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Wake up your liver. Cure your constipation. Get rid of your biliousness. Dose, one pill. Mild and gentle.

WORLD OF SPORT

HOCKEY

MAX FRASER CHOSEN CAPTAIN

A splendid business meeting of the local Hockey Club was held last evening in the parlors of the Rankin Hotel. The meeting started sharp at eight o'clock, and there was a continued business element till the close at 9:50 p. m.

The committee appointed at the last meeting to interview the Curling Club re usage of the rink being erected, and what days it could be used.

The committee reported that some good concessions had been secured. The resignation of Max D. Fraser from the management was accepted

when he had given his reasons. Mr. Fraser was later in the evening elected to the captaincy of the club.

W. G. Coupland was elected manager of the club.

The membership of the club was limited to 25 members, \$3 per ticket, and the executive committee was given power to increase the number if they saw fit. The committee was also given power to reject any from membership that they saw fit. The fee is to be paid by December 15th.

Messrs. Grant, Bray and Capt. Fraser were appointed as team committee to select teams for the games.

The secretary, S. A. Mercer, was instructed to secure sweater quotations. Colors of the club are green sweater, white collar, cuffs and lower band, with white knickers and black stockings. This outfit will make a splendid appearance.

The matter of joining any league was left over until the next meeting. This winter promises to be the most successful ever in the winter sports in the city.

THE ATLAS LOAN.

SUING THE STOCKHOLDERS FOR \$209,500.

One Man Signed Without Knowing What—Mrs. Haskin Bought Stock Four Days Before the Collapse—List of Those Sued.

St. Thomas, Dec. 9.—Judging from yesterday's proceedings, it will take at least all of the present week before Mr. Thomas Hodgins, the Master-in-Ordinary, will have heard all those shareholders of the Atlas Loan Co. whom the liquidator, the National Trust Company, is endeavoring to hold as contributors for unpaid stock. The Master opened the court here this morning and at adjournment to-night at 6:30 evidence in only two cases had been heard. The liquidator is, however, going on first with those cases that are likely to take the longest time. It had been desired by the liquidator that a number of the cases, where the circumstances were similar should be heard together, but the legal representatives of the parties objected to this, so that now each case will have to be heard upon its merits.

The first case taken up was that of W. Burnip of St. Thomas, whom the liquidator held as a contributor for 26 shares on which \$2,000 was unpaid. He was represented by Mr. J. C. Judd of London. In January, 1899, there was a transfer of 30 shares made by Mr. Burnip of St. Thomas, whom the liquidator held as a contributor for 26 shares on which \$2,000 was unpaid. In 1892 Burnip sold four shares fully paid up, leaving him still with 26 shares on which \$2,000 was unpaid. The idea of this sale was to make a payment of \$444 to the reserve fund. Mr. Harrington, the accountant for the liquidator, was first called by Mr. Hunter to trace the Burnip shares through the books of the Atlas Loan.

In cross-examination by Mr. Judd, it appeared that on a certificate, No. 0328, for six shares of stock in the books 20 had been written in, making the total 26 shares.

An unpleasant experience Mrs. Hoskin had with Mr. A. E. Wallace was detailed by her in giving an account of her various transactions in Atlas Loan stock. She desired to purchase some more stock and Wallace told her he had five shares for sale at \$125. Mrs. Hoskin did not desire to buy at that price, so Wallace took her into the office and told her she was very foolish if she didn't take the stock, that he had himself \$55,000 in the company and was buying every dollar's worth of stock he could get hold of, and that the company was making 12 per cent. on every dollar out.

"You ought to know better than me," Mrs. Hoskin said to Mr. Wallace. "By all means you should take the stock; you cannot make a better investment," Mr. Wallace replied.

Mrs. Hoskin took the stock and four days later the Atlas Loan Co. closed its door.

The full list of those who are contesting the claims of the liquidator against them is as follows:—

Shareholder	Shares	Unpaid
Thomas Calvert, St. Thomas	50	\$1,000
Miss H. Robinson, St. Thomas	10	500
Mrs. E. S. Quance, St. Thomas	30	600
J. C. Quance, St. Thomas	30	600
Miss L. Wyatt, St. Thomas	11	500
Rev. H. Threlkeld, St. Thomas	10	500
Rev. J. R. Hunter, St. Thomas	40	4,000
Neil McCall, Ridgeway	10	500
Geo. Metcalfe, St. Thomas	10	500
W. H. Murch, St. Thomas	35	1,500
Thos. Fitcher, St. Thomas	65	4,500
J. M. Green, St. Thomas	10	500
Mrs. Caroline Price, Port Stanley	65	5,200
Mrs. E. W. Hoskin, London	11	550
Wm. Burnip, St. Thomas	25	2,000
Wm. Clark, St. Thomas	51	4,500
Dewitt Breen, St. Thomas	50	2,500
Mrs. M. Gregory, Sparta	60	4,000
Mrs. Edith McKelvey, St. Thomas	40	2,500
J. E. Ostrander, St. Thomas	40	2,500
Robt. Potts, St. Thomas	62	2,500
Ralph Steele, St. Thomas	62	2,500
C. E. Williams, St. Thomas	70	3,500
Angus & Hattie McLarty (as executor), St. Thomas	50	2,500
William Royal, St. Thomas	45	3,700
John Bassett, Sparta	19	500
Sperrin Chant, St. Thomas	50	2,500
John Platt, Toronto	40	3,500
Chas. H. Spurr, St. Thomas	24	300
W. R. Jackson, St. Thomas	20	1,000
A. W. Martin, St. Catharines	20	1,000
E. P. McDowell, Mount Vernon, N.Y.	200	17,000
Mrs. E. L. Powell, St. Thomas	30	2,100
Mrs. C. A. McCall, (as executor), Newark, N.J.	65	1,000
Thos. Fitcher, St. Thomas	65	4,500
A. E. Fitcher, St. Thomas	65	4,500
Mrs. E. A. Smith, Sparta	11	1,000
M. Parns, Port Stanley	100	6,000
Mrs. M. P. Parns, Port Stanley	66	5,100
Contributors wishing their cases reopened	Un-	Shares, paid.
Geo. Barnard, Hargrave, Man.	50	\$2,000
Wm. Gay, St. Thomas	9	300
Mrs. V. F. Penhale, St. Thomas	11	500
Wm. Royal, St. Thomas	45	3,700
Jas. Walthew, St. Thomas	15	500
To be heard in Toronto	60	4,000
Mrs. H. S. Crossley, King	60	4,000
Names on list of contributors not served	Un-	Shares, paid.
James A. Graham, St. Thomas	229	\$17,000
Mrs. Kate Going, Port Stanley	15	800
Mrs. Minnie Humphries, Des Moines, Iowa	100	5,300
J. Vanden, Kingston	10	500
Jessie Fraser, Regina, N.W.T.	40	2,300

GHOULS AT WORK.

Robbing Bodies in Newport News Cemetery.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 8.—The local police are on the trail of a band of ghouls who for many weeks, it is believed, have been engaged in desecrating the graves in Greenlawn Cemetery and robbing the newly interred bodies of their jewelry, shrouds and clothing. Two bodies that were exhumed for the purpose of removal to other lots were discovered to be in a completely nude condition, notwithstanding the fact that both bodies had been interred in handsome and costly clothing. The bodies were those of Mrs. Edwin Thompson and her father, John Nicolas, and the discovery was made by the husband of Mrs. Thompson.

A Long Sentence.

Houston, Texas, Dec. 8.—In the District Court of Cherokee county today Allen Brown, a negro, convicted of attempted criminal assault, was sentenced to one thousand years in the penitentiary. Under the law the jury could not impose a death sentence. At the time of his arrest Brown narrowly escaped being lynched.

Cure Eczema

Boils, Salt Rheum, Scrofula, and all blood diseases permanently by using

Weaver's Syrup
For the Blood.

LANGLEY FLYER FAILS.

Broke in Half and Fell Into River—Complete Failure.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The second attempt to fly the Langley aerodrome was a failure. The machine when released from the launching car described a downward course, broke in half, and fell into the river. Chas. M. Manly, who was operating it, turned completely over in the air and became entangled in the wreckage, but was quickly rescued from the water.

FOR HIS SON'S DEATH.

Geo. Greenley of Liverpool Suing Max Kert's Father.

Montreal, Dec. 9.—George Greenley of Liverpool, father of the young man whom Max Kert, who is now serving time for manslaughter, shot at Bout de L'Isle a few weeks ago, has entered suit for \$30,000 damages against Isaac Kert, father of the prisoner, on the ground that Kert, sen., was responsible for his son's actions.

Mile Swim in Icy Waters.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Clad in a rubber swimming suit and armed with a paddle, with which to ward off ice cakes, Captain Sidney Hinman, an Australian, lowered himself into the Chicago River just below the Rush street bridge, and swam with the icy current down to Madison street bridge, a distance of nearly a mile, winning \$200 from George W. Turnbull, a contractor, who had bet him that he would not dare attempt the feat.

HEART PALPITATION AT NIGHT

Rattles even the strongest man, but to the average woman it is a taste of general purgatory. Take a little Rivalin, sweeten with water and away goes the palpitation. You'll be saved lots of worry by keeping Rivalin on hand, which is a treasure for all sorts of pains and aches. Rivalin cures headache, stomach and bowel troubles quickly. Costs 25c. for a large bottle.

Minard's Liment Cures Canker.

Reliable Silverware

For Table Use....

Let us show you some of our new patterns in Roger Bros.' best goods. For suitable WEDDING GIFTS nothing is nicer than our Roger Bros.' berry spoons, cool meat forks, jelly Slices or pie knives. These can be mailed at small expense.

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CRITICISM OF SIFTON.

STANDARD SAYS HIS SPEECH HAS CLEARED THE GROUND.

Mr. Churchill Says Mr. Chamberlain's Policy Would Add Fifty Millions Yearly to Taxes.

London, Dec. 9.—The Standard this morning says:—From Canada comes an illuminating pronouncement, the speech of Hon. Clifford Sifton, who is not the least influential member of the Laurier Cabinet. His attitude regarding commercial union is shrewd, cool and businesslike. So many obscure hints and nebulous threats are being thrown out regarding Canada's position if the demand for preferential trade is rejected that we are glad the ground is cleared in this thorough fashion. The sturdy independence of the colonists is not flattered by the talk that Canada will join hands with America if she is not given material advantages. There is a note of patriotic self-assertiveness in the speech, no doubt due to a passing irritation over the Alaska award. We hope that in his remarks regarding the British navy he was only playing to the gallery, though naturally a colonist's primary allegiance should be given to his own colony. The colonists resent any deliberate purpose to restrict any competition likely to thwart their purpose of developing the great manufacturing industries of their own.

There is no need to abandon the attempts to bind the empire closer, but it is well that we should understand the reasons warning the Dominion Minister thought proper to enunciate. Closer bonds of empire is a sentiment shared in by all patriotic Englishmen, but from Mr. Sifton's speech we perceive that it will need a great deal of careful statesmanship to effect it. Dr. Hillier read a paper on "Our Fiscal System" at the Colonial Institute last night. Absolute free trade within the empire, he said, was at present impracticable. The change would be too great and sudden. The two alternatives were preference to the colonies and a readjustment of the taxes already paid upon certain articles of consumption. Colonial trade had increased from £60,000,000 to £107,000,000, and had saved the commercial position of the empire. Britain should not treat the colonial conference of 1902 as a farce.

The Duke of Argyll, who was not able to be present, wrote:—I am in favor of commencing the experiment of legislation along the lines of a preferential tariff, thus responding to the colonial patriotic and Imperial movement.

Mr. Cumberland, formerly of Toronto, strongly supported protection. Mr. Courtney, the Liberal candidate for West Edinburgh, said Mr. Cumberland's policy would make Britain a third-rate power.

Mr. Winston Churchill, speaking at Whitby, said Mr. Chamberlain's policy meant the addition to the burden of the taxpayers of £50,000,000 yearly. The colonies would receive a subsidy of £2,500,000, the treasury £8,000,000, and the rest would go into the pockets of private persons.

Lord Onslow, speaking at the annual banquet of the Associated Chambers of Commerce, Piccadilly, yesterday and referring to cattle breeding, said he had been pressed to bring in a bill to permit the admission of Canadian store cattle into this country—(cries of "no")—to open the ports, to discourage home breeders, and to introduce disease. (Applause.) Imperial federation, he said later, bore the hall mark of the colonies beyond the seas, and should not be lightly cast aside.

WINNIPEG MAYORALTY.

Ald. Sharpe's Majority Nearly a Thousand.

Winnipeg, Dec. 9.—Ald. Thos. Sharpe was elected Mayor of Winnipeg by 900 majority over his two rivals, Ald. Barclay and ex-Ald. Mitchell. Mr. Sharpe's total vote exceeds that of his two opponents. The Aldermen elected are:—Ward 1, C. Campbell; Ward 2, Capt. Wynne; Ward 3, J. T. Horne; Ward 4, A. McCharles; Ward 5, H. Fry; Ward 6, F. C. Smith.

