

LAST EDITION

"All the news that's fit to print."

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1896.

WHOLE NO. 10391

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

MARRIED.
JONES-BURNS—At the residence, 28 Craig street, on Wednesday, Dec. 16, Dr. W. A. Jones, of Clonaboy, to Miss Florence M. Burns.

Amusements and Lectures

Advertisements under this heading two cents per word or ten cents per line each insertion.

VARSITY GLEE CLUB CONCERT.

Grand Opera House, Saturday, Dec. 19. Subscribers list open at Anderson's.

Plus opens for subscribers on Wednesday, Dec. 16th.

Box plan Thursday. 85c xixxv

MUSIC HALL.

TONIGHT AND EVERY NIGHT THIS WEEK. MATINEE ON SATURDAY.

PROF. JOHN REYNOLDS. The Greatest Living Mesmerist.

Admission—25 and 50 cents.

LEBANI—GRAND OPERA HOUSE. Friday, Jan. 1, 1897. 8c.

CHORUS CONCERT—WELLINGTON. Street Methodist—Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1896. 8c.

WHEN HAVING CHRISTMAS PARTIES hire and your friends to spend a joyous evening, try the wonderful Graphophone. Church and school entertainments. J. C. LOCKHART, 425½ Fairview.

CHRISTMAS IN ENGLAND—LAST chance to visit the folks at Christmas. On St. Louis, Wednesday, Dec. 16, will land in time for Christmas. FRANK B. CLARKE, Richmond street, next Adelphi.

PALACE DANCING ACADEMY—AD- vanced class opens Jan. 6. New classes for beginners. Gilmerton, Jan. 6, 1897. 6c.

PRIVATE LESSONS IN DANCING BY Mr. L. B. Millard, at his residence, 345 Princess avenue. Special attention given to the waltz, two-step, cont. waltz, two-step, jenny and the cycle. Satisfaction guaranteed. Lessons any hour.

Meetings.

One cent per word each insertion. No advertisement less than 10 words.

LONDON COUNCIL, NO. 23, ROYAL Arcade, will meet this (Wednesday) evening, at 8 o'clock, in Duffield block.

FOREST CITY CAMP NO. 1, CANADIAN Order of Woodmen, (those taking orders) will meet in Duffield block, Friday evening, at 8 o'clock. J. C. LOCKHART, 425½ Fairview, Clerk.

O. O. F. NOMINATIONS—DOMINION Lodge, No. 48, this (Wednesday) evening, at 8 o'clock, at the Danby, E. G. THOS. D. HASTINGS, R. S.

Domestics Wanted.

First insertion 10 per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

WANTED—FOR GENERAL HOUSE- work. Apply 169 John street. 91c

WANTED—GOOD GENERAL SERVANT, small family, reasonable wages. Apply 256 Queen's avenue. 81c

HELLO!—RING UP!—HOTEL COOKS and chambermaids, waitresses, housekeepers, and coachmen. See the Employment Agency, 261 Richmond street.

Male Help Wanted.

WANTED—AN IDEA—WHO CAN think of a new idea for a new business? Write John W. Woodhouse & Co., patent attorneys, Washington, D. C. for free. \$1000 prize offer and list of two hundred inventions wanted.

AGENTS—WANTED—200 PER WEEK. Apply to GEO. MARSHALL & Co., tea importers, 256 Dundas street.

Lost and Found.

First insertion 10 per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

LOST—LAST NIGHT—A BULL TERRIER pup, about 6 months old, very person, detaining him after this notice will be prosecuted, or any information be gladly received by J. M. 256 Elmwood avenue. 91c

PURSE LOST—MONDAY, BETWEEN H. K. Cowan's office and Talbot street. Reward at this office. 9c

Real Estate.

First insertion 10 per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

FOR SALE—DESIRABLE BRICK HOUSE on 473 Colborne street, next Queen's avenue. Apply E. H. Johnson, 424 Richmond street. 25c

FOR SALE—CHAP—TWO DOUBLES roughed out cottages, corner Luffield avenue and Elizabeth street. Apply Lewis Clark, 238 Rectory street. 25c

CHADWICK & SON—REAL ES- tate and home improvement specialists. Call Room 2 Alton Building.

Money to Loan.

SOME MONEY TO LOAN ON MIDDLE S. S. S. farm property at 4 and 4 per cent and on city property at 4 and 4 per cent. WEEKS & SCANDRETT, solicitors, 95 Dundas street, London. 25c

MONEY TO LOAN ON FIRST AND second mortgages, notes and other securities at lowest rates. G. W. FLEMING, 75 Dundas street, London. Branch offices, Stratford and Windsor. 25c

Architects.

MURPHY & FAIRBANKS—ARCHI- tects and surveyors, 213 Dundas street, Duffield block. H. C. McBRIDE, F. W. FAIRBANKS. 25c

MOORE & HENRY—ARCHITECTS and civil engineers, Alton Buildings, London. JOHN A. MOORE, FRED HENRY. 25c

ROBERT MATTHEWS—ARCHITECT (formerly with C. G. Haight, New York), Carling Block, Richmond street. 25c

Jewelers.

SPECIAL ATTENTION TO REPAIRING J. T. WESTLAND, Jeweler and Manufacturer, 210 Richmond street (up stairs), London, Ont. 25c

Musical Instruction.

VOICE CULTURE—BY ROSELYN Studio, 210 Dundas street. Concert engagements accepted. 10c

MRS. NOBLE TEACHER OF PIANO organ and harmony, terms moderate. Residence, 255 King street. 25c

CHARLES E. WHEELER, LATE FROM Leipzig, Germany, organist St. Andrew's Church. Instructions given in organ, piano, harmony and singing. Residence, 215 Dundas street. 25c

H. B. REWLETT, ORGANIST OF St. James' Church, Methodist Church, teacher of piano and organ and composition. Address, 425 Waterloo street. 25c

Articles For Sale.

First insertion 10 per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

SHEET RUBBER AND RUBBER HOSE hose nozzles and reels and lawn hydrant. South Block, 576 Richmond street. 25c

FOR HIRE—PURCHASE AT PARSONS Fair, you receive free a broad knife, sold by hardware merchants for 30c. 8c

ONE THOMAS ORGAN AND A GOOD assortment of coal cook stoves to be sold cheap at the Ark, Market Square. 25c

50 BLANKETS, BELLS AND ROBES, J. DARGH & SONS, 87-89 Talbot street. 25c

ORGANS BY THOMAS AND DORRERY. Also Steinway piano; easy payments. Heintzman & Co., 220 Dundas street. H. W. HEINTZMAN, manager. 25c

STOVES SOLD CHEAP AT KEENE'S stove and furniture warehouse, 12 Masonic Temple, Market Square. 25c

RUBBER STAMPS, SEALS—RAZORS sharpened; guns, rifles, revolvers and pistols. D. McKENZIE & Co., 385 Richmond street. 25c

PIANOS, PIANOS—NEW AND SECOND hand, also a beautiful assortment of music and musical merchandise for Christmas presents. Call into Anderson's Book Store, Northcote's Piano Agency, 185 Dundas street. 25c

FOR SALE—ONE 30 HORSEPOWER automobile "Brown" engine, built by Goldie, McCulloch & Co., Call. Cylinder 10 inches, stroke 12 inches, can be run at 1000 revolutions, or as high as 1800 revolutions; also one tubular exhaust feed water heater. The engine is in daily operation and can be seen at the Advertiser office, London, Ont. 91c

Agents Wanted.

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ARE YOU MAKING FIVE DOLLARS per day? If so, don't stop to read this; if not, you can't guarantee it, but we promise you ten per cent (have some representing us make for you, or as high as 25 per cent) to make it free. If you are not afraid of work, write immediately; both sexes, but no idlers. J. L. VICTOR & Co., 32 Richmond street, west, Toronto. 25c

WANTED—MALE AND FEMALE agents to sell Mexican Remedies to families in and out of city. Mexican Medicine Company, 226 Dundas street. 25c

Houses, Etc., To Let.

First insertion 10 per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

TO LET—WELL FURNISHED HOUSE, near Victoria Park; all modern conveniences; moderate terms. H. L. C. this office. 25c

ROOMS TO LET—WARM AND COM- fortable, newly furnished. 18 Kent street. 25c

TO LET—HOUSE—221 DUNDAS STREET, between Mainland and William; 4 bedrooms, parlor, dining room, kitchen, bath, and soft water; bath, etc. J. C. HASTINGS, 225 Dundas street. 25c

HOUSE TO LET—428 PARK AVENUE— 2 bedrooms, parlor, dining room, kitchen, bath and soft water; bath, etc. J. C. HASTINGS, 225 Dundas street. 25c

Wanted.

No better medium than "THE ADVERTISER."

HEIRS WANTED OF JAMES STEVENS, who was born in Chicago and died at the age of 7 years, in St. Francis, in October, 1895. He was unmarried. His father, mother, brothers and sisters deceased. His only child, a daughter, is now residing in Canada. W. H. BARTRAM, solicitor, 99 Dundas street, London, Ont. 25c

WANTED—A DELIVERY HORSE— Cheap; state price. Box 27, this office. 25c

SMALL ROOM WANTED—UNFUR- nished—State rent per month. Apply "Room," this office. 25c

WANTED—LOAN OF FOUR HUNDRED dollars on house and lot in city. Apply J. W. WISNETT, barrister, 120 Talbot street, city. 25c

WANTED—PRIVATE LESSONS ON leaving examination. No. 28, Advertiser. 25c

WANTED—25 BICYCLE RIDERS TO get their low frames made high at HURTON'S, 61 Dundas street. 25c

Marriage Licenses.

