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Born, Married, Died.

BORN.

NICHOL—On Feb. 8th, at Lacombe, Alberta, N. W. T., the wife of James W. Nichol, of a daughter.

DIED.

M'GILL—In this city, at 246 Hyman street, Tuesday, Feb. 16, at 11 a.m., Charlotte McGill, youngest daughter of the late David and Margaret McGill.

Funeral from late residence, on Thursday, at 1:30 p.m., to St. Thomas; services at 1 p.m. 44d

SIMPSON — On Feb. 16, at her residence, 32 Hope street, Mrs. Jessie Simpson, aged 82 years.

Funeral on Thursday, at 2:30 p.m.: services at the house at 2 p.m. Friends please accept this intimation. No flowers.

Amusements and Lectures

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

GRAND OPERA HOUSE—Friday, matinee and night, Feb. 19.

"BLACK PATTI'S"

Fifty Troubadours. The greatest colored show on earth. Matinee prices, 15c and 25c; night, 25c, 50c and 75c. Seats now on sale. Next attraction—Saturday matinee and night "Jim, the Penman." Prices the same. 44x

LONDON VOCAL SOCIETY — W. H. Hewlett, conductor. Concert Feb. 23, Auditorium, assisted by distinguished artists. Plan open to subscribers tomorrow (Thursday) morning 10 o'clock, at Bell Piano Warerooms, and to the general public on Friday. b

LONDON HUNT AND COUNTRY CLUB—The sixth annual Hunt Club Ball will be held on Friday evening, Feb. 26, in the City Hall. Members or citizens, tickets, $5. Non-residents of the city, $2. Invitations can be had from any member or by applying or writing to the secretary, ORMSBY GRAYDON, honorary secretary. 39h eod

FIRST CONCERT LADIES' AUXILIARY of Brotherhood Railroad Trainmen, Cullis' Hall, Thursday, Feb 18. Best local talent, assisted by Jubilee Singers. Admission 25c. Assembly after concert. b

WESTMINSTER RINK—BENEFIT night (Charities Organization Society), Friday, Feb. 19. Band in attendance. Admission 10 cents. 44k

DETROIT-WINDSOR AND RETURN—Knights Templar excursion, Feb. 24th, $2; good for two days; trains leave 6:45 a.m. Feb. 23, and 7 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. Feb. 24; everybody welcome; Knights Templar special leaves 7 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 24; tickets good to return on all trains up to midnight Feb. 25. Tickets on sale at "The Clock Corner," depot and H. Davis & Son, 170 Dundas street. 43c

WE HAVE THE BEST AND CHEAPEST entertainer in the country. For particulars address MCMURRAY BROS., St. James Park, London. 42n

DAISY RINK—HARD TIME CARNIVAL Thursday night. 44c

DAISY RINK — CLARK'S BRIDGE — Over one and a half acres ice. Skating afternoon and evening. 44c

THE BALL IS DOWN—NO SKATING today Princess Ice Palace. b

SOUTH AFRICA—BOOKS AND FOLDERS, giving a description of the country, at FRANK B. CLARKE'S Steamship Office, Richmond street, next door to Advertiser office.

PALACE DANCING ACADEMY—476 Richmond street. Classes meet: Gentlemen Monday evening; ladies, Tuesday evening. Ladies and gentlemen (advanced class), Wednesday evening. Ladies and children, Saturday afternoon, 3 o'clock. DAYTON & MCCORMICK.

VOICE CULTURE—EVA N. ROBLYN. Studio, 340 Dundas street. Concert engagements accepted. 8x

PRIVATE LESSONS IN DANCING BY Mr. R. B. Millard, at his residence, 315 Princess avenue. Special attention given to the waltz, two-step, court waltz, two-step Jersey and the cycle. Satisfaction guaranteed. Lessons any hour.

Meetings.

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

UNIVERSITY EXTENSION LECTURE in Y. M. C. A. Auditorium, by Prof. Rigby, of Trinity University, Toronto, Friday evening, Feb. 19. Subject, "Early History of Cambridge University."

FOREST CITY CAMP NO. 1, CANADIAN Order Woodmen, meets tomorrow (Thursday) evening, in Duffield Block. Visitors welcome. THOS. HOGG, Con. Com. CHAS. DOE, Clerk. b

Domestics Wanted.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

GENERAL SERVANT, SMALL FAMILY. Apply MRS. TAYLOR, 339 Central avenue city. 44u

WANTED—GOOD GENERAL SERVANT by March 1st; references required. 422 King street. 45eod

GENERAL SERVANT WANTED — References required. Apply MRS. BAYLY, 185 Albert street. 45c

WANTED—COOKS, CHAMBER AND house maids, dining-room girls, housekeepers, nurse, general servants. We have heaps of situations for good girls. The Osborne Intelligence Agency, 56 Dundas street. Telephone 356.

RING UP THE OLD RELIABLE—124 —For general servants, cooks chambermaids, housemaids and girls for all kinds of work always on hand. Also nurses and good housekeepers, and always wanting reliable help. Dwyer's Employment Agency, 391 Richmond street.

Male Help Wanted.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

WANTED — MAN TO MANAGE branch at Toronto; salary $1,200 year; $1,000 cash and best references required. Address KERRUP & KIRKPATRICK, 56 North Six street, Philadelphia, Pa. 45c

WANTED — A GOOD PENMAN TO write at home; either sex. Steady easy work. Send your own handwriting, and inclose 5c silver for our reply, and full illustrated particulars. A. W. KINNEY, L. A., Yarmouth, N. S. 45n

WANTED — AN IDEA : WHO CAN think of some simple thing, to patent? Protect your ideas; they may bring you wealth. Write JOHN WEDDERBURN & Co., patent attorneys, Washington, D. C., for their $1,800 prize offer and list of two hundred inventions wanted.