Mayors were elected by acclamation at nominations held in Manitoba towns to-day:—

Portage la Prairie—Edward Brown. West Selkirk—J. K. McKemie. Melville—C. P. Estlin. Rapid City—G. L. Stone. Gretna—Otto Schultz. Carberry—Wm. Walker. Brandon—Robert Hall. Dauphin—C. F. Turner. Plam Coulee—J. H. Unger. Morris—D. McTavish.

Minnedosa—Candidates are John W. Thompson, Arthur W. Shaw, Wm. H. Sperling, S. Fairbairn. Killarney—Robert Monteith and J. W. Small.

Birtle—C. A. Flower and J. Clements.

Virden—W. K. Wilcox and D. McDonald.

Neepawa—John Brown and A. Dunlop.

Woman Ground to Pieces.

Oswego, N.Y., Dec. 8.—Rose Hoffman Wallace, wife of Frederick T. Wallace, a bookkeeper of Syracuse, while temporarily insane owing to nervous trouble, threw herself in front of a New York Central passenger train this afternoon and was ground to pieces. She was 35 years old and a daughter of Frank Hoffman, a prominent marine engineer.

Rev. H. C. Trumbull Dead.

Philadelphia, Dec. 8.—Rev. Henry Clay Trumbull, author and editor of The Sunday School Times, died today, aged 73 years.

Archbishop of Nicolet Dying.

Montreal, Dec. 8.—Word has been received in the city that the death of Archbishop Gravel of Nicolet is expected at any moment. The last sacrament of the church has been administered to him.

New Mufflers....

We made a fortunate purchase last week, direct from the makers of a big lot of

WAY'S WOOLLEN MUFFLERS,

and can give you much better value than has been usual in these goods before this season. The assortment is large and there is almost every color you can think of. They are warm, comfortable and correct. You are strictly out of it with one. They are priced from

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Come in and look them over. We have all the other kinds of mufflers as well.

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Special Dinner and Tea

Sets waiting for you and your friends. A full course of the following dishes:

Fancy Salads.—English, French and German.

Box Buns.—From Japan, France and Austria.

Colerles.—The latest French and German styles.

Fruit.—Of all kinds and sizes.

You will be delighted from now until Christmas if you come to this festival of the most beautiful and artistic showing of FINE CHINA BRIC-A-BRAC, VASES, JARDINERES and LAMPS ever shown in Chatham.

Admission Free. Everybody Come.

Special prices on anything you wish to carry away.

Goods delivered to any part of city.

GRAY'S CHINA HALL.

Next McCall's Drug Store.

MY VALET.

will open his place of business, Room 2, McCall Block, on

Monday, December 7.

Don't Pay

High prices for your China lamps, dinner or tea sets; see our goods, get the prices; this ensures us the sales. The goods are extra fine quality, very pretty, large assortment to choose from. Bought expressly for the Xmas trade.

GROCERIES.

If you need these goods here are our prices:—

4 lbs Mix Candy 25c
Mixed Nuts 15c per lb.
Cream Candy 10c per lb.
3 lbs. Selected Raisins 25c.
" best Cleaned Currants 25c
Lemon, Citron and Orange Peel, mixed, 20c a lb.
Mince Meat 10c. a lb.
7 lbs Best Rolled Oats 25c
2 lbs Pure Lard, 25c.
New Dates 7c lb.

John McConnell,
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in our candies and if you are going to "treat" anyone to some you'll have difficulty in suiting their taste. And this is safe

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to buy, whether you pay 20 or 40 cents a pound for it. The 20 cent kind is good as can be. That at 40 cents is more expensively flavored and prettier to look at. Children like our broken candy at 10 cents the pound.

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Christmas Suggestions...

The Holiday spirit is all around you. The snap of Christmas is in the air. Our store is brim full of holiday newness. No trouble to select gifts here. Useful and pretty articles stare you in the face at every turn. You will get better selections now than later and shop with great comfort. Come and see us to-morrow for these goods:

Wrapperettes

A case of new designs in wrapperettes just opened—designs and colorings especially suitable for waists, special at a yard 83c

Table Linens

64 inches wide, warranted pure linen, unbleached, table linen in excellent mow drop, sharp and floral designs, guarantee wear and appearance, extra value at a yard 60c

72 inches wide, warranted pure linen grass bleached tabling, in exquisite design, fine satin damask finish, very special at 1.00

Shaker Blankets

Full double bed size shaker blankets in cream and grey with pink and blue borders, extra soft fluffy finish, perfect weave, extra value at a pair 95c

Fancy Linens

18 inches wide, 54 inches long, crepe linen wide broad scarfs and runners, ends fringed and fancy drawn designs, regular price 40c each, on sale for 28c

Lawn Special

44 inches wide, extra fine and heavy Victoria lawn for aprons, regular price 16c a yard, on sale special this week at 12c

Sateen Special

Fine bright finish figured art satens in light and dark shades, pretty designs for cushion tops, coverings, etc., on sale special at a yard 12c

Ladies' Underwear

Extra fine and heavy ribbed vests and drawers, fine soft fleece lining, best value in the trade and very special offering at per garment 50c

Cashmere Hose at 25c a pr.

Ladies' fast black pure wool, full fashioned, English made cashmere hose, very special value at a pair 12c

Golf Jackets

Ladies' fine imported golf jackets, in handsome cardinal and navy blue effects, very special value at 2.50

Ladies' Skirt Special

Ladies' skirts made of extra quality, black fringes, trimmed with cloth bands and buttons, corded flounces and satina bands, on sale at very special at 3.85

Men's Hdkf. Special

Men's large sized taped cambric handkerchiefs, fine bleached, serviceable and dressy, regular value 10 and 12c each, on sale this week very special at 4 for 25c

Art Muslins

Delicate designs in art muslins for comforters, curtains and drapery, very special value at 6c

Fur Ruff

Real undyed black ruffs extra full and large, 46 inches long, trimmed with 6 large tails, chain fastener, very special value at 12.00

THOS. STONE & SON.



A Look Into The Ark

As the windows indicate, will show that Santa Claus has his headquarters here, gathering dolls, skates, drums, guns, sleighs, steam engines, mechanical toys, rocking horses, games, picture books and everything else that he can get into his bag, for boys and girls. And for the older folks, "Pandora" and "Famous" Stoves and Ranges to warm your house or roast your Christmas turkey. Nice steel and silver knives and forks, dinner and tea sets in best English Semi-Porcelain to the finest Haviland French China, price \$2.75 to \$5 per set.

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Christmas Goods, Christmas Cakes, Christmas Puddings, Bread, Cakes and Pastry of all Descriptions.

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FRESH OYSTERS served in all styles and for sale in bulk.

WEDDING CAKES A SPECIALTY.

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\$100,000 READY TO BE PAID.

A DIVIDEND IS DELAYED BY LEGAL DIFFICULTIES.

Atlas Loan Troubles—Master Will Not Consider Deceit as a Defence—Shareholders Who Are Also Depositors Claim a Set-off—Argument Will be Heard in Toronto.

St. Thomas, Dec. 10.—One fact stands out plainly in the liquidation of the Atlas Loan Company, and it is accentuated by the examinations going on here now in respect to the contributories. It is that the creditors of the company will have to wait for a considerable period before they will receive any dividend. Were it not for the litigation, of which there now appears no end, there is enough money at present in the hands of the liquidator, the National Trust Company, to pay a small dividend. Nothing, however, can be done until all the various claims for and against the estate are settled, and this is likely to be a matter of a good many months. The Atlas Loan went into liquidation in June last, and since then the realization by the liquidator upon the assets of the company amounts to about \$100,000. There is still a considerable sum in the hands of the liquidator, as well as other assets, while in the present investigation the Master in Ordinary may hold most of the contributories liable for the amount that the liquidator has set against their names. This in itself would be a large sum, but whether the majority of the contributories will be able to pay the amount of the judgments or not is another thing. Some of them are absolutely unable to pay.

Not only has the matter of contributories to be settled, but the debenture holders now claim to be ranked as preferred creditors. If their contention is right it will very much reduce the dividend to the ordinary creditors. The liquidator contests this claim, and it will be argued before the courts some time next spring.

The scope of the investigation here was considerably narrowed by the decision of the Master that the question of deceit or misrepresentation on the part of Mr. A. E. Wallace or anybody else could not enter into the inquiry. In nearly every defence this has been raised, that the purchasers of Atlas Loan stock did not know they were buying unpaid shares, and that Mr. Wallace had misrepresented them as to the real facts of the transaction. The Master is giving judgment in none of the cases before him at present. Counsel will argue these in Toronto at a time to be set. Many of the defendants in the cases that the contributories had paid money into the reserve fund and that such payments should rank upon their unpaid stock. These, too, who are both holders of unpaid stock and depositors, claim that the amount of their deposits should be applied on the unpaid stock, in fact they claim a set-off. The Master, however, has practically decided against them on this point, for addressing counsel to-day made it plain that previous decisions had made it plain that unless the company had made a call upon depositors for a payment upon their unpaid stock there could be no set-off. In most of the cases before the Master it is admitted that no such call had been made.

W. H. Murch, who was the President of the company, disputed the claim of the liquidator against him for \$1500. Mr. Murch held thirty-five one hundred dollar shares and seventy fifty dollar shares, on which the \$1500 was unpaid. He admitted his subscription to the stock, but claimed as a set-off \$1480 which he had paid into the reserve fund and which, if allowed, would practically clear him of all liability. The liquidator has dropped the claim against Neill McNabb, of Ridgeway, for ten unpaid shares. No certificate had been issued for these shares, and there was, therefore, no evidence. Mrs. E. A. Smith, of St. Thomas, one of the contestants, agreed to be placed on the contributory list for \$950, and her case was dropped.

Some of the erratic bookkeeping of the Atlas Loan was brought to the attention of the court in the case of C. E. Williams of St. Thomas, a train dispatcher, who was held for 70 shares, on which \$3000 was unpaid. Mr. J. M. Glenn, K.C., of St. Thomas, who represented Mr. Williams, admitted a liability of \$1000, but the books showed that \$3000 was unpaid. It was proved, however, by the certificate held by Mr. Williams, that he was liable for only \$2000, so the liquidator dropped the action, accepting the admission of one thousand dollars liability. Mr. Williams had paid \$800 into the reserve fund, and with other shareholders, desired that to rank as against his stock. The usual evidence from the books was put before the court in the case of Angus and Hattie McLarty, as executor and executrix of the estate of the late Dr. McLarty of St. Thomas, held for 50 shares, \$2500 unpaid. The liability was admitted, the defendants asking the court to grant a set-off as against their deposit account in the Atlas Loan. The same claim was brought up in the next case, that of J. M. Green of St. Thomas, held for 50 shares, \$2000 unpaid, a set-off on account of the deposit with the Atlas Loan was asked for. Similar cases, in which the same claims were made, were those of R. Steele, Union, 25 shares, \$500 unpaid; J. E. Ostrander, St. Thomas, 8 shares, \$600 unpaid; and Robert Potts, St. Thomas, 62 shares, \$2500 unpaid.

TO CHOOSE A CANDIDATE

Liberal Conservatives of Kent will Meet in Convention on Monday, Dec. 21st.

A Large and Enthusiastic Gathering Looked For—Splendid Organization of the Constituency.

In anticipation of the early dissolution of the Dominion Parliament and an appeal to the country, the Liberal Conservatives of Kent have decided to hold a convention on Monday, Dec. 21st, for the purpose of selecting a candidate for this constituency. The convention will be held in the Oddfellows' Auditorium, commencing at 1.30 o'clock in the afternoon, when it is anticipated that the candidate will be chosen, and several addresses of importance delivered.

The Conservative organization in this constituency was never better than at the present time, and the prospects are that the convention will be one of the largest and best in the history of the party in Kent.

DELAYED TRAIN

The 8.15 west-bound Grand Trunk train, which carries the east mail, arrived in the city at a quarter to twelve, being three hours and a half late. The train was reported at seven o'clock to be 15 minutes behind time, but the delay occurred at Komoka, where a freight wreck of some kind had occurred. Quite a number who were going to Detroit and other points went home to dinner first and did not get back in time to catch the train.

RADIAL ROAD

The joint committee of the City Council and the Board of Trade, appointed to confer with the city solicitor in reference to the inducements that should be given the proposed Wallaceburg-Chatham electric road, met last week. Mr. Dunn, solicitor for the promoters, was in the city to-day, and the committee submitted to him the offer agreed upon by the joint committee. If the offer is accepted a by-law will be prepared at the special meeting of the Council to-morrow night, and the ratifiers will be given a chance to vote on it at the municipal elections. The members of the joint committee were Ald. Marshall Munster and Eggott, of the City Council, and Messrs. G. P. Schofield, Will Hadley and Hugh Macdonald, of the Board of Trade. It is understood that the proposition which was submitted to Mr. Dunn was that the city should loan the railroad \$50,000. Thirty-five thousand dollars when the loan is completed is completed and \$15,000 when the line south is built.

ARE EAGER TO FIGHT.

Senator Morgan on Roosevelt and the Kaiser.

