

MANY HAVE PERISHED!

On Account of the Intensely Cold Weather.

The Arctic Wave Has Traveled as Far as China.

Cattle and Wheat Killed—Coal Bins and Flour Barrels Empty—Business Paralyzed at Various Points—Still Colder Weather Expected.

Houston, Tex., Feb. 10.—A special from Dallas to the Post says: Deputy Sheriff Davis returned to Dallas last night from the Panhandle along the line of the Fort Worth and Denver Railway. He says the storm, distress and desolation is indescribable. At Texline the snow is

FIVE FEET ON THE LEVEL.

The mercury is 15° below zero there. The loss of cattle along the railway is something terrible. The cattle had practically no shelter, and in addition to this hardship there is no grass or water to be had, and their thirst and starvation hastens their death, caused primarily by the bitter cold. Most of the trains on the Fort Worth and Denver road have been abandoned. Farmers in the Panhandle wheat belt say the wheat has been killed.

WHEAT HAS BEEN KILLED. The loss to grain and cattle, Mr. Davis says, will reach an enormous sum. There were reports at stations of terrible distress among the inhabitants of sparsely settled districts, and it is regarded as a certainty that many persons have been frozen to death.

COLORADO.

Leadville, Col., Feb. 10.—Nothing but the most heroic efforts on the part of the railroads entering Leadville will prevent the fires from dying in the smelter stacks and under the boilers of the mines that are forced to pump constantly, and in which the drawing of the pumps would cost months of time and enormous sums of money. Seven cars of coal remain for the pumping association that is unwavering the down-town mines, and aside from these the bins of every coal dealer in the city are practically empty.

Trains are moving on the Denver and Rio Grande, but should the storm continue that railroad is liable to be again tied up. There has been a continuous snowstorm, with a few short intervals, in the vicinity of Leadville for fifteen days.

The supply of provisions is running short in Breckenridge and Kokomo, which are shut off from communication with the outside world by rail. In Kokomo hams sell at 11 per pound, and other meats in proportion.

At Other Points.

TWO DEATHS AT JOLIET.

Joliet, Ill., Feb. 10.—It was 26° below zero yesterday. Business is paralyzed. Frank Dubuque, a Columbia Heights, was picked up frozen, dying soon after. George Hamilton, also found unconscious, died.

At Washington, D. C., the Potomac

frozen over.

With the mercury down to 34° below zero, a disastrous fire broke out in the town of Williams, fifteen miles east of Webster City, Iowa. Before the flames could be controlled, six business blocks in the heart of the town had been reduced to ashes. Loss, \$75,000.

ANOTHER DEATH.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 10.—One death from freezing is reported, that of Sam Kennedy, whose body was found in a coal shed.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 9.—The thermometer in different parts of the city registered from 6° to 12° below zero yesterday. The weather office predicts much lower temperature for tonight and tomorrow.

Joseph Vogel, 52 years old, was found frozen to death on the sidewalk near his home early this morning. The police say that he had been drinking.

FROST-BITTEN TROOPS.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 10.—Advices by steamer Empress of Japan say: Russian troops stationed in Port Arthur, to the number of 20,000, were preparing to pass the winter under tents. Owing to the severe weather the tents afford scant shelter to the men, great numbers of whom are suffering from frost-bites. Several have died. The commander-in-chief has given instructions for the erection of barracks.

18° BELOW IN KENTUCKY.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 10.—Louisville is experiencing the coldest weather since 1884. At 7 o'clock yesterday morning the government thermometer registered 18° below zero.

DARING MISSION FAILED.

Chicago, Feb. 10.—Three men ice-bound several miles out in Lake Michigan saw the failure of strenuous efforts to send them relief by boats. They were pulled by hand across fields of ice, with the temperature 12° below zero. Assistant City Engineer Paul Brown headed a relief expedition to take supplies to Capt. Kelly and three assistants at the city water supply in the Sixty-eighth street crib.

Mr. Brown and his two companions, Capt. William Smith, of the Dunham tug line, and Capt. Daniel Dunham, chief city diver, boarded an Illinois Central express train with about 500 pounds of provisions. They left the train at Sixty-eighth street, loaded their supplies on a bobsled and started across the ice fields for the crib. After exciting experiences, owing to wide gaps and floating ice, the daring mission was temporarily abandoned.

RECORDS BROKEN.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 10.—All cold weather records for this section were broken today, and a new record of 20° below zero established by the weather bureau. Private thermometers registered from 7 to 10 degrees lower. Business is almost at a standstill, and few people were on the streets. Schools were dismissed, outdoor laborers refused to work, and every form of industry necessitating exposure to the weather was practically paralyzed. Many persons were severely nipped by Jack Frost, but no fatalities have been reported.

At Washington, D. C., the cold increased, and the temperature this morning was 8° below. The record for Washington is 14° below zero in 1881.

TOOK GAS AND LAUDANUM

Lehigh Valley Conductor Loses His Job and Commits Suicide.

Engineer of an Exploded Boiler Held for Manslaughter.

HIS FINAL DISCHARGE.

Buffalo, Feb. 10.—In his pretty little house at No. 251, East Eagle street, yesterday morning, Geo. Trout, formerly a conductor on the Lehigh Valley Railroad, committed suicide by inhaling gas and drinking laudanum. Trout had some trouble with the railroad officials some days ago and was discharged from the service.

SUDDEN DEATH AT CLINTON.

Clinton, Ont., Feb. 10.—Mr. James Fair, sen., of this town, died last evening. Shortly after noon, and while apparently in the best of health, he was stricken with apoplexy. He was one of Clinton's best known and highly respected citizens, having been in business there for the last 30 years. He leaves a wife and family of five sons and three daughters.

ENGINEER HELD FOR MANSLAUGHTER.

Detroit, Feb. 10.—Engineer Thomas M. Thompson has been found guilty of manslaughter in connection with the famous Journal boiler explosion of February, 1895. "Guilty as charged," said Foreman Adams, of the jury, adding: "We recommend him to the mercy of the court. At the same time the jury is of the opinion that the city boiler inspection has been inadequate and should be improved." The case will be taken to the supreme court.

THE RAILWAYS

Mogul for the Wabash—Big Contract Taken by the Grand Trunk.

R. A. Petersen has taken the position at the L. E. and D. R. station at St. Thomas made vacant by Mr. M. K. Oakes, who has been engaged as operator by the Wabash.

The Wabash Railway on Tuesday brought to Windsor a "Mogul" locomotive. It is numbered 1,358, and will be followed by two others. The locomotive imported Tuesday can draw 100 loaded cars. The Wabash has found that the present engines are unable to do the work and will as fast as possible introduce better locomotives.

The Grand Trunk Railway is understood to have just closed an extensive contract in connection with the Lehigh Valley to carry Swift and Armour provisions from Chicago to the seaboard. The contract is said to be for about 7,000 carloads, which is equal to about 182,000,000 pounds.

NILES TOWN

Nilestown, Feb. 9.—The annual meeting of the Thames cheese and butter factory was held in the Masonic Hall on Feb. 8, with Samuel Dart in the chair, while Ira Creighton filled the office of scribe. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. The auditors' report proved to be a commendable one, as read by Walter Edward, and was subsequently confirmed. James James gave a stirring address, referring to the agreeable relationship which had existed between himself and them during the last 23 years. He spoke of Prof. Miller in eulogistic terms as his successor, and concluded by thanking the patrons for their confidence and patronage.

Messrs. James and William Cartwright, John Gilmore, David Berry, and Samuel Dart were reappointed directors. Walter Edwards was chosen auditor. Messrs. John Gilmore and Jas. James were deputed to effect an insurance upon the cheese and butter. John Gilmore was appointed salesman.

Prof. Miller explained that the cheese will be made for \$1 per cwt., when delivered at the factory by the patrons; they would discard consignments of milk containing noxious flavors, and proposed to convert the milk of Saturday night into butter. A committee will be appointed to confer with the three factories comprising the syndicate, namely, Pond Mills, Dorchester, and Thames cheese and butter factories.

Mr. Smith, a cheese magnate, was introduced to the meeting. He urged the patrons to produce a uniform quality of milk, and referred to the Black Creek factory as an example. He alleged that stirring the milk would eliminate the noxious gases, and was preferable to the cooling process.

Total pounds of milk, 2,774,374; cheese, 25,162½; cash, \$19,135 85; average milk, 11.31; average price, 7.824; paid patrons, \$18,504 42; hauling milk, \$4,103 13; hauling cheese, \$85 24; insurance, \$27 50; manufacturing, \$2,451 62.

It was moved by David Barry, and seconded by John Gilmore, "that we, the patrons of the Thames factory, at this our annual meeting, desire to express our regret at the severance of our connection with Mr. James as our cheesemaker. The long association of 23 years has endeared him to us in many ways. We have felt that he has at all times done his very best for our advantage and benefit. We hope for Mr. James continued prosperity, and that he may be long spared among us." This carried unanimously.

The vineyard of Italy cover nearly 6,000,000 acres.

RECORD MADE LAST NIGHT

Official Registration 19 Degrees Below Zero.

Coldest Day in Several Years—Street Car Travel Affected—Boy Gets Hand Badly Frozen—More Zero Weather Coming.

Last night was the coldest yet. Nineteen degrees below zero was registered at the local observatory. Wednesday night was cold, but last night was just 8.5 degrees colder. It is six years since the mercury got to a fraction more than 15 degrees below zero. People who long for an old-fashioned winter ought to be satisfied now. There is a genuineness about the creaking sidewalks that leaves no room for doubt in the mind of the pedestrian as to the presence of the Frost King, and added to this evidence is the pedestrian's own red nose, blue fingers and steaming breath.

The weather has affected the street car service. Owing to the frost the car wheels sometimes fail to grip the rail, and buzz around with the car at a standstill.

Despite the fact that Old Sol has been journeying north for the past six weeks, and has all his batteries at work, Jack Frost holds the fort, apparently defying the sun's rays to make any inroads into his possessions. And the weather clerk promises a continuation of the siege.

At the greenhouses of J. Gammage & Sons, where it is necessary to keep close watch on the temperature, it was reported this morning that at 10 o'clock last night the thermometer registered 14° below; at 2 a.m., 20° below; and at 5 a.m., 10° below. At 8 o'clock this morning the official registration was 18° below zero.

HIS HAND FROZEN.

The many friends of Chester, son of Ernest Fitzgerald, painter, will be grieved to hear that he had his right hand badly frozen yesterday.

MR. LOGAN TO MRS. BOOMER

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

I have read with not a little surprise a letter signed by Trustee H. A. Boomer, in your paper of the 4th inst., re "Domestic Science," and referring particularly to a paragraph in my closing address to the board, as chairman, which was published in the daily papers. After reading her letter I thought I would treat the matter with silence, not wishing to hold up to the public gaze her want of knowledge of school affairs, and this "fad" in particular; but some of my friends have spoken to me and have said "this imputation of Mrs. Boomer's should not be allowed to go unchallenged."

When Mrs. Hoodless addressed the board in the early part of 1893, she stated that the object was to interest the girls from 14 to 16 years, and reiterated it later, at a meeting in the Collegiate Institute where she made the speech of the evening.

In my address I stated "as the average age of the children leaving public schools to go to the Collegiate Institute was about 13½ years," this statement Mrs. Boomer is pleased to designate wholly false and misleading, and that I used my position as chairman of the board to give weight to the same.

In answer to this charge I will say that I referred the matter to the inspector who says that the average age of the pupils entering the fourth form is under 12 years and the average age leaving is under 14 years, she makes 13½ and 13¾ years; therefore, Mr. Editor, I fail to see where my statement is "wholly false and misleading."

I do not see why Mrs. Boomer should take to herself my reference to the "promoter of this fad." I was not aware of it, and she makes no such pretense. I thought the promoter was Mrs. Hoodless, who had a book to sell on the subject, but I have been given to understand that Trustee Boomer has also a book about ready for the press, which would be offered for sale to the pupils, should she be successful in crowding domestic science into the schools, by recommendations from packed meetings or otherwise; however, I am of the opinion that the ratepayers of London have quite enough books to buy now for their children without the board of education assisting the sale of books for either Mrs. Hoodless or Mrs. Boomer.