Business Chances.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

HOTEL FOR SALE—SAXSON HOUSE, Port Huron Tunnel; doing good business. Reason for selling, wife in poor health. Apply R. L. JACKSON, proprietor. 45t hw

Veterinary Surgeons.

J. H. TENNANT—VETERINARY SURGEON—Office, King street, opposite Market House; residence, corner King and Wellington. Telephone.

J. H. WILSON & SON—OFFICE 201 KING street, London; residence, 846 Richmond street. Telephone.

Agents Wanted.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

AGENTS NOT MAKING $10 PER WEEK and not asking $50 (no idlers wanted), write for particulars. J. L. NICHOLS & Co., 23 Richmond west, Toronto. 38tf-d&w

WANTED—EXPERIENCED CANVASSER to call on private families, or lady or gentleman well acquainted in the city. State salary expected. Apply drawer 546 city.

Houses, Etc., To Let.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

SMALL OFFICE TO LET—FIRST FLOOR Edge block. Apply W. T. EDGE. 44c

TO LET—A COTTAGE ON QUEEN'S avenue (No. 639). It has been newly whitewashed and papered. Rent moderate. Apply at 321 Dundas street. 43tf

TO LET—BRICK COTTAGE—SUITABLE for small family; in good order; rent moderate; good locality. Apply 394 Richmond street. 28tf

Lost and Found.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

LOST—BETWEEN PETER STREET AND Dundas Center Methodist Church, lady's purse, containing $6 25. Reward; 521 Dufferin avenue. 45c

Wanted.

WANTED — ONE THOUSAND LOADS fresh stable manure. J. GAMMAGE & SONS. 42n

WANTED TO BUY OR RENT—SECOND hand cabinet maker's bench. Address R. Y., Advertiser office. 44c

WANTED TO RENT—MODERN HOUSE —Central. Address, stating particulars, box 1, Advertiser office. 45n

BOARD WANTED — IN A PRIVATE family (where no other boarders kept), by a gentleman, for himself, wife and daughter Address Boarder, Advertiser office. 44tf

WANTED — 25 BICYCLE RIDERS TO get their low frames made high at HUTCHINSON'S, 651 Dundas street.

Real Estate.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

S. CHADWICK & SON — REAL ESTATE Agents. Homes. Investments. Speculation. Call Room 2 Albion Building.

Articles For Sale.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.



No better medium than "THE ADVERTISER" Sure returns. 20c for 10 words—three insertions.

A FEW GOOD RANGES, TWO ORGANS and general assortment of furniture at the Ark, Market Square.

SHEET RUBBER AND RUBBER HOSE, hose nozzels and reels and lawn hydrant, SMITH BROS., 365 Dundas street. x

FOR SALE—A VERY GOOD PIANO—Of excellent tone. Can be seen by calling at J. W. Jones' Auction Rooms, Dundas street. Can be had at a bargain. 43tf

JOSEPH F. REDMOND WILL EXCHANGE drill and fanning mill for cord wood. Address 51 Blackfriars street, London West. 43c

FOR SALE—ONE 30 HORSEPOWER automatic "Brown" engine, built by Goldie, McCulloch & Co., Galt. Cylinder 10 inches, stroke 24 inches; can be run at 60 revolutions, or as high as 90 revolutions; also one tubular exhaust feed water heater. The engine can be seen at H. PORTER & CO.'S storage warehouse, Carling street, London, Ont. 6tf-3tf

TWO MANUAL PEDAL ORGAN CHEAP —Also Decker Bros. (New York) upright piano. Heintzman & Co., warerooms, 236 Dundas street. H. W. BURNETT, Manager.

A FEW SECOND-HAND STOVES—MUST be sold. At Keen's, Masonic Temple, Market Square.

PIANOS, PIANOS—NEW AND SECOND HAND, also a beautiful assortment of music and musical merchandise, and two good organs cheap. Anderson's Book Store, Nordheimer's Piano Agency, 183 Dundas street.

RUBBER STAMPS, SEALS — RAZORS sharpened; guns, rifles revolvers and locks repaired. D. MCKENZIE & Co., 388 Richmond street.

Educational.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

MR. J. W. G. ANDRAS PREPARES pupils separately for all university and professional examinations, 808 Waterloo street. 20tf

Pawnbrokers.

T. FOX, ORIGINAL PAWNBROKER lends money on diamonds, watches and jewelry; business strictly confidential; highest price paid for cast-off clothing. 393 Clarence street.

WANTED—300 SECOND-HAND OVERCOATS—Highest cash prices paid. A. P. SAINSBURY, 90 King street. Mail orders attended to.

Livery Stables.

STAR LIVERY—OPEN DAY AND NIGHT —Hacks, coupes, etc. Light livery a specialty. THOS. TREBILCOCK, 633 Richmond street. Phone 423.

TILLEY'S LIVERY—NO. 10 DUNDAS street, East London, Ont. Telephone No. 666.

Storage.

STORAGE — MERCHANDISE, PIANOS furniture; reasonable rates; most convenient. Western Storage and Commission Company, 420-422 Ridout street.