Washington, Dec. 10.—United States Senator Teller criticized his speech in opposition to the Cuban reciprocity bill, and Senator Morgan also was heard in opposition to that measure. Mr. Morgan took occasion to refer frequently to the Panama Canal treaty, and in that connection again freely criticized what he denominated "Presidential usurpation." He declared that the United States is practically at war with Colombia, and that the President had fallen into a trap. Mr. Morgan said that his whole purpose was to warn the Senate against ratifying a treaty, the negotiation of which he characterized as a "most wretched, a most abominable and a most horrible transaction. Notwithstanding this was the case," the Senator continued, "the Senate sleeps over this breach of the Monroe doctrine, while the President of France and the President of the United States intone in unison their solemn and satisfied amen."

He predicted that the time would come when Cuba would clip the threads and again float off into the sea of liberty. In such an effort Cuba might find a friend in Germany, which might follow our example and create a state of independence in a night and then annex it with the coming sunrise. No doubt there would be fighting, for who, he asked, "is more eager to fight than Emperor William or our own strenuous President?" He then proceeded to say that only yesterday he had met a great Democrat, who had "had a place in our affairs only second in importance to the Presidency, and had made a name for himself in Democracy (evidently meaning former United States Secretary of State Olney), who had bowed his head as he said: 'For the first time in my life I have to confess that I am ashamed of the attitude of my country.'"

Like a farmer, every chicken is interested in its own crop.

RECORDS ALL BROKEN.

TIMBER SALE BRINGS ENORMOUS PRICES.

The Bidding Was Keen—Over Three-and-a-half Million Dollars Obtained—Highest Price For a Single Berth Was \$31,500 a Square Mile.

Toronto, Dec. 10.—All previous records were broken by the sales of timber limits held in the Legislative chamber at the Parliament buildings yesterday. The 826 square miles of limits sold at \$3,677,337.50, the average price per mile being \$4450. The largest amount realized at a previous sale was \$2,315,000 on Oct. 13, 1892, when 633 miles were sold at an average price of \$3,637.18.

The record for highest price per mile was made yesterday, when T. Mackie, M. P., secured berth No. 5, Hammett township, in the Nipissing district, three and one-quarter miles, at the rate of \$31,500 per mile. The highest previous price per mile was \$17,500 bid at the 1892 sale. The total receipts from yesterday's sale will not represent the total return to the Province, for the increase in dues and ground rents will be a source of additional revenue.

PRISONER IN THE ICE.

Experience of the Mayor of Amherstburg.

Windsor, Dec. 10.—Mayor Jas. Brault of Amherstburg arrived in Windsor yesterday after an experience in the middle of Lake Erie which he will not soon forget. For five days Mayor Brault and a number of his friends were imprisoned on the little tug Thistle in the centre of the ice floes of Lake Erie, with but a meagre supply of fuel and provisions on hand. The party were far out of the track of any belated freighters passing up or down, and their signals of distress could not be seen from Pelee Island. Just when the situation had become most critical a warm wave set in, enabling the tug to force a passage in a southerly direction, and after many weary hours' work the lights of Sandusky were sighted. The party arrived there yesterday morning, after having been marooned for over five days.

Mayor Brault, in speaking of his experience, said: "My family have not heard from me since I left Amherstburg. The wire to the island was in trouble, and I was unable to communicate with them. We were mighty lucky not to have all starved to death."

WHY NOT BE HONEST?

Mr. Bickerdike on the British Cattle Embargo.

Montreal, Dec. 10.—The cable report of Lord Goschen's remarks respecting Canadian cattle elicited a rebuke from Mr. Robert Bickerdike, M.P., a large local exporter. "That man's name must be Lord Dundreagh, and not Lord Goschen," said Mr. Bickerdike. "Why can't they be honest about it at least? Here they are parading themselves before the world as a free trade country, and there never was a clearer case of protection than this instance of cattle restrictions. Introduce disease, indeed! There is no more disease among cattle in Canada than there is in England itself. If that is their method of fostering imperial federation they might try a new tack with better results."

REFUSE MEDICAL AID.

Another Daughter of Elias Mehm III.

Stratford, Dec. 10.—Another daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elias Mehm, this city, is down with typhoid fever, and the parents refuse to call in a physician, contending that all that is necessary is faith and prayer. Mr. Mehm is now out on bail, awaiting a trial for manslaughter for not calling in medical aid for his daughter. The authorities will endeavor to have the Mehm call in a doctor. Speaking of the case, the County town Attorney said that if the parents could be induced to call in a physician the child under care would be all right. If they refuse another method will be adopted.

C. J. ALTMAN ACQUITTED.

Charge of Malicious Damage at Brockville Hat Works.

Brockville, Dec. 10.—C. J. Altman, a former member of the Union Hat Works, here, was acquitted on the charge of destroying a gauge used in the manufacture of hats. On the other charge of destroying dyes the Grand Jury returned "no bill."

CLAIMS WALLAC MISLED HIM.

Atlas Loan Loser Charges Manager With Deceit—Statement of Claim.

Toronto, Dec. 10.—J. H. Huntly, who issued a writ against A. E. Wallace, ex-manager of the Atlas Loan Company, claiming damages for fraud, filed his statement of claim at Osgoode Hall yesterday. He claims that he accused Mr. Wallace of investing the company's funds in margin stocks, and that Mr. Wallace assured him that it was not true, and that only his private funds were used in this way. On this assurance Mr. Huntly left his account with the loan company, and with disastrous results. In his statement Mr. Huntly says: "The defendant was at the date of the interview with Mr. Huntly, and previously thereto, dealing as an officer of the Atlas Loan Company or otherwise in company with the funds of the Atlas Loan Company, and made the representation alleged by Mr. Huntly, to the effect that he (Mr. Wallace) was not dealing in margin stocks with the company's funds well knowing the same to be false."

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SMALL-POX CASE

Judgment has been reserved in the two cases arising out of the small-pox outbreak at Ridgeway. These cases occupied the attention of Chief Justice Falconbridge from the opening of the court until Wednesday afternoon.

The case of Ward vs. Lowthian, et al., including the Ridgeway Board of Health and the Medical Health Officers, was one in which the plaintiff asked the defendants for damages for quarantining the Arlington Hotel and for keeping sick and afflicted people an unreasonable length of time in the hotel, for goods destroyed, for fuel and foods consumed and for damages to Mr. Ward's business by reason of the quarantine.

Walter Mills, counsel for the defense, defended the action on the grounds that the Board of Health, acting under the Act, as their duty was, did proceed to have a hospital erected and had quarantined the hotel in accordance with the law. If the plaintiff suffered any damages, the Board of Health had also incurred expense for the benefit of the plaintiff, which would more than offset any claim of the latter. The plaintiff also claimed that his hotel has been used as an isolation hospital, contrary to the Act. The defense urged in reply to this that if the action were illegal, it was open to the public to make indictment at the time, but after the quarantine was raised the right ceased to exist. The quarantine of the guests of the hotel didn't free them from their liability for board, and Mr. Ward could still collect from them.

In the case of Green vs. the same defendants, it was alleged that the lad Green had caught the small-pox by being put into the pest house when he didn't have the disease. The defense claimed that the Board of Health had a right to put the boy in the pest house when he showed symptoms of the disease. The doctor should be the best judge of whether the boy had the disease or not, and even if he hadn't, it was better that he should be in quarantine than that the public should run any risk.

Walter Mills was counsel for the defendants and he made out a very able defense. He was complimented by his fellow members of the bar, both for his conduct of the case generally and for the arrangement and strength of his arguments. Mr. Mills is one of the young lawyers of the county, but he is rapidly making a name for himself, and he certainly put up a splendid fight for his clients in the face of the fact that the best counsel in Western Ontario was retained on the opposing side.

Mr. Wilson, K.C., and W. F. Campbell for plaintiffs, Walter Mills and O. K. Watson, contra.

SUCCESSFUL YEAR

At the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Chatham Manufacturing Company, held in the office of that company yesterday, very satisfactory reports of the year's business were received. In addition to making several large additions to the factory and carrying a comfortable sum to the rest account, a dividend of six per cent was declared. This is the highest dividend paid by the company in years, and manager W. R. Landon and the directors were complimented upon the successful management of the business. The retiring directors, Manson Campbell, Hugh Macdonald, William Ball, Sam Barfoot and G. P. Schofield were unanimously re-elected. T. K. McKeand was re-appointed auditor.

At a meeting of the directors subsequently held Manson Campbell was re-elected president, Hugh Macdonald vice-president, W. S. Ireland secretary-treasurer and W. R. Landon manager.

"ROBIN HOOD"

A full rehearsal of all interested in the production of the opera "Robin Hood" will be held this evening, commencing at eight o'clock, in the auditorium over the Standard Bank. A full attendance is specially requested.

Every girl wants a man to know some things about her, but she does not want him to know that she wants him to know them.

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Men's Velvets, Kid or Patent Leather, at 75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10.

MR. BORDEN'S EXPLANATION.

Some fault has been found with Mr. Borden, leader of the Conservative party in the Dominion parliament, for not putting the party on record in the matter of the Chamberlain idea. But the fault-finders have been astray in attributing a wrong motive to Mr. Borden.

Mr. Borden has stated that he went to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, during the last session of parliament, and offered the support of the opposition in a body if the government would introduce a resolution in the house in support of Mr. Chamberlain's idea. And he further explains in these words:

"But nothing was done by the government, nor one word said by Sir Wilfrid Laurier to encourage Mr. Chamberlain by showing the people of the mother country what the feeling of the vast majority in Canada is concerning a policy calculated to bind the empire in a bond of commercial interest as well as of sentiment and mutual sympathy. Mr. Borden believed that Mr. Chamberlain's policy, if adopted, would result in the raising of the value of all farm property in Canada 25 to 50 per cent. If it were asked, 'Why had not the opposition submitted a resolution favoring imperial reciprocity?' he would say that it would not look well in Great Britain to see the proposition voted down in the parliament of Canada. That might be a good thing from a party point of view, but he believed the interests involved in the success of the preferential trade has far transcended those of party."

This, then, is the situation: Sir Wilfrid Laurier could have carried a Chamberlain resolution. He commands his own following, and he was offered all the votes in the opposition. Had he embraced the opportunity a resolution approving the Chamberlain idea would have passed the house without a contra vote. But Sir Wilfrid Laurier was afraid of the Bourassa-Monnet section of the Quebec electors, which is violently opposed to closer relations with Great Britain, and he was obliged to refuse Mr. Borden's offer.

Of course Mr. Borden could then have put himself and his party on record by proposing a resolution himself and pressing it to a vote. But, as he explains, that would have been detrimental to the cause: that would have hampered the movement Mr. Borden was anxious to help. And besides, Mr. Borden had already placed the opposition in respect of the Chamberlain question by his offer to Laurier. And, moreover, Mr. Borden further commits the opposition to the assistance of Chamberlain by his present attitude in favor of the Chamberlain idea.

Speaking of Mr. Borden's explanation the Ottawa Journal, an independent newspaper, says: "Good enough, Mr. Borden. The Journal has to retract any criticism it has implied of the Conservative leader, for the inaction of parliament, on this question of such vast importance to the Dominion.

"The Journal, in an open letter which is addressed to Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the session, urged a parliamentary declaration of Canada's sense of the great value a British trade preference would be to this country. His sense of that value Sir Wilfrid and himself stated—prior to Mr. Chamberlain's move. Canada's sense of that value, the Government of Canada had repeatedly stated—prior to Mr. Chamberlain's move. Appeals for such a preference our Governments had made again and again—prior to Mr. Chamberlain's move. Mr. Chamberlain moved. He jumped into a fight for what Canada had asked. His staked reputation, friends, comfort and power on the issue. Then the Canadian Government and parliament, became silent, and the enemies and opponents in England of Mr. Chamberlain and his ideas proclaimed that Canada was indifferent, was even hostile.

"In the open letter which the Journal addressed to Sir Wilfrid Laurier appealing for a declaration on the subject by the Dominion parliament, surprise was expressed that Mr. Borden had been as silent as the Government. Mr. Borden now explains why. He was ready to move; he proposed to Sir Wilfrid Laurier that parliamentary action be taken; he received no answer, and he dropped the matter because he wished to give no excuse to the Government to reject a motion in a way that might injure the cause of imperial preferential trade. It is a fair explanation. Mr. Borden stands comparatively clear of responsibility for the silence of parliament in the face of the greatest business opportunity that has ever been offered to a nation. Still, we believe



For the Little Ones

Be Careful in the Use of Cough Medicines for Children's Coughs and Colds.

Many analyses of cheap cough mixtures and cough and throat lozenges have clearly proven that a large proportion of them contain opiates. The temporary relief which these cheap medicines often give in coughs and colds, especially with the little children, is because the opiate by destroying nerve sensation, the irritation in the throat, which causes the cough, is temporarily removed, but the real cause of the cold is not in any way removed by the opiate and will promptly return.

The best thing to use to remove the catarrhal secretion which causes the cold, the hoarseness and irritating cough, is a new preparation composed of antiseptics like Eucalypti, Guaiacum, Sanguinaria, and sold by druggists under name of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, which contain no opiate, cocaine or poisonous drug of any sort.

A mother living in Charleston, Mass., the happy possessor of four children, writes: "Every fall and winter I have laid in a stock of cough medicines, croup mixtures, and throat remedies for my little children, for somehow or other they never seemed to be free from colds, croup or sore throat."