I believe the "mothers" of our "progressive city" are quite competent to teach their daughters "domestic science" in their own homes, as in the past, for some time to come. Yours truly, J. M. LOGAN, Ex-Chairman Board of Education, London, Feb. 10, 1899.

THE CHILD CAN'T HELP IT.

When a child does wrong willfully, there is some reason in correcting it. But when a little one's kidneys are weak—can't control their water at night—it's wrong to scold and punish. Thousands of children have been whipped for wetting the bed, who simply couldn't help it. Parents are coming to understand that this is a disease that needs curing—not a "bad habit" that requires correcting, and are giving their children

DOANS KIDNEY PILLS,

which strengthen and restore the kidneys to healthy action, and prevent further trouble.

Mrs. Young, 15 Garish Street, Halifax, N.S., cured her little boy by giving him Doan's Kidney Pills. This is what she says:

"My little boy, 13 years old, has for several years been afflicted with weakness in the retention of his water, and did not seem to have any control of his urine."

"Hearing of Doan's Kidney Pills, I procured a box, and must say that they helped him wonderfully. He has now finished his second box, and I feel they have cured him. He is pleased to think he can retain his water, as it was so distressing to have the trouble of this inconvenience."

Doan's Kidney Pills, 55¢ a box.

SMALLPOX

Situation Reported to be Growing More Serious—The Disease in Ohio.

Toronto, Feb. 10.—The smallpox situation in Eastern Ontario grows more serious. Six suspected Frenchmen, who were in isolation, have disappeared from Farran's Point.

There are four cases in the Brown family at Irish Creek, Wolford township, Grenville. Three of the cases are very serious and one is light.

Another case was reported at Aultville, in the township of Osnabrock. The state board of Ohio have sent a report of smallpox cases in the state to the provincial board of Ontario. Since Jan. 12 there have been 65 cases in Cincinnati, 19 in Cleveland, several in Columbus, 6 in Sandusky, 3 in New Carlisle, 2 in Franklin and 1 in Coshocton. There have been 1,007 cases in the state since April 6 last, when the first case was reported. In the whole of these there have only been six deaths.

LEESBO RO

Leesboro, Feb. 9.—The annual meeting of the patrons of the cheese factory was held Feb. 6. Wm. Carrothers presided, while Wm. Lee was appointed secretary. The following is a summary: Milk received, 1,579,749 pounds; total cheese, 167,382 pounds; pounds of milk to make a pound of cheese, 11.22; average price per pound of cheese, 8.08 cents; total receipts, \$13,531. Messrs. Thomas Bedgood and Thomas Duffin were appointed auditors. A general meeting of stock holders will convene on Monday next for the purpose of arranging to take stock for introducing a butter plant. J. W. Boyes, cheesemaker, merits the approval of the patrons because of the above good showing.

DORCHESTER STATION.

Dorchester Station, Feb. 9.—Patrick Wilson, of Grand Rapids, Mich., died Feb. 6, aged 28 years. The deceased contracted typhoid fever, which developed hemorrhage of the bowels. He was a son of the late John Wilson, of this place. Mrs. M. Wilson, of Windsor; Mrs. W. H. Dalton, of Crumlin, and Miss Teresa Wilson, of this place, are sisters of the deceased. Messrs. Thomas Wilson, of Ingersoll; James Wilson, of this place; Edward Wilson, of Niagara Falls; William Wilson, of T. R. baggageman, London; Wilson, G. T. R. conductor, London, are brothers of the deceased. The remains were brought here, and the interment took place today to the Roman Catholic cemetery at Ingersoll, when Father Connolly, Ingersoll, conducted the obsequies.

The demise of George Williams occurred at the family residence on Tuesday, Feb. 7, aged 76 years. The deceased was a native of Londonderry, Ireland, and quit the land of the shamrock in 1849, and first pitched his tent at Markham, where he sojourned for three years, and thereafter came to Dorchester Station, where he entered the service of the G. T. R. as section-man. He married Miss Ritchinson, of Pittsburg, Pa., who died on Feb. 11, 1890. The family comprise Mrs. Geo. Louvell, of Bay City, Mich.; George Williams, of Pittsburg, Pa.; Miss Martha Williams, of this place; William Williams and Theodore Williams, of this place.

John Mullen, builder, got the contract for the erection of a large barn for James James, of Nilestown. The structure is 60 feet in width, and 107 feet in length, with cement basement, at a probable cost of \$1,300. Mr. Mullen obtained the contract also from Mr. Crosby, of West Nisour, for the erection of a fine brick residence at a cost of \$1,000.

CATARH OF STOMACH.

Pleasant, Simple, but Safe and Effective Cure for It.

Catarh of the stomach has long been considered the next thing to incurable. The usual symptoms are a full or bloating sensation after eating, a formation of gases, causing pressure on the heart, at lungs, and difficult breathing, headaches, fickle appetite, nervousness and a general played-out, languid feeling.

There is often a foul taste in the mouth, coated tongue, and if the interior of the stomach could be seen it would show a slimy, inflamed condition. The cure of this common and obstinate trouble is found in a treatment which causes the food to be readily, thoroughly digested before it has time to ferment and irritate the delicate mucous surfaces of the stomach. To secure a prompt and healthy digestion is the one necessary thing to do, and when natural digestion is secured the catarrhal condition will have disappeared.

According to Dr. Harlanston the safest and best treatment is to use after each meal a tablet, composed of Diastase, Aseptic Pepsin, a little Nux, Golden Seal and fruit acids. These tablets can now be found at all drug stores under the name of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, and not being a patent medicine, can be used with perfect safety and assurance that healthy appetite and thorough digestion will follow their regular use after meals.

Mr. N. J. Boomer, of 2,710 Dearborn street, Chicago, Ill., writes: "Catarrh is a local condition, resulting from a neglected cold in the head, whereby the lining membrane of the nose becomes inflamed, and the poisonous discharge therefrom passing backward into the throat reaches the stomach, thus producing catarrh of the stomach. Medical authorities prescribed for me for three years for catarrh of stomach without cure, but today I am the happiest of men after using one box of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets. I cannot find appropriate words to express my good feeling. I have found flesh, appetite and sound rest from their regular use."

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are the safest preparation as well as the simplest and most convenient remedy for any form of indigestion, catarrh of stomach, biliousness, sour stomach, heartburn and bloating after meals. Send for this book mailed from stomach troubles, by addressing Stuart Company, Marshall, Mich. The Tablets can be found at all drug stores.

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TERSELY TOLD

An oil refinery still explosion in Buffalo has caused a loss of \$25,000. The village of Forestport, N. Y., was destroyed by fire Thursday. Everything went.

The stock of W. W. Phillips, Ridgeway, has been sold on account of Windsor, at 57 cents on the dollar.

Donald Macnish, M.P.P., of West Elgin, who has been suffering from throat trouble, is improving very satisfactorily.

March 1, an advance in wages of 5 to 10 per cent will be given the thousands of employees of the American Steel and Wire Company, Joliet, Ill.

During a performance at the Metropolitan Opera, Howard Newcomb, Mrs. Ethel Allen, wife of the grandson of the revolutionary hero, died from apoplexy.

The protest in West Elgin against the return of Donald Macnish, Liberal member-elect to the legislature, was followed by the Conservatives Thursday afternoon.

The demand of the Austrian Government for indemnity on account of the Hun miners killed during the strike at Hazelton, Pa., in 1897, will not be recognized by the state department.

News from Atlin says feeling runs high there since news of the alien miners' exclusion act got in. A number of Canadians on the ground are jumping claims located by Americans, and the Americans are crying for vengeance.

Turner's general store at McGregor, Man., was destroyed by fire Tuesday night. Osborne's fruit store, Shout's tailor shop, Scott & Co.'s harness shop, Martin's general store and dwelling, and Arkelle's drug store, were also burned.

Thomas Avery, the deputy collector of customs at Port Huron, who forcibly deported a Canadian named Meagher from Port Lambton, Ont., last September, has been dismissed by the United States Government.

E. Cudney, who fell out of his wagon at Port Dalhousie, Ont., on Saturday last, died from the effects on Thursday morning. Deceased was born in the township of Grantham, and was a member of the I. O. O. F. He leaves a wife and three grown-up sons.

The steamer P. D. Staggs, which was badly wrecked at the bridge over the Tennessee River, at Johnsonville, Tenn., floated down to Danville. A telegram from Danville states that all on board the steamer were saved except Second Clerk Robert Scott and six or eight roustabouts.

THE D. A. A. A.

Ottawa, Feb. 10.—In addition to the officers of the Dominion Artillery Association, elected yesterday, the following were chosen: Vice-presidents, Lieut.-Cols. King, Seventh; Longworth, Fourth; Coutlee, Second F. B., and Jones, Third. Auditors, Lieut.-Col. John Macpherson and Lieut.-Col. Knight. Members of council, Lieut.-Cols. Macdonald, Crawford, Lindsay,

Armstrong and Irwin. The meeting then adjourned.

A DINNER PILL.—Many persons suffer excruciating agony after partaking of a hearty dinner. The food partaken of is like a ball of lead upon the stomach, and instead of being a healthy nutriment, it becomes a poison to the system. Dr. Parmenter's Vegetable Pills are wonderful correctives of such troubles. They correct acidity, open the secretions and convey the food partaken of into healthy nutriment. They are just the medicine to take if troubled with indigestion.

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To those who know the soothing healing qualities of Dr. Chase's Ointment piles have lost their terror. The first application of this sterling remedy will stop the itching, and it is very rarely indeed that more than one box is required to effect a complete cure.

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For the grippe, bronchitis, croup and colds, Dr. Chase's Syrup of

Curling Contests!

The Struggle for the Governor-General's Prize.

Oshawa and Peterboro Granites in the Final.

Perth Wins the Central Canada Curling Association's Trophy.

Rochester Gets Ottawa's Place in the Eastern League.

Hockey Events, Turf and Sporting News in General.

CURLING.

FOR THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S PRIZE.

The competition for the governor-general's prize to clubs that were defeated in the Ontario tankard series, began Thursday at Toronto, resulting as follows:

Prospect Park (Toronto). Cobourg.

Rink No. 1—

D. Carlyle, skip.....23 H. B. Criso, skip.....21

Rink No. 2—

Q. D. McCullough, A. Pratt, skip.....21 skip.....19

Total.....44 Total.....49

Majority for Prospect Park, 4 shots.

St. Thomas, Toronto.

Rink No. 1—

E. May, skip.....23 J. W. Corcoran, skip.....10

Rink No. 2—

W. K. Cameron, J. C. Scott, skip.....21 skip.....13

Total.....46 Total.....23

Majority for St. Thomas, 23 shots.

Granite, Toronto. Parkdale, Toronto.

Rink No. 1—

G. A. Little, W. Palmerston, skip.....29 skip.....20

Rink No. 2—

W. McLennan, R. McCowan, skip.....16 skip.....30

Total.....45 Total.....60

Majority for Scarborough, 5 shots.

Brampton, Toronto.

Rink No. 1—

W. Peaker, C. E. Nasmith, skip.....14 skip.....12

Rink No. 2—

W. Adams, A. F. MacLaren, skip.....12 skip.....19

Total.....26 Total.....31

Undecided; declared no game.

Second round.

Maple Leafs, Scarborough.

Rink No. 1—

A. Patterson, J. A. Sykes, skip.....19 skip.....7

Rink No. 2—

N. McCowan, P. H. Punshon, skip.....19 skip.....17

Total.....38 Total.....44

Prospect Park, Toronto.

Rink No. 1—

A. Hood, W. Peaker, skip.....19 skip.....14

Rink No. 2—

W. J. Leonard, W. Adams, skip.....17 skip.....16

Total.....36 Total.....36

The semi-final games in the Governor-General's competition prize were played yesterday afternoon. The final will be played off today between Oshawa and Peterboro Granites. Yesterday's play resulted as follows: Third round.

Peterboro Granites beat Toronto, 43 to 33.

Semi-finals—Oshawa beat St. Thomas, 39 to 33. Peterboro Granites beat Stratford, 40 to 29.

AT MONTREAL.

The competition between Ottawa and Caledonia rinks on Wednesday morn-

ing on Montreal ice for the Governor-General's prize was a close and exciting one. Scores:

Ottawa. Caledonia.