MARRIAGE LICENSES AT SHUB'S drug store, 40 Dundas street, corner William. Trolley cars pass the door. No witnesses required. 25c

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED BY W. H. BARTRAM, 99 Dundas street. 25c

W. M. H. WESTON, BROKER, ISSUES licenses at his office, 61 Stanley street. No bonds required. 25c

LICENSES ISSUED BY THOS. GILLEAN Jeweler, 425 Richmond street. 25c

Artists.

MRS. LAURA DOUGLAS, 120 ALBERT street, receives pupils in oil and pastel painting. 25c

Educational.

First insertion 10 per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

M. J. W. G. ANDRAPS PREPARES pupils separately for all university and professional examinations. 808 A. K. K. 25c

Mortgage Sale of House and Lot. Default having been made in payment of a certain registered mortgage made by James Haight and John Haight to the vendor, there will under the power of sale contained in said mortgage be sold by public auction, by H. Potter, auctioneer, on Saturday, Dec. 19th, 1896, at 12:30 o'clock, noon, on the premises known as 125 Waterloo street. The following property, namely: All and singular, that part lot No. 3, on the north side of Hill street, in the city of London, in the county of Middlesex, described as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of said lot, thence southerly along the westerly limit of Waterloo street thirty-three feet, thence westerly at right angles to Waterloo street one hundred and thirty-three feet, to the westerly limit of said lot, thence northerly along the westerly limit of said lot to the northerly thirty-three feet, thence easterly along said northern limit one hundred and thirty-three feet to the place of beginning. There is a comfortable cottage on the premises in good repair. Terms of sale: Ten per cent of the purchase money to be paid at time of sale, and the balance within ten days thereafter. A portion of the purchase money may remain on mortgage to the vendor, for further particulars apply to J. D. O'NEILL, vendor's solicitor, auctioneer, London. 25c

NOTICE.

WELLAND CANAL. Tenders for Supplies for the Year 1897.

THE TIME FOR RECEIVING TENDERS for supplies for the Welland Canal has been extended to Saturday, Jan. 2, 1897.

By order, W. G. THOMPSON, Supt. Engineer. 25c

St. Catharines, Dec. 11, 1896.

Topics of Today.

The Christmas edition of the Toronto Globe reflected gloom, observation is the management. It was exceedingly well-printed, magnificently illustrated, and the reading matter was most interesting. We have heard but one objection to the issue, and it was that 52 pages were too much for the money. But that is not a vital objection at Christmas-time.

There is a fashion in dolls as well as in woman's dress. Following the Car's visit to Paris, the new French Christmas toys show figures of Cossacks and of dolls dressed in the Russian national costume. Figures of the Car basking in a white horse, and of the Emperor and Empress driving in a troika are innumerable. The great toy of the season, however, is some representation of a bicycle.

Even the judges are influenced by the excitement over the discoveries in Northwestern Ontario. In replying to the presentment at the Court of General Sessions, at Port Arthur, the presiding judge said that though Australia, British Columbia, and other gold fields had created a furor and had turned out vast stores of gold, yet he believed, knew of his own knowledge, that the gold fields of this district were better than any hitherto opened, and that all that is needed to fully demonstrate the truthfulness of the presentment is the building of the Ontario and Rainy River Railway. With the building of that road he believed that instead of their being two struggling towns of 8,000 inhabitants each, within five years they would be replaced by bustling cities of from 15,000 to 20,000 inhabitants, with work for all the men who wanted to work and enough to supply all who desired to apply for it. Our manufacturers and merchants would much profit by the thorough development of the mining industries of the Province, and we are glad to find that the Ontario Government will at the next session of the Legislature introduce important legislation to promote the effective working of our mines, in addition to the aid already rendered by the Administration.

The Bishop of Oxford having expressed a very emphatic opinion on the modern female costume, a woman writes to London Truth that the real cause of the episcopal censure is not his lordship's objection to feminine waistcoats, but jealousy of the adoption by the sex of "bishop's sleeves."

And why she asks, should a bishop wear so feminine a garment as an apron if a woman cannot put on a vest?

Dr. Notwithstand, that reports to the contrary notwithstanding, he will not go to Cornwall to aid in electing the Conservative candidate.

The Stilton banquet at Winnipeg last night at the Hotel Manitoba was a great success. A number of prominent Conservatives attended. Mayor Jamieson, a leading Liberal, presided, and Mr. Stilton made a splendid speech, declaring that population was the great need of the West, and to obtain population he would earnestly labor.

Speaking at a banquet in his honor at Rossland, B. C., Hon. Mr. Blair, Minister of Railways, said he was simply amazed at the marvelous richness of the Kootenais. He admitted the necessity of building the Crow's Nest Pass Railway.

Situations Wanted.

First insertion 10 per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

YOUNG MAN—STUDENT—DESIRES EM- ployment in retail store during holidays. Box 19 this office. 25c

Personal.

PERSONAL—WESTMINSTER TOWN- House, London, each Thursday and Saturday of this month, the 2nd of January, to receive the unpaid taxes. All taxes must be paid by the 2nd of January or collected with costs. E. S. HUNT, Collector. Box 19 this office. 25c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS. Pursuant to the provisions of the Revised Statutes of Ontario (1887), chapter 110, section 34, notice is hereby given that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of Benjamin Matthews, late of the Township of London, in the county of Middlesex, yeoman, who died on 16th day of June, A.D. 1895, are hereby required to deliver or send by post, prior to the undersigned, a statement in writing of their claims, and of the nature of the securities, if any, held by them. And notice is further given that, after the said day of January, 1897, William Matthews and Matthew T. Ross, executors of the said Benjamin Matthews, will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which notice shall have been given, as above required, and they will not be liable for the said assets, or any part thereof, to any person or persons of whose claim or claims they shall not have notice. Dated this 15th day of December, 1896. W. MATTHEWS & T. ROSS, Executors. 25c

THE WESTERN ASSURANCE COM- pany, Limited, of London, England, and Canadian Insurance Company of Montreal. JOHN STEPHENSON, Agent, Office, Huron and Erie Loan Building. 25c

TO THE ELECTORS OF No. 5 WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—Your vote and influence respectfully solicited for

Frank Plant, THE WORKINGMEN'S CANDIDATE AS ALDERMAN FOR 1897. 25c

Awful Situation!

80,000,000 of People in India Without Nourishment.

40,000,000 of British Subjects Actually Starving.

Doings of London's Fast Set Recalled by a Suicide.

Death of Salvini's Son—Fatal Accident to a Rothschild—Li Settles Down in Pekin.

LI WILL LIVE IN PEKIN.

Pekin, Dec. 15.—Li Hung Chang has bought a residence and intends to settle here. He has ordered Herr Dettling, the Chinese Commissioner of Customs, to come here.

SAFARI!

Hamburg, Dec. 15.—The German mail steamer Eduard Bohlen, which was reported to have been lost at sea while on her way to the West African colonies, arrived safely at Las Palmas, Canary Islands, on Monday last.

WON'T ABDICATE.

Madrid, Dec. 15.—The report that Don Carlos, the pretender to the Spanish throne, intends to abdicate his claims in favor of Don Jaime, which this time originated in a dispatch to the Imparcial from Rome, is without foundation in fact.

ONLY A TEMPORARY CHECK.

London, Dec. 15.—The Times, in an editorial, says that it thinks that beyond a temporary check to the Cuban insurgents, Antonio Maceo's death will change the situation very little.

Spain, says the Times, "must still be alive to the urgency of the problem."

DEATH OF SALVINI'S SON.

Rome, Dec. 15.—Alexander Salvini, actor and son of the celebrated Italian tragedian, Tomaso Salvini, died at Florence yesterday. A few months ago Mr. Salvini married Miss Maud Dixon, the leading woman of the company, who was at his bedside when he died.

FRENCH STEAMER MISSING.

London, Dec. 15.—The French steamship Coventry, from Bayonne Dec. 4, for Cardiff, has not been heard of, and is supposed to have foundered. She carried a crew of twenty men.

The British steamer Holborn, from New Orleans, via Halifax, for Liverpool, which arrived at Queenstown yesterday, was married three years ago. The Baroness was the daughter of Baron Gustave Rothschild.

FROM VENEZUELA.

A special cable dispatch from Caracas, Venezuela, says that the government has decided that there shall be no extra session of Congress. The President has issued a decree, also, that the governments of the federal districts, and the Presidents of all the States shall take legal measures to collect all arms and ammunition in the country before the opening of Congress on Feb. 10. This order does not apply to the munitions held by the army.

SUICIDE OF TWO WOMEN.

Berlin, Dec. 15.—Miss Wipkohl, a young American lady, who was studying music at Weimar, has committed suicide at that place by drowning. She had been afflicted with melancholia.

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THE EASTERN QUESTION.

Constantinople, Dec. 15.—It is stated on good authority that there are no new developments in the Eastern question. The powers for months past have been discussing the different plans to bring about the better administration of the Turkish Empire.

A number of notes on the subject have been presented to the Porte. The Russian ambassador, M. de Nelidoff, on his return here from St. Petersburg, will make another presentation of the demands of the powers, and the Sultan is expected to agree to them in due course of time.

NOTES.

The German Reichstag has rejected the Judicial Procedure Bill, the Government having refused to accept amendments of a liberal character on which the House insisted. The attitude of the Reichstag towards this measure is regarded as significant of the probable fate of the bill for the reform of military courts.

It is semi-officially announced today that the statement that Baron De Courcel, the French ambassador to the court of St. James, has retired, is premature. He is expected to return to his post.