"This fall I made a change in the usual program. I had myself cured of an obstinate catarrh, from which I had suffered for years, by Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, and as they were pleasant to take, I determined to try them with my children. Our family physician told me he knew them to be perfectly safe and nothing better could be taken. So I gave them to the children and have continued to do so ever since, whenever there is the least sign of croup or sore throat, and I

no longer dread the approach of cold weather as I once did.

"Stuart's Catarrh Tablets not only cured me of chronic nasal and throat catarrh, but they have saved me many an anxious night with my little ones."

Mr. A. T. Penhale, of Columbus, Ohio, says: "I suffered so many winters from Catarrh that I looked it as a matter of course and that nothing would cure it except a change of climate which my business affairs would not permit me to take."

"My nostrils were almost always closed up, and I had to breathe through the mouth, causing an inflamed, irritated throat. The thought of eating breakfast often nauseated me and the catarrh gradually getting into my stomach took away my appetite and digestion."

"My druggist advised me to try a cent box of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, because he said he had had many customers who had been cured of catarrh by the use of these tablets. I took his advice and used several boxes with results that surprised and delighted me."

"I will keep a box of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets in the house and the whole family use them freely on the first appearance of a cough or cold in the head."

"Our children who think there is nothing so safe and reliable as Stuart's Catarrh Tablets to ward off croup and colds, and with older people I have known of cases where the hearing had been seriously impaired by chronic catarrh, cured entirely by this new remedy."

"People who have used sprays, inhalers, and have not found relief, will be greatly surprised at the results following the use of a pleasant tablet remedy in tablet form. Druggists everywhere admit that Stuart's Tablets, which they sell for 60c per package, is the best, most reliable and popular of all catarrh remedies."

it would have been good political tactics for him to press the matter."

YOUNG LADIES, READ THIS.

If you are bothered with pimples, rashes or ugly blotches on your face, if your complexion is sallow, it's an evidence that you require Pervosone to tone up your blood. One Pervosone Tablet taken at meals makes the complexion like peach bloom, cheeks soon become rosy, eyes bright, you'll be the picture of health. Thousands of ladies keep up their youthful appearance with Pervosone, why not you? Price 50c. at druggists.

ROOSEVELT'S MESSAGE.

Characteristic Comments of the London Press.

London, Dec. 9.—The St. James' Gazette, in its comment on President Roosevelt's message, says he paid a high and deserved tribute to the judicial impartiality of the proceedings of the Alaska tribunal.

London, Dec. 9.—The Daily Telegraph commends the President's reference to the question of dealing with the trust as "a sound common sense," and says his allusion to the settlement of the Alaska boundary difficulty is "in the best of taste."

The Daily News views with some alarm the entrance of the United States into world politics, and says: "America is fortunate in opening an aggressive diplomatic career with statesmen as able as President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Hay, but she will not always be so favored and must prepare her citizens for heavy burdens, such as Europe has to bear. American squadrons will soon be rapidly multiplying in number and in strength. Let us hope that the world's peaceful instincts will grow at the same pace."

DOWIE SUCCESSFUL.

Again Controls Zion City and Its Industries.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—John Alexander Dowie is again in control of Zion City and all its industries. This turn in the affairs of the head of the Christian Catholic Church followed a financial showing made this afternoon which satisfied all creditors who had made a formal motion before Judge Kohlsaat to have the receivership appointed by the United States District Court a week ago dissolved. As no objection was offered to the motion by any of the creditors, Judge Kohlsaat granted the request and receivers Elliott and Currier were discharged. It is likely that the bankruptcy proceedings will be dismissed as soon as the Christian Catholic Church's offer of settlement is accepted for payment of all merchandise accounts within one year and the giving of notes in the meantime, bearing 4 per cent interest. By the terms of agreement, Dowie has agreed to pay all the expenses of the receivers.

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DISTRICT DOINGS.

FLETCHER.

Mr. O'Leary shipped a carload of cattle from here Saturday.

John Murphy spent Sunday at P. G. Murphy's.

Frank Egan has arranged for the shipment of five thousand turkeys this week.

John McHardy has left for Vermont to spend Christmas at Peter Legrand's.

Thomas Breen has the contract of bedding stock cars at one dollar a load.

Joseph Lafare spent Sunday at Albert Poland's.

Miss McDonald has resigned teaching the R. C. S. S. No. 4, Balaigh, and expects a position as bookkeeper in F. B. Stevens' elevator.

Thomas Bean spent Sunday evening at Thomas Drury's.

Miss Lizzie Murphy has returned after visiting friends at Detroit and is going to finish learning operating.

Thomas Buchanan and Albert Murphy were visiting friends in Merlin last week.

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MITCHELL'S BAY.

Miss Annie Burr is very low at the General Hospital, Chatham.

A Keller, who has been sick for nearly a year, is getting much better and is able to be out to the neighbors.

There are a number of new men to be out for the coming year. Mr. Silva, of Big Point; Mr. McNamee, of Bear Creek; John Bishop, of Baldoon, and the old councillors of 1903 excepting Mr. Peter Crawford, who, we hear, will try for the re-election of Dwyer.

D. McKenzie had his horse killed by the Government Inspector on Friday last. Mr. McKenzie has met with a heavy loss in losing his threshing machine this fall, and will feel this loss of his horse very much at this time.

Quite a number of the young people of the Bay took in the supper at the 7th concession hall on the Bearline.

The corn is nearly all shrunken in this vicinity. Some of the machines are laid up for the season.

Coughs, colds, hoarseness, and other throat ailments are quickly relieved by Creosolene tablets, ten cents per box. All druggists.

EAST BRANCH.

Mrs. Keeble, of the 4th concession, who suffered a paralytic stroke, is recovering.

Mrs. Reger has returned to her home in London, after spending a few weeks in this locality.

A Jenner has purchased a very nobby span of colts. They will make fine drivers.

Thos. Richardson and daughter, Miss F. have returned home from a week's visit at Swanton, where they were the guests of Rev. J. D. Richardson, M. A.

The Booth Bros. are moving their stable nearer the barn, and making other improvements.

Last Thursday was farmers' day at the sugar beet factory in Wallaceburg. Luncheon was served for the visiting farmers, and a good time was spent. The hum of the corn shredder is heard on every side.

Preparations are being made to move the school-house to the new site near Otter Creek.

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Cosmopolitan, 1 year, \$1.00.

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Leslie's or Pearson's, 1 year, \$1.00.

Cosmopolitan or Success, 1 year, \$1.00.

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Success or Harper's Bazar, 1 year, \$1.00.

Cosmopolitan or Youth, 1 year, \$1.00.

Leslie's or Pearson's, 1 year, \$1.00.

Woman's Home Companion, 1 year, \$1.00.

Our Club Price, \$2.50.

The Art Interchange, 1 year, \$1.00.

Leslie's or Cosmopolitan, 1 year, \$1.00.

Woman's Home Companion or Harper's Bazar, 1 year, \$1.00.

Our Club Price, \$3.00.

Ladies' Home Journal, 1 year, \$1.00.

Saturday Evening Post, 1 year, \$2.00.

Our Club Price, \$2.25.

Review of Reviews, 1 year, \$2.50.

Success (no substitute) 1 year, \$1.00.

Leslie's or Cosmopolitan, 1 year, \$1.00.

Our Club Price, \$3.00.

Woman's Home Companion, 1 year, \$1.00.

Cosmopolitan or Leslie's, 1 year, \$1.00.

Our Club Price, \$1.50.

Cosmopolitan or Leslie's, 1 year, \$1.00.

Housekeeper or McCall's, 1 year, 60c.

Our Club Price, \$1.25.

The Art Interchange, 1 year, \$1.00.

Woman's Home Companion, 1 year, \$1.00.

Our Club Price, \$2.50.

Farm, Stock and Home, 1 year, 50c.

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PRAYER.

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And he said unto them, when ye pray say, Our Father.—Luke, xi., 2.

Jesus took it for granted that men were going to pray. He always prayed Himself. It was His habit, His nature, His life. The Evangelists fail to tell us many things which He said and did, but they make large room for His prayers. His praying was one of the outstanding and awe-inspiring features of His life. He was found praying before every important step in His career.

And what He did He expects all men to do. To lift His eyes to heaven and say "Father" was natural and easy, but it is not so easy to many of us, and some of us have doubts as to its reasonableness and value. We are living in an age when men are determined to get it possible to the bottom of things. Everything is subjected to analysis, investigation, criticism. Prayer, as all admit, has roots which run down into the realms of mystery, and it is not surprising that earnest people should be asking many questions about it.

They want to study the psychology and chemistry of prayer. This is entirely proper, but the study of chemistry must be kept in its right place. The chemistry of bread is most interesting and important, but the chemist should eat his breakfast before he enters on his studies. He will then be better fitted for his work. Eating comes first and chemistry afterward. The psychology of sleep is a most fascinating study, but before all the problems have been explored it is necessary for a man to sleep. After one has enjoyed a good night's sleep he is in better humor for psychological investigations. And so it is with prayer. Prayer is one of the natural appetites of the soul. In prayer the soul finds food with which it nourishes its life.

Before prayer is studied in its scientific aspects let the soul commune long with God. Prayer is an instinct, a deep-seated instinct in every unspoiled heart. If it is safe to follow the hint given by a falling eyelid and postpone all study until the mind has been refreshed by sleep, so also is it safe to follow the instinct which at certain times impels us to throw a passionate wish Godward. If, then, you have your questions, pray first and leave your questions afterwards. If you have your doubts, pray first, then deal with them one by one. The chemistry of prayer is interesting, but it is demoralizing if the study of it is made a substitute for lifting one's eyes to heaven and saying, "Father." In the words of Emerson, "As well might a child live without its mother's milk as a soul without prayer."

One reason why many persons have lost faith in the efficacy of prayer is because they and others have made their prayers too small. Let us discard the notion that prayer is simply asking for things. Prayer is, first of all, adoration, pouring out the soul in the presence of manifested greatness and beauty. When in the Scriptures we catch glimpses of the worship which goes on behind the veil we do not hear angel or cherubim, but men asking for things. The burden of the prayer is, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty." Surely we violate no law of the universe when we adore.

Prayer is thanksgiving; it is giving something to God. It is the glory of man to be able to return thanks. Animals do not know how to feel or to say "I thank you." But to feel gratitude is human and to give expression to it is always becoming. We will not allow a boy to pick up our handkerchief for us in the street without some vocal recognition of his kindness; what shall we say of men and women who take the good things which the great God offers to them daily and turn away without ever once saying in heart or by lip, "I thank Thee"? Surely there is no law in God's universe which is transgressed by the expression of glad and genuine gratitude.

Prayer is also confession. We have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. There is none righteous—no, not one. We have all broken the commandments of the Heavenly Father, and modern science has discovered nothing which renders it unreasonable for a man to say to God:—"I have sinned. I am sorry." The man who tramples on us in the street and hurries on without so much as "I beg your pardon" is put down instantly as a boor, and where does a man belong who, sinning against his Creator, never asks to be forgiven? Many a man is discontented, sour and ill at ease because he carries in his heart a load of unconfessed sins.

But may we not ask for anything at all? Certainly. For we should ask for large things. Follow the prayer which the Master gave to His disciples. It has in it but one petition for an earthly good, and that petition is swallowed up in the music of the great cries that go before and that come after—the longing for the establishment of God's kingdom on the earth and the pleading for sufficient strength to come off victorious over temptation and evil.

"Darling," whispered the young bridegroom, "we are about to enter a tunnel."

"Then won't you please go and get drink of water for me, Harold," said the young bride, observing that the other passengers were watching them expectantly.—Chicago Tribune.

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As inevitable as the changing seasons of the year is the change which comes to every woman. And just as one anticipates the changes of other seasons it is wise to anticipate this change of season and prepare for it. In this way we can avoid the discomforts and disasters suffered by many women at the period of change can be avoided or overcome.

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Kipling Wanted His Breakfast.

Rudyard Kipling once visited Cecil Rhodes at Lekkerwijn, one of his fruit farms at Paarl, South Africa. One morning Rhodes went round his farm before breakfast, leaving his guest, who was not so energetic, behind. Time went on, and Rhodes did not appear. Hunger soon roused Kipling to action, and in a short while he was very busy on his own account. As Rhodes returned he found his trees bearing a new kind of fruit in the shape of placards inscribed in huge black letters with "Famine!" "We are starving!" "Feed us!" etc. On reaching the front door he was confronted with the following, in still larger type: "For the human race—Breakfast tones the mind, invigorates the body. It has sustained thousands; it will sustain you. See that you get it!" Then in the house, on every available wall, he came across other mysterious placards, in more and more pathetic appeal, "Why die when a little breakfast prolongs life?" "Larger and larger is the type, 'It is late; it is still later,' leading at last into the little breakfast room, where he found Kipling reading his paper in peaceful innocence, but very hungry. It did not need much ingenuity to guess the author of these broadsides.

A Heroic Physician.

A deadly plague was raging in the city of Marseilles. The doctors could do nothing, for very little was known as to the disease, and the danger surrounding any inquiry into it. In a council among themselves they came to the conclusion that the corpse of a victim must be dissected, but it would be death to the operator. Upon this being decided a celebrated physician, one of their number, arose and declared that for the safety of his country he would give himself up to the task. He then immediately left the room, made his will and arranged his affairs. At daybreak on the following morning he entered the house where a man had just died of the plague. Here he made a complete examination of the body, performed the necessary operations and wrote down all he observed. When this was completed he left the house, threw the notes he had made into vinegar that they might not carry infection and retired to a lonely spot. There he died within twelve hours.