Rink No. 1—

C. S. Scott, skip.....15 R. Wilson, skip.....12

Rink No. 2—

D. G. Hutchison, W. Wilson, skip.....14 skip.....15

Total.....29 Total.....27

Majority for Ottawa, 2 shots.

BONSPIEL AT OTTAWA.

The annual bonspiel of the Central Canada Curling Association opened at Ottawa on Thursday. Perth was drawn against Kingston, and Almonte against Carleton Place. Perth won from Kingston by a single shot on each rink. Almonte defeated Carleton Place by 22 shots.

The Rideau curlers made a runaway match of the final game with Perth, winning by the good majority of 80 shots.

HOCKEY.

AT MONTREAL.

The match between the Shamrocks and the Montreal hockey teams in the senior championship hockey series, last night, resulted 4 to 3 in favor of the Shamrocks.

HURON DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Huron district hockey championship series game at Seaforth last night, between Clinton and Seaforth, resulted in a victory for Perth, home team by a score of 9 to 4. The championship now lies between Goderich and Seaforth, each team being tie.

AT GUELPH.

The Nationals defeated Listowel last night by a score of 4 to 3 in the hardest fought battle ever seen in the Royal City.

AT WATERLOO.

The Paris hockey seven played a friendly game with the Waterloo seniors last night. The score was 8 to 5 in favor of Paris.

AT TORONTO.

In a senior O. H. A. match played last night between Peterboro and Varsity, the former won by a score of 5 to 3.

BASEBALL.

EASTERN LEAGUE.

New York, Feb. 10.—The managers of the Eastern League of professional baseball clubs met yesterday at the Fifth Avenue Hotel to fix up their game schedule for the coming season, which begins April 1. At the January meeting a committee was named with power to admit one of the playing clubs which were Albany, Utica and Rochester, and Hamilton and London, Canada. The club admitted will get the franchise and players of the Ottawa club, which retires. The committee considered Rochester favorably, but the condition was not filled and the matter was brought before the league yesterday. The schedule was completed, but not made public. Rochester and Utica were applicants for the vacant position on the league, and Rochester got the franchise by a unanimous vote.

THE CANADIAN LEAGUE.

Hamilton Herald: A meeting of Canadian League baseball magnates will be held in this city during the present month when some definite programme for the coming season will be mapped out. The league should invite representatives from Brantford and Woodstock, in addition to other cities heretofore mentioned, Brantford, particularly, is a likely town, and might prove a valuable acquisition to the league. Under any circumstances the town should not be overlooked.

TURF.

AT NEW ORLEANS.

New Orleans, Feb. 10.—Track fast yesterday.

First race, selling, 7 furlongs—Tom Kingsley won, Gen. Maceo 2, Jim P. 3. Time, 1:30.

Second race, 6½ furlongs—Hobart won, Sister Fox 2, The Dragon 3. Time, 1:24.

Third race, 1 1-16 miles—Official won, Donation 2, Friar John 3. Time, 1:51½.

Fourth race, 1 mile, selling—Egbert won, Simon D. 2, Locust Blossom 3. Time, 1:43.

Fifth race, selling, 1 1-16 miles—Friskal won, Ben Ronald 2, Tonto 3. Time, 1:58.

Sixth race, selling, 6 furlongs—Tinkler won, Yo No So 2, Gath 3. Time, 1:16.

AT INGLESIDE.

San Francisco, Feb. 10.—Track fast at Ingleside yesterday.

First race, 6 furlongs, selling—Credo won, Eakins 2, Anchored 3. Time, 1:15½.

Second race, 6 furlongs, selling—Ferrer won, Midnight 2, Opponent 3. Time, 1:14½.

Third race, 1 1-16 miles, selling—Adolphe Speckles won, Bernays 2, Imp. Mistral II. 3. Time, 1:49½.

Fourth race, 1½ miles—Lode Star won, The Bachelor 2, Formella 3. Time, 1:56½.

Fifth race, 7 furlongs—Buckwa won, Highland Ball 2, Hohenzollern 3. Time, 1:28½.

Sixth race, 6 furlongs, selling—Maxwell won, Una Colorado 2, Naranja 3. Time, 1:15½.

FESTIC.

Mayor Harrison, of Chicago, has slipped by trolley. He has forbidden the Corbett-Sharkey contest of six rounds set for March 7, because the principals are "two burley sluggers

who cannot help but give a brutal exhibition." Mr. Harrison needs only to read the accounts of Corbett's last fight and see that he is yielding, and angels in the ring. "And one" incapable of being brutal if his opponent did happen to give him a hard slap. Tom Sharkey and Charlie Mitchell have been matched to meet in a 20-round bout at the Bowlingbrook Club, London, for a purse of \$11,000, May 29.

NOTES OF SPORT.

Frank Pears will try to pitch for Toronto this summer.

The entry list for the coming bench show in New York, Feb. 21 to 24 is the longest in history.

The crack Waterloo hockey team will play the Londoners at the Princess Rink on Tuesday night.

Two curling matches were played at the rink in Pontiac, Mich., Wednesday afternoon between Windsor and Pontiac rinks, resulting in one victory for each club. The first rink resulted with a score of 23 to 12 in favor of Pontiac. The second was won by Windsor. Score—20 to 10.

WESTERN ONTARIO

Woodstock Man Nearly Chops His Foot Off With an Ax.

Windsor Humane Society Reorganized.—A Woodstock Pioneer Dead—\$200 Fire at Port Burwell.

The City Hotel property, Windsor, was sold by auction to J. Alexander, of Detroit, for \$4,100.

Neil D. Keith, the new Presbyterian minister at Leamington, was ordained and installed Wednesday.

Joseph Beair, a farmer near Tecumseh, was struck by a C. P. R. train at Elmstead Tuesday, but escaped with his life. His wagon was demolished.

Essex has appointed John Walters clerk, W. J. Leaman, treasurer, J. A. McEwan, tax collector, W. J. Russell, assessor, and W. Sisson, chief of police.

A party of five young men, E. Adams, J. Winkie, D. Archer, J. Robinson and F. Bowden, will leave Windsor for the British Columbia gold country this spring.

Michael Hogan, of Aldboro, is in Elgin jail, to stay 20 days until he can raise \$100 to satisfy a judgment of \$10 and costs. Michael is charged with contempt of court.

The building and site committee of the board of education will make an inspection of the school in Windsor, next Wednesday to see on needed repairs and improvements.

Mrs. Annie L. Sanford, of Ludington, Mich., aged 35 years, died at the home of her mother, Mrs. Greenaway, Wednesday. Deceased was on a visit to her mother and was called away very suddenly, being a victim of heart failure.

The quarterly official board of the King Street Methodist Church, Ingersoll, has extended an invitation to Rev. F. A. Cassidy, of St. Paul's Street Methodist Church, St. Catharines, to deliver a paper of this church for the next term. Cassidy has accepted the invitation, subject to the approval of the stationing committee.

Another of the old residents of Woodstock died Monday night at six o'clock, in the person of George W. Clarke. Mr. Clarke suffered from a complication of diseases, which afflicted the heart, and his aged frame was unable to throw them off, ending in his death. He leaves a widow and four sons, who all live in Woodstock.

The Windsor Humane Society succeeded in holding a meeting when James Templeton was elected president, Miss Agnes Holton secretary, and A. W. Joyce treasurer. Four vice-presidents were also elected. A committee of eighteen will be appointed Feb. 21 to elect directors and an agent. N. A. Coste, of Malden, may be asked to lecture for the benefit of the society.

John Dinwiddie, one of Stratford's oldest and best known residents, died Monday night, after an illness of three years. Death was due to Bright's disease. The deceased was born in Cumberland, England, in 1838, and came to Canada 17 years ago, settling in Stratford, where he had lived ever since. Before leaving the old country he married Miss Elizabeth Rowe, who, with a family of six, survives him.

Robert Wilcox, of Woodstock, inflicted a terrible injury on his leg while chopping wood Monday morning, and walked into town, a distance of about three miles, to have it sewed up. The cut extended nearly three inches lengthwise of the foot. Mr. Wilcox stood the pain pluckily, and tramped to his home, where his wife and doctor was summoned and the wound dressed. The accident resulted from the axe glancing off the wood which he was cutting and striking the foot.

Robert Kerr, of the Kerr engine works, who has been a member of the Walkerville council several years, has resigned. It is understood that Mr. Kerr will be a candidate for the mayoralty, although he refused to say positively. He will likely have no opposition. P. J. Walsh was sworn in to succeed Dobie, but Walter Chater was not present to take White's seat. There will have to be an election for councilor now to fill Mr. Kerr's place.

As Robert Hutchinson, son of Alexander Hutchinson, of Garafaxa, was operating a hay press at Bowling Green, one of his feet caught while tramping in the straw. The other foot became entangled, and before the horses could be stopped both his feet received the full pressure. His boots were badly torn, while his legs and feet are terribly bruised and swollen from the crushing. The horses were going slowly at the time, or the young man would have surely lost both legs.

A Port Burwell correspondent writes: About 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon fire was discovered issuing from the residence of S. T. Logan, merchant tailor. An alarm was given, and the work of getting out the furniture was commenced. It was nearly all saved in a damaged condition. The fire had made such headway when discovered that it was impossible to extinguish it, and by 6:30 the whole structure was a burning mass of ruins. The loss will be large, as there was only \$200 insurance on the building. Cause of fire unknown.

One more has been added to the long list of Oxford pioneers who have died recently. Norman L. Oates died at his residence, aged 86 years, 3 months, and 21 days. Deceased was born in New York State, and in early life came to Canada. He was one of the old pioneers of Burford, and subsequently lived in Norwich and Dereham. About thirty-five years ago he purchased a farm near Mount Elgin, on which he lived till his removal to Woodstock about 16 years ago. For some years he resided on Oxford street, Wood-

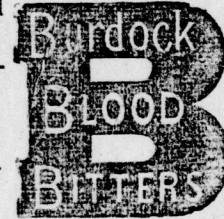
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The Canadian Tobacco Glut.

It is to be hoped the Essex and Kent tobacco growers will find the market for their crop in Great Britain which they are seeking, because it is hard to see how the Canadian Government can, in justice to the Canadian manufacturer and to the revenue, do anything more to help them out of their troubles.

The success of native tobacco-growing in 1897 caused an overproduction last year, and a consequent fall in prices from about 11 cents per pound to 5 or 6 cents per pound. The growers say they cannot afford to sell at that figure, and they want further favors from the Government. The present custom duty on imported leaf tobacco is 25 cents per pound, and the excise duty 10 cents per pound. The excise on the Canadian product is 5 cents per pound, giving an advantage of 30 cents per pound to the native article. The inland revenue regulations also require that manufacturers shall have separate licenses and separate warehouses if they use the native leaf. This naturally operates against the use of the domestic product. The Canadian growers want these regulations done away with, and a straight customs duty put on the imported leaf, leaving the manufacturer free to use the native or imported as he sees fit without restrictions. It looks as if the Canadian growers hoped by this means that Canadian tobacco would be freely mixed with the imported, and sold without the consumer knowing the difference. They seem to be in the same position as were the Canadian cigar manufacturers when they asked the sanction of the Government to put the foreign label on Canadian-made cigars because the Canadian label prejudiced the sale. The request was properly refused, and Canadian manufacturers need not renew it, because they have convinced the public they can make as good a cigar as the imported article. Similarly Canadian home-grown tobacco must work up its reputation on its own merits, and this it is rapidly doing.

There is reason to believe that any increase in the customs duty on imported leaf would defeat the purpose both of revenue and protection by promoting smuggling. In fact, any change in the duties will likely be in the direction of a decrease, not an increase, if the Finance Minister is of the same opinion as he was a year ago. In his budget speech last April Mr. Fielding said:

"With regard to the duties on tobacco, which were increased last year to a considerable extent, I am free to say that I have doubts that this is as wise a measure as we hoped it would prove. I may say frankly that I am afraid it has led to an increase of smuggling to a very considerable extent, and we may well consider, at a future day, whether or not we can successfully enforce so high a scale of duty. However, the law in that respect has been in force for a very short time, and we think it only reasonable to give it a fair trial before we condemn it."