LONDON'S FAST SET.

Some of Their Doings Recalled by the Suicide of Mrs. Le Champlain.

London, Dec. 15.—The corner's jury in the inquest over the remains of Mrs. Caroline Muriel Valentine Le Champlain, who committed suicide by swallowing laudanum, returned a verdict of temporary insanity.

Mrs. Le Champlain was divorced from her husband about a month ago. The proceedings revealed the doings of London's fast set among the nobility, Mrs. Le Champlain, it was shown

in court, occasionally came down to dinner in red satin bloomers and her better half's smoking jacket, and frequently called her husband "a fool." Mr. Le Champlain, on his side, was proved to have been most violent, making scenes in public places and calling his wife name names.

FRUIT PRESERVATION.

Cold Storage Enables Growers to Keep Back Their Fruit During a Glut.

London, Dec. 15.—An interesting experiment in the direction of arresting the ripening of fruit by the refrigerating process has just been concluded by the technical education committee of the Kent County Council. For the purposes of the experiment two small chambers were constructed, each being fitted with a "brine wall"—a flat tank, fitted close to the wall of the chamber and containing brine cooled by the refrigerating machine. On Aug. 26 quantities of apples, pears, plums, French beans and tomatoes, were placed in the "cold store," in which the temperature was at once brought down to between 28 degrees and 40 degrees Fahrenheit. The fruit, etc., was examined at intervals of about three weeks, and it was found that the plums and the vegetables did not keep well. On the other hand, the experiment proved successful in the case of the apples, the ripening of which was arrested for at least a month. It is believed that the cold storage system will prove of considerable benefit to fruit growers if carried out on a large scale, inasmuch as it will enable them to keep back their produce from market in times of glut.

AWFUL SITUATION.

Many Millions of British Subjects in India Actually Starving.

The appalling extent of the famine in British India is shown by extracts from missionaries' letters. Forty millions of British subjects are actually starving. About 2,000,000 bushels of American wheat have already been shipped to India from New York and San Francisco. It was this extraordinary demand which started the recent rise of 25 cents a bushel, which is equivalent to \$27,000,000 to American farmers on the year's crop. Many of the people are actually starving. The British steamer Holborn, from New Orleans, via Halifax, for Liverpool, which arrived at Queenstown yesterday, was married three years ago. The Baroness was the daughter of Baron Gustave Rothschild.

"Those who constitute the rank and file of our churches are always in a condition bordering upon starvation. Every night 80,000 people lie down hungry. The average income of every man, woman and child in India is less than one cent a day.

"Grain riots are common. Merchants will not sell grain, largely because they know the price will greatly increase. So the people break open granaries and threaten to kill the merchants. They say: 'We shall soon die without grain; if you interfere we will kill you in the struggle, and it will be all the same.' Parents are deserting their children. Cattle are being sold for the value of their hides. In one week at Bombay there have been 500 deaths, 10 per cent above the normal. This is due to the famine plague, which the doctors call 'bubonic fever.' Experts cannot tell the cause. The poor Hindus are resorting to all manner of devices for averting the calamity. They make special offerings to their deities and march in procession through the city, throwing their terrors. The women are breaking off their bangles and making other sacrifices.

No such famine has been known for over 100 years. It is reaching all over India. Suffering we must see for eight or twelve months, with want and death.

At Sholapur grain has risen in price 200 to 300 per cent. The grain merchants seem to be perfect fiends. They have grain enough for a year, but compel the people to starve by the monstrously exorbitant prices they ask.

During the recent grain riots in Agra the grain shops were closed. The shopkeepers told those who had money that, by opening their shops to sell a rupee's worth of grain, they would probably lose ten or more by the looting of the hungry crowd.

Rosland News.

The Finance Group, which the London Gold Mining and Development Company has purchased and intends to stock, consists of three claims. The Finance, Echo and Big Whale. The Big Whale contains a ledge of solid ore 28 feet in width, which is something enormous. Development work on it is proceeding rapidly. The ledge is of quartz and seems to be well mineralized. From present indications this will prove one of the very best propositions in the camp. The London G. M. and D. Co. claim that they are sure to make a rich profit out of this group.

To Free Cuba.

LUBY'S
PARISIAN HAIR RENEWAL
Its composition is such that there can be no failure, if simply used as directed. The increasing demand and quality sold for Luby's leaves no doubt but it gives satisfaction to all who use it. 50c a bottle.

TOWN AND COUNTRY.

SMALLPOX IN JAPAN.

OUT AT CARLISLE.

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San Diego, Cal., Dec. 18.—The ret of Henry Cooper's mission to the United States is out. Mr. Cooper, the Hawaiian Minister of Foreign Affairs. He is quoted as saying that he will not go to the United States to urge annexation, owing to the fear the Hawaiian Government has of Japan. The situation in Hawaii, he said, is judged by the United States to be a serious one. The Japanese far outnumber all foreigners. The Americans are a handful in comparison. Hawaii has a trade with Japan and the United States. The Japanese, who are pouring into the island steadily, and pushing every business. If they force Hawaii to give them the right to vote, it is a question of American ascendancy will be at stake and for ever.

with George McLeod, of London, a limited number of rounds, the contest to come off under the mana-

BASEBALL

family is respectable, but Smith low character. He only returned his family Saturday.

your tongue is coated, disordered stomach, if your head is heavy, sluggish liver. another snap shot after you've used M. Rheumatic Pills, and note the change. The kidneys will be filtering the poisons from the system, the stomach actively digests and the liver pouring out bile. You'll never feel better in your life. The tem has been cleared of poisons by M. Pills, that's why. Fifty cents, all drug stores.

"Cough Chaser" will cure that bad Cough. 10c drugstore.

SNAP LIST.

Rollers for Towels, imitation rosewood, 10c.

Sleighs, spring runners, strong and solid, 50c and 75c.

Small Sleighs, well made and unbreakable, 13c, 25c and 35c.

A few small Screens, very neat, \$1.

Peeled Willow Baskets, 25c, 35c and 50c.

\$1 Boilers have fallen in price to 69c.

Wooden Pails, in two sizes, 5c.

Coal Hods, black with gilt bands, 20c, 25c and 35c.

Hat Racks, \$1.

Pictures, gilt and white frames, 50c and \$1.

Lovely White Basels, with brass finishings, \$1 25, \$2 25 and \$2 50.

Small Lunch Baskets, 10c; larger ones, 15c.

Rocking Horses at 98c up to \$5.

Book Racks, for the wall, \$1, \$2 and \$3. These are in natural wood.

Washboards, 9c and 14c.

Onyx Tables, the \$15 85 one is \$9 35; the \$12 one is \$10; the \$10 85 one goes at \$6 25.

176-178 Dundas Street.

Were you aware of the fact that more than one-half of all the great fortunes in the United States were made from mining investments?

Marshall Field, the merchant prince of Chicago, has made more money from his mining investments than from his drygoods business, yet he is known the world over as being marvelously successful in the mercantile line, but it is safe to say that not one person in one hundred ever heard of his mining interests.

Rockefeller, the Standard Oil magnate, and multi-millionaire from this and is now making millions from his mines. He owns copper deposits on Lake Superior so rich that they are taking it out with a steam shovel.

The Standard Oil Company, the most successful combination of capital ever known, is founded on the same lines as the Kootenay Exploration Company. It confines itself to developing only such oil territory as has proven to be of value. We confine our attention to only such mining properties as have been sufficiently developed to show a profit over the cost of our investment, and our profits are more secure than those of any other business, for the reason that the value of oil is constantly fluctuating, while the value of gold ever remains the same.

The Hon. Calvin Brice, when asked, "How can a young man of the present day become a millionaire?" replied, "By mining."

When you become a shareholder in the KOOTENAY EXPLORATION COMPANY, LTD., you are as much of a miner as though the title was vested in you direct, and your proportion of the profits will be in just such ratio as the amount of your investment, for, with us, all such investments are made in a company set aside for an officer of this company except as it is paid for the same as by any other shareholder, and in all

properties now belonging to the company, or that it may acquire, all shareholders are equal partners, as their interests may appear.

The many well-known names among our shareholders, such as those in favor of our plan has been received, but in considering the same we ask you to waive that point and consider it from purely a business standpoint.

All the names in the world will not return you a profitable investment. You become a shareholder in a company which has capitalized a claim of a hundred times more than it is worth for, no matter how profitable that property may be, and the difference between what you paid for it and what it is really worth has to be made up before you stand on an equal basis with the promoters of the company.

Out of the hundreds of mining companies brought out in the United States and British Columbia, the stock of only one of them has distributed a dividend. What it was FIRST offered at, so when you have an opportunity to enter a company on an equal basis with every other shareholder, and with that company confines its operations to legitimate mining, you may feel reasonably assured of a return on your investment.

Such a company is the KOOTENAY EXPLORATION COMPANY, LTD., and we should be pleased to have you carefully consider our prospectus, and, if satisfied to receive your subscription for many shares of the above company, may be agreeable to you. Price, 10 cents per share; par value \$1; full paid and non-assessable, and subject to further call.

Subscription books are now open at the office of Lownsbrough & Co., 107 King Street, Toronto, Ont., with Mr. J. Grant Lyman, Managing Director, will be pleased to receive your subscription. Correspondence invited.