THE WESTERN ASSURANCE COMPANY of Toronto; capital $2,000,000. Caledonia Insurance Company of Scotland; asse s $10,000,000. London and Lancashire Assurance Company of London, England. Canada Accident Assurance Company of Montreal.

JOHN STEPHENSON, Agent, Office, Huron and Erie Loan Building xt

Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AT a public meeting of citizens interested in procuring relief for the sufferers from famine in India Mr. John Pope, the city treasurer, was appointed to receive subscriptions for the India Famine Fund. All sums received by him will be duly acknowledged and forwarded to his Excellency the Governor-General, who is acting as chairman for the Canadian Relief Fund for India.

C. A. KINGSTON, City Clerk. J. W. LITTLE, Mayor. 39n eod

The Greek Must Go.

The Powers Send Greece a Note to That Effect.

Given 48 Hours in Which to Withdraw Her Troops.

Instead of Which She Sends More Men to Canea.

Athens Wild With Excitement—Italians in Strong Sympathy With Greece.

London, Feb. 17.—The Daily Mail says that the powers have sent a collective note to Greece, stating that unless the Grecian forces are withdrawn from Crete within 48 hours the Piraeus will be blockaded and hostilities begun against Greece.

GREECE DEFIANT.

Notwithstanding the reports that the powers would take concerted action to prevent Greece from taking further hostile action in Crete, warlike preparations are being made with all possible dispatch. In addition to the "corps of occupation" already in the island, which numbers 1,500 men of all arms, another regiment embarked on a transport and sailed for Crete last night. Another regiment will sail today. The Government is preparing for every possible contingency, and has summoned two classes of the naval reserves for actual service.

WILD WITH EXCITMENT.

The people are in a frenzy of excitement, and demand that the Cretan question be settled now for all time. It is popularly thought that when the powers find the annexation of the island, which Greece has in view, an accomplished fact, they will readily acquiesce in this spoliation of the Turk.

The Cretan Christians are wild with delight over the manner in which Greece has come to their rescue. When the Greek troops landed on the island they were received with the greatest enthusiasm—men, women and children hailing them as deliverers from their long bondage to the hated Turks. Everywhere the deepest anxiety was displayed to swear loyalty to King George, the Christians taking it for granted that they were to become at once subjects of the King of the Hellenes. The temper of the people is such that they would scarcely hesitate to undertake the foolhardy task of defying the combined powers in their effort to secure their liberty.

PROCLAMATION BY THE GREEK COMMANDER.

A dispatch from Athens says that Greek troops have landed at the Bay of Kolymbari. Col. Vassos, the commander of the Greek forces in Crete, has issued the following proclamation:

"Cretans—You are suffering from the present state of anarchy, and are exposed to the excesses of a fanatical populace—excesses which have awakened the national sentiment, and have deeply stirred the Hellenic people. The lamentable situation of a people of the same race and the same religion, having common destinies with ourselves, could not any longer be allowed to exist. The King of the Hellenes has resolved to end this state of things by proclaiming a Greek occupation of the island. In making this proclamation, I promise, in the name of King George, to protect the lives, honor, and property of the inhabitants without distinction of religion or nationality, to respect religious convictions of the inhabitants while bringing to them peace and law."

THE GREEK VICTORY.

When the first definite news of a Greek victory in Crete was received, the wildest enthusiasm followed. The Greeks, it is said, attacked and captured Fort Aghia, taking 400 Mussulmans prisoners. Among the number are 100 Turkish troops, the remainder of the prisoners being Moslems who had taken refuge in the fort. Details of the engagement are lacking. One report states that no fighting occurred, the garrison surrendering upon the demand of the Greek commander. As no mention of any losses is made in any of the dispatches, it is surmised that this report is true.

THE FEELING IN ITALY.

A Rome dispatch says: The bold action of Greece in attempting to solve the Cretan question with the sword has excited popular admiration everywhere in Italy, and a great philo-Crete agitation is being carried on throughout the country. The sympathies of the people are entirely with the Cretan Christians in their struggle to throw off the yoke of Moslem rule, and this sympathy is taking practical form. Enthusiastic mass meetings have been held in several cities, at which the speakers have traced the whole history of Turkish misrule in Crete and have dwelt upon the promises of the Porte, broken time and again, to inaugurate reforms in the island. At these meetings subscription lists were opened for the benefit of the struggling islanders and goodly sums have been realized. Many young men, whose enthusiasm has been aroused by the heroism of the Cretan Christians, and the bold defiance of Turkey by the Greeks, have volunteered to serve with the Christians, and numbers of them have already started for Crete.

TURKISH COUNCIL OF WAR.

A Constantinople dispatch says: The Council of Ministers have been sitting at the Yildiz Kiosk all day. As a state of war between Greece and Turkey practically exists, it is believed that the council will decide to recall the Turkish Minister at Athens, Asim Bey, and give the Greek Minister here, Prince Maurocordato, his passports.

The Ministry of Marine has been ordered to prepare six vessels for sea service.

IN THE COMMONS.

London, Feb. 17.—In the House of Commons, T. B. O'Connor, Anti-Parnellite, moved the adjournment of the House, in order to call attention to the "critical state of affairs in Crete, and the Government's action with reference thereto."

WILL LEAVE IT TO THE POWERS.