It is reported that a trial shipment of Canadian tobacco has found favor in Great Britain and that satisfactory prices were obtained. If the tobacco growers are wise they will follow this success and try to develop the British market instead of seeking government relief at the expense of others.

Politics in Great Britain.

It is a law of life that reaction follows action, and that in force they are proportioned to each other; or, in other words, if the pendulum is swung vigorously in one direction, it is apt to go far also the other way. This applies to all countries, and all forms of life, but where life is highly strung it is more really felt and readily observed. This accounts in some measure for the changes in the features of political parties in Britain. A few years ago, when Gladstone pushed forward reforms vigorously by the weight of his personality and the power of his great majority, the opposite party went in for a while purely on the policy of "rest and be thankful." At the present time we see in England a government with an immense majority, and a policy that seems to be generally popular, while voices within and without, proclaim that the condition of the Liberal party is hopeless.

But only foolish people think that this state of things will last forever. Already, even the London Spectator is beginning to talk and predict a reaction against "jingoism," which will lead to dishonorable retreats and shameful surrenders. For some time a strong Imperial feeling has run high. On the whole, we believe it has been wholesome; but no doubt something of what is called jingoism has gathered round it, but in any case the same feeling cannot remain at the same pitch forever. There is always the ebb and flow of the tide. We believe that the new feeling of solidarity throughout will prevent any "shameful surrender," but it is likely that the weary Titan will again show signs of weakness, and that even foreign nations will see that Britain does not live simply for the lust of conquest. As it has been proved that the old fire is not dead, it is to be hoped that it will not need to flare up again soon in answer to provocation.

The same lesson applies to the agitation which is now gathering round

the Established Church. It is to be hoped that it will answer its purpose without the tide rising too high, or damage may be done and severe reaction provoked. It will be a disgrace if rebellious clergy cannot be dealt with without the whole nation being set on fire.

The lesson for us all, clergymen included, when the flowing tide is with you, do not carry things too far.

The Farmers and the Trusts.

We read about oil trusts, steel trusts, rubber trusts, paper trusts, meat packers' trusts, glass trusts, and scores of other trusts monopolizing various staples of industry, but we hear nothing about wheat trusts or any kind of farmers' trusts, in America at least. The farmers are apparently the only class of producers that cannot organize a trust, but they are a class that every other trust can readily squeeze. The tiller of the soil has to sell at prices fixed in the open markets of the world; in a trust-ridden country he has to buy at prices fixed by the trusts in a closed market. He gets the worst of the deal all round. If the farmers of the United States should get together, form a combine and demand famine prices for food, what a universal howl there would be! Yet they have just as much right to do that as the Rockefeller and other Napoleons of industry have to grab other lines of production, corner the market, and fleece the community. It is a difference in degree but not in kind. If this epidemic of concentration rages much longer the farmers of the United States will have to do something in self-defense. Their first step should be the demolition of a fiscal system that fosters the growth of trusts and enables these to commit daylight robbery. It is a wonder the farmers have not seen that the sop thrown them in the shape of "protection" on their products is merely a sprat to enable the combines to catch the agricultural whale.

A French Rhetorician.

M. Delcasse, the smooth-tongued Foreign Minister of France, said in a recent speech:

"I am no pessimist. It is impossible to be so when one knows what France is, and that, under the scum which certain persons find an abominable pleasure in agitating, there lives and works a people honest and sane above all, as thrifty as it is hard-working, which has the consciousness that its destiny is not fulfilled, which is accessible to noble sentiments, and of which you may expect anything if you take care to keep its vision lifted towards an ideal of justice and high civilization."

These are fine sentiments and fine words, but M. Delcasse did well to use the "if." It is quite true the French people are accessible to exalted impulses. They are also accessible to dangerous impulses from false and unprincipled leaders. That is their present affliction. But they are a people of generous instincts, and would do the right now "if" their vision were lifted towards the ideal of justice and high civilization, as M. Delcasse so prettily phrases it. But what is M. Delcasse doing to lift it? He belongs to a Ministry that has shamefully covered before the vile anti-Dreyfusard element and has tried to undermine the last stronghold of justice in France—the Court of Cassation. M. Delcasse cannot conceal his hypocrisy under high-sounding sentiments, when the men who have tried to lift the vision of France toward a noble ideal are either exiled, imprisoned or proscribed.

M. Delcasse is also within the mark when he says that under the scum in France "there lives and works a people honest and sane above all." The metaphor is apt. The French people are not to be judged by the scum, but it is most unfortunate for them that the scum too often rises to the top. It is at the top now in political life, where M. Delcasse floats. But history shows that though the sanity of the French people may appear to have been frequently deranged by rash excitements, it always reasserts itself. So it will in this case, and when it does the enemies of justice will get short shift.

Smallpox is spreading and vaccination should keep pace with it.

Col. Matheson, M.P.P., is making his annual attack on the surplus.

London Advertiser and Western Ontario are synonymous terms.

With the increased price of whisky, the license-holders will feel like joining the Dominion Short-Horn Association.

Avery, the Port Huron customs official, who kidnapped a man in Canadian waters, has been dismissed for the outrage. The Canadian Minister of Justice made strong representations on this case to the American Government, and the latter has acted very creditably.

Seattle objects to the proposed cession to Canada of a port on the Lynn Canal. Seattle also objects to the British Columbia alien miners' bill. It was also Seattle that objected to a Canadian railway to the Klondike. Considering that Seattle gets the biggest slice of the Klondike trade, it has the undisputed right to be called the Hogtown of the Pacific coast.

The British Weekly is having a symposium on the question whether the two Sunday services in the churches

should be of the same type. The theory at present in Canada, in many quarters, we think, is that the morning sermon, at all events, should be mostly what is supposed to be needed by the saints, and the evening service mostly what is supposed to be needed by the sinners.

Said Sir Charles to his friends in Quebec, Our old party is naught but a wreck; To build it anew, the first thing we must do Is to pass around the hat for the dough.

And the faithful they answered: Just so, For if anyone can "Raise the wind," you're the man; For we know you are good on the blow.

WHAT OTHERS SAY.

Very True.

[Springfield Republican.]

It is very true, as the Philadelphia Ledger says, that "if every family had curfew law of its own, no town would need one."

Couldn't Swear Harder

[St. Thomas Journal.]

The London Advertiser thinks men will swear just as well on a dictionary as on a Bible. Well if they could swear harder on a dictionary than some witnesses at election trials do on the Bible, at least one stratum of human nature is yet undiscovered.

Aguinaldo threatened.

[New York Journal.]

The pestiferous Aguinaldo threatens us with a ten years' war. He has still to learn some of the differences between American and Spanish fighting. Now that Aguinaldo has chosen to appeal to force he will get all the Philippines real liberty—not a gold whistle dictatorship. The first step ought to be the capture of Aguinaldo and his shipment to this side of the Pacific. We may be able to do as much for him as we did for Geronimo, whom we turned from a truculent savage into a Sunday school teacher.

Equal to the Task

[Louisville Courier-Journal.]

The immediate duties that confront us are practical rather than theoretical. The Philippines, like Porto Rico, have been placed in our possession by the fortune of war. We, and we alone, are responsible for the protection of life and property and the maintenance of order in their boundaries. We are responsible to their people, to the world and to ourselves, and we shall prove equal to that responsibility, as we have proved equal to every other responsibility that has fallen to us, meeting the problems that present themselves as they present themselves, and leaving to the future those that are in the air.

LIGHT AND SHADE.

Those Borrowed Pencils.

"The people of the United States," says the Unofficial Statistician, "uses about 250,000 lead pencils each day, of which, at least, 200,000 are borrowed."—Indianapolis Journal.

Diplomatic Fashions in China.

"How different Chinese customs are from ours. Why, you know when their ministers have an audience with the emperor they have to talk through a screen."

"Yes, but when they receive foreign diplomats they do exactly as ours do." "What?" "Talk through their hats."—Brooklyn Life.

A Song.

There is ever a sun somewhere, my dear,
There is ever something sings away;
There's the song of the lark, when the skies are clear,
And the song of the thrush when the skies are gray.
The sunshine showers across the grain,
And the bluebird trills in the orchard tree;
And in and out, when the eaves drip rain,
The swallows are twittering ceaselessly.

There is ever a song somewhere, my dear,
Be the skies above or dark or fair,
There is ever a song that our hearts may hear,
There is ever a song somewhere, my dear,
There is ever a song somewhere.

There is ever a song somewhere, my dear,
In the midnight black or the midday blue;
The robin pipes when the sun is here,
And the cricket chirrups the whole night through.
The buds may blow and the fruit may grow,
And the autumn leaves drop crisp and sore;
But whether the sun, or the rain or the snow,
There is ever a song somewhere, my dear.

—James Whitcomb Riley.

Mrs. Outertowne—Oh, Henry! our new cook is a star!

Outertowne (fervently)—If she only proves a fixed one!—Brooklyn Life.

RAILWAY RATES IN PORTO RICO.

A short line is in operation between Yauco and Ponce, a distance of 22 miles, with two stations on the line at Guayama and Tallaboa. This railroad has an average annual income of \$2,730 per mile, but it should be noted that, because of the high freight rates, \$2.25 per ton for a 22-mile haul, or 10 cents per ton-mile, a great part of the freight carrying between Yauco and Ponce is performed by ox-carts, in successful competition with the railroad. The freight rates of the ox-carts are not much lower than those of the railway and the speed about the same. Besides this excessive charge, the railway does not offer the facilities which should obtain in this district, as it does not reach to the harbor of Ponce, where the great bulk of business is done. Bulk must be broken and the goods transferred. — Antonio Mattei Lliveras, in the Engineering Magazine for February.

The great lung healer is found in that excellent medicine sold as Bickel's Anti-Consumptive Syrup. It soothes and diminishes the sensibility of the membranes of the throat and air passages, and is a sovereign remedy for all coughs, colds, hoarseness, pain or soreness of the chest, bronchitis, etc.

ONTARIO THE GARDEN SPOT

Words of Praise From an Illinois Visitor.

The Difference Between Farming Here and in the Western States.

Mr. D. C. Graham, of Cameron, Ill., writing to the Farmers' Advocate, strongly praises the Christmas number of the excellent journal, and goes on to say:

In 1857 I moved from Brant county, Ont., to my present prairie farm home in Illinois. Since 1858 I have shipped several carloads of the improved breeds of horses, cattle, and sheep; one load of which were Shorthorn steers for feeding purposes, on which I had to pay an ad valorem duty.

Therefore, I state what I know, that Ontario is the garden spot of all the British possessions; the people of which are the best governed at the least expense, the best fed and clothed, and enjoying the fruits of their industry better than those under any other government on earth. Those Americans who were with me attending the breeders' meetings and fat stock shows at Brantford and Guelph, in December, when they noticed in Ontario when there, can attest to those statements.

There is quite a contrast between farming in Ontario and our western prairies. The Ontario farmer has to clear his land from timber and prepare it for farming as a beginning for a home; and afterwards the soil requires nursing and care to continue to produce abundant crops; while on the western prairies is deep, rich soil, free from any obstructions. It is customary with us that one farm hand will sow and harvest 50 acres of oats; and with three horses and a 16-inch plow and a cultivator, attend successfully and do all the work in planting, plowing and gathering 50 acres of corn in six months. It is said that out west, where they sow spring wheat, that the plowman starts out in the morning and goes to the other end of his plow land by noon, has his dinner, and returns home in the evening, having plowed four acres and only two furrows in a day.

When Americans go over to Eastern Canada to purchase stock, if it be in cold winter, he will find almost all animals housed and comfortable—so comfortable that I have known many of their sheep clipped when the thermometer was 15 degrees below zero. Of course, this has to be done for the health of the sheep; so said the late Tom Friendship, an old breeder and exhibitor near London. Let a Canadian visit our western plains and I will show him thousands of cattle for hunting miles on the sea side of a barbed wire fence when the thermometer is from 10 to 20 degrees below zero. He can see them with eyes askance, as with a desire to say, if they could, "Can you do anything for us; we have plenty of feed but no shelter from the stormy blasts of winter."