PRISON FLOT. — **Confession of a Convict on His Way to Kingston Penitentiary.** — Brantford, Ont., Dec. 16.—Robt. Carpenter, who was sentenced on Friday morning to the Kingston Penitentiary for manslaughter of his wife when being conveyed from the court room to the prison, was greatly pleased at his light sentence, confessed that he had been deceived by a man that himself and two other prisoners had put up a job to do him (Wilensky) a good turn, and secured him the opportunity came. Carpenter was ready to strike the blow, but his heart

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Millinery and Trimmed Hats. Have you seen our 75c Trimmed Walking Hats that we are selling for 25c each. Children's Cardinal Felt Hats for 25c. You should see those beautiful Trimmed Hats that we have sold so many of at \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 each.

What Did She Give?

A \$10 Check Story Puzzling London West's Council.

Given by Reeve MacDonald and Nothing to Show for It—Contracts for Snow-Plowing Awarded.

The village fathers of the little hamlet over the Thames sat in solemn session last night, and pondered on what they should do with a \$10 check, which no body seems to know anything about. Tenders for snow-plowing were also awarded.

Mr. A. Jones sent a communication, stating that some ten months ago he cashed a village check, and the bank refused to pay it. He had brought the matter up at the council, and it had been referred to the finance committee. Since then he had heard nothing of it.

Reeve Saunby said the check had been issued by Reeve MacDonald to Mrs. Ward, four or five months ago, but they had been unable to obtain any satisfactory information concerning it, or what services had been rendered. Councillor Moore said he had stopped payment of the check at the bank and had told Mrs. Ward so. She knew, he said, at the time she got the check cashed that payment of it had been stopped.

The council did not feel disposed to pay the \$10, but sympathized with Mr. Jones.

Mr. Hamilton—to look at it in the proper light, Mr. MacDonald was responsible for the whole business. He had no right to do it. If he got services what he got for it. If he got services he should pay her out of his own pocket. He can't give a satisfactory account of it himself.

Mr. Moore—Take proceedings against Mrs. Ward to recover the amount. Mr. Hamilton—It would be very hard to take proceedings against a woman, when it is a man who was to blame. Reeve Saunby—She can't give any explanation of it, either.

Messrs. Duff and Collins thought some explanation should be forthcoming before any action was taken. Reeve Saunby said the woman may have received the money for relief.

The matter was left in the hands of Messrs. Saunby, Moore and Duff.

Squire Peters petition for the remission of \$7.50 taxes was granted, as was also Mrs. Livingston's, for \$1.50. Fred Ellis was awarded the contract for snow-plowing in the south end of the village at \$1.95 per trip, and John Ackland, the contract for the north at \$2 per trip. The stipulations are that the contractors shall begin work before 5 o'clock in the morning. Constable Ward to call them, if necessary; the contractors to pay for all damages to fences while doing the work, and the council will not be responsible for accidents.

W. & E. Cushing's account of \$5 for snow-plowing in 1935, which had not been paid, was referred to Mr. Hamilton.

Bylaw No. 222, appointing R. A. Jones as deputy returning officer for subdivision No. 2, and John Simpson, returning officer, to act as deputy returning officer in subdivision No. 1, was passed.

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How Alcohol Affects.

It Excites Some Faculties and Depresses Others.

Rev. E. O. Taylor's Final Address Here Very Interesting.

Dundas Center Church was crowded to the doors last night. The large audience listened in rapt attention to the interesting lecture by Rev. E. O. Taylor, and was stirred to a high pitch of enthusiasm by the rare musical and elocutionary abilities of the ideal singer, Miss Lily Runals. In the recitation of "The Relief of Lucknow," Miss Runals completely transported her hearers. By request, she rendered "Rock of Ages," with such pathos that the audience was deeply affected.

Mr. Taylor dealt with the effect of alcohol on the human brain. In his opening remarks he said the plebeian failed to carry it would be because of lack of intelligence of the voters. Temperance sentiment might be picked up by the cartoon every where, but it was a confused jumble of words. He then proceeded to prove that alcohol taken in small quantities incited the imagination, memory and emotions, while it weakened judgment, conscience and will.

Mr. Taylor related several incidents to prove that it was the nature and not the quantities of alcohol that led to misdeeds.

Referring to Dr. Rainsford and his church saloon theory, he said: "I am disgusted beyond my ability to express myself that any man standing as high in the church as Dr. Rainsford should advocate such a proceeding." (Applause.) On the grounds of science, people had no business tinkering with the license theories. He stated that the reason why the brain is so susceptible to alcohol is because of its companions. Several experiments were made by Mr. Taylor. An egg was cooked in alcohol. Alcohol was extracted from a glass of beer. The subject of a drunkard's breath was dealt with, and a little vial containing chemicals acted upon by the alcohol in the breath was exhibited. Jamaica ginger and proof alcohol were found, by means of the gunpowder test, to contain more than 50 per cent of pure alcohol. Lemon extract and Bourbon whiskey had not that much.

Mrs. Thornley came forward to make an announcement, and was greeted with great enthusiasm.

Mr. Taylor will go to Palmerston to fill an engagement, and thence to his home in Chicago for the holidays.

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Tichborne Case Revived.

Another Claimant Now in the Field. Effort to Secure Cresswell's Release From the Paramatta Insane Asylum.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 16.—According to advices received by the incoming steamer, the Tichborne case appears to be likely to be reopened. A new phase of the matter has been entered into by the alleged discovery in the Paramatta Insane Asylum of the true Roger Tichborne. Steps have been taken to secure his release, in order that he may be allowed to proceed to England and substantiate his claim to the title and estates.

Mr. Edward Priestman, of Sydney, is acting on behalf of the friends of this claimant in London, and he declares himself as convinced that the man who goes by the name of Cresswell is without doubt the true Roger Tichborne, and says he has himself seen upon Cresswell's body every identifying mark which is admitted as being carried by the lost heir.

The present stage of the legal aspect of the affair is that application for the release of Cresswell cannot be made before the proper tribunal until early next year, but it is promised that when this is done and the case is investigated, evidence will be produced quite as remarkable as any that was forthcoming at the famous trial of Arthur Orton, and which will add fuel to the fire.

A DA "LITTLE BUTTERCUP" A Nurse Cannot Separate the Girls She Has in Charge.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—A Little Buttercup in the person of a nurse has mixed two girls up, and there is trouble on the west side. The infants were born two weeks ago at the same hour to Mrs. Wilson and her daughter, Mrs. Hill, the wives of laborers living on Wood street, near Thirty-fifth. Not being able to afford two nurses, they engaged a "Sairey Gamp" to attend to both infants, and the mother lived together. As soon as the children appeared in this world the nurse took them both in her arms and gave them a warm bath. When she had dried them she could not tell the other from which, and the nurse was a few years. Not a mark of feature distinguished one from the other, and as she stood holding the crying babies she broke into tears herself. She explained her trouble to the mothers. They, too, gave way to grief, in which they were joined by the father, Mr. Hill. The children were to be named Grace and Alice, but which is Grace and which is Alice no one can find out.

AT LAST. The Battle Creek Train Wreckers Sentenced.

Detroit, Dec. 16.—John C. Bodevig and George W. Johnson, who were sentenced by Judge Swain yesterday in the United States Court to two years and twenty months respectively in the House of Corrections in addition to a fine of \$2,500 each.

Both men were arrested for wrecking a Great Northern train one mile from Battle Creek, causing the death of a locomotive fireman, in July, 1934. They are charged with conspiring against them in the State Court for murder, train-wrecking and attempting to break the law.

The two men were arrested after being arrested for obstructing the passage of the United States mails, for which they were convicted two months ago.

Rev. Wm. Bird, the supernumerary Methodist minister, died at his home, Ont., Sunday, was about ninety years old.

The workshop is to be established in connection with the Royal Military College, Kingston, and will be ready by Christmas.

The body of an infant child was found on a chair in the ladies' retiring room at the Michigan Central depot, Detroit, Tuesday afternoon. The child, which is apparently less than a week old, was wrapped in a red woollen cloth, and over that a newspaper.

A Cornwell correspondent writes: While assisting to make up the local freight train at Massena Springs yesterday night last week, a brakeman named George Jenkins was caught between the wheels of two cars, and instantly killed. Jenkins was an Englishman, 34 years of age. He leaves a widow and three young children.

While the best carpenter for Mr. Geo. Wilson at the St. Catharines Opera House, was working at the theatre, he fell from the scaffolding, and was killed. Although badly shaken up, he was able to talk, and was taken to his home, where he is now recovering.

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An Aylmer Blaze.

The Grain Warehouse of C. D. Fuller Destroyed.

Loss About \$8,000.—The G. T. R. Station Searched.

Aylmer, Ont., Dec. 16.—Early yesterday morning C. D. Fuller's grain elevator and coal sheds, near the G. T. R. tracks, were discovered to be on fire. The fire had made good headway in the upper portion of the building before the firemen arrived, and the high northeast wind blowing soon carried the flames to every portion of the building, which burned like tinder.

The firemen, seeing their efforts futile to save any portion of the main building, directed their attention to saving the large quantity of coal in the shed at the west. The G. T. R. station was several times on fire. Loss, about \$8,000; insurance, \$5,000.

A CHRISTMAS LETTER. St. Thomas, Dec. 16.—"Santa Claus, No. 13, North Pole, Arctic Ocean, America," is the address written in crabbed letters on an envelope received in the postoffice here. The youngster had located Kris Kringle all right, according to tradition. The missive will be framed.