Constantinople, Feb. 17.—The council of Ministers, as a result of its all-day session at Yildiz Kiosk yesterday, has decided to leave the pacification of Crete to the powers. This is regarded as a wise decision in the face of a most complicated situation in Crete, where the flags of Great Britain, Russia, France, Italy, and Austria are flying alongside the Turkish standard, while Greece is seemingly defying the powers, or acting as the mandatory of Europe. The Ministerial council also decided to send Karatheodori Pasha to Crete, as Imperial High Commissioner, to adopt defensive military measures on the Greek frontier.

In spite of this peaceful outlook, it is known that the landing of the Greek forces in Crete caused a great sensation at Yildiz Kiosk, and it required the use of much tact and diplomatic skill upon the part of the ambassadors to prevail upon the Porte to accept the situation as it is now presented.

Seismic Shocks.

Prof. Milne's Interesting Data in Re Earthquakes.

The Education Bill Passes Its Second Reading.

A German Editor Sent to Prison — Lecture on Canada.

THE EDUCATIONAL BILL.

London, Feb. 17.—The Education Bill passed its second reading in the House of Commons this evening by a vote of 355 to 150.

CANADA.

London, Feb. 17.—Sir Joseph G. Colmer, secretary to the Canadian high commission in London, lectured last night before the Society of Arts on "Canada During the Queen's Reign." The Marquis of Lorne presided.

THE PLAGUE.

Vienna, Feb. 17.—The conference to decide upon measures to prevent the introduction of the bubonic plague into Europe and to take other action in regard to the disease opened here yesterday. Count Bonin Lonare, Under Foreign Secretary, presided and welcomed the delegates in the name of King Humbert.

SENT TO JAIL.

Berlin, Feb. 17.—Herr Wagner, editor of the Deutsche Tages Zeitung, has been sentenced to two months imprisonment for an article saying that the German Foreign Office inspired the paragraph stating that the Czar was dissuaded from visiting Prince Bismarck by advice from the highest Government quarter.

BUST OF BAYARD

London, Jan. 17.—The Americans in London have resolved to present to Ambassador Bayard a marble bust of himself, executed by an American sculptor now in London. The ambassador will be received by the Queen at Windsor about Feb. 23, when he practically takes leave of her Majesty, who will then go abroad to Cimiez.

SPANISH SUCCESS.

London, Feb. 17.—According to a dispatch from Manilla, severe fighting has taken place between the Spanish troops and insurgents on the Philippine Islands. The Spaniards, it is stated, have captured at the point of the bayonet the entrenched insurgents' position on the Ymus Road. Four hundred insurgents were killed and the Spaniards lost 26 men killed and 40 wounded.

THE RECENT EARTHQUAKES.

London, Feb. 17.—Prof. John Milne described to the Royal Institution the latest discoveries regarding earthquakes. He said seismology is now so far developed that seismologists are able not only to study earthquakes which no one feels, but have begun to investigate their relations, of which there are many, with most promising results, as far as geology is concerned. There are thousands of earthquakes or earth tremors every year, and half of them come from deep water. The ocean is really the home of earthquakes. Twenty years ago their study was commenced in Japan with the result that the seismology of that country has revolutionized the seismology of the whole world. As a consequence the methods of building in Japan have been entirely altered, so that houses erected on new principles stand while their neighbors are shattered.

The lecturer threw on the screen photographs of the damage done in the Severn Valley by the recent shock. Chimneys of ordinary construction were the first things to go. If any one had been on an elevation and could have looked down upon the city of Hereford he would have seen chimneys going through kaleidoscopic movements, a wild dance, in fact, before they came down or became twisted. If they put a chimney up by itself it would stand, but if they put it in ocntact with something which did not vibrate in the same degree, it was bound to go.

Tenders for Brick and Tile Sewers.

TENDERS will be received at the undersigned office up to 5 o'clock on Thursday, Feb. 25, for the construction of 2,180 feet of 18-inch tile sewer on the Wharncliffe highway, and for 3,932 feet of brick sewer on King, Ridout and other streets. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

ALD. E. PARNELL, Chairman Board of Works.

A. O. GRAYDON, City Engineer, London. 31bb zxv

Valuable City Property FOR SALE.

TENDERS WILL BE RECEIVED UP TO MARCH 1 for the purchase of that very desirable property, 531 Dundas street, having a frontage of 45 feet and a depth of 230 feet, with 10-foot lane in rear to William street. The present buildings will bring an immediate revenue, and the site is one of the most valuable in the residential portion of the city.

W. H. BARTRAM, Solicitor. 45tf 99 Dundas street, London.

EXECUTOR'S SALE—DUNDAS STREET store—Westminster farm. The undersigned are instructed by the executors of the will of Mr. James Williams, deceased, to offer for sale the store and premises, No. 155 Dundas street, London, fronting also on market square, 20 feet frontage, four stories and basement, at present under lease to Mr. Mara. Also the former homestead farm, containing 80 acres, more or less, being broken front, lot No. 9, the north part of lot No. 9 in Con. 1, Westminster, delightfully situated between the Commissioner's road and the River Thames, and close to the Hamilton road bridge. Commodious house, fine orchard and small stream adapted for trout pond. Terms easy to suit purchasers. Address MAGEE, MCKILLOP & MURPHY, Solicitors, etc., London. 36h tx

South African Affairs.

Inquiry Begun by the Parliamentary Committee.

Cecil Rhodes on the Carpet—He Makes Labby Laugh.