The joint meeting of the various live stock associations, held in the opera house, Brantford, on the evening of Nov. 30, was more enjoyable to the Americans present than any similar meeting held in the States could be. What a grand spectacle to see the British and American flags hanging side by side on the stage, evidently an omen of more brotherly feeling between the two countries. I have noticed, with regret, the absence of our good old conservative Johnny Bull, so much talked of. Neither did the dear old Uncle Sam, with his cranky, crotchety nature and clown-like apparel, show up at the meeting.

The Farmers' Advocate has given an elaborate and concise review of the greatness and prosperity of the Dominion. Hence, it should be preserved by every one of its readers as a souvenir for future reference.

A NOTE OF WARNING

Sounded by Henry Clews—Great Danger From the Trusts.

[Detroit Evening News.]

A warning voice is raised by an authority on finance no less well known than that of Henry Clews, the Wall street banker. Mr. Clews does not see anything to condemn in the principle of combining large capitals, if they are actual and bona fide, but he intimates that there is a sort of madness in the rush now going on to push every species of industrial property into the status of the trust. Mr. Clews says the boom is positively unhealthy and is likely to result as all over-inflated booms result. If the aggregation of capital were to be made on healthy principles, the benefit to everybody might be so obvious that no one would object to it, for all would share in the general advantage. No organization of the industrial machinery can possibly be sound and permanent where one side alone reaps the benefit. The rule will stand forever that in healthy trade the buyer is benefited equally with the seller and visa versa. The mere fact of the universal outcry against trusts is the proof that something is wrong; and all wrongs are doomed to destruction sooner or later.

The specific poison of the existing movement is what Mr. Clews calls overcapitalization. There would be no objection from any source if these vast properties were appraised at a conservative and fair valuation. But Mr. Clews points out that most of the big concerns are formed by taking in properties at exaggerated values; that factories are absorbed in the expectation that they will be closed; that concerns of long-standing and of excellent repute make exorbitant demands for fictitious values on their "good-will," that profits are promised beyond all legitimate possibility of realization. Mr. Clews says it is a serious question for Wall street to decide whether the business of this country can be done permanently in this way; and if not it at all in this way. Aside from the economic heresies involved, Mr. Clews gives the following reasons why the magnates of Wall street ought to call a halt:

It would seem inevitable that these corporations must, at no very distant day, become a burning question in politics; and, in that event, what would be the situation of investment interests, if Wall street were found flooded with these issues? Is it not better to face this question now while protection is possible, than to ignore it until the movement has passed beyond control? The magnates will have only themselves to blame when the popular deluge comes. It cannot be expected that the common people will be judicially minded and cool when they come financially to deal with this matter. They

will sweep away the evil if in so doing they destroy what ought not to be attacked. Consumers ought not to be forced to pay interest and profits on the vast overcapitalization of the industrial institutions of the country. If we must combine the capital of the whole industrial world in one grand combine, let it be so; but let the people be forced to pay toll on the real investment and not on what Mr. Pingree calls "water."

HOW GLASGOW IS TAXED

Every Department Separate in the Assessment—Contrasted With New York.

Under the heading "A Model System of Assessment," an article is going the rounds containing the report of the remarks of some Glasgow gentlemen upon the increase of \$421,512,000 in the valuation of New York's taxable real estate, accompanied by a rise from \$2.00 to \$2.50 in the tax rate. The Glasgow men said:

"There are no such startling increases in valuation of real estate in Glasgow. In the first place, the assessor for the city of Glasgow taxes the valuations according to the revenue the property produces. There are few appeals from his valuations—practically none. The annual valuation is arrived at by a declaration on the part of the owner of the rent he receives from the property. This is checked by comparison of the returns of the occupier of the property. There is absolute certainty as to the correctness of these returns. Any falsification is severely punished. If the owner of the property also occupies it he is taxed on the rental it would bear if let for occupancy. This can be ascertained by comparing the property with similar property in the neighborhood. It seems to us that your system of municipal taxation in New York, with its sliding, fluctuating scale of values and tax rates, should be changed from its very root. All local government has been the result of a kind of evolution. The city of Glasgow used in that department the same 2½ per cent, and its bonds are considered gilt-edged securities. In Glasgow the revenues are not pooled. If there is a surplus in the water department it is applied to reducing the water rates. If there is a surplus in the gas department the citizens get cheaper gas. A surplus in the tramway department will bring a reduction of fares. All of these departments have sinking funds, each providing for total extinction of its debt in from 30 to 40 years. But each department is separate. None contributes anything to lighten the taxation of the city. The departments which produce no revenue, such as the police, street cleaning, sanitary service, hospitals, parks, art galleries, etc., have their specific part on the taxation. The sum raised by tax for each department is used in that department only. A tax bill shows on its face an itemized account of the rate and the amount the taxpayer is charged for every separate purpose. There is no tax on personal estate for municipal or local purposes. All such taxes are raised on the basis of annual rental of real estate."

A BIT OF PRACTICAL PHILOSOPHY FROM STEVENSON.

Swanston, May, 1874, Tuesday:

Another cold day; yet I have been along the hill-side, wondering much at the snow, and raising my eyes at every second step. One little proverb is the object of my firm adherence. I pass his nest every day, and if you saw how he flies by me, and almost into my face, crying and flapping his wings, to direct my attention from his little treasure, you would have a kind heart to him as I. Today I saw him not, although I took my usual way; and I am afraid that some person has abused his simple williness and harried (as we say in Scotland) the nest. I feel much righteous indignation against such imaginary aggressors; however, one must not be too chary of the lower forms. Today I sat down on a tree-stump at the skirt of a little strip of planting, and thoughtlessly began to dig out the touchwood with an end of twig. I found I had carried ruin, death and consternation into a little nest of ants; and this set me a-thinking of how close we are envied with frail lives, so that we can do nothing without spreading havoc over all manner of perishable homes and interests and affections; and so on to my favorite mood of a holy terror for all faults and all inaction equally—a sort of shuddering revulsion from the necessary responsibilities of life. We must not be too scrupulous of others, or we shall die. Conscientiousness is a sort of moral opium; an excitant in small doses, perhaps, but at bottom a strong narcotic. From "The Letters of Robert Louis Stevenson," in the February Scribner's.



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TODAY'S MARKETS

Reported by F. H. Butler, 16 and 18 Maitland Temple, for The Advertiser, New York, Feb. 10.

	Close	Open	High	Low	230
Atchafalpa	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
Atchafalpa Pfd.	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2
C. & N. W.	134 1/2	134 1/2	134 1/2	134 1/2	134 1/2
C. & N. W. Pfd.	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
Bay State Gas	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2
Chicago Gas	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
N. Y. Gas	20	20	20	20	20
Gen. Electric	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2
J. & N.	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2
Man.	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2
Mo. P.	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
Omaha	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
P. M.	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
R. I.	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
Reading	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
N. Y. Central	136	136	136	136	136
St. P.	125 1/2	125 1/2	125 1/2	125 1/2	125 1/2
T. C. I.	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2
Wabash	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2
W. U.	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
Brooklyn Transit	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
U. Pacific	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2
Leather Trust	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2
Lead	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2
Sugar	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
Tobacco	130 1/2	130 1/2	130 1/2	130 1/2	130 1/2
Southern Ry. Pfd.	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2
Jersey Central	102	102	102	102	102
E. & T. Pfd.	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2
N. E. Pfd.	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2

American Markets.
CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—Opening—Wheat, May, 73c; July, 71c; Corn, May, 36c; July, 35c; Oats, May, 28c; July, 27c; Pork, May, \$10.10; Lard, May, \$6.70; Ribs, May, \$5.95; July, \$5.15.

Chicago Exchange.
Following are the fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade furnished by F. H. Butler, broker, Maitland Temple, Phone 1575.

	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat—May	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2
July	71 1/2	71 1/2	71 1/2	71 1/2
Corn—May	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2
July	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2
Oats—May	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
July	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
Pork—May	10 10	10 12	10 10	10 10
Lard—May	5 70	5 70	5 65	5 65
Ribs—May	5 95	5 95	5 90	5 90

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LATEST "PROBS"
Toronto, Feb. 10.—10 a.m.—Prob-
abilities for the lower lakes region
for the next twenty-four hours:
Fair and continued very cold.
Saturday—Not much change.

LATE LOCAL ITEMS

—It was 45 degrees below zero on Thursday in Winnipeg at 4 p.m.
The legislation and reception committee of the city council will meet tonight.
—Dr. H. E. Silk has recovered from his late illness, and will resume practice on Monday.
—Ald. McPhillips said today that he would go to Washington in connection with Marion Brown's trial.
—Nearly all trains running into the city were late today. The icy rails delay freight traffic particularly.
—Corporal Horner, of Wolseley Barracks, had his ears frozen this morning while waiting for a street car.
—A sitting of the first division court was held this morning before Judge William Elliot, and 44 cases were disposed of.
—Harding Hall, up to yesterday, had 51 pupils. This is an excellent showing for this school for the short period since its opening.
—Miss Ross, of Dundas street, has been called to Thordale owing to the illness of her mother, who is confined to bed with the grip.
—Although the mercury stood a few degrees lower today than yesterday, the absence of yesterday's biting wind made the lower temperature more bearable.
—Brakeman Watters, of the G. T. R., had the forefinger of his left hand crushed while coupling cars yesterday. The finger was amputated at the second joint.
—The firemen were called to a burning chicken coop at Mr. George Miller's residence on Askin street south this morning. The damage amounted to about \$10.
—Some tender-hearted citizens suggest the organization of a searching party to look up the foot robbers that were seen in several parts of the city a few weeks ago.
—Messrs. Grant and Ferguson, of this city, are to give evidence, as expert land valuers, in the arbitration between the Indian lands and the Tunnel Company, at Sarnia.
—On Monday afternoon, at the regular quarterly board meeting of Siloam circuit, a unanimous invitation was given Rev. J. W. Robinson to remain as their pastor for the third year.
—Word was received here this morning of the death of Mrs. Fawcett, wife of W. F. Fawcett, manager of the Strathroy Opera House. Deceased was well known here, and was a most estimable lady.
—The City Gas Company, who have been selling gas coke extensively this winter, and have advertised it in a most judicious manner, state that the demand is now very large, almost equal to the output.
—Robert McConnell was before the police magistrate this morning for furious driving. He was allowed to