MIX-UP IN A LONDON PAPER. A very curious printer's error occurred in the Morning newspaper. Two distinct paragraphs were placed together, instead of being separated. The first told how the Princess of Wales, during the serious illness of the Prince in 1872, found time every morning to go to one of the outposts to visit a stable-boy, who was also down with typhoid fever. But the story continued as follows: "But at 9 o'clock each morning, during the progress of his illness, without pomp or state, or ceremony, sometimes by herself and sometimes accompanied by the Princess Beatrice, occasionally so quietly that the very men in the yard knew not of her presence, went our future Queen by this tortuous stairway to see the sick lad. She threw her arms around his neck and gazed earnestly into his face. He breathed heavily, and asked in a whisper, 'Why do you thus torment me, dearest?'"

"Why do you thus torment me, dearest?" she asked in a whisper, "I read somewhere that the eyes are the mirror of the soul, and wish to see if my hat is on straight."

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Social Classes in the Republic.

Mr. Godkin, a distinguished New York writer, has an unusually interesting article in the last number of the Atlantic Monthly, "Social Classes in the Republic" is a topic which can be handled from many points of view by a man of courage, and that Mr. Godkin shows himself to be. Discussing the relations of the various grades of people which exist in the Republic, the writer takes up the prevalent discontent of the workingman over the border with his conditions. He asserts that no "leveling up," such as that taught by those who hold that the State should be the sole employer, can take place without subjecting the workers to a species of slavery. When the whole of civil society becomes a guild, the power to expel the man who will not conform to the regulations laid down cannot be exercised, because there will be no place for the expelled man to go to, is the declaration. "To make him submit, he would have to be enslaved by being compelled to labor against his will for a reward which he deemed inadequate." It is held to be impossible to conceive any plan of State Socialism which would not involve the slavery of some portion of the population, unless we can picture to ourselves unanimity concerning the things on which men under all previous regimes have been most apt to differ.

Mr. Godkin advises Socialists to try their experiment on a small scale. They have everything within their reach to do so, and if they succeeded they would gradually prepare for the transformation of modern society. But hitherto experiments of this kind have failed, except in the case of religious societies with other objects than production. Thus, Mr. Godkin contends, we are shut up to the continuance of the present system of competition, with its manifold drawbacks and widespread dissatisfaction.

The condition of the different classes may be greatly improved, nevertheless, not by legal or political plans, but by an improvement in the people themselves. Not that it can be denied that legislation and political changes have accomplished great good, but because every change in legislation has been preceded or brought about by an increase of intelligence, of reasonableness, or of brotherly kindness on the part of the people at large.

One complaint made by various classes of workmen over the border, Mr. Godkin says, is that their employers and others in the community ostracize them socially. This is a serious charge to make in a land where "equality" is a plank in the constitution. The writer, however, argues that there is no social boycott of the honest worker. There is merely a choice of companionship by other classes in the community. The average man chooses those for his social companions with whom he can have most enjoyment. In this respect, the mechanic or other manual workman is no exception.

It is maintained that there is room for improvement in the taste and culture of the workers of the present day, just as a higher standard could be upheld by other classes in the community if they were so minded. Mr. Godkin holds that there has been decadence in intellectual pursuits among the workers of the large cities over the border, and that too many of them lack that politeness of demeanor and carefulness of dress which are sure signs that a man has risen in the world or is rising. The workmen of the United States are inferior in this respect to either the English or the French. Mr. Godkin, after close observation, believes that the personal appearance and manners of a large part of the working population of the Republic might be greatly improved; that their lives might be made far more refined and picturesque without any change of occupation; that their houses and other surroundings might be made far better with more knowledge and effort on the part of themselves and their wives, if less money were spent on drink. There is really no reason in the nature of their calling for their not sharing a great deal of the aesthetic and intellectual privileges of the classes who employ them.

To teach these men that they are wronged because progress in this regard has not taken place, Mr. Godkin asserts, is mischievous. It is one of the worst delusions to proclaim that capitalists or employers of labor are a peculiarly favored class. An exception ought to be made in the case of those who are members of "combinations" under Government aid. The word "capitalist" is simply another name for a man who saves, and who adds out what the public will buy. To be able to do this is a rare faculty. It is so rare that statistics show that 95 per cent of the men who become

employers of labor fall in business. Only a very small number achieve fortune. The others are the exploiters of the race. We profit by their errors. The life of an employer of labor is full of terrible anxieties, especially in hard times, yet the number of people who are ready to tell the capitalist how to carry on his business, how to pay his men, whom to employ, and on what terms, is very large.

How is the race to be improved, then? Can nothing be done for its temporal salvation?

Mr. Godkin's answer is that the people must be persuaded that success in this world depends on character. No class has a monopoly of this virtue. To teach that the government should support the people, and not the people support the government, is to inculcate the false doctrine that the world can get on without character. Were it possible to put all on a level, not alone the bright and the stupid, but the industrious and the lazy, the drunkard and the sober man, the truthful and the mendacious, the faithful and the deceitful, all social arrangements which make character valuable would be destroyed, and there would be slavery. The world will not submit to a restoration of slavery. It is admitted that much may be done to mitigate discontent. The condition of the masses has been immensely improved, and is being improved, but through that very old process, the improvement of the individual man. To the free use by every man of his faculties, Mr. Godkin contends, in conclusion, to the free choice of his labors and his methods, and not to law, we undoubtedly shall owe all the great triumphs of civilization that we have still to make.

A dispatch from Pittsburg, Pa., says that hundreds of men are offering to enlist in the Cuban army. Most of them are guardsmen and are well trained. When there is a fight on, there are always plenty of men willing to participate in it, no matter how remote their interest.

London Truth says: "A friend of mine, learned in all connected with electricity, tells me that a primary battery has been discovered of such potency that to use his words—a big ship will be able to go to America with its motive power inclosed in a jam pot. The discovery was made accidentally by two Scotch boys, and has been taken up by several Scotchmen of large means and of considerable business experience."

If such an achievement can be successfully carried out, what a revolution it would cause in travel and commerce by water!

The Crowded Market.

A Vigorous Protest Against the Wooden Bazar.

Mr. V. Cronyn on the Losses Sustained by the Taxpayers.

To the Editor of The Advertiser: How the London taxpayers are being defrauded I propose to show, and ask your co-operation to right the wrong.

A large section of the Market Square was acquired in 1881, wrested from the owners by force of law, at a cost to the ratepayers of over \$25,000 and a loss of revenue in taxes for all time. Such expropriation could only be justified on the ground that the land was required for market purposes and would be so applied (see statute 36 Vic., Chap. 3, and city bylaws of Aug. 2, 1890), but no sooner was the property acquired and the buildings removed therefrom, than the city, at great expense, erected other buildings thereon and let them out at mere nominal rents, to be used for like purposes as the property was being used by the former owners at the time of expropriation, viz.: For fish stalls, eating houses, and fore-stalls of various kinds. Moreover, the erection of other wooden buildings on the property by the city tenants, had been permitted, though in order to do this, it was necessary that the Market Square should be exempted by by-law from the fire limits. A fact I commend to the notice of our underwriters.

Time and again we have heard the cry "Our Market Square is overcrowded; what are we going to do for space?" When all the time about one-third of the square is being diverted from the purpose for which it was acquired, at serious cost and continuous loss to the taxpayers, I say "one-third" for is not all that part of the square between the market house and the Masonic Temple wasted, so far as affording any market accommodation?

The farmers who attend our market are now threatened with being compelled to remove their horses from the square. Such a rule would certainly militate against that class which, of all others, we should encourage. The thing is impracticable, and it attempts will certainly drive away many farmers from attending our market.

No, I say sweep away the bazar, with all its extraneous clean out that Augean stable at present along the east side of the market house, no longer permitting the tying of horses there, and the result will be ample room for all legitimate market purposes in the Market Square for at least a generation to come.

To recapitulate briefly: The taxpayers have been defrauded.
1. In their money having been taken to purchase property which has been misapplied.
2. In loss of taxes on the property referred to.
3. In expenditure on buildings filling no legitimate need.
4. In the property purchased being put in competition with that of taxpayers.

I say, wipe out this abuse and apply the property to its legitimate use, and you will have the much-needed market accommodation.
There are other abuses connected with the market, but perhaps better try to remedy one at a time. Yours, etc., V. CRONYN.

A NOTORIOUS PAIR.
Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 16.—Lord and Lady Sholto Douglas are in the city, and intend taking up their residence here.

Remember that there is one thing better than making a living—making a life.

Stop the Waste!

Water Consumers Paying \$20 and Over May Be Provided With Meters.

Annual Reports of Chairman Judd and Engineer Moore.

The water commissioners met yesterday afternoon, with Commissioners Judd (chairman), and Cowan, the mayor, Engineer Moore, Secretary Ellwood present.

Aside from the consideration of the yearly reports of the chairman and engineer little business was done. Mr. Williams applied, through Mr. Gunn, to be reimbursed \$25, which he was obliged to expend through an accident caused, Mr. Williams says, by one of the employees of the board, Mr. Wiles. Mr. Williams was standing by his horse, and Wiles was riding with a push-cart, which Mr. Gunn said was pushed between Mr. Williams and the horse, causing a runaway.

Mayor Little—Case of putting the cart before the horse.

The matter was laid over till the next meeting, to get more evidence.

ENGINEER MOORE'S REPORT.

Engineer Moore's annual report stated that the weather during the summer months was exceptionally favorable for the department. Rain fell frequently, very little water was used on lawns, and the streets did not require as much sprinkling as usual. However, it required the full supply of the springs at the waterworks in Springbank, and in June the G. T. R. Company were compelled to pump water from the river for supplying their requirements; at the same time temporary pumping apparatus was put in at Colville's lower springs. An unsuccessful attempt was made to build a dam at the lower side of the Colville springs, so as to raise the water to the height of the conduit. However, other steps were taken for their capture, and the work is about done. These springs will increase the daily supply of water by 400,000 gallons. The engineer recommended that all the springs in the vicinity of Springbank be secured. The water power of the river was above the average during the summer months.