MESSAGE TO THE OLD FOLKS.

Angus MacMillan Tells Them How His Stomach Troubles Vanished When He Used Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets.

Many aged people to-day are having their declining years darkened by pains and aches and depression they wrongly charge up to their weight of years, when, in fact, it is Dyspepsia that is troubling them. To these Angus MacMillan, of Lagan, Glengarry Co., Ont., sends the following message:

"I am over eighty years of age. I suffered with Dyspepsia for more than twenty years back and never met with anything to cure me till I commenced using Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets. After taking them for two days all pain and restlessness left me entirely. I continued taking them and was soon feeling like a new man."

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He's a citizen of Illinois, isn't he? No, he can't be. Why, he gave that impression. You must have misunderstood him. He told me he lived just outside the limits of Chicago.

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Who Are the Battenbergs?

Of the many millions of people ruled by King Edward it is very doubtful whether more than one or two hundred have a clear idea of the size of England's royal family, taking into account the descendants of King George III. The three sons of the Duke of Kent, Cumberland and Cambridge. To the great majority of people it is a complete puzzle. Even in Victorian times there were numbers of persons in this country absorbed to such an extent in minding their own business and that of their near neighbors that, though instinctively loyal to their good Queen, and well content to be her subjects, they could never remember the names of Her Majesty's children beyond the three of the Princess Royal, the Prince of Wales and Prince Alfred.

As for Queen Victoria's grandchildren, especially those whose fathers were foreign princes, the average Briton "gave it up" as he said. The Hessians or Christians came from and whether any one of them had a chance of the English crown. As regards the young Battenbergs, a disposition prevails to-day to class all of them as belonging to Princess Beatrice, whom many benighted creatures imagine to be the mother of Princess Alice, lately betrothed to Prince Andrew of Greece.

In reality there are two Battenberg sets—three sons and one daughter, the children of the late Prince Henry and our late Queen's youngest daughter; and two sons and two daughters, the children of Prince Louis and Princess Victoria of Hesse, the latter being one of Queen Victoria's foreign granddaughters. To this second group does Princess Alice of Battenberg belong; and Princess Beatrice, instead of being her mamma, is her great-aunt and in-law connected with the interesting young people included in the two families are really German Highnesses of but minor degree; but the great affection felt for them by our late Queen seems to class them among "the rest of the royal family" as they are called in England's Established Church, and most people wish them well, even though they carry their real names and titles.

So far, only one of Queen Victoria's great-granddaughters is married—Princess Frederica of Saxe-Meiningen, who became Princess Henry of Prussia in 1898, when she was nineteen years of age. Her mother, Princess Charlotte of Prussia, was younger—aged seventeen years and seven months—when she married the hereditary Prince of Saxe-Meiningen, by accident, so it was said, to escape from the arbitrary control of her maternal parent, the then German Crown Princess; afterwards the Empress Frederick, who, in her turn, had become a bride about two months after her seventeenth birthday.

The first of the Victorian "Four Generations" pictures represented our late Queen with these descendants, the eldest daughter, granddaughter and great-granddaughter; and sentimental folk to whom this group appealed were somewhat disappointed that the venerable sovereign passed away without figuring in a five-generation tableau.

Princess Alice of England, Queen Victoria's second daughter, was not hurried to the hymeneal altar so early as her elder sister, being more than nineteen years of age when she became Princess Louis of Hesse. Her eldest daughter, Victoria, was twenty-one at the time she married Prince Louis of Battenberg; and Princess Alice of Battenberg is now eighteen, and may have to wait a while before becoming a bride, her fiancé being a king's younger son, with no definite income of his own.

No photograph could be taken of these four generations—Queen Victoria, the Grand Duchess of Hesse, Victoria Princess Louise, Princess Alice and Princess Alice of Battenberg—for our late sovereign's second daughter died before her eldest child was sixteen, and saw none of her family settled in life. England would probably have seen little or nothing of any Battenbergs had not the death of the Grand Duchess Alice obliged Queen Victoria to take special interest in the motherless grandchildren at Darmstadt and their German relations, with the result that this morganatic branch of the Hessian line obtained her Majesty's favorable attention and a good place in her match-making books.

Strawberry Jam.

If there is an agitation in which generalities will not do, it is the campaign against impure and adulterated foods. The average man reads of the adulterants in general use, from the aristocratic-sounding allye added to the homely sand in the sugar, but he isn't afraid. Providence, or an inherited good constitution will save him somehow. Nothing will break up this serene frame of mind except concrete revelations of doctored foods. Thus, says the New York "Evening Post," too wide circulation cannot be given to the revelation that just made by the Minnesota State Dairy and Food Department about canned fruits. This is the season when the provident housewife is toiling over fragrant steaming kettles, while the jam, fresh fruit is metamorphosed into the appetizing array of jellies. It is a great trouble, and they are selling jam and jellies at the grocer's really more cheaply than you can make them. Very well. Here are preserved strawberries made from a mixture of timothy seed, glucose, acid and sugar, with flavoring and coloring matter. Raspberry jam is the same, except for the substitution of broom corn for the timothy. Picture the great caldron with the fire ready kindled. First the skilful cook pours in water. Then comes a peck of hayseed. Here is a dish fit for the most fastidious—horse. Then the thick glucose and some sugar. Last comes a dash of the nearest flavor to the strawberry that synthetic chemistry can produce. Water, bull, and caldron bubbles. It is done, and here are colored jellies with pictures of the luscious fruit. Sixteen dealers have been prosecuted in Minnesota, since January 1 for selling preserves of this general class as "pure."

Grand Larceny.

A daring theft: Jack wrought last night on duty little Rose. He stole the thing he wanted right beneath her very nose.—Philadelphia "Press."

"Rather a bore, isn't it?" remarked the first man, at a reception. "It is so," replied the other. "I'd sneak out if I could, but my wife would be so angry. She's a friend of the husband's. I'd sneak out, too, but my wife would be furious. She's the hostess!"

THE NEW REPUBLIC

PANAMA, WHICH SECEDED FROM THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA.

How the Revolution Came About—Preceded by Refusal of Senate to Ratify the Can-I Treaty—Intrigues of the United States—Other States May Join the Movement—Water Front of Panama.

The revolution on the Isthmus of Panama, which resulted in the capture of the department of Panama by revolutionists and the forming of a new republic, was brought about because of alleged intrigues by United Statesers playing upon the passions of the inhabitants of the isthmus over the rejection of the Panama Canal treaty by the Colombian Congress.

It is believed that the adjoining states of Cauca, Bolivar and Magdalena will join with the revolution-



THE NEW REPUBLIC AND WATER FRONT OF PANAMA.

ists and that the new republic will consist of those states and Panama.

The treaty by which the United States guaranteed free traffic across the isthmus was made, with New Granada, in 1846 and promulgated two years later. In 1882 New Granada became the United States of Colombia, and in 1890 the name was again changed to the Republic of Colombia.

The new republic of Panama has an area of 31,571 square miles and a population of 504,773. The territory to be embraced in the new state will extend to the Costa Rican boundary on the west, a distance of 225 miles from Panama city, and to a point some 295 miles east, making the new republic about 450 miles in length.

It seems to more than a mere coincidence that the United States Government has a stronger force on the isthmus than it has ever had there before, nearly 8,000 men being there or in the immediate vicinity. The Atlanta, with 400 men; the Nashville, with 260, and the Dixie, with 800 to 1,000 are on the Colon side of the isthmus, while the Boston, with 400; the Concord, with 250; the Wyoming, with 400, and the Marblehead, with 300, will be stationed at Panama.

Dr. Manuel Amador, the leading physician of Panama, was the chief of the revolutionary movement.



GENERAL HUERTAS, ONE OF THE LEADERS OF THE REVOLUTION.

which is said to have been worked out by him and his associates in his residence.

The flag of the Republic of Panama consists of four squares. The first upper square to the left is blue, the first lower square to the left is white, with a blue star in the center; the second upper square is white, with a red star in the center, and the second lower square is red.

A provisional Government has been formed by prominent citizens of the isthmus, and it has been recognized by the United States and France.

Colombia, it is said, has almost no chance to go to war over the isthmus situation. Her treasury has been exhausted by the long internal war she has just undergone, and she lost 100,000 men in the late revolution, concluded only last year. She has no navy and can get troops to Panama only by sea.



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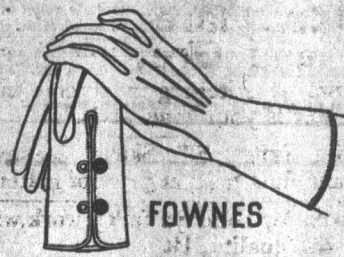
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The young son of Alex. Farquharson, Fletcher, is dangerously ill.

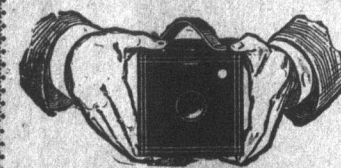
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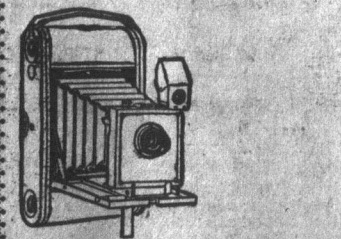
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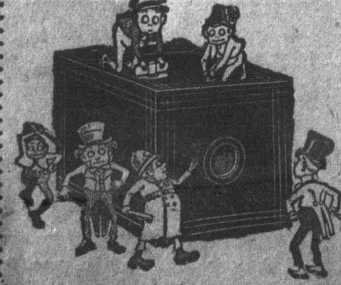
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Dr. Cornell will attend the convention of the Ontario Dental Society to be held in Toronto on the 8th, 9th and 10th prox.

Cloaks, bonnets and hats, suitable Christmas gifts for baby. Mrs. J. E. Weldon.

The petit jury at the December sessions cost \$313.70. That is the amount paid out to the jurors by County Treasurer J. C. Fleming.

Hugh Kerr, Jr., who is in the Public General Hospital suffering with a dislocated shoulder and other injuries, is getting along nicely and expects to be able to leave that institution in a day or two.

The King's Daughters yesterday received a generous donation of \$5, to be used in charitable work for the poor, from Mr. Henry Dugneau. It was moved by Mrs. W. E. McKeough and seconded by Mrs. McKeough, that a very hearty vote of thanks be tendered Mr. Dugneau.

There will be a meeting of the managers of the city, Sunday school superintendents and assistant superintendents in the offices of Stone, Houston & Stone at 8 o'clock this evening for the purpose of organizing a city Sunday School Association.

Leslie Keitch was tried before his honor Judge Bell at the December sessions on charges of assaulting Harry Hoyle and Roy Hoyle. Keitch was found guilty and fined \$25.00. The case of Rex vs. Duddy, theft, is still in progress. Duddy is accused of stealing a saw, axe and other tools from Mrs. Palm, Chatham Township.

The case of Jos. Martin vs. Martin, et al., occupied the attention of the High Court from yesterday until noon today. This is an action brought by Joe Martin, of Dover, a brother of Donithes Martin, against his mother, Mary Martin, and his two sisters. The claim is for damages for interfering with him in preventing the removal of timber sold to William Drader, and also for the interpretation of a will. Houston, Stone & Stone for plaintiff; E. F. H. Johnston and J. G. Kerr for Mrs. Martin, and Lewis J. Richards for the two sisters. Judgment was reserved.

Dr. Samson told Mayor McKenough that if the people of Chatham knew what they were missing in not having an electric road they would sit up at night worrying about it. People opposed to the line between Amherstburg and Windsor on the ground that nobody would ride in the cars as there were such fine steamers on the river. The fallacy of this argument was proven when the railroad was built. Every car that left Amherstburg was laden. These roads make their own business.

At the special meeting of the Council to-morrow night a by-law will be prepared and submitted to the electors for the securing of a pork packing industry for this city. The proposition is that the city shall lend the industry \$30,000 for ten years at three per cent. and give a free site of ten acres. The gentleman from Birmingham, England, who is willing to build the factory will add another \$30,000. The city's loan will be secured by first mortgage. This factory will actually cost the city \$1,700 and the cost of the site, and will employ 100 men.

A meeting of the property owners on St. Clair street, between Head St. and the bridge, was called last evening in Mrs. Figgall's store. The residents of St. Clair street north of Head St. objected to the pavement, for which the initiative had been taken, on the ground that the business portion of the street, which would benefit the most, should also be paved. The Blonche Co., who are the largest property holders in this block, were quite willing to agree to this and, at their request, the meeting was called last evening. All the other property owners, however, were unanimous in opposing the pavement. As a result the ratepayers on the balance of the street are busy to-day preparing a petition to knock out the initiative. The time for putting in this petition against the pavement expires to-morrow, and it looks as if the petition would be on hand. It is too bad that the residents on this street cannot agree on a pavement, as it is one of the most important and worst streets in the city.