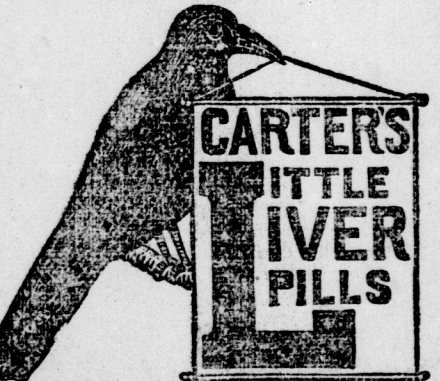
go with a warning. Perry David, who was charged with a violation of the bylaw respecting signs, will come up in a week.
—Samuel H. McKenzie, of the town line between London and Biddulph, was this morning committed for trial by Judge R. F. Lacey, for assaulting John Eddy on Jan. 25. He was arraigned before Judge Edward Elliott shortly afterward, and allowed to go on suspended sentence.
—The concert to be given by the honorary members of the Young Ladies' Mission Circle of the First Methodist church, in Wesley Hall, on Tuesday evening, promises to be one of the best of the season. H. S. Saunders is to play "The Spinning Wheel," and George Angus the "Airs Hongrois," each by special request. The concert will be given wholly by male performers.
—At the annual meeting of the Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association, yesterday, in Toronto, the election of officers resulted as follows: President, John I. Hobson, Guelph; first vice-president, H. D. Smith, Compton, Que.; second vice-president, Henry F. W. Hodson, Toronto; vice-presidents representing the different provinces were chosen, J. C. Snell, London, being selected for Ontario.
—A grand concert will be held in the Disciples' Church, Lobo, on Friday evening, Feb. 17, under the auspices of the P. C. E. The committee have succeeded in securing Mrs. Jean Blewett, the celebrated authoress and poetess, who will give a number of her best selections. An Indian string band will provide music. Mr. Wood, vocalist, and other talent, will also take part. Mr. John Sinclair, president, and Mrs. Madeline Blair secretary. Admission, adults, 25 cents; children, 15 cents.
—John W. Isham's Octoroons, the foremost of colored organizations, will be the attraction at the Grand tonight. The Octoroons are seen in an original musical farce, in two acts, entitled "The Tenderloin Coon." The public may be satisfied to know that the large delegation are afforded ample opportunity to display their talents, and it can safely be said that much good amusement results. Comical situations abound; there are songs galore and dancing in plenty, in which the entire organization takes a hand, prominent hits being scored by each and every member of the company. Suffice it to say that not one dull moment is found during the entire programme, and the ensemble singing and dancing are certainly most enjoyable. The costumes are rich and beautiful, being all new, and the scenery has been painted specially for this season's review.
SCOTTISH RITE ANNUAL REUNION.
The annual reunion of London Lodge of Perfection of the Scottish Rite is in session this afternoon and tonight at the temple. Some twenty candidates will have the fourteenth degree conferred upon them at this evening's meeting. A large number of the brethren are here from various districts, among those from Exeter are Messrs. J. A. Stuart and W. H. Leavett.
IDA BENFEY AT THE AUDITORIUM.
A large audience at the Auditorium last night enjoyed an evening of dramatic recitals by Ida Benfey, an artist of remarkable versatility. Miss Benfey provided the whole entertainment, a physical as well as a mental feat. The first part comprised thrilling passages from Victor Hugo's "Les Misérables" were rendered with great power and effect. In the second part Miss Benfey went to the opposite pole and gave a series of humorous selections with equal skill. During the evening she was presented with a rich floral token by an admirer. So long as Y. M. C. A. committee continue to provide entertainments of the same high class the course will be successful.
Mlle. Antonette Trebelli.
Mlle. Antonette Trebelli, in company with Harold Jarvis and George Fox, created a furore at the concert given in Hamilton last Tuesday. The following is an extract of the report of the concert from the Hamilton Times: "To say that Mlle. Trebelli made a hit would be putting it mildly. Every number was rewarded with enthusiastic recalls, to all of which the fair singer gracefully responded. Her final encore number was a wonderful laughing song from Aubert's 'Manon Lescaut,' and the silvery laughter running through the song proved very infectious for the audience." All lovers of music should hear this world-renowned singer next Monday night.
PUBLIC LIBRARY.
The additions to the public library this week include: Five Years' in Siam, from 1891 to 1896, 2 vols., H. W. Smyth; Personal Narrative of a Pilgrimage to Al-Madinah and Meccah, 2 vols., Capt. Sir F. R. Burton; English Seamen in the Sixteenth Century, J. A. Froude; Songs of Action, A. C. Doyle; The Coldstream Guards in the Crimea, Lieut.-Col. Ross, of Bladenburgh; The Lost Empires of the Modern World (Essays in Imperial History), W. F. Lord; The Romance of the Regiment (Story of the Giant Grenadiers of Potsdam, 1713-40), R. Hutchinson; The Tides (and Kindred Phenomena in the Solar System), G. H. Darwin; The Revolutionary Movement of 1848-49 in Italy, Austria, Hungary and Germany, C. E. Maurice; Auditing, R. L. Dicksee; Over the Andes, or Our Boys in New South America, H. Butterworth; Mine Accounts and Mine Bookkeeping (for Students, Managers of Metalliferous Mines and Collieries, etc.), J. G. Lavin; A Text Book of Physiography, or Metaphysical Geography, E. Hull; Lectures to My Students, First and Second Series, H. Spurgeon; The Story of Canada, H. A. Kennedy; More Cargo, W. W. Jacobs; Red Rock, T. N. Page; The Casting Away of Mrs. Leeks and Mrs. Aleshaire, R. F. Stockton; I Am the

King, S. Stevens; Aylwin, T. Watts-Dunton; The Deserter, and Other Stories, H. Frederic; The Associate Hermits, F. R. Stockton; Her Ladyship's Elephant, D. D. Wells; In the Cage, H. James.
FIRST HUSSARS
Praised by the Inspector of Cavalry, and Col. Gartshore complimented.
The report of the inspection of the First Hussars by the cavalry inspector, together with the remarks of Major-General Hudson, has been received from Ottawa by Lieut.-Col. J. H. Holmes, D. O. C., of No. 1 depot, who has handed the same to Col. Gartshore.
The major-general commanding has noted with extreme pleasure the satisfactory character which the regimental honours, and many inducements the remarks of the inspector of cavalry.
1. A keen, vigorous, good, and intelligent very good, smart lot of non-commissioned officers.
2. Clothing clean and well fitted; arms in very good order.
3. Saddlery—in good order.
4. Horses—A and B Squadrons good; C and D Squadrons, fair.
5. Squadron drill is reported on the whole as very good, and the regimental drill well-performed. The major-general commanding, however, notes that no dismounted service has been performed. The officer commanding will take every step to insure that this serious omission is rectified during the serious drill season. There is no portion of a Canadian cavalry soldier's duty so important as his dismounted service.
6. Books and records in excellent condition.
7. The major-general commanding notes that the regiment was under canvas, but the tents were not picked according to regulations. This system will be discontinued unless in very inclement weather, when any existing stables may be made use of. The efficiency of a cavalry regiment depends in a very large measure upon the maintenance of a high standard of efficiency in the maintenance of horses and horse lines, unless horses are picked according to regulations, and the details of the instructions under stable management carefully adhered to.
8. It is the greatest satisfaction to the major-general commanding to hear from the inspector of cavalry that Col. Gartshore is a most energetic and efficient officer. It is no doubt due to Col. Gartshore's energy and devotion to his regiment that the high esprit de corps and general efficiency is maintained.
The major-general commanding hopes that he will have an opportunity of personally assisting Lieut.-Col. Gartshore in his efforts to achieve a result which will place the Canadian cavalry upon a higher plane of efficiency, during the ensuing summer, as it is hoped that circumstances may admit of this regiment being exercised in tactical maneuvers in combination with other arms.
8. The major-general commanding is well aware of the difficulties under which the cavalry in the Dominion have hitherto labored, and it is his earnest determination to promote, in every way possible, a higher degree of efficiency of the cavalry arm generally. The major-general commanding can confidently reckon upon the zealous co-operation and loyal energy of Lieut.-Col. Gartshore, the officers, non-commissioned officers and men in this respect.
26TH MIDDLESEX LIGHT INFANTRY
Annual Meeting of the Battalion Officers—Vote of Thanks to the County Council for the Recent Grant.
The annual meeting of the officers of the Twenty-sixth Middlesex Light Infantry was held yesterday afternoon at the Tecumseh. There was a large attendance, and great interest is being shown by the officers. Col. Robert McEwen, of Byron, occupied the chair, and in a happy little speech said he hoped nothing would be left undone to bring the battalion up to a condition of proficiency that would surpass all others in the Dominion. Reports of the mess and band committees were adopted. The accounts were certified by Auditor Dr. Roome, and ordered paid. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the county council for the recent grant of \$400. With this money the officers will endeavor to materially better the condition of things. A discussion as to the advisability of different recommendations took place. The most favored was a scheme to provide tables and a place for shelter for the men during camp, and a committee consisting of Col. McEwen, Surgeon-Major Roome, Canon Dunn and Major Stuart, was appointed to take steps for providing the same, with instructions to expend whatever part of the grant recently made by the county council is necessary to this purpose. Major Stuart and other officers thought a measure of this kind would help the battalion in many ways.
CITADEL IN FLAMES
Destructive Fire at Halifax, N. S.—Burned Four Hours—Much Damage Done.
[G. N. W. Special to The Advertiser.]
Halifax, N. S., Feb. 10.—Fire broke out in the citadel last night, about 12 o'clock, and owing to the meagerness of the facilities there for fighting fire and the distance of the citadel from the city, it was not until 5 o'clock that it was got under subjection.
The offices of the district officers, the canteen and the reception room were burned out. The fire broke out in the vacant room below these apartments. The damage will be considerable.
Grand Trunk Engineer Swears by Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills.
Mr. Geo. Cummings, for over 30 years engineer on the Grand Trunk, running between Toronto and Allandale, says: "The constant duty with my work gave me excessive pains in my back, racking my kidneys. I tried several remedies, until I was recommended by my friend, Mr. Dave Conley, to try Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. Two boxes have completely cured me and I feel today a better man than ever. I recommend them all my friends."

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Some 400 Tunnelites to Invalade and Try to Capture the City.
Will Receive a Warm Welcome on Their Arrival—Curlers and Hockey-fans Coming—A Great Game Expected.
Hockey enthusiasm is running high. Every preparation is being made to give the Sarnia boys a warm welcome to the Forest City this evening, both on their arrival and in the game. As the train pulls in the Tunnelites will be greeted with a fusillade of rockets, fired off by men situated around the station platform. On the line of march to the rink, up Richmond street, colored lights will be turned in front of the old American, the Grigg House, Tecumseh, R. C. Struthers & Co., and other points. The Tecumseh House will be lighted from top to bottom, and every shutter thrown open. A band will also be in waiting to receive the visitors, who will arrive at about 8 o'clock, some 400 strong. They will also bring a brass band. There will be music galore. The ice was never in better condition, and the rink has been gaily decorated. Both aggregations will have their strongest teams lined up, and the struggle promises to be one of the fiercest of the season. Every enthusiast should turn out and cheer the home team on to victory.
THE CURLERS.
Four rinks of Sarnia curlers and their friends will also arrive on the same train, and come in for a share of the fireworks and welcome. They play in the Sarnia street rink tonight. A number of admirers will accompany them.
LATE SPORTING
The Forest City Club Failed to Capture the Cadillac Trophy.
HOCKEY.
JUBILEE GO TO GODOERICH.
The Jubilee hockey team visit Goderich next Tuesday evening and play the leaders of the Huron Hockey Association.
CURLING.
Detroit Free Press: When the Detroit bouspiers first held the local curlers to the Walker cup and the Cadillac trophy went to Sarnia. This year the Sarnia curlers carried the Walker cup away, and when the finals for the Cadillac trophy were played yesterday, Detroit defeated the Forest City rinks from London, so it merely means a change in positions for the Sarnia and Detroit teams, who are still rated as the best in this section. This afternoon and evening the Pontiac curlers will be here to play friendly matches with the Detroit rinks, and Saturday afternoon four rinks from the Detroit club will curl on Chatham ice. The results of the finals for the Cadillac trophy follow:
Forest City. Detroit.
Rink No. 1—John Ford, A. Matheson, R. Reid, jun., J. A. Bucknell, C. W. Davis, Fred Bamford, W. T. Strong, John Stevenson.
Rink No. 2—F. Weber, R. Williamson, jun., R. Hutton, A. W. Baxter, skip.....13 skip.....13
Total.....25 Total.....23
Majority for Detroit, 2 shots.
TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS
Lots of smallpox in Ohio.
Burglars are operating in Galt.
Essex peach blossoms have suffered.
Aguinaldo is said to have \$400,000 put away.
Weather in England and France is phenomenally warm.
Chairman Cannon says the United States war taxes cannot be reduced for two years.
Richard Smith, of Orillia, journeyman shoemaker, has had \$115,000 left him by an Ohio relative.
Maud Knevel, of Tilsonburg, who was badly burned two weeks ago by the upsetting of a lamp, died Thursday.
A woman in Toronto stole some silk dressgoods from W. A. Murray & Co.'s; was traced; faintly; came to; then skipped.
Thursday afternoon the residence of J. B. McEwen, at Essex, was destroyed by fire. Loss, about \$4,000. The insurance on the building and contents is \$3,000.
Amos George, an Indian, was bitten and his face torn by a bulldog at St. Thomas. Lockjaw has set in, and the man's recovery is doubtful.
Mr. John Beam, of Garafraza, was instantly killed by a threshing machine falling on him while moving it along the gravel road.
The United States Varnish Company is being organized under the laws of the State of New Jersey, with a capital of \$18,000,000, preferred stock, and \$18,000,000, common stock.
An effort to release by the use of dynamite the ferry Shenango, which is fast in fifteen inches of ice twenty miles off Port Burwell, was unsuccessful, the boat will be left until there is a thaw.
A peculiar break happened at Owen Sound. A watertank burst, and the water, covering the tracks, froze. An engine and a snow plow hit the ice, but were thrown into the ditch. This freeze-out occurred twice yesterday.
The American Steel and Wire Company, Chicago, has decided to advance the wages of its 28,000 employees from 5 to 10 per cent, the increase to take effect on March 1. It will mean an increased distribution in wages amounting to between \$750,000 and \$1,000,000 per annum.
AN OLD MAN AND HIS COW.
Newcastle, Ont., Feb. 10.—Mr. Andrew Dickson, an old man, undertook to drive a cow, and to make sure the animal would not get away, tied the rope around his waist. The cow started to run and the old man could not keep up. He was thrown to the ground and dragged a considerable distance. He had a broken arm and dislocated shoulder.
Cure a Cold in One Day.
Take Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets. Ask druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25 cents.