The slack coal, with the economical operating of the Blake-Yates pumps, effected a considerable saving in the cost of steam pumping. Electric lighting of the building proved to be an improvement and saving. The pumps, during the year, were operated as follows: Hydraulic, 8,940 hours; Kelsey, 824 hours, and Blake-Yates, 1,022 hours.

Three street hydrants have been added. The main line is good and six breaks and six leaks were repaired during the year; 3,971 feet of four-inch, 1,220 feet of two-inch, 2,741 feet of one-inch, and 1,022 feet of three-quarter inch mains have been laid.

The report referred again to the water supply, and recommended the gradual introduction of the meter system, because unless the present waste is prevented the supply will have to be greatly increased. Meters should be provided all customers paying \$20 and over.

MUST HAVE METERS.

The report of Chairman Judd stated that early in the year the consent of the City Council was obtained to the issue of \$20,000 waterworks debentures, and \$30,000, which was placed to the credit of debenture account. There has been expended in permanent extensions and improvements the sum of \$13,916.83, leaving a balance on hand of \$6,979.17 to the credit of debenture account, to which has been added the sum of \$2,000 transferred, making in all \$8,979.17. The report referred to the fact that notwithstanding the very favorable weather all the water was required, so a permanent collection pond was built for the lower Colville springs, and the work is about completed. Portions of the property on the north side of the river have been purchased, and the board are of the opinion that the remaining property should be purchased by the next year's board. It may be necessary in the near future to purchase the Griffith springs, but owing to the high price asked by the owner it is advised to expropriate them and arbitrate as to the price.

The chairman then referred to the meter system, which, he said, is becoming an absolute necessity. In conclusion, he spoke highly of the fellow-commissioners and the officials of the board. The reports will be printed.

SEVEN SCHOONERS LOST.

St. Johns, Nfld., Dec. 16.—The mail steamer from the north reports that seven schooners were wrecked in last Wednesday's gale.

DR CHASE'S OINTMENT.

H. J. Lisle, representing Ganong Bros., St. Stephen, N. B., says: "Chase's Ointment cured me of a very stubborn case of Itching Eczema. Tried every advertised, several physician's prescriptions without permanent relief, knew of several cases of Itching Piles it has cured."

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Novelty Goods and Toys are now open for your inspection.

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A Lover's Triumph.

He dismounted from his horse, and, taking her by the arm, said gently: "Come, my dear, to the rock, Margery, where you were sitting, and I will tell you all you wish to know. It is a long story, and you will be weary with standing."

She looked up appealingly. "One word, Master Geoffrey, Jack."

Her trembling lips refused to utter another word, and the young man thought he might as well tell her at once about her husband and set her heart at rest.

"Jack is living and well, and within a mile of you at this very moment," he said, in a cheerful tone.

"Oh, dear! Heaven reward you for those blessed words," Margery murmured; then her head sank upon her breast, and, tottering weakly forward, she dropped upon the rock where Geoffrey had first seen her, and fell to sobbing like a tired child.

Geoffrey waited until she had grown somewhat calmer, and then told her, as briefly as he could, something of his own and Jack's history during the last eighteen years.

She never interrupted him during the recital, but seemed to drink in every word, as one perishing from thirst would drink in pure, life-giving water.

When at last he had told her all, she lifted her face, and, while she wiped the streaming tears from her eyes, she exclaimed:

"Ah! Master Geoffrey, I feel almost as if I was drawing nigh to death after all the waiting, the wandering, the loneliness and misery, to find my Jack again, and know that he has been true to his love for me all the time. Poor fellow! his fate has been harder than mine, after all, for he has had to carry a burden of guilt with him; but it is all over now, thank heaven! You will take me straight to him!" she concluded eagerly.

"Of course I will," Geoffrey replied, heartily; "he is waiting at the public house in the town for me; waiting for me to come and tell him about his old home, from which he fled so many years ago, and about a certain lady, which he has imagined has lain lonely and neglected all that time, and which he was to go to visit, under cover of the darkness, upon my return."

"Poor man! poor man!" sobbed Margery, all unmindful of her own long suffering, in her anxiety for her erring husband; "but, praise the Lord, there's no grave for him to weep over, and he can walk the earth once more and fear no man."

She rose and drew her cloak about her preparatory to going back to the town with her companion.

Geoffrey insisted that she should ride, while he walked beside her and guided the horse.

He saw that she was very weary, as well as weak, from her recent agitation, and not fit to walk the long distance.

She demurred at first, but he would listen to no objection, and she permitted him to put her into the saddle, and then they started on their way.

Geoffrey questioned her about her life during the past eighteen years, and he answered, as he listened to her story, at the woman's unwavering devotion and love for the man whose hand so cruelly deceived her of life.

She told him, as Mr. Bruce had already done, that, as soon as she was able, she had left off all her household goods and the farm stock, and realized over \$1,000. She deposited all my net needs in a bank in San Francisco, where she already had some money laid by, and instructed a lawyer there to use it as a reward for the discovery of her husband.

She then began her own tireless pilgrimage to search for him herself. She roved from one large city to another, stopping some time in each, before taking in washing and ironing to support herself and earn money to continue her search in the next place where she should go, going out as a servant in other places, or selling flowers or confectionery upon the corners of the streets for the same purpose, while she eagerly scanned every face she saw in the hope of somewhere, and sometime coming across either Jack or the boy she had never believed, as others did, that the latter was dead. She felt sure that Jack must have discovered some sign of life about him, and taken him

away with the hope of having him restored.

In this way she had visited every large city in the United States. She had been in different mining districts also, thinking that perhaps her husband might have gone back to his old business, hoping thus to hide himself more securely. She had even been in Canada and other British provinces, but had never met with the least encouragement in her search, until that day when she had seen Everett Mapleson in New York and believed him to be Geoffrey. Her disappointment and grief at his persistent denial, and all knowledge of her had actually prostrated her for the first time during all her tireless search, and she had not been able to leave her bed for several weeks, which accounts for young Mapleson's inability to find her.

At length, during the last few months, she had relinquished all hope; but an insatiable longing seized her to visit her old home once more, and the kind family who had befriended her in the hour of her sore need. After that she meant to draw her money from the bank in San Francisco, and with it purchase a right in some home for the aged, where she could peacefully spend the remainder of her life.

The woman was not old, being only about 45 years of age, but her sorrow and the laborious existence she had led had aged her far more than even another decade could have done.

She could tell Geoffrey nothing more regarding the identity of his father, for he already knew. She had never seen him since his last visit to her home, more than a year previous to the tragedy, and she had never known any other address than the one of which Mr. Bruce had spoken. He had told her to send a letter to Lovey Box 43, Santa Fe, if anything should ever happen to his boy, and she wished to summon him.

But she had gone away without communicating with him; she had been eager to see him before he could come again, for she had not the courage to meet him and tell him the dreadful story about his child, which she alone knew.

"Margery," Geoffrey said gravely, "she had concluded her account, 'have you never thought that there was something very strange in the fact that my father should have been so reserved about himself, and that his only child so remote and concealed from all his friends?'"

"Yes, Master Geoffrey, it did strike me as queer at times; but I reasoned that perhaps he hadn't any very near friends, for he talked of putting you to some school as soon as you were old enough to go away from me."

"Do you think that everything was all right between him and my mother?"

"How right, sir?" the woman asked in surprise.

"Do you think that they were legally married? Did you never see or hear anything while you were with them, to make you suspect that they might not be husband and wife? It is a hard question for a son to ask, but the secrecy with which my father has seemed to hedge himself about has led me to fear that there was some grave reason why he could not, or would not, have me with him and openly recognize me. Why was he unwilling to have you use his name, if you had occasion to write to him, but instead gave you a blind address, which, doubtless, he alone had the key?"

"Good Lord, Master Geoffrey, never have any such thoughts entered my head before!" Margery exclaimed, in a tone of startled amazement. "I never saw a man fonder of his wife than Capt. Dale was of your mother, and he had every reason to be fond of her, too, for she resembled just as air he breathed, and was always so sweet and merry that a man would have been a brute not to have loved her. But—"

"Well?" queried Geoffrey, eagerly, the hot blood surging to his brow, with a feeling of dread, as she stopped, a note of sudden conviction in her tone.

"Well, I do remember, once, that she did not seem quite happy, but I have never given it a second thought until now," Margery said, reflectively. "Tell me about it," the young man commanded briefly.

"They had been out for a walk one night after tea, and it was quite dark when they returned. They stopped a moment before the steps before coming in, and I was at an open window upstairs just above them. Your mother had been crying—I could tell by the sound of her voice. All at once she turned and threw her arms around the captain's neck and sobbed: 'Oh, Will, I wish you would for my sake and for our baby's sake.' 'I will, my darling,' the captain told her, 'I shall be doing just as soon as I can turn myself, but it would ruin me to do it now. Have patience, my pet, all it will be done in a few months more, at the furthest.' 'She didn't say another word, only uttered a tired kind of sigh, kissed him softly, and then they went in. But I never thought much about it afterward. I didn't know but what she had been coaxing him to leave the mines and go back to where they came from, for I'm sure it couldn't have been nice for her to live there where there wasn't hardly another woman fit to associate with her.' Margery concluded thoughtfully.

