

### CABLE NOTES.

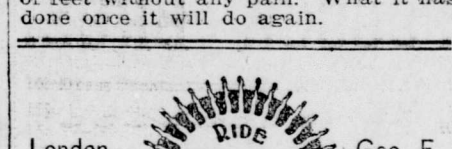
At the session of the Parliamentary committee of inquiry into the Transvaal raid, the Hon. W. H. Schröder, who was Attorney-General in Col. Cecil Rhodes' Cabinet, was examined. He repeated his evidence as given before the Cape Colony Commission last year. It was very anti-Rhodes throughout.

The Archbishop of Manila, the capital of the Philippine Islands, has cabled to the authorities at Madrid that 20,000 additional troops to reinforce the Spanish soldiers there are imperatively necessary, and that there should be no delay in forwarding them.

The average height of London policemen is not over 5 feet 9 inches. The chief constable is at Metropolitan Police Office, New Scotland Yard, London.

Give Holloway's Corn Cure a trial. It removed ten corns from one pair of feet without any pain. What it has done once it will do again.

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