DESTROYED IN HALF AN HOUR!
A \$200,000 Blaze on Front Street, Toronto.
Gowans, Kent & Co.'s Wholesale Crockery and Glassware Establishment in Ruins.
British American and Board of Trade Buildings Saved—Firemen Got Their Bars Frozen—Water Tower Kept Going With Hot Water.
[G. N. W. Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, Feb. 10.—A fire started at noon today in the buildings, Nos. 10 to 16 Front street east, occupied by Gowans, Kent & Co., wholesale crockery and glassware, and it was totally destroyed within half an hour. The damage is estimated at \$200,000, of which about \$20,000 is on the building; the rest on stock.
The Board of Trade building, with the Canadian Pacific telegraph offices in it, is threatened on one side, and the British-American Assurance building on the other.
FIREMEN HAVE A HARD TASK.
The firemen are working under difficulties, the thermometer being about zero, and a high wind blowing. It is believed the fire started on the ground floor, near the spot where the electric wires are admitted to the building, and it is presumed that faulty insulation of the wires is responsible for the fire.
The fire spread very rapidly, leaping from floor to floor, and the building was in a blaze before the firemen had water playing on it.
The fire had spread at 12:40 to the British-American building, and at 12:50 the Board of Trade building had caught.
UNDER CONTROL.
1:30 p.m.—The fire appears to be under control now. The British-American and Board of Trade buildings are saved, though a number of firemen have had their ears frozen.
In order to keep the water tower at work it has been necessary to pour hot water continually on the mechanism, which otherwise froze immediately with the cold water. The temperature at present writing is 1° below zero.
CLOSE CALL.
Chatham, Feb. 10.—The grocery store of J. L. Simpson, of Chatham, was destroyed by fire on Thursday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Simpson had a narrow escape from being burned. They were both carried from the building. The thermometer registered nearly 15° below zero at the time. Loss, \$10,000.
[C. P. R. Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 10.—Archibald Lampman, poet, who was a clerk in the postoffice department, died this morning, after a short illness, of pneumonia. He had just finished correcting proofs a work for the press, entitled "Alcyone." He was 38 years old and leaves a widow and two children.
Mr. Lampman was the son of the late Rev. Archibald Lampman, of the Church of England, and was born at Morpeth, Kent county, Ontario. He was educated at Trinity College, Port Hope, Ont., and at Trinity University, Toronto. In 1882 he graduated with honors, and turned his attention for a short time to teaching. In 1888 he entered the Canadian civil service in the postoffice department, Ottawa. He began to write verse when at college, but it was not until 1887 that his work began to appear in the foremost magazines of the day. In 1888 he published a volume, "Among the Millet, and Other Poems," and in 1896, a second one, "Lyrics on Earth." Mr. Lampman ranks with the strongest of American singers, while the highest praise has been bestowed on him by the New York Independent. The London Saturday Review, the London Spectator, the London Academy, the latter praising his verse as "sensitive, sentiment, rich in color, and delicate in harmony." For two or three years, deceased, in conjunction with others, conducted a column in the Toronto Globe, entitled, "At the Mermaid Inn."
Mr. Lampman was married in 1887 to Miss Maud, daughter of Dr. Edward Playter, Ottawa. Mr. Lampman was regarded by journalists and writers of today as one of the foremost Canadian writers of verse.
WARSHIP SUNK!
The British Battleship Resistance Goes to the Bottom.
London, Feb. 10.—The British warship Resistance, from Portsmouth for Liverpool, put into Holyhead yesterday leaking badly from causes which could not be ascertained. She had not been in collision, nor had she met with any other mishap which would have started her leaking.
She was moored in the harbor, but

It's No Palaver...
—that we sell the best Unlaundried
—White Shirts procurable for 50c each.
—We have them with a pure linen
—bosom, made double back and front,
—and double-stitched, which makes
—them the best value you can possibly
—buy.
ROSS,
The Leading Male Furnishers,
196 Dundas Street,
Phone 1319.
To the Housewives Of London
We respectfully draw your attention to the fact that Gas Coke saves you \$1.50 per ton on all fuel required for heating or cooking purposes.
City Gas Company,
401 Clarence street.
Intense Heat
If you use Bowman's Coal you will find it especially good for the requirements of severe weather. It gives intense heat, with moderate draft. Order a trial ton by phone—460.
Bowman & Co.
Cor. Clarence and Bathurst.
CITY OFFICE—F. B. Clarke, next Advertiser.
Boilers and Lenses
Will go further if you buy your next suit at
WM SLATER'S
Richmond street, opposite the V.
IF YOU DESIRE TO FEEL COMFORTABLE
purchase a pair of the Webb Glove-Fitting Corsets. Special price \$1, worth \$1.50. If you want a bargain now is your chance. The Webb, 290 1/2 Dundas street, between Wellington and Waterloo streets.
Ices, Ice Creams, Charlottes, Trifles, etc. Prepared Perfectly at Peters'.
afterwards slipped her cable, and sank at high water. The crew were saved. The Resistance is classed as a non-effective vessel.
OLD MAIDS IN CONVENTION
Discuss the Causes and Conditions of Single Blessedness.
Avon, N. Y., Feb. 10.—A novel assembly was convened here yesterday in the Opera Hall. The gathering is an old maids' convention, and the delegates are spinsters from different places in Livingston county. They will discuss the causes and conditions of single blessedness, and some of the bolder ones may suggest remedies. Committees will be appointed according to parliamentary usage, with all towards none and charity for all.
DELAWARE.
Delaware, Feb. 9.—Mrs. H. E. Johnston has a son.
A large number of our young people were in attendance at the Kilworth tea meeting on Monday night.
The English Church people have made arrangements for a grand concert in the town hall tonight.
The anniversary services in connection with the Memorial Methodist Church will be held on Sunday next. Preaching morning after tomorrow evening. On the following Monday evening a grand concert will be given by Prof. Fetherston and the choir of the Memorial Church, London. A great musical treat is promised.
A great number are engaged at their ice harvest at present. It is a good crop this year.
The gas plant in connection with the store of Johnstone & Bodkin was rendered practically useless the other night, owing to the freezing of the water pipes which supply the generator.
Mr. G. Patrick's sawmill on the corner of York and Hill streets is doing a rushing business.
There are fewer cases of grip in the village this week than last week, owing, no doubt, to the extreme cold.
Mr. Will Lawson, late of the Pacific coast, is renewing old acquaintances here after an absence of eight years.
Miss M. Boles is spending the week with friends in the city.
If your complaint is want of appetite, try half a wine-glass of AN-GOSTURA BITTERS half an hour before dinner. Beware of counterfeits. Ask for the genuine article, manufactured by Dr. J. G. B. Siegart & Sons.



CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS
SICK HEADACHE
Positively cured by these Little Pills.
They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too Hearty Eating. A perfect remedy for Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coated Tongue, Pain in the Side, TORPID LIVER. They Regulate the Bowels. Purely Vegetable.
Small Pill. Small Dose. Small Price.

A CALIFORNIA...

merchant wrote to us a few days ago to inquire about 'SALADA' Ceylon Tea, saying that its fame was spreading even out there, as several inquiries had been made by customers for it.

SALADA
CEYLON TEA

Is of such quality and value that its good name soon spreads.
Sealed lead packets only. 25c, 30c, 40c, 50c, 60c. By grocers everywhere.

To Whom She Said "Yes."

Mrs. Stretby rose to follow her daughters, and the man being busy with his horses, she gave such an entreating look as Eden, that, fancying she must be lame, the latter courteously went to her assistance.

Some years since Mrs. Stretby had suffered a long but not dangerous illness, through which she had been most affectionately nursed by her husband and daughters, and although she had quite regained her health, she continued to cosset and watch over with the same jealous care, till she had grown so accustomed to it that she now received these attentions as a matter of course. One of her daughters dutifully ran back as soon as she perceived that Mrs. Stretby was alighting; and, leaning on her arm and Eden's, she joined the group beneath the window.

"If papa's here, what's become of him?" inquired someone.

"Gracious me! something's happened to him!" cried Mrs. Stretby, plaintively. "Something always is happening to him."

"Now, ma, this won't do," cried Miss Venetia, snatching off her hat to fan her mother. "You must keep up! Pat her back, Phil, there's a dear. Pa will never forgive us if we let you worry yourself into another illness. Lin, run to the trap, and find the brandy-flask; and send the twins to look for the smelling-salts. Do you hear, ma? You've got to sit down on this green bank, and do your best to keep up."

"But where is he?" asked Mrs. Stretby, clinging to Eden, and looking to her for an answer.

"I'm here, my dear!" shouted her spouse through the keyhole of a door, and tugging desperately at the rusty bolts. "I'm all right, and very much obliged to that young lady for directing me, though I believe I must have misunderstood what she said, for I fell into a cellar, and con—take the bolt, what a plague it is to me!"

The next minute he appeared in their midst, very hot and grimy, and Eden, feeling herself de trop, would have glided away and walked into Eastham, to find and dispatch Granny Myers to their assistance, if Mrs. Stretby, in her excitement, had not held her so fast that she could not release her self.

In a matter-of-fact manner, Mrs. Stretby's daughters instantly took possession of him, and while one on either side brushed him down, another removed the cobwebs from his hat, a fourth, with her handkerchief, wiped a streak of dirt off his forehead, and then, with a pocket-comb, frizzed up his short, stubbly grey hair, while the twins—girls about 12 years of age—who had scampered off for the flask, no longer required its contents, proffered it to their paternal mother, who evidently appreciated the attention.

"Why aren't the shutters open, Robert?" asked Mrs. Stretby, when this little performance was over.

"La, yes," said Miss Venetia, replacing her hat on her head, and gazing about her; "and where's the furniture?"

"Where, indeed!" echoed her father, with a groan, and a vicious pull at his long mustache. "I never was so near falling into a passion as when I reached this place and found an empty house, and not a creature to explain the reason of it! Have you asked this young lady her name and thanked her for her courtesy? If it hadn't been for a bright thought of hers, we shouldn't have gained entrance at all."

"But where is the furniture?" Mrs. Stretby mildly inquired again.

"That's the question, my dear. I keep asking, and can't find any answer. I went to the upholsterer myself—myself, remember—paid for all the articles you had selected, gave him the address legibly written, and ordered him to pack and dispatch them here."

"But did you write and tell him that we were coming to The Beeches a day earlier than we originally proposed?"

And then Mrs. Stretby gently shook her finger at her husband. "No, Robert, you need not hesitate; I know you did not."

"But indeed I did, my dear. Ask the children; they saw me upset the ink bottle in the act."

"But did you post your note? You know how forgetful you are! Now, I'm sure, by your looks, that you didn't. Just examine your papa's pockets, girls. Ah! there it is," she added, triumphantly, as one of them held up a letter.

"What a con—beg pardon—old idiot I am!" cried Mrs. Stretby, ruefully. "Now, what's to be done? Can anyone tell me what's to be done?"

Eastham," said Eden. "Can I be of any use to you?"

"Thank you, love," Mrs. Stretby smilingly responded, as she settled her whicher daughters had led her. "You are very kind; but it's not of much consequence. We shall manage somehow."

"Manage somehow!" Eden repeated, looking so perplexed that one of the girls began to titter, her sisters followed suit, and Mr. Stretby burst into one of his heartiest roars of laughter.

"Pon my word, we've had many adventures; but this is one of the queerest! Children, bring your mamma indoors out of the rain."

"But what will you do?" Eden inquired, as the whole party turned into the empty hall, carrying her with them.