NEW BAND

A meeting of the new 24th Regiment brass band held in the sergeants' mess rooms last evening. There were a large number present, including a number of new players who have recently been brought into the city. Bandmaster Colonel Rankin and Bandmaster Walker were present to meet the strangers and welcome them into the Regiment. A lot of new instruments have been purchased and these were handed out to the new players. The band will meet for practice in a short time.

Municipality of Raleigh

Take notice that the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Township of Raleigh, will meet in the Township Hall, on Tuesday, the 15th day of December, 1903, at 10 a. m.

By order,
A. E. ROBINSON,
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LETTER BOX

A DESERVING MAN.

To the Editor of The Planet:

Mr. Editor, will you kindly allow us space in the columns of your valuable paper to answer some of the street corner gossip that is at present being very freely circulated concerning the action of the Raleigh Council in granting aid to Mr. A. H. Smith?

It appears that the story is to the effect that we granted the sum of twenty-five dollars to a man in comfortable circumstances and who possesses a snug bank account. I wonder if these animated news bags are going to charge us with perverting a direct fraud upon the municipality of Raleigh or are they just talking at random to hear themselves taking on a voice of wisdom and taking chances on being right?

Now, let us ask, can any person acquainted with the long list of calamities that have befallen this unfortunate man in the last fifteen years, believe for one instant such a preposterous yarn. Fifteen years ago Mr. Smith, then a laboring man—head sawyer in a saw mill—lost his right hand at the wrist, which I do not need to describe. This accident started peddling pins, needles, and other trinkets, to make a living for himself and family. From peddling he went into the manufacturing of shingles, having managed to purchase a small shingle mill.

By another misfortune, he then lost the thumb and part of the forefinger of his remaining hand, and again had to lay off from work for a long time. Last of all the long and fatal illness of his wife, which I do not need to describe, has left him with seven children to care for, most of them quite small.

Now, Mr. Editor, is it a reasonable thing that this man who five years ago had but half of a hand and his wife had lost her hand, and who, in addition, will by dint of daily labor accumulate such a good round sum of the needful? The very idea appears preposterous. We will be responsible for the assertion that Mr. Smith would like very much to draw upon the treasury as he is badly in need of it at present, and if some of the street corner wise ones will just tell him where it is he will reward them with ten per cent. of whatever amount they can find standing to his credit.

In conclusion, let me say that if any person can prove that we gave that money to an undeserving man or to one who was not in sore need, to say nothing of his crippled condition, we will guarantee every cent of that twenty-five dollars to be returned to the treasury at once, but until such proof is forthcoming we will treat future street corner gossip with the silent contempt which it deserves.

EDWARD RANDALL,
Merlin, Nov. 3.

Kouri is Dying.

Montreal, Dec. 9.—Joseph Kouri, the Syrian peddler, who was shot in the head at L'Abbaye some weeks ago, is in a dying condition at the Notre Dame Hospital, an abscess having formed around the bullet in the brain. The only hope lies in the removal of the bullet, and this extremely critical operation will be undertaken to-morrow. Kouri's assailant is in jail at Hull.

PROMPT MOVE

Dr. W. R. Hall, M. H. O., received a telegram from J. M. Burke, of Blechnam, this morning, asking assistance in disinfecting the residence of W. Thomas, River Road, Raleigh. This case of scarlet fever was reported on the 24th of November and the law requires that the patient and inmates shall be quarantined for six weeks at least. This has evidently not been completed with in this case, and Dr. Hall notified Dr. Young, M. H. O. of Raleigh, that the city shall hold the Township of Raleigh responsible if the six weeks quarantine is not enforced in case of scarlet fever.

Too much precaution cannot be exercised in the treatment of this dangerous disease, and Dr. Hall is to be commended upon the step he has taken.

A TERRIBLE CHARGE.

Wife Accused of Arranging For Husband's Murder.

Bennington, Vt., Dec. 10.—Mrs. Mary M. Rogers was arraigned, charged with the murder of her husband, Marcus M. Rogers. Mr. Rogers was killed last summer. Levi Perham, by whom Mrs. Rogers was employed, and Stella Bates, are charged with complicity in the crime.

Perham, when arrested first, made a confession, accusing Mrs. Rogers, and then retracted it. Perham said that Rogers, who was not living with his wife, was lured to the banks of the Walomac River by Mrs. Rogers, and while she embraced him Perham and the Bates woman bound him, administered chloroform, and then cast him into the river. Perham said that the chloroform which was used was purchased by the Bates woman, with full knowledge of its intended use. He also said that Mrs. Rogers had previously offered him \$500, the amount of the insurance on her husband's life, if he would do away with Rogers. Both of the women at the time denied guilt.

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40 and 42 inch Crepe de Chine, in wool and silk and wool, price 75c and \$1 yard.
40 inch cream fancy dot effect, price per yard 75c.
48 inch wide all wool cream serge, in a good heavy material for children's dresses and ladies' blouses, price 60 cents per yard.
42 inch Eolienne in nice silk effect, price per yard \$1.00.
Silk Sublime, 40 inches wide, price per yard \$1.00.

More interesting news of

Boys' Overcoats.

We have just opened up this week another shipment of **BOYS' RUSSIAN OVERCOATS.** The line for the little fellows, ages 4 to 9 years, a full range of sizes, the swellest little overcoats in the market this season, made of handsome blue cloth, button close to neck, velvet collar, double breasted effect, with leather belt, a very appropriate coat for the little men. Prices \$4.00 and \$5.00.

BOYS' RAGLANETTE OVERCOATS.—We are still fortunate enough to have a full range of boys' overcoats, in the full long Raglanette styles, in plain Oxford greys, plain black and neat tweeds, for ages 4 to 16 years. Prices range, \$2.50, \$3, \$3.50, \$4, \$5.00 up to \$9.00.

BOYS' STORM AND DRESS REEFERS.—A very sensible coat for boys to run and play in is the storm reefers, made from heavy all wool friezes, Chinilla cloths, and plain blue heavy serge, big storm collar, double breasted style, heavy tweed linings, for ages 4 to 16 years. Prices range \$1.50 to \$3.50.

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Stylish Coats and Attractive Prices.

Coats noted for their excellence in both style and workmanship. They are jaunty and trimmed of excellent material, well finished, and now, by reason of a stock adjustment, priced at the following popular figures:—

For \$7.50, worth up to \$10.00.—Of Zibelines and tweeds, popular new styles, with or without collar and capes, double breasted or fly front, neatly trimmed with stitching and black broadcloth.

At \$10.00.—Of Black Cheviot, military style with single military cape, deep cuff on sleeve, cape plain or finished with deep stitched hand and satin piping.

For \$9.95, worth up to \$12.50.—Of black or castor broadcloth, loose fitting, double breasted, lined throughout with Surah twill, seams, collar and lapels finished with rows of stitching.

At \$12.50.—Of black and white tweed, 42 inch Jacket with double shoulder cape, turn back cuff on sleeve, fly fronts and seam down back.

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THIS TIME THEY ARE

Pattern Table Cloths.

- I.—5 only Bleached Pattern Table Cloths, assorted choice designs, perfect goods, bright satin finish, 67x87 in and 72x90 ins, special \$2.50 each.
- II.—6 only Bleached Pattern Table Cloths, assorted patterns, superior finish 65x83 in, regular \$2.50 for \$1.90 each.
- III.—9 only extra value Pattern Table Cloths, superior quality linen, bright satin finish, handsome designs, 72x108 inches, bordered all around, special \$3.00 each.
- IV.—4 only, choice quality, Irish Linen Pattern Cloths, napkins to match, extra heavy fine weave, assorted choice designs, 58x103 in, special 3.25 each.
- V.—A very choice line of Bleached Pattern Cloth, only one of a pattern, very heavy and fine, 8-10 and 8-12 sizes, at 3.75, 4.25 and 4.75 each.
- VI.—Special cloths for round and square top tables, assorted designs, fine quality linen, bordered all around. 2 1/2 x 2 1/2 5.00 each, 2 1/2 x 3 yds 4.75, 6.50 each.
- VII.—Cloths and napkins to match put up in sets, very fine quality of linen, assorted patterns, Irish and Scotch make, at 5.50, 6.50, 7.50 and 4.50 per set of napkins.
- VIII.—A lot of odd applique centre pieces, 30x30 in, slightly soiled, regular 85c, 1.00, 1.25, 1.50 each, to clear at 75c each.

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Sliced Jellied Tongue...

We have just received another shipment of that delicious Jellied Tongue. We cut it as you wish—as much or as little as you want.

SLICED JELLIED VEAL, 25c a pound.
SLICED COOKED HAM, 30c a pound.
SLICED HEADCHEESE, 12½c a pound.
GOOD BOLOGNA SAUSAGE, 10c a pound.
POTATO CHIPS, 12c a package.
FINE OLIVES, 15c to 60c a bottle.
CROSSE & BLACKWELL PICKLES, 20c and 35c a bottle.
GOOD ENGLISH PICKLES, 25c a bottle.
PURE OLIVE OIL, 25c, 30c and 40c a bottle.

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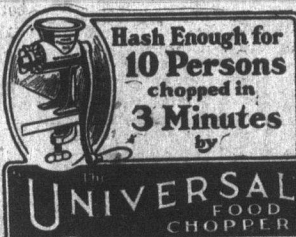
TO-NIGHT.

Catholic Order Foresters, in their hall at 8.
Daughters of Rebekah, Oddfellows' Temple, at 8.
Chatham Encampment, No. 10, I. O. O. F., Temple, at 8.
Court McGregor, No. 6, I. O. F., will meet in their rooms at 8.
"Robin Hood" rehearsal, Auditorium over Standard Bank, at 8.
Regular meeting of Wellington Chapter, No. 47, R. A. M., Masonic Hall, Fifth St., at 8.
The annual meeting of the Kent Children's Aid Society will be held in the I. O. F. Auditorium at 8.
Meeting of the clergymen and S. S. superintendents, at offices of Houston, Stone & Scane, 8 o'clock.

Local Briefs

Brisco's, Santa Claus' headquarters. The nicest lot of carving sets in the city at Westman Bros.
J. F. Stone, of Highgate, was visiting relatives in this city to-day.
Charles Agar, of Tupperville, spent yesterday in town.
Walter Pearson, of Wallaceburg, was in the city yesterday.
Thomas Pierce, of Montreal, is visiting his mother, Park street.
Smoke Quail on Toast Clear, 5c. Sold by all dealers, Union made.
D. E. Wallace, of Thessville, was in the city yesterday.
Bread knives, table knives, spoons and forks in great variety at Westman Bros.
Charles Houston and J. P. F. Williams, of Dresden, were Chatham visitors yesterday.
Finest imported mixed peels 20c. lb. at the Central Grocer, Queen street. E. C. Gummage.
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Colby are taking up their residence on Elizabeth street.

Howard Scott, eldest son of J. L. Scott, he expected home from Winnipeg this week to spend Christmas.
Well, give mother a washing machine or a sewing machine for Christmas, or a stove or some spoons, or a carving set. George Stephens & Co.
While crossing the river on the ice yesterday, A. J. Wilson, slipped and fell, sustaining several severe injuries.
McLaren's Jellies, all flavors, at the Central Grocer, Queen street.
While William Akorn was crossing his catenary the covering gave way, and he was precipitated into the icy depths. Besides being badly shaken up, he received a very uncomfortable wetting.
Table goods, silverware, carvers, pearl, dessert knives. See our show windows, Geo. Stephens & Co.
D. McLachlan, of the Canada Business College, gave an address on penmanship to the Model school students on Tuesday. This is the third address he has given them on this important subject.
New buckwheat flour and choice maple syrup at Central Grocer. E. C. Gummage.



Think of the time saved in the morning! And chop everything else, also.
Saves Time, Labor, Money.

You'll need one to do your chopping for your Christmas cake, pudding, etc. Let us supply you. You'll always be pleased with it.
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Toys, dolls, skates, etc., at Brisco's. Press feeder wanted at The Planet Office.
Samuel J. Courtney is in Detroit to-day.
W. M. Drader is in Thessville on business to-day.
Manson Campbell is in Detroit on business.
W. H. Adams, of Windsor, is in the city to-day.
Geo. Pedom has taken a position with O'Brien Bros.
New cooking figs 5c. lb. at Central Grocer, Queen street.
Robert G. Hoag is a Detroit visitor to-day.
Samuel Trotter, of McKenough & Trotter, is in Jeannette's Creek.
Say, girls, we have just what your brothers like for Christmas—hockey skates, shooting jackets, razors, knives, boxing gloves, skates, and very cheap. Geo. Stephens & Co.
Found a sum of money. Owner can have it by applying to Theo. Bourassa at Grand Central Hotel, and paying for this advertisement.
Mr. Santa Claus call and see our nice line of steel sleighs and skates at Westman Bros.
Until December 15th connection will be made at Blenheim Junction on Tuesdays and Fridays with train leaving Chatham at 10.30 a. m. for Rond Eau.

Don't forget the cheap excursion to Detroit via G. T. R. on Monday, Dec. 14th, fare to Detroit and return \$1.35.
Pure speech, choice extracts from Christmas cakes at Central Grocer, Queen street.
Jerry O'Brien is in Port Lambton on business to-day.
Brisco's are asking and working for your Christmas trade in toys, dolls, skates, athletic goods, games, etc.
Choice raisins 3 lbs. for 25c. at the Central Grocer. E. C. Gummage.