But Geoffrey believed his gentle mother had been asking for something far more important than a change of residence; that would have been of comparatively little consequence to her, loving his father as she did. He imagined that she had been pleading to be recognized as Capt. Dale's lawful wife, so that her child might have honorable birth. He sighed heavily, for the farther he went in his search the darker and more perplexing grew the way.

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Western Ontario.

An Ingersoll Lad Attacked by a Big St. Bernard.

Why the Indian Bill Was Not More Severely Punished.

Miss Lizzie Miller has been appointed librarian of the Palmerston public library.

John McBean, a prominent resident of Moore, died on Saturday, aged 75 years.

The other day a stallion knocked down Chris Clark at Eades and stood on him. Miller was rescued.

Sandwich East, West, and South have been placed under quarantine on account of the prevalence of hog cholera.

Dr. McKelvey, of Brussels has been appointed medical health officer for the Stratford district of the Grand Trunk Railway Provident Society.

Those Purday, convicted of stealing a horse, has been sentenced by Judge Hughes to three years in Kingston Penitentiary.

The members of the Chatham Drug Company were on Monday fined \$20 and costs at the police court for conducting a drug store without the necessary diploma.

The Hibner bylaw was carried by a large majority at Berlin Monday, 142 votes were polled for the bylaw, while there were only 173 against, thereby giving over 500 of a majority.

Acting Secretary A. Watt, of Toronto, has gone to Chatham to take temporary charge of the newly-constituted M. C. A. building, which will be formally opened on Thursday evening.

Miss Lily Graham, Goderich, has left for New York, where she will enter one of the large hospitals. Goderich has furnished more than a dozen young ladies for nursing profession already.

George Quick was arraigned before Squire McCausland, J. E., on the charge of wantonly damaging clothes on the night of Mrs. Mills, of Dutton. He was found guilty and sentenced to jail for twenty days.

Detective Campau is at work with a French assistant on the Dover shooting case, and it is expected three arrests will shortly follow. Mrs. Snook, the victim of the diabolical assassin, is in a very precarious state.

On Saturday, when Peter Banks, a young man employed by Deputy Reeve Thompson, of Beverly, was riding the horse slipped and fell, and rolled over on top of him. The young man's neck was broken, and he died instantly.

The death of Capt. John C. Symes, Sarnia, occurred Saturday evening, Dec. 12, at the residence of his father, Capt. J. B. Symes, Front street.

Deceased was in the 35th year of his age, and was one of the best known and most popular of the town's gentlemen-boat captains on the lakes.

A happy event took place in New Hamburg at the residence of Mrs. Christine Illing, it being the marriage of her daughter, Lizzie to Edward Merkle, of New Hamburg. Rev. B. Mueller officiated, and the groom was supported by Otto Illing, of the Merchants' Bank, St. Thomas.

William Mapes, of Rodney, died on Tuesday morning after an illness of several months. Mr. Mapes had been a resident of Rodney for over 30 years, and he was well known in the community under the firm name of Newcombe & Mapes. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. and the A. O. U. W.

The Windsor St. Andrew's Society has elected new officers as follows: President, J. W. Kenney; vice-president, F. H. Macpherson; treasurer, George Bartlett; secretary, Andrew Brant; clerk, John Macpherson; standard-bearer, David Reid; pipe major, Roderick MacKenzie; relief committee, J. W. Kenney, J. B. Macpherson, Jas. Anderson.

The dog poisoner has resumed operations at Tilbury. About six weeks ago several valuable birds were poisoned, and no clue to the cowardly perpetrator was discovered. On Monday the online-killer made another trip with poison, and as a result four dogs were killed. The belonged to J. B. Lemire, J. W. Laird and Alex.

Leslie Peacock, the 17-month-old child of Thomas Peacock, G. T. R. brakeman, St. Thomas, climbed upon a table yesterday, and drank a bottle of ammonia, and when his mother entered the room a moment later he had swallowed a little milk.

Miss Chapman, who lives with Mrs. John Cook, St. Thomas, met with a painful accident Tuesday. The young woman let her foot slip while she was from her hands onto the stove. The pitcher broke, causing the steam to flash up in her face, and she was scalded on the head and neck.

One eye is injured, and the flesh on her forehead was peeled off.

Mr. Justice St. John, on a motion for a week to strike out the jury notice in an action brought by the Guardian Fire and Life Assurance Company against Martha and William Dennoe, to set aside an insurance policy for \$5,000 on the hotel and stable in St. Marys owned by the Dennoes. The hotel was burned in the summer, and the insurance company claims that the policy has been illegally transferred by Mrs. Dennoe to her husband; also that the contents of the building were overinsured.

A very distressing accident occurred to the young son of Rev. E. R. Hutt, Ingersoll, the other day. O'Callaghan's large St. Bernard dog was standing on the sidewalk in front of their shop, and when the boy was passing along up street, he took hold of the dog's neck and gave it a shaking. The dog resented by throwing his head up and burying his teeth in the boy's upper lip as well as making a slight indentation under his eye. The boy's injuries were looked after, and he is progressing favorably towards recovery.

The Indian Hill was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for the manslaughter of his stepson, Alex. Claus, at Burford. When Hill stood up in the Brantford court for sentence, his honor stated through an interpreter that in consideration of the old man's advanced years, the age and strength of the man who had attacked him, and the fact that he had already languished in jail for a considerable time, he was disposed to be lenient, more particularly in view of the jury's recommendation to mercy. The sentence of the court, therefore, would be that he should be confined in the county jail for six months at hard labor.

FIRST SETTLERS OF GREY. The first settlers in the township of Grey, was a Frenchman, an adian named Beauchamp, who settled near where the village of Hendry is situated. This was over 46 years ago.

John Mitchell was the next settler. He came and settled near the present village of Molesworth. Mr. Mitchell for many years afterwards held the office of deputy reeve, and was one of the leading men in Grey's public life. The next settlers were the pioneers of the village of Brussels and the land surrounding. The township was organized as a separate municipality in 1856. The minutes of the first meeting were dated "Grey, council hall, lot 10, January 21, 1856."

The following gentlemen composed the first council-elect: Peter McQueen, Peter Ferguson, Robert Leckie, John Robertson and Thos. Strachan.

New Baggage System.

Grand Trunk Will Have It in Operation Early Next Spring.

Sudden Death of Commissioner Rickards—Canadian Railway Bureaus.

Mr. J. E. Quick, general baggage agent of the G. T. R., stated that he is gradually completing the reorganization of his department, and that when the heavy traffic commences in spring a new system will be in vogue. He is engaged at present preparing a code of rules similar to that now in force for lines west of the St. Clair River, but which has hitherto not been used in Canada. These regulations contain instructions to officials on every conceivable subject, and are intended to obviate the necessity of frequent telegraph communications with the system of check baggage, and to prevent that passengers' effects generally will be more carefully guarded. The quick as secretary of the American Association of Baggage Agents, has issued a circular, calling the sixteenth annual convention to be held in Richmond, Va., on Jan. 20 next. One important question to be considered is the system of check baggage, and respecting which important steps will be taken. An amendment in the constitution, providing for meeting each year, will also be submitted.

M. R. Rickards, railroad commissioner, Albany, N. Y., died in a barbers' chair Saturday morning while being shaved.

The Colonial Government now controls all the railroads of Newfoundland in a very precarious state.

The managers of the board of administration of the new Western Freight Association have to rub along on \$10,000 a year each.

Stock purchasers must hereafter pay their fare the same as other business men in the territory of the first mail car. The association, the issuing of passes or the refunding of ticket purchase money has been prohibited.

On a later investigation the conductor was related.

Observing the value of the vestibules to protect the front end of the first mail car. It is evident that between the tender and mail car there is the greatest danger of telescoping, and only with a vestibule here can a train be fully called "solid vestibule."

THE C. P. R.
Return of traffic earnings from Dec. 1 to Dec. 7:
1896 \$1,000
1895 452,000
Decrease, \$1,000

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.
Return of traffic for week ending Dec. 7, 1896:
Passenger train earnings \$107,475
Freight train earnings \$24,609
Total \$132,084
Decrease, \$18,976

A GREAT FRENCH-CANADIAN CHURCH.
Lowell, Mass., Dec. 14.—St. Jean Baptiste Church, built for the place of worship of 2,000 French-Canadians, was dedicated yesterday, with great congregations present at both services. The ceremony of blessing was conducted by Archbishop Williams, of Boston.

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FAIR WEATHER.

Toronto, Dec. 15—11 p.m.—The depression to the south of the lakes yesterday is now central off Cape Hatteras. It has caused light snow in Southern Ontario, otherwise the weather remains fair and cold throughout the lake and eastern district. In the Northwest there is no marked change, the temperature and pressure being about the same as yesterday.

Minimum and maximum temperatures:
Calgary, 14-18; Edmonton, 8-22; Qu'Appelle, 4-20; Winnipeg, 15-20; Port Arthur, 24-34; Parry Sound, 6-24; Toronto, 18-26; Ottawa, 14; Montreal, 4-14; Quebec, zero-12; Halifax, 18-20.

PROBABILITIES.
Toronto, Dec. 16—1 a.m.—Probabilities for 24 hours for lower lake region: Moderate winds; fair weather; little change in temperature.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the observatory yesterday were: 28 degrees and 22 degrees.

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—Many of the dear girls don't seem to appreciate the fact that they won't have another leap year chance till 1904.

—Mrs. Cochrane, of London, Ont., was called to this city by the death of her nephew, Charlie White.—Port Huron Times

—The Victoria (Masonic) Club will hold a special meeting in their new rooms this evening. An important matter of motion will come up for consideration.