"Bivouac in the snugger corner, eh, papa?" cried Venetia. "Ma can have the cushions out of the carriage, and all the cloaks and shawls, and the rest of the will build a great fire—there must be lots of wood about—and we'll sit round it and tell stories till morning."

"Oh! jolly!" exclaimed the twins.

"And look here," cried the girl next in age to Venetia. "Before Raffles takes the horses out I shall drive into the village. Miss Aubrey says she lives there, so she will go too, and show me the way to the butcher's and the baker's, and if we can pounce upon the old woman, we'll arrest her for neglect of duty, and I'll bring home my prisoner along with the provisions."

"Phil, my child, that's a capital idea," said her father, approvingly. "So be off with you, or it will be dark before you start. Don't forget some tobacco for Raffles, and a tea-kettle. We can't make a comfortable night of it without a tea-kettle."

"All right, sir," said Phil, giving her father a military salute. "I'm off at once; but where's the family purse?"

For this article there was a long search. Mamma remembered to have had it to give some halfpence to a beggar, and the twins had borrowed it when waiting hawk; but it seemed to be generally understood that all missing articles found their way into one or other of the pockets in Mr. Stretby's shooting-jacket, and from the deepest of them it was at last extracted.

Then, as he lit her astonishment, as well as amusement, Eden was escorted to the carriage by paternal families, hat in hand; Phil scrambled in after her, and with the latter young lady shouting back an injunction to her sisters to take care of ma, they were driven off to Eastham.

Eden, the rapid journey Phil was engaged in telling off on her fingers the items she purposed carrying back to the empty house, appealing every now and then to the taciturn servant when she found herself in danger of forgetting some necessary.

"No, thank you, there's not the slightest occasion for it," she tranquilly replied, when Eden good-naturedly proposed procuring from her mother the loan of such comforts as bedding, etc. "Ma don't mind, nor we don't, and pa's an old soldier, and used to rough it."

There's two or three vans of furniture on the road, and they will turn up some time or other. We were worse off than this once in Canada; for the tents were on one side of a wide river, and we on the other; the ferry-boat had come to grief, and thereabouts a house within ten miles of us. Papa owns that he should have been a bad general; for he always contrives to get in advance of his baggage and commissariat; but then it's his only fault, so it's no use making a trouble of it."

And in the same comfortable frame of mind, Miss Stretby invaded the general shop, secured a supply of edibles, and drove off again with her lap full of cups and saucers, nodding and smiling at the amused Eden, who stood by the roadside, waving farewell to her new acquaintance, until the wagonette disappeared in the darkness of the fast-falling night.

CHAPTER III.

Eden Aubrey had amused herself and her mother by describing all that she had heard and seen, both at Mrs. Merriam's and Mrs. Stretby's.

She had won her consent to sit for Verna for the picture that lady was painting; and on the morning after her adventures—as she merrily styled them—she was sitting patiently helping her younger sister with her lessons, when the wagonette of the Stretbys dashed up to the door.

The chariot was her companion of the preceding evening—that daughter of Mr. Stretby who rejoiced in the comical appellation of Phil.

The young lady was quite alone, and after securing her reins to a post, in the methodical manner of a person accustomed to have the sole control of a couple of spirited horses, she came nimbly towards the porch, into which Eden—excited by the prospect of another break in the monotony of her quiet life—had hurried to meet her.

[To be Continued.]

THE PRIZE FIGHTER always aims for the vital spot in the body. When he reaches it, as Fitzsimmons did with Corbett, the other man is knocked out. To protect the vital points of the body is the first care of the fighter.

The stomach is the vital spot to be protected against the deadly blows of that universal pugilist called consumption.

If it is permitted to get out of order—if the blood becomes full of impurities, if the system is allowed to run down—it won't be long until consumption will be the "opening" and deal its fatal blow. Protect yourself with Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, the non-alcoholic remedy for the stomach, blood and nerves. Take it for lingering coughs, colds, bronchitis, weak and bleeding lungs. It has cured so many thousands that it will also cure you. Don't under any circumstances permit the medicine dealer to induce you to take some other remedy. There are many substitutes on the market, but none of them possess the power to cure like "Golden Medical Discovery."

"After using about five bottles of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery my boy seems to be all right," writes Mr. J. W. Price, of Ozark, Monroe Co., Ohio. "He was very bad when I commenced to give him the 'Golden Medical Discovery.' The doctors claimed he had consumption and we doctored with them until he was past working. It has been ten months since he stopped taking your medicine and he is still in good health."

To knock out constipation and biliousness, take Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets.

ROBBING JOHN BULL

Is the Charge Made Against the De Baras by Uncle Sam.

The Story of a Cleverly Carried Out Swindle by Which \$48,000 Was Deceived From English Victims in a Comparatively Few Months—Principals Arrested.

A FOUNDED TO BE MADE—WANTED—A every locality, intelligent man or lady as inspector and collecting agent for penny-in-slot machines; good salary and share profits, without leaving present occupation or residence. W. CHIO, C.O.Y., 748 Madison street, Chicago, D. (America). (Letter postage 12c.)

This advertisement, inserted in English papers, and the unlawful use of the name of Thomas Edison, deceived from English men and women, between the months of June and November, 1898, approximately \$48,000.

Postoffice Inspector Stuart and Inspector Mayor of Chicago, Ill., say that a man and a woman, known in polite circles of St. Augustine, Fla., as the Baron and Baroness de Bara, received this \$48,000 of good English money, and they should be sent to prison for a long term. They will be tried in March next.

The Baron and Baroness are now in St. Augustine under bail bonds of \$5,000 and \$2,500 respectively awaiting the investigation of the charge preferred against them of having used the United States mails to defraud. The answer of the Baron to the charge preferred against him in the United States courts at Jacksonville, Fla., was:

"Let me be a case of mistaken identity. Let me be my brother-in-law and my sister-in-law what do all this. Zay have made his trouble before."

To which Inspector Mayor bowed politely and closed one eye. He has not been able to discover the alleged troublesome relatives of the acute Baron.

The Baron and Baroness de Bara went to Chicago in June of 1898. They did not take apartments in aristocratic circles, but in the Hotel Everett. Fannie—the Baroness de Bara—was slender of form, well shaped, handsome of face, and with large eyes that once seen could not be forgotten. Her voice was that of a well-bred Englishwoman. In attire she was perfection as to style and elegance.

The Baron, physically, was a type of nearly all barons, spurious and real. He bore the stamp of the continent both in his face and on his clothes. He was suave, polite, travelled, resourceful, discreet.

A month after their arrival in Chicago the Baron and Baroness were connected with four peculiar moves—the advertisement reproduced above appeared in English papers with its American address of 748 (West) Madison street; a printing office was opened at 748 West Madison street; an office was opened in room 518, 115 Dearborn street, and a newspaper was issued there entitled Chicago Society.

The advertisements through mythical George B. Henschel, manager for the Edison Phonograph Company, Chicago, U.S.A. The printing office was opened by George B. Henschel and the society paper was edited by the Baroness de Bara. To make the connection still closer—no George B. Henschel can be found in Chicago and no Edison Phonograph Company ever existed there, except on paper.

In response to the advertisements inserted in the English papers there came to 115 Dearborn street, where the Baroness spent a great deal of her time, where the Baron lollied, and where Henschel's name was signed with a stamp when Henschel (sic) was out, 1,000 letters in one mail. And 90 per cent. of these letters were each worth "seven pounds ten" to Brother-in-law Henschel.

The Englishman, like J. W. Skitt, 43 Minnosa street, Fulham road, London, S.W., who answered the honeyed advertisement, received a prompt reply on a letter head reading:

Edison Phonograph Company, Telephone Main 5287, Cable Address—Phono Co., President, James Whitcomb Lathrop, Secretary, Frederick G. Merrill, Manager, George B. Henschel, Illinois.

The contents of the letter began:

"Your reply to our advertisement for an agent received. We send herewith full particulars under which we are willing to appoint you our general agent for your country, to take charge of our business and to obtain sub-agents."

All this was very nice. So far the gudgeon was not called upon for a penny.

"Our agents here and in Canada make from 5 to 80 pounds monthly."

The letter ended with the signature:—For the Edison Phonograph Company, George B. Henschel, Manager.

This letter was inclosed in an envelope on which "Mr." was printed and "Great Britain." At the bottom of the letter was the paragraph:

"Letter dictated and transcribed from the new phonograph."

Inclosed with the letter on neatly printed letter heads or in circular forms were the documents which were to produce money from Mr. Skitt. He received first:

"Notices to our foreign correspondents" that gave full instructions how to send money correctly to this country. That was all important and we can believe that Mr. Skitt read it most faithfully for it eventually cost him \$86. Then follows:

"Conditions for agents." These were alluring. Agents were to have 25 per cent. commission for selling three grades of machines, each at a different price. In addition, after having been in the employ of Edison Company one month they were to receive a salary

of 80 shillings per month in addition to the commission. No bond or reference was required of them. They were to have full power to appoint sub-agents and, in fact, to do everything—but keep their own money. That Henschel or his relatives needed.

Then came the supreme test. All that went before was bait. This was the hook. In courteous language it was suggested to the would-be agent that on receiving his appointment he necessarily would need three sample phonographs. The company would gladly ship these to him, carrying charges prepaid, for a reduced price. The company would deduct the



BARON DE BARA.

trade discount and the commissions and allow him (but no one else) to have the three machines as samples for \$7 11s, or about \$86 in American money.

Then added the company, if at any time he did not desire the sample machines—money refunded on demand.

The free and unlicensed use which was made of the name of Thomas Edison and of the names of his inventions was one of the cards which gave the swindlers excellent standing with their English victims.

Mr. Edison acted promptly. His attorneys were instructed to communicate with Inspector Stuart immediately and to lend him every assistance possible in bringing the swindlers to justice.

Meanwhile letters literally flew across the Atlantic laden with petitions for agencies for the wonderful phonograph machines and \$7 11s for the samples.

Just as promptly as the cash was received a letter would go back to England saying that the money had come, been credited to the account of the agent, he had been appointed an agent and the machines would be consigned to him within a few days. Such a letter was written Mr. Skitt on Oct. 26. On Oct. 31 he was again written:

"We have forwarded all goods (samples) to New York to our forwarding agent there, who will ship the same to you. Our L. B. Commins will leave in about two weeks' time for England to make a tour of our agents. He will write you from Southampton."

Then Skitt received his agent's commission, which read:

No. 57—Export Department, 115 Dearborn street, Chicago, U.S.A.

CERTIFICATE OF AGENCY.

To whom It May Concern: This is to certify that we have this day appointed Mr. J. H. Skitt of 42 Minnosa street, London, general agent for the sale of our goods in the County of London, and that he is duly authorized to solicit and receive orders for the same and appoint sub-agents.

Given, this 1st day of November, 1898. For the Edison Phonograph Company, GEORGE B. HENSCHEL, Manager.

This is all Mr. Skitt ever received for his \$86. But in order to move him along easily until the conspirators had collected all the agency money they could hope to, prior to an explosion, under date of Nov. 6, Henry B. Edwards & Co. of New York, purporting to be forwarding agents of the Edison Company, wrote him a postal card to the effect that his samples had been forwarded to him via a "trans-Atlantic steamer."

No such firm as Henry B. Edwards & Co. exists in New York or Chicago.

By the latter part of November Henschel or his relatives had received so much money without delivering one of the bogus machines that change of base and concealment was necessary. They were kind about this. The West Madison street printing office created a letter head bearing this title:

UNDERWOOD & YALE, Solicitors, Temple Court Building, Chicago, Ill.

On this letter head was written to Skitt and the other dupes a communication which began:

"Under instructions from the official receiver we have the painful duty to inform you that the so-called Edison Phonograph Company has failed through law suits and prosecutions against the proprietor for alleged infringement of patents, besides having been forbidden the further use of the name Edison."

The bogus attorneys go on to say that the company is without assets, that creditors can have no hopes but—

We feel confident that the proprietor, who has disappeared, but who to our knowledge is an honest man, will repay every penny as soon as he retrieves his fortune in some other way. Yours respectfully, UNDERWOOD & YALE.

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A. H. HARRIS, General Traffic Manager, Board of Trade Building, Montreal. D. POTTINGER, General Manager, Railway Office, Moncton, N.B., May 21, 1891.

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