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King Street West, Chatham.

Large stock of new books in elegant bindings, Christmas cards and calendars. A large assortment of Sunday School supplies at low prices. The Holy Land Booklets, with flowers from Palestine.



It's Overshoe and Rubber Weather Now.

It cost but little to keep your feet warm and dry, while the penalty for getting them wet is often a large sum.

Ladies' Rubbers, all sizes, (2½-7) 25c.
Ladies' Storm Rubbers, (2½-7) 40c.
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Children's Rubbers, (size 6-10) 25c.
Men's Rubbers, (sizes 6-11) 50c.
Boys' Rubbers, (sizes 1-5) 50c.

GEO. W. COWAN.

DISTRICT DOINGS.

BLENHHEIM

Dec. 10.—A load of young people from town attended the assembly at Mull Tuesday evening.
Invitations have been issued for an assembly in the Opera House next Wednesday evening.
Dr. Campbell, who has been practicing for some time here, has left for Wheatley, where he will now locate.
Dr. Geo. Fletcher and bride visited relatives here last week.
Arch. Campbell, who has had such a serious illness, is slowly recovering.
Reginald Jamieson, has returned home from Toronto, where he has been attending Toronto University.
A number from town attended a dance at Cedar Springs last evening.

DRESDEN

Dec. 10.—F. A. McKim took a business trip to eastern points this week.
On Monday, Dec. 7th, to Mr. and Mrs. John Watson, a son.
The members of Diamond Rebekah Lodge gave a lunch party to a number of their friends on Thursday evening. A most enjoyable time was spent by the fortunate attendants.
W. A. Watson has sold the confectionery stock he bought last Saturday, to Chas. Metzger, who will take possession in a couple of weeks.
Geo. McIntosh, of Forest, is in town visiting his parents.
The first assembly of the season was given last night in the Grand Opera House. Quite a number of young people attended and a very pleasant time was spent by all.
Don't forget the sale of Christmas fancy work to be held by the Parsons' guild of Christ Church, on Saturday of this week.
Miss Nora Smith, one of Dresden's most popular young ladies, left this morning for Arnsburg, where she will spend a year with her brother Harry.

Leaver's Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder is better than other powders, as it is both soap and disinfectant.

WALLACEBURG

Dec. 10.—The home of Mr. J. C. Shaw was completely destroyed by fire on Tuesday evening last, very little of their household goods being saved. The fire was first discovered when the family were retiring, when the house became suddenly filled with smoke, and it was found that fire had started from the furnace. It was some minutes before the fire engine was in the place and able to work and the blaze was then so great that it seemed an impossibility to control it. The home of Mr. Herb McDougall, which was very close to Mr. Shaw's house, was in great danger.
The ladies of St. James church are holding a sale of samples and rummage sale to-day and following days.
A Christmas party was being given at the Presbyterian ladies aid and the balance of this week.
The death of Miss Martha McDougall, sister of Mr. Walter McDougall, took place yesterday afternoon at the home of her mother. Deceased had been suffering for the past few months, nevertheless her death came as a shock to all.

The Master Mechanic's Pure Tar Soap heals and softens the skin, while promptly cleansing it of grease, oil, rust, etc. Invaluable for mechanics, farmers, sportsmen. Free sample on receipt of 2c. for postage. Albert Toilet Soap Co., Mfrs., Montreal, if

DARRELL

Mrs. Geo. Morrell is spending a few weeks at her former home, Mrs. Edwin French's.
F. Weaver's corn thresher is at work at J. Kennedy's.
The young people of the neighborhood, as well as the pupils, are deep-interested in preparing a successful program for the Public school concert to be held at S. S. No. 2, Friday, Dec. 18. It is bound to be a success, for some of the participants are skilled artists.
Geo. Morrell spent Sunday at Mrs. E. French's.
Mr. Collin's S. S. Bible class is steadily increasing. It doubtless is the largest country Bible class in the county.
Bertha French is rapidly recovering from her long illness and is able to be up.
The school boys and girls have had

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Fine Victoria Fancy Wool Waistings and Printed Cashmeres, the new colors and the nicest goods of the season for waists or dressing jackets, 50c. value cut in two, 25c.

Select your Christmas Furs now from the largest, best and cheapest stock to be found in the West.

Fancy Fascinators—Chenille Wool and Silk, Opera and Shoulder Shawls, Fine Wool Hoodies, Infantees and Mitties, Ladies' and Children's Ringwood Gloves and Mittens

You cannot afford to miss the Standard Fashion Designer for December, only 10 cents

WILLIAM GORDON

an enjoyable two weeks' skating.
A special meeting of the Foresters Lodge was held on Friday evening, on account of the death of John Pickering.
A number from here attended the Louisville Baptist Church concert.
Some particular attraction induced a number of the boys of this neighborhood to attend the Methodist League, Chatham, on Friday evening.
What's Chatham erecting a rink for? Some of the boys from here like the project very well.

NOT THE SLIGHTEST DANGER

In using Dr. Hamilton's Pills of Mandrake and Butternut for constipation or piles. Highly recommended because they cause no gripping pains. For prompt and certain cure use only Dr. Hamilton's Pills. Price 25c.

SOUTH BUXTON

Miss McIsaac's school concert on Friday evening was a grand success. The evening was pleasant and the rooms in fine condition for travelling. The large church was packed with an eager crowd. The platform was beautifully decorated with flags and evergreens. The chairman, being late, the audience was in good humor by Master Franklin Morris, with his gramophone, until nine o'clock, when a stranger suddenly opened the door and stepped quickly to the platform. He held a short conference with the teacher and the program started at once. The whisper ran through the audience, "Who is he? Who is he?" The next moment the stranger faced the audience and said that Dr. Thornton was unavoidably detained and that he was representing the doctor, and without giving his name, proceeded with the program. He was a typical Scotchman, both in appearance

and language, and said that he was recently from the Hills of Scotia. The whisper grew louder, "Who is he? Who is he?" which seemed to amuse the stranger, who still withheld his name and gave some weird sketches of his experience as a soldier in the Boer-English war, which were very interesting and riveted the attention of the audience. He conducted the program in a very pleasing manner. By this time someone had learned his name and a whisper quickly went the rounds, "Jamie Riddly, Jamie Riddly, of Chatham." His Gaelic drew out a roar of laughter, although but few could understand it. The children carried out their parts admirably, which reflected much credit on the teacher. The contestants for the gloves were Misses Irene Pepper, Berschie Mason and Della Pepper. Miss Irene won by one point. The decision of the judges was cheered heartily by the audience and a splendid concert closed with God Save the King. Receipts \$35.
Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bellin, of Blenheim, were renewing acquaintances here some days ago.
The Sunday school program in the Baptist Church, North Buxton, will be held on Sunday after Christmas at P. M.
Don't forget the Raleigh Plains school concert.
Mrs. E. Goodson is convalescing.

ZION CORNERS.
Anniversary services were held in Zion Church on Sunday, Dec. 6. Mr. Shepley, a former teacher of this place, is visiting friends in this vicinity.
Alex Clunis has returned from the Northwest and is looking fine.
Miss Hattie Goff, of Talbot street, is visiting her cousin, Miss Laura Chatterton.
Miss Nellie Rosebrugh is the guest of her brother, J. W. Rosebrugh, of Albert Drew, of Cleveland, is the

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guest of his mother, Mrs. E. Drew. Ed. Mitton, of Ridgetown, visited T. Tyhurst on Sunday.
The choir gave some very fine selections on Sunday.

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One of the best showings ever made in the city.
Ladies, Handmade Umbrellas with plain and fancy pearl, natural wool, ivory and silver mounted handles, price \$1.00 to \$7.00.
Men's Umbrellas, in Gloria and fine silk cover, handles in horn, ivory and English sticks, \$2.00 to \$6.00.

Holiday Linens

Pretty doilies, scarfs, lunch cloths, in damasks and plain linens, with drawn work, Tenorillo lace and applique, 15c to \$2.50.
Table Linen Cloths, 8-4, 10-4, 12-4, 14-4, from \$1 to \$8.
Napkins to match, 75c to \$5.50.

Handkerchiefs for the Holiday

We can suit all tastes and purses in plain and fancy handkerchiefs, from 3c to \$2.25.
Ladies' plain hem handkerchiefs, pure linen, at 10c to 35c.
Ladies' fancy embroidered and lace trimmed handkerchiefs, 5c to \$2.25.
Men's handkerchiefs, all prices.
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How a Crow Helped a Golf Player.

An extraordinary incident occurred during a recent game on the Cairo golf links in Egypt, says The New York Herald. One player had just driven off from a tee. He had made a splendid drive and was watching the trundling ball with satisfaction down on it and bore it off. The player and his caddy gave chase, the latter cursing volubly in Arabic. This evidently had its effect, for the crow dropped the ball on the putting green within a few inches of the hole, and the delighted player holed it out.

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A TEMPERANCE REFORMER.

See Sketch of Sir Wilfrid Lawson, Who For Half a Century Has Championed the Cause.

A London, England, correspondent writes: "Probably there are few men of 73 who could have fought as long as Sir Wilfrid Lawson, England's 'Grand Old Man of Temperance,' did at Camborne recently. Probably there are fewer still who, had they devoted 40 years of their life to the championship of a great cause, as Sir Wilfrid has done, would be capable of continuing so interesting and commanding a figure in the world of politics."

Apart from the fact that Sir Wilfrid is the head of the United Kingdom Alliance, the great temperance league of this country, and the additional fact that for nearly half a century he has been one of the most forceful personalities in British politics, this venerable English baronet is most interesting as a temperance reformer like no other that ever has come before the public.

All through his remarkable career as the foe of the liquor traffic, Sir Wilfrid Lawson has been famous, not for his vituperation, but for his wit. He is as earnest as the most intense opponent of the "dram shop," but he is as good natured as the most genial of men.

For 40 years he has kept pounding away at Parliament after Parliament in the almost hopeless fight for temperance legislation, but the sharpest arrows in his quiver are those of humor and satire. Even Disraeli, the most powerful of statesmen, has spoken of "that gay wisdom which is the honorable baronet's chief characteristic."

This is the sort of thing that the man who has fought with and against Palmerston, Bright, Gladstone and Lord John Russell in the habit of "getting off." "England is a country governed by two gods, Bacchus and Mars—the god of battles and the god of bottles!"

Ridiculing the House of Lords to which he is bitterly opposed, Sir Wilfrid said: "Would any one be fool enough to employ an hereditary bootmaker? Then why an hereditary lawmaker?"

Alluding to his own title, he described a baronet as a man who has "ceased to be a gentleman, and who has not become a nobleman."

He once said that he "didn't believe an angel could keep a saloon without doing harm," and the word "lingo" as it is used to-day was his invention.

The description of "an old war-horse" suits Sir Wilfrid well. He has fought no less than 10 Parliamentary elections, being defeated in four of them. The struggle at Camborne, from which the veteran emerged triumphantly the other day, was as harassing as such struggles in England are likely to be. The system of "hecking" and "disturbances" being carried to their uttermost extent, but it must have been mere child's play to Sir Wilfrid, for his political career began in the days when elections were made in the open air, and when the contest was decided sometimes by a showing of hands.

These were the days of rotten eggs and bluegums as arguments against a speaker, and of more forcible intimidation, too. When first the idea of a candidate on the "bustle" came, Sir Wilfrid had to face 300 colliers who had been sent from a dozen miles away, and who were supplied liberally with drink to the end that they might howl him down.

He is most to be admired for his tireless devotion to the cause to which he has devoted his life. Oddly enough, when first he took his seat in Parliament, Sir Wilfrid's views on the subject of temperance were apparently no stronger than those of any other member, but it happened to be his duty to introduce a bill for legislation in his district toward the restriction of the traffic in spirits, and it was the defeat of that proposal that spurred him on to the more strenuous efforts in the same direction, with the result that one morning he found himself acknowledged as the apostle of temperance in England.

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ABNER DANIEL

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Author of "Westerfield"

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"I knew that's what he'd said," declared the girl, almost white with anger. "I knew it! Oh, Alan, Rayburn Miller might be able to draw back and leave a girl at such a time, but no man could that truly loves as I believe you love me. I have known how you have felt all this time, and it has nearly broken my heart, but I could not write to you when you had never even told me what you have today. You must not let anybody or anything influence you, Alan. I'd rather be a poor man's wife and do my own work than let a paltry thing like my father's money keep me from standing by the man I love."

Alan's face was ablaze. He drew himself up and gazed at her, all his soul in his eyes. "Then I shall not give you up," he declared—"not for anything in the world. And if there is a chance in the railroad idea I shall work at it ten times as hard now that I have talked with you."

They sat together in blissful ignorance of the passage of time. Some one shouted out that Frank Hillhouse was coming with the watermelon. Then all the couples in sight or hearing ran to the spring, where Hillhouse could be seen plunging the big melon into the water. Hattie Alexander and Charlie Durant, who had been perched on a jutting bowlder high up on the hill behind Dolly and Alan, came half running, half sliding, down, catching at the trees to keep from falling.

"Better come get your teeth in that melon," Hattie said, with a knowing smile at Dolly. "They lived next door to each other and were quite intimate."