London, Feb. 17.—The South African committee appointed by Parlament to inquire into the Transvaal raid met today in Westminster Hall. While the general public was excluded, the hall was crowded with members of Parliament, counsel, ladies, 30 reporters, and others interested in the inquiry. Mr. Cecil Rhodes was accompanied by his counsel, Mr. B. F. Hawksley, and after being sworn, read a long statement, which, he said, covered the whole ground. This statement recited at length the discontent caused by the restrictions and impositions of the Transvaal Government, by the corrupt administration of that Government, and the denial of civil right, until the position of the foreigners at Johannesburg became intolerable. "After long efforts," the statement continued, "the people there despairing of redress by constitutional means, resolved to seek by extra-constitutional means such change of government as would give the majority of the population, possessing more than half the land, nine-tenths of the wealth, and paying nine-twentieths of the taxes, a due share of the administration. I sympathized with them, and as a land-owner was largely interested. As a citizen of Cape Colony I suffered under the persistently unfriendly attitude of the Transvaal towards Cape Colony. I assisted in the movement with purse and influence, and acting within my rights placed troops under Dr. Jameson's orders on the borders of the Transvaal, prepared to act under certain circumstances. I did not tell the Chartered Company in London anything in regard to the raid. Dr. Jameson went in without my authority. All my actions were greatly influenced by my belief that the policy of the present Transvaal Government was to introduce the influence of another power (Germany), and thereby complicate the situation."

Sir William Vernon Harcourt examined Mr. Rhodes at length. The latter refused to answer relative to the smuggling of arms into the Transvaal. He asked why, if he was acting within his rights, in sending troops to the border of the Transvaal, he had not informed Sir Hercules Robinson, the Governor of Cape Colony, of the fact, Mr. Rhodes replied:

"Do you want an answer?"

"Yes," said the Liberal leader.

"Well," remarked Mr. Rhodes "I think you must get that answer from Robinson." (Laughter from Mr. Henry Labouchere.)

The examination of Mr. Rhodes developed little that was new. The committee will meet again on Friday next.

The Gallows.

Pearl Bryan's Murderers to be Hanged March 20.

Two Colored Youths Suffer the Death Penalty.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 16.—Governor Bradley has fixed March 20 for the execution of Jackson and Walling, the murderers of Pearl Bryan.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 16.—At Clayton, the county seat of St. Louis county, Peter Schmidt, and Sam Foster (colored), were hanged today. Peter Schmidt, who was only 16 years old, died with a sullen look on his face, and without any sign of repentance. Sam Foster, who followed him to death fifteen minutes later, was so weak that he had almost to be carried to the scaffold.

The two men—or rather, boys—died up Bertram H. Atwater, a young Chicago artist, at Webster Groves, on the night of Jan. 23, 1896. Atwater resisted, and was shot dead within a stone's throw of the door of his fiancee's house. John Schmidt, a cousin of Peter, has been sentenced to hang on March 18.

MONEY DIDN'T SAVE HIM.

Union, Mo., Feb. 16.—Dr. Arthur Duestrow, the St. Louis millionaire who on Feb. 13, 1894, shot and killed his wife and child, in that city, was hanged here in the court yard of the county jail today. A few hours before the execution took place, Duestrow threw off the mask of insanity, sobbed like a woman and admitted that he killed his wife and child.

The crime for which Arthur Duestrow met death today was committed on the afternoon of Feb. 13, 1894, at his residence, 1,724 South Campton avenue, this city. On that day he had been drinking heavily. During the forenoon he had called at a livery stable and ordered a sleigh for the afternoon, stating that he intended taking his wife and 2-year-old son, Louis, sleigh riding. A few minutes before 4 o'clock he arrived at his home and found the sleigh awaiting him. The generally accepted version of the crime proper is the testimony given by Katie Hahan, a domestic in the Duestrow household. She said she met Duestrow at the door and asked him if he was going to take his wife riding. This question angered Duestrow and he ran up stairs to his wife's room and after some words slapped her face. Mrs. Duestrow upbraided him for his conduct, which seems to have worked the murderer up to the point at which he could no longer restrain his passion. The Hahan girl says she heard Mrs. Duestrow exclaim: "Don't shoot, Arthur! Don't shoot!" Three shots followed in rapid succession. The servant rushed upstairs and found Duestrow standing over the body of his wife, revolver in hand, crying, "Good-bye, Tiny, are you dead?" At this point the man's fury seemed to be diverted to the little child. Grabbing it up in his arms, he held it against the wall and emptied the other two chambers of the pistol into its head. It died instantly. Duestrow then went to the police station with his revolver in his hand and surrendered. He was sobbing hysterically. "I've killed my wife," he cried; "but it was an accident. I suppose they will say that I am a murderer, but I am not. It was an accident."

He tried to explain that the revolver was discharged while he was handling the weapon. On Feb. 14 the doctors removed the two bullets from the head of Mrs. Duestrow, and it was thought she might recover, but on Feb. 17 she died, having never regained consciousness.

Duestrow had been tried several times for the crime, and twice investigations as to his sanity have been made. Every technicality known to law has been taken advantage of to save his life.

Duestrow, by the terms of his father's will, would draw $6,666 66 a year as long as he lived. Duestrow's father, Louis Duestrow, died a few years prior to the murder, leaving an estate of $2,000,000.

Ontario Legislature

Provincial Grant to the Plague-Stricken Hindostanee.

The Case of Overworked Shop Girls and Boys.

Presentation of the Public Accounts for Last Year.

Toronto, Feb. 16.—The public accounts were laid on the table yesterday afternoon in the Legislature. They show receipts amounting to $5,542,700 26; expenditure, $3,703,379 73, with a special deposit of $1,635,000. This leaves a balance of $204,320 53, which is about three times the balance of last year.