—Mr. J. W. Jones yesterday began his sale of Japanese goods at his Dundas street rooms, which were filled with purchasers. The display is unusually fine, and comes direct from Japan.

—The large window of Messrs. W. J. Smith & Co. an imitation colored boy sits upon a rude packing box. Many believe the figure to be human, so perfect is the workmanship of the model.

—Wolsley Barracks will have a full complement of short courses next year. There are over 200 applications for admission from all parts of Western Ontario, but only 100 can be accommodated.

—Owing to illness, Mr. Taylor, floor manager of the European Waiter Club, was not present at the club gathering last evening. His duties, however, were ably performed by Mr. Turk, of Wolsley Barracks.

—Miss Nellie Plutten, of Fargo, Ont., who has been in St. Joseph's Hospital for the past six weeks, where she underwent an operation, has sufficiently recovered to leave the hospital. She is at present with Mrs. James Westwood, of London.

—Rev. W. L. Amittage, who is removing to Peterboro, was presented with a surprise, a pocket communion service, and a check by the members of All Saints' Mission Chapel, Hamilton road, on Monday night. A eulogistic address read by Mr. Stanton accompanied the gift. Mr. F. J. Fitzgerald presided.

—Rev. H. P. Ladham, who is well known in this city, and who has been visiting friends and relatives in Winchester for some time, has left for India, where he will resume his duties as a missionary. He was accompanied as far as Toronto by Mrs. Ladham, who will join him in India in the spring.

—Mr. Ladham sailed from New York to Liverpool, and, after spending Christmas in London, goes to Marseilles, France, whence he sails for India.

—The funeral of George E. Vick, who was found in a dying condition on the railway tracks at Compeau, Ohio, in August last, took place from his parents' residence, Robinson Hall chambers, yesterday afternoon. Rev. Canon Richardson conducted the services at the house and at the grave. The deceased was for some years a chorister in the Memorial Church, and the following former choristers acted as pall-bearers: John Wilson, L. Hamby, John Doherty, Wm. Smith, John Yates and Frank Symons. The cortege was a large one.

—Yesterday afternoon Glen Maple, Woodbank, the residence of Mr. C. W. Baker, was the scene of a very happy event, when his daughter, Miss Alice Baker, and Mr. J. E. A. Fulton, of this city, were joined in holy wedlock. The bride, who carried roses, looked handsome in a dress of cream silk, with pearl trimmings. The bride was supported by her sister, Miss Margaret Baker, her niece, Miss Elsie Baker, being maid of honor. Dr. Dawson, of this city, was groomsmen. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Wm. Quance, of Woodbank. After the ceremony the guests partook of lunch, provided in the dining room. The bride and groom took the evening train for the west.

—At a well-attended meeting of Star Lodge, No. 297, A. O. U. W., last night, the following officers were elected for the current year: Master workman, Bro. J. M. McWhinney;

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S. M. Moore.

Hackett Loyal Orange Lodge, No. 805, held its annual meeting last night in the Edge block and elected officers as follows: Bro. S. H. Wood, P. W. M.; W. Fox, W. M.; F. Brodison, D. M.; W. Gibson, Chap.; John E. Shaw, Sec.; R. S. S. H. Wood, F. S. Joseph, Treas.; James Gillis, Lecturer; James Lawrence, deputy lecturer; committee men, John Dwyer, Benj. Tydd, Samuel Young, John Johnston, John Kew; W. Brodison and S. H. Wood, trustees; Dr. J. R. Pingel, A. R. Butler and Thos. Reid, auditors; Dr. J. R. Pingel, physician; Robert Cair, outside tyler; Thos. Dempsey, inside tyler. The officers were installed by Past District Master Bro. W. Brodison, and refreshments were served.

—The district meeting for South London of the Western Ontario Bible Society was held in the Asklin Street Methodist Church last evening. It was very slimly attended, much less than the occasion demanded. However, the deficiency in this respect was more than made up by the excellence of the addresses delivered by Rev. A. A. Davidson, Rev. J. G. Stuart, Rev. W. M. Walker, and Rev. R. Hobbs. Rev. J. G. Stuart presided, and the choir of the church were present and rendered valuable assistance. The Misses Harrison and Land favored the audience with solos. It was announced that collectors would shortly call upon the residents of the district for their contributions towards the Bible Society.

KNOWS A GOOD THING.
Mr. Charles W. Andrus, of 361 Dundas street, this city, writes to the editor of The Advertiser from Florida under date of Dec. 12: "In the hope of recovering from injuries sustained from being thrown from a carriage at Clandeby on the 4th of September last, I have to spend the winter in Florida. And that I may know something of what is taking place in London, I want you to send me The Daily Advertiser, commencing Feb. 15, Dec. 15. My address for the present will be Mount Dora, Florida."

EAST END FORESTERS.
Juvenile Branch Jeffery, No. 50, A. O. F., celebrated its first anniversary last night in the Anderson block, East End. It was organized on Dec. 4, 1895, and named in honor of Mr. A. O. Jeffery, of this city, high chief ranger of Canada. It has flourished exceedingly, and the membership has grown from 34 to 70. An excellent programme was furnished last night as follows: Instrumental solo, Miss Fowler; recitation, Charles Terry; sailor's hornpipe, Miss Flo Small; instrumental, Messrs. Moule and Ender; solo, Miss L. Watson; quartet, Messrs. Nicholas, Wickman, Stein and Fitzgerald; Highland fling, Chris Hogg; song, Mr. R. Comber; instrumental, Mr. P. Fitzgerald; song, Mr. H. Froggett; instrumental, Messrs. Stuart and Bateman; Irish jig, Chris Hogg; song, Mr. R. Comber; song, Mr. W. Young; recitation, Mr. Perry. The committee of management comprised Messrs. Nutkins, T. Tuxford, T. Hogg, G. Ewen, R. Moule, C. Walters, W. Scollick and W. Hogg. The district chief ranger, Bro. W. G. Ford, was chairman.

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IMPORTED COATS, \$5.

Last week we started the selling of about 200 Ladies' Imported Coats at \$5. The number fell to 50. We have received another lot, and there is still about 100 to choose from. These garments started the season at from \$6 to \$15, and at those prices were unmatched values. They are made principally from Beaver and Cheviot Cloths, plain or braid-trimmed, or fur-trimmed. We ask you to examine these before you buy.

HANDKERCHIEFS.

Our assortment embraces over 1,000 dozens of all kinds, from 5c to 45c. Every one has been reduced. Our buyer took a whole day, at the job of cutting the prices—some lots a quarter off, others a third, and some others a half. They are here for your inspection and choice. Inquire for our Silk Handkerchiefs at 10c and 25c each.

EIDERDOWN QUILTS.

Warm, light, pretty, cheap. Nothing shows better taste in selecting a Christmas reminder than a nice Eiderdown—real Eiderdown—Quilt. We have them covered with cotton, saten, saten and satin borders, and all satin, ranging in price from \$4 to \$17, and every one a bargain. A line of our own make Saten-covered Comforters, extra large size, reduced to \$2.25 and \$3.25 each.

DRESS SILKS.

If there's one thing more than another we're proud of it's our Silks. We are strictly within the bounds of truth when we say our silk stock is larger than the combined retail stocks of town. That means big business and big selling, also cheap buying and cheap selling. Just now we are making special dresses in the most fashionable Black Dress Silks. The dress at from \$9 to \$12; former prices, \$15 to \$18.

MILLINERY.

Do you want one of those real French Pattern Hats or Bonnets that made our first show this season so particularly attractive? They've served their purpose, and you may choose from them today at about one-third cost to us. Your choice for \$5. Any other trimmed millinery at half price. Ladies' and Misses' Black and Colored Walking Hats, 75 cents and \$1.

BLANKETS.

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| Purses at..... | 50 | Hat Boxes, heavy leather, with spring lock..... | 3 60 |
| Purses at..... | 75 | Leather Shopping Bags..... | 1 25 |
| Purses from \$1 to..... | 5 00 | Dressing Cases, ladies'..... | 75 |
| Portfolios, all leather..... | 1 00 | Dressing Cases, gentlemen's..... | 75 |
| Portfolios, extra, \$2 to..... | 12 00 | Dressing Cases, ladies', extra, with Brush, Comb, Mirror, Manicure Set, Scissors, etc..... | 5 00 |
| Cigar Cases, crushed calf..... | 3 00 | Dressing Cases, gentlemen's, extra, with Brush, Comb, Nail Brush, Tooth Brush, Razor, Razor Strop, Lather Brush and Soap Box, in solid leather case..... | 4 00 |
| Playing Card Cases, cards, case and counters..... | 2 00 | Skate Straps..... | 5 |
| Cold Tea Flasks..... | 50 | Skate Straps, long..... | 10 |
| Card Cases, leather..... | 10 | Trunks..... | 1 00 |
| Gentlemen's Bill Wallets, 25c to..... | 4 50 | Valises..... | 45 |
| Card Case and Purses, combined..... | 40 | | |
| Nurses' Chatelaines..... | 50 | | |
| Handkerchief Cases, leather..... | 1 50 | | |
| Necktie Cases, leather..... | 1 50 | | |
| Glove Cases, leather..... | 1 50 | | |
| Lunch Cases..... | 40 | | |
| Music Rolls, solid leather..... | 1 00 | | |
| Music Cases, solid leather..... | 1 50 | | |
| Drinking Glasses, leather case..... | 25 | | |
| Shawl Straps..... | 20 | | |
| Razor Straps..... | 25 | | |
| Razor Straps, extra..... | 50 | | |
| Rubber Sponge Bags, 35c and..... | 50 | | |
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