"Come on, Alan," Dolly rose. "Frank will never forgive me if I don't have some."

"I shan't have time if I go to town tonight," replied Alan. "I have something to do at home first."

"Then I won't keep you," Dolly smiled, "for you must go and meet Rayburn Miller. I'm going to hope that he has had good luck in Atlanta."

The world had never seemed so full of joy and hope as Alan rode homeward. The sun was setting in glorious splendor beyond the towering mountains, above which the sky seemed an ocean of mother of pearl and liquid gold. Truly it was good to be alive.

At the bars he met Abner Daniel with a fishing cane in his hands, his bait gourd under his arm.

"I know right what you've been," he said, with a broad smile as he threw down the bars for Alan to pass through. "I see that gang drive by in all their hurry this mornin', the queen bee in the lead with that little makeshift of a man."

Alan dismounted to prevent his uncle from putting up the bars in their way, and they walked homeward side by side.

"Yes, and I've had the time of my life," said the young man. "I talked to her for a solid hour."

"I could see that in your face," said Abner quietly. "You couldn't hide it, an' I'll bet she didn't lose time in lettin' you know what she never could hide from me."

"We understand each other better now," admitted Alan.

"Well, I've certainly set my heart on the match—an' it's all in our family," affirmed Abner. "Durned if I declare, sometimes I'm afeard I'm gone on 'er myself. Yes, I want you an' her to make it. I want to set an' smoke an' chew on yore front porch an' hear her back in the kitchen fryin' ham an' eggs, an'—the old man winked—"I don't know as I'd object to trottin' some'n on my knee to sorter pass the time betwixt meals."

"Oh, come off, Uncle Ab!" said Alan, with a flush. "That's going too far."

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"That's a fact," exclaimed Alan, "and I had not thought of it."

"She's a stronger woman than I ever imagined," said Miller. "By George, if she were not on your string, I'd make a dead set for her. A wife like that would make a man complete. She's in love with you, or thinks she is, but she hasn't that will-o'-the-wisp glamour. She's business from her toes to her finger tips. By George, I believe she makes a business of her love affair. She seems to think she'll settle it by a sum in algebra. But to get back to the railroad, for I've got lots to tell you. What do you reckon I found that day? You couldn't guess in a thousand years. It was a preliminary survey of a railroad once planned from Darley right through your father's purchase to Morganton, N. C. It was made just before the war by old Colonel Wade, who, in his day, was one of the most noted surveyors in the state. This end of the line was all I cared about, and that was almost as level as a floor along the river and down the valley into the north end of town. It's a bonanza, my boy! Why that big bottle of timber land has never been busted is a wonder to me. If as many Yankees had been nosing about here as there have been in other southern sections, it would have been snatched up long ago."

"I'm awfully glad to hear you say all this," said Alan, "for it is the only way out of our difficulty, and something has to be done."

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Robin's Quaver Nesting Place.

Conductor McKnight and Brakeman Joe Smith of Stratford have discovered a robin's nest underneath a passenger coach of the Grand Trunk Railway. This coach leaves Stratford at 4 p.m., and returns from Port Dover at 10 a.m., and stays on the Stratford siding until the hour of departure. The robin finds the car each morning and leaves the tracks as the hour for departure arrives. On the first investigation the nest was discovered under the platform on the drawbar and was only in a partially finished state, but recent investigations show that the nest was not only finished, but that four eggs had been laid in it. The bird is being anxiously watched by the train crew, to see whether she completes the set of five and sets on them while the train is in motion.

Ask for Binard's and take no other.

COMING TO CANADA.

LARGE PARTIES OF IMMIGRANTS FROM BRITAIN.

Pord Wolsley Has Joined the Doleful Prophets—Arranging For Emigration of Factory Hands.

London, Dec. 10.—A large number of farmers will leave Yorkshire in April for Manitoba. Another Yorkshire party will follow shortly after, and others will leave Wiltshire, Lancashire, and various Scottish centres for different parts of Canada. The parties comprise, in addition to agriculturists, mechanics and artisans who are unable to find work in Britain or who are tempted by better wages in Canada. Most of the emigrants are going out under the auspices of the Canadian Government emigration offices. The emigration to Canada last year was 60,000 out of a total of 250,000 from England. The Express, referring to the Yorkshire movement, says: They are the pick of our people; they will have the pangs of homesickness, but their children will have the love of England mixed with bitter hatred of English history and politics.

A meeting of the British Women's Emigration Association was held yesterday to consider the best means of drafting suitable factory workers for Canada in response to definite offers from Montreal, Toronto and Hamilton.

Lord Wolsley has written a letter saying that unless Mr. Chamberlain's plans are adopted Britain will soon lose the colonies.

Mr. Chamberlain was asked by the Glasgow Co-operative Defence Association for his opinion regarding the embargo on Canadian cattle. He replied that the question was one for the Board of Agriculture, but he would be glad to have it removed if there were no danger to British cattle.

A correspondent of The Farmer and Stock Breeder, replying to Lord Onslow, opposes free Canadian corn. He says: "Canada contains less of our kinsmen than the United States. The natives of the United Kingdom in Canada number only 400,000, and the proportion is diminishing."

FARLEY PLEADED GUILTY.

Walking Delegate Gets a Year for Perjury.

New York, Dec. 10.—Henry Farley, walking delegate of the Painters' Union, who committed perjury in connection with the trial of Samuel J. Parks, pleaded guilty in Court of General Sessions, and was sentenced to not less than one year, nor more than two years in State's prison.

REACHED SPACE LIMIT.

Accommodation Must be Enlarged or Show Divided.

Guelph, Dec. 10.—The Winter Fair has once more broken its own best record. The crowds of happy visitors exceed the most liberal expectations. The magnificent place which the fair fills in the agricultural world of Ontario was shown by the phenomenal attendance, and its standing as the centre from which radiates far and intensely the latest developments of agricultural science was shown by the densely-packed lecture-room. Its place as the centre of the new agriculture was never better demonstrated. The streams of sleighs and the overburdened trains filled the city with visitors. And this afternoon it was impossible to move through the fair building except in the slow current of interested sightseers. Every aisle, the judging arena, the lecture room, the vast poultry department, the dairy stable, every inch was filled. The happy partnership of farm life, referred to by Miss Van Rensselaer, was everywhere in evidence in the common admiration of husband and wife, and swags and sweethearts of the stock show. Whatever the future may bring, today's crowds indicate that popular interest has at least reached the limit of the accommodation now provided, and the close relationship which the fair bears to the new development of Ontario agriculture suggests that the idea will grow, and if the Guelph fair be not doubled or quadrupled its plan will be multiplied in many other parts of Ontario. The main idea of education has found judgment in the farmers' minds and must displace the old idea that the fairs are only to amuse. Many of the visitors are delegates to farmers' institutes, and these will be the means of diffusing the information offered to-day among tens of thousands of those who will directly benefit.

BURGULARS PLEAD GUILTY.

"Foxy" Smith, Martin and Waterous Sentenced.

Cornwall, Dec. 10.—Charles Wilson, alias Charles Smith, better known as "Foxy" Smith; John Martin, alias Yates, and Frank Waterous, the Winchester burglars, were before Judge O'Reilly yesterday. All pleaded guilty to the charges of burglary and the latter also pleaded guilty to carrying unlawful explosives. Mr. George Stiles, counsel for Waterous, stated that this prisoner's confession and the information he had given had been of great assistance to the Crown in bringing the others to justice. He would have been a Crown witness if necessary. Judge O'Reilly sentenced Waterous to three years in Kingston penitentiary, while the others were given four years each. A similar sentence was given on each charge, but the terms are to run concurrently.

U. S. Presbyterian Mission Board.

New York, Dec. 8.—The Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church has elected the Rev. George Alexander, D.D., President of the board, to succeed the Rev. John D. Wells, D.D., lately deceased, who had been for forty-nine years a member of the board, and for nineteen years its President. Dr. Alexander is pastor of the University Place Presbyterian Church, New York City, and a member of the board of directors of the Princeton Theological Seminary.

Shoemen to Arbitrate.

Quebec, Dec. 3.—The shoemen have decided to refer the matter of the location of the shoe factories to the board of arbitration, and it is expected that the board will order the opening of the factories before taking the matter up.

THE OLD RELIABLE



Absolutely Pure
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STARVING THOUSANDS.

Correspondent Discovers Much Misery in Toronto.

Toronto, Dec. 10.—Considerable indignation is expressed in business circles at statements which have appeared in the English press, to the effect that recent British immigrants have had difficulty in securing work and have experienced great hardships in Toronto.

The London immigration bureau yesterday cabled to the head offices of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association here that Mr. Phillips Thompson of this city had some correspondence in London papers stating that a thousand destitute and homeless immigrants from the old land were tramping the streets in search of work and in a starving condition, and the letters were also said to contain the information that these immigrants were enduring terrible sufferings through their privations, and were endeavoring to secure transportation back to the old land to escape the rigors of the winter here.

These facts were manifested in a cable sent to London at the instance of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association yesterday afternoon. The cable began as follows:

"Statement of Phillips Thompson that thousand starving immigrants are tramping streets and endeavoring to secure transportation from Canada absolutely false."

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SWALLOWED THE RAILWAY.

Newly-formed Russian Lake Covers the Line.

London, Dec. 10.—A Russian correspondent of The Times says: "A curious thing has befallen the new Orenburg-Tashkent Railway, which, if completed, would shorten the distance and lessen the difficulties of transporting troops to the Afghan frontier and the Pamirs, and cut down the railway line between the heart of Russia and the Chinese frontier by 2,000 miles. Apparently reliable information is to the effect that the northern half of this railway has been submerged by a newly-formed lake stretching for fourteen miles. The lake is said to be thirty miles wide and 50 feet deep. The formation of the lake is due to the overflow of the Syr Daria, or, perhaps, to one of those displacements common to central Asian rivers, especially in great depressions of the Ural-Caspian basin. It is now said that the road runs for over three hundred miles through a zone subject to inundations. This defect in the projected route of the road was pointed out two years ago, and the Ministry was advised to change the route. The Novoe Vremya severely criticizes the Ministry for neglecting to profit by this advice, and says the blunder has already caused a loss of 200,000,000 roubles."

TO RESIST THE BRITISH.

Russians Said to be Building Forts in Tibet.

London, Dec. 10.—The London Daily Mail's correspondent says it is reported by the Chinese representative in Tibet that the Russians are building two forts and are preparing to resist the British expedition. The locality in which these forts are being built is not definitely known.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

National Committee to Meet in Washington on January 12th.

Washington, Dec. 10.—James K. Jones, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, has issued a call for the committee to meet at the Shoreham Hotel, in this city, Tuesday, January 12, at 10 o'clock. The time and place of holding the Democratic National Convention.

ILL-TREATED THEIR TEACHER

Tied to a Hog Trough and Thrown Into a Pond.

Sullivan, Ind., Dec. 10.—Miss Eileen Sinclair, the 19-year-old teacher of the Parks School in this county, who was overpowered by her unruly pupils here yesterday, tied to a hog trough and placed for two hours in a pond of icy water, only her head being above the surface, swore out warrants for assault and battery against six children to-day.

TO FIGHT COLOMBIA.

United States Army and Navy Are Prepared.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Gen. Reyes, the special representative of Colombia, who came to urge that Colombia be not prevented in subduing the Panama revolution, and that her sovereignty over Panama be not violated, was told by President Roosevelt that the United States had determined to maintain the independence of the new republic of Panama against all comers.

Although the statement heretofore has been denied, it is learned that the Army Department has taken notice of the repeated reports that Colombian troops were assembling at different points with the avowed purpose of making a hostile demonstration against Panama, and has perfected all military plans to repel such an invasion. The navy is ready to co-operate to the fullest possible extent.

Countess of Stratford Married.

London, Dec. 9.—Cara, dowager Countess of Stratford (formerly Mrs. Samuel J. Colgate of New York) and M. T. Kennard were married to-day at St. George's Church, Hanover square, in this city.

An Heroic Mother.

Elmira, N. Y., Dec. 9.—Mrs. William Campbell, a negro, went three times into her burning home to-day, and, with clothing in flames and her hair burning, each time carried a child to safety.

TELEGRAPH BREVITIES.

The body of the late Herbert Spencer will be cremated.

John H. Browning has been appointed United States, Immigrant Inspector at Windsor.

At Ottawa James C. Dorion, a plumber, fell off a roof and died at the Protestant Hospital.

It is reported that Russians are building forts in Tibet to assist in checking the British advance.

Mr. E. P. Stevens has been nominated by the Conservatives to oppose Hon. Sydney Fisher in Bromo, Que.

The Moscow correspondent of The Times says Russia fears a general Armenian revolt in the Caucasus.

The safe of the Imperial Canning Company at Kingsville was wrecked with dynamite. The thieves got nothing.

Another daughter of Elias Mohn of Stratford is down with typhoid fever, and the parents still refuse to call a physician.

At the annual banquet of the London Old Boys' Association, President McCann was presented with a gold watch and chain.

C. J. Altman was acquitted of the charge of malicious damage in the Brockville hat factory and is suing his former partners.

The Fort Frances power matter has been settled and the Backus syndicate will proceed at once to erect their power plant, reservoir and dam. The plant is to be on the Canadian side.

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