Receipts from the Dominion of Canada, $1,196,872 80.

Crown lands, $908,246 69.

Licenses, $286,172.

Law stamps, $63,566 82.

Succession duties, $165,383 40.

Public institutions, $146,430 15.

Sale of annuities, $278,061 94.

Sale of lands at Toronto Asylum, $3,000.

The receipts are within the limit of estimates:

The expenditure is well within the limit, and includes the following:

Civil Government, $250,022 05.

Administration of justice, $441,055 97.

Education, $702,457 01.

Public institutions, $796,567 62.

Immigration, $7,266 47.

Agriculture, $192,041.

Colonization roads, $102,719.

Surveys, $120,236 98.

Statutes consolidated, $5,198 23.

Central Prison, $20,887 44.

Normal schools, $22,861.

Mr. Little made the following inquiry: "Is it the intention of the Government to assist public schools that have organized continuation classes in connection with the same? If so, to what extent?"

Hon. G. W. Ross replied in the affirmative, but added that the extent of the aid would be made known when the estimates are brought down.

The Premier introduced a resolution "That this House deeply deplores the terrible ravages by famine and the plague among our fellow subjects in India, and will cheerfully approve a grant from the provincial funds of the sum of $6,000, to be forwarded to the proper authorities, to be applied in the purchase of food and otherwise for the relief of the distress now so unhappily prevailing." Numerous precedents existed for such grant, said the Premier, as on previous occasions grants had been made, among others the following: 1868, to Nova Scotia fishermen, $25,000; 1871, sufferers by Ottawa fire, $25,000; and Saguenay, $5,000; 1879-80, distressed settlers of Algoma, $10,300; 1880, Ireland, $20,000; 1883, London floods, $5,000; 1892, St. John's fire, $10,000.

Mr. Whitney, in a brief speech, said that he was entirely in accord with the proposal.

Dr. Ryerson said that there had been a proposal to send a shipload of flour to India, but that the question of caste might prevent it from doing the benefit it should among the sufferers.

SHOP GIRLS.

The National Council of Women is taking hold of the matter of the overworking of shop girls and boys. A representative deputation asked the Ontario Government yesterday to enact legislation that would amend the Shops Act to protect shop girls in a similar manner as the factory girls are protected by the Factory Act. They desire that the act should limit the time of work in shops of boys under 14 and of girls under 16 to 60 hours per week. The lunch hour at noon and 45 minutes for supper, as well as a proper lunch room in the larger establishments, are among their other requests. They consider an adequate fire escape, provision for overtime, for allowing the inspector to examine the employes under oath, and for the keeping of a register to record the names and addresses of all employes of shops and stores as absolute necessities in connection with large mercantile establishments. Some provisions against overcrowding, against unsanitary or unhealthful work, and many other evils are cited as worthy objects for legislation.

In a pamphlet submitted for the consideration of the Cabinet, they state that a large majority of shops in places outside Toronto make no provision for seats for female employes, have only one lavatory for the use of both men and women, and in many cases have none at all. The inspector in Toronto found many very similar cases, and where the law was enforced these abuses have since been remedied.

Physicians well know that the health of a young woman working under the conditions named above will certainly be impaired; nor will the injury affect herself only—her offspring may suffer also.

Mrs. Ed. Leigh represented the London branch of the Women's Council.

The advantage in literature as in life, is of keeping the best society, reading the best books, and wisely admiring and imitating the best things.

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For His Life.

Progress of the Hammond Murder Trial at Bracebridge.

Opening Testimony for the Prosecution —Did Prisoner Poison His Wife?

Bracebridge, Ont., Feb. 17.—At 9:30 a.m. yesterday court was reopened, and the trial of the Hammond murder case was resumed before Justice MacMahon.

The address of Mr. B. B. Osler, crown counsel, outlined in minute details the nature of the evidence which the crown would submit.

The first witness called was Wm. Galbraith, P. L. S., Bracebridge, who certified that the plan of that portion of the town of Gravenhurst, showing where the body was found, and produced in court, was correct.

Ida Campbell followed. She knew Katie Tough. In company with Miss Bailey, witness was going down Brown street, when she saw an object on the snow and heard a groan. She went to Mr. Bailey's house, and in company with Alex. Bailey returned to the body. The body was a few feet off the regular track, in the soft snow. The body was not recognized by witness until Mr. Barton came with a lantern. John Bowles, Bailey, Dr. Campbell and prisoner carried the body to the house. Prisoner was not present when witness first left the body to go for her father. She saw Katie open her eyes and sigh once after being taken to the house.

Annie Bailey said that when she and Miss Campbell first saw the body lying in the snow, it was between 8 and 9 o'clock in the evening, and that when they went home her mother said: "You are home early; it is only ten minutes after nine." Witness, in reply to a question by Mr. Johnston, said prisoner cried when Katie died.

John Bowles said that on the night in question, at 9 o'clock, his brother told him there was some person lying in the snow. He went to see, and found Katie Tough dying. She was lying with her face in the snow. When he turned her over, he found she was frothing at the mouth, and there was an odor. He went to get prisoner to assist him. Witness also said that he was with Mr. McNabb when the bottle produced in court, or one like it, was found. McNabb kept the bottle. Also, on the first day of April, he found another bottle, and said it was altogether different in shape from that produced in court.

The evidence of the fourteen witnesses examined relates chiefly to the finding of the body of Katie Tough and the two bottles, one empty, which the crown will try to show was got at Campbell's drug store by the prisoner, and one bottle full of prussic acid, which the defense may try to show was the bottle prisoner got at this drug store.

Ross Russell is a bright young woman the crown brought from Cobconk. At the magisterial examination, this witness gave damaging evidence against prisoner, but prisoner's counsel raised a technical objection to the admission of her evidence, and the judge asked time to consider it.

Mining Investments.

Two well-known mining men, Messrs. Howard C. Walters, president, and J. C. Drewry, secretary-treasurer of the Canadian Gold Fields Syndicate, Ltd., arrived in London from Rossland last evening and registered at the Tecumseh. Mr. Walters has the reputation of being one of the best practical mine operators in the west. Mr. Drewry has spent the last six months at Rossland as the representative of the Toronto Globe. He quickly became interested in mines and mining stocks, and with such good success that he is now known both in Rossland and Toronto as "Lucky" Drewry. Messrs. Walters and Drewry will spend several days in London, and will be pleased to meet intending investors or parties already interested in the mines of British Columbia. b

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

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50 Years of Cures.

Plague in Bottles.

Enough Bubonic Microbes to Devastate a Nation.

Experiments Being Made Under the Direction of Brooklyn's Health Board.

New York, Feb. 16.—Enough of the deadly microbes of the bubonic plague to devastate this country are now stored in Brooklyn. Of course, they are carefully guarded, and those who have them in charge say there is not a particle of danger of their escaping, but it is appalling to speculate on the plague they would start here if they had half a chance.

This colony of well-developed bubonic microbes, numbering many thousands, came directly from their discoverer in China several weeks ago, and were received by Prof. H. T. Wilson, of the Hoagland Institute, Henry and Pacific streets, Brooklyn. They were carefully stored in a culture closet, along with cholera and other deadly microbes in that institution, and have been increasing at an alarming rate ever since, until now their number is estimated in the millions.

As soon as he had received them, Prof. Wilson notified the Brooklyn Board of Health, and was instructed to make careful experiments with the microbes and report. He has been making many experiments, and expects to have his report ready for the Board of Health today. He has been watching the fat, egg-shaped little creatures daily under a microscope, testing their vitality and other characteristics, in order to determine the extent to which this country would be endangered in the event of the introduction of the plague here, and the best methods of coping with it.

One of the objects of the experiments has been to determine the extent of the mastery of the bubonic over other microbes, and for this purpose numbers of them have been put in culture tubes with other microbes to enter into deadly war, which might result in the survival of the strongest.

Another important experiment was to find out whether or not the bubonic microbe could live and multiply in city water. Many contend that no living creature could possibly live in Brooklyn water, but the bubonic microbe is an exceedingly hardy little organism, and the chances are that Prof. Wilson's report will show that if a healthy pair got into the Brooklyn water mains, disastrous results would follow. The professor says that the microbes thrive well in this climate.

The experiments show that the bubonic microbe has remarkable vitality, and that it may be transmitted in a thousand different ways. This accounts for the black plague which is now devastating India, being the most contagious as well as the most fatal disease in the world. The microbes are transmitted in large and dangerous quantities by rats, ants and other insects.

SEVENTEEN SAVED.

Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 16.—The Sanitarium at Warsaw, N. Y., was burned this (Tuesday) afternoon. Seventeen patients, all in the house, were removed in safety. The loss is $30,000, and is fully insured.



Delay Means Death.

One Dose Relieves -- A Few Bottles Always Cure.

"For ten years I have suffered greatly from Heart Disease. Fluttering of the heart, palpitations, and smothering spells have made my life miserable. When dropsy set in my physician said I must prepare my family for the worst. All this time I had seen Dr. Agnew's Heart Cure advertised. As a last resort I tried it, and think of my joy when I received great relief from one dose. One bottle cured my dropsy, and brought me out of bed, and five bottles have completely cured my heart. If you are troubled with any heart affection, and are in despair, as I was, use this remedy, for I know it will cure you."
—Mrs. James Adams, Syracuse, N.Y.

Well Done!

The Western Fair of 1896 a Record-Breaker.

Gratifying Annual Report of the Directors.

Receipts Over $4.000 More Than in 1895.

The Debt on the New Buildings All Wiped Out.

Association Owes Nothing—Over $8,000 Out of Current Account for the New Buildings—And a Handsome Balance Carried Over.

The annual meeting of the Western Fair Board began at 2:30 p.m. today in the Richmond street rooms.

The annual report of the directors was presented and caused the liveliest satisfaction among the members of the board.

It showed a handsome advance in the receipts of 1896, justifying the erection of the new buildings and the other improvements, that by adding to the excellence have increased the patronage and prestige of the great exhibition.

Out of the surplus receipts last year and the balance from the year 1895, the board were able to apply the handsome sum of $8,324 49 towards the new buildings, which are completely paid for—and a balance of $928 70 still remains.

The association is not in debt; its assets are $29,427 39.

THE DIRECTORS' REPORT.

The report is as follows:

"In submitting our report for 1896, we have much pleasure in congratulating you upon the marked success that attended the 29th annual Western Fair, both as an educational and financial enterprise.

"As you are aware, much labor and close attention are required to arrive at such satisfactory results. We are strongly of the opinion that the new buildings were a great assistance to us in bringing out the large number of visitors that were daily in attendance.

"We therefore appreciate the liberality and foresight of the citizens of London in voting the $20,000, thus providing the funds for this purpose. These buildings are undoubtedly the best in Canada for live stock exhibition, and are probably not surpassed by any on the continent. To complete the new buildings and make the changes necessary, the above sum had to augmented by the addition of $8,324 49 from the funds of this association. Including the latter, the total amount of our earnings so expended to date on permanent improvements, since the association was incorporated, is $25,351 97.

"All the contracts were awarded to city builders, and all new material supplied by city merchants ,the old lumber, etc., being used for interior work wherever suitable, and by the careful management of the special building committee the works were completed with the utmost economy."

"Further additions are necessary when the funds of the association are in a position to admit of. In this connection we would call attention to a short report from the stockmen, suggesting some slight changes in the stock barns. We therefore recommend careful consideration of the same by our successors.

"The financial statement speaks for itself; but it might not be out of place to call attention to the increased gate and grand stand receipts of $4,000. The net gain in receipts of the Western Fair of 1896 over 1895 was $4,563 83, which is conclusive evidence that the popularity of our fair is increasing.

"The quality of the exhibits and the general appearance of the exhibition throughout greatly excelled any previous fair, and especially was it noticeable in the live stock departments. The machinery exhibit was excellent. The horticultural, agricultural and dairy displays were especially fine, and the entries numerous; the new refrigerators and other appointments necessary for a first-class dairy display were considered by interested persons as thoroughly up to date. The manufacturers in the main building, the ladies' department, and the art collections were such as to thoroughly please the public and furnish an opportunity of noting the advancement in these several branches. The Indian exhibit of agricultural products was very large and interesting. The attractions specially engaged seemed to have the approval of our patrons.

"The directors were glad of the opportunity of welcoming the Governor-General and Lady Aberdeen during the three principal days of the fair. The visit of Commandry No. 1 of the Knights Templar, from Detroit added largely to the interest of the occasion.

"The Water Commissioners and City Council are deserving of our gratitude for their hearty co-operation in making the necessary alterations caused by the erection of the new buildings and other changes; and the railways and express companies, the city press and provincial newspapers, have, as usual, ably seconded our efforts. Our thanks are also due to the gentlemen who subscribed and donated special prizes, a list of which is presented herewith.

"The satisfactory manner in which the officers of the association have performed their duties we wish also to record.

"W. A. PORTE, President."

The financial statement of the treasurer, Mr. D. Mackenzie, is as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1895	$ 4,695 06
Entry fees and rent of stalls	2,074 00
Privileges and rent of booths, dining hall, etc	2,869 80
Gates and grand stand receipts	19,387 00
Yearly permits for use of track and stalls	50 00
City of London Horticultural Society grant	364 11
East Middlesex Agricultural Society grant	342 33
Special prizes donated (as per list herewith)	694 50
Cash subscription, London Street Railway Company	250 00
Interest from bank	99 32
Total	$30,826 12

DISBURSEMENTS.

Prizes,medals and judges' fees	$10,009 33
Printing, advertising and billposting	2,502 45
Police	325 75
Office expenses, postage, rent and salaries	1,948 83
Grounds and buildings, and general expenses	1,631 76
Expenses, gates and ticket departments	395 62
Expenses, live stock and poultry departments	354 77
Expenses, agricultural, horticultural and dairy departments	105 24
Expenses, machinery and carriages departments	184 57
Expenses, main building departments	146 01
Attractions, fireworks, music, etc.	3,968 60
Construction and permanent improvements, as per statement herewith, erection of new buildings, etc	8,324 49
Balance in bank	928 70
Total	$30,826 12

ASSETS, CLOSE OF 1896.

Real estate payments made on the property conditionally held by the city of London	$ 8,900 00
Construction or permanent improvements on lands and buildings held or owned by the city	16,451 97
Furniture and chattels	3,146 72
Balance in bank	928 70
Total	$29,427 39

Liabilities nil.

THE BUILDING COMMITTEE.

The statement of the special building committee (Ald. Parnell, chairman), shows the expenditures on new buildings, and on additions and alterations, to have been $34,518 19.

The receipts were the same—$26,193 70 from the city, and $8,234 49 from the association's funds.

Sporting Circles.

Question of Sunday Racing May Split Up the L. A. W.

Toronto Wellingtons Defeat the Guelph Victorias at Hockey.

The O. J. C. Programme—Baseball and Other Sporting Matters.

THE WHEEL.

TALK OF SECESSION.

Chicago, Feb. 17.—The Chronicle says professionals have started a boycott on the national meet of the L. A. W., to be held in Philadelphia. This is the programme of revenge that the racing men have planned to even up with the total disregard for their interests shown at the assembly at Albany. A rival league, with the interests of the professionals at heart, is likely to be the result.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 17.—The Missouri division of the L. A. W. is ripe for revolt against the ruling of the parent body upon the matter of Sunday racing. Home rule is demanded upon matters touching racing days, amateur events and classification of prizes. The League of Independent Wheelmen, a growing organization, was started here a year ago. A one-third mile track is being made by the L. A. W., and when the season opens they expect to receive large accessions from the older association.

San Francisco, Feb. 17.—The L. A. W. leaders in Northern California are badly divided on the subject of secession from the league because of the Sunday racing decision. While many prominent men favor a split, others are just as strongly against it. The racing men generally favor secession. No immediate action is expected.

HOCKEY.

PLAYED UNDER ASSUMED NAMES

Hamilton, Ont., Feb. 17.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the South Ontario Hockey Association a number of protests were dealt with. Hodgetts, Vanseant and Notman, of the St. Catharines Owls, were disqualified for playing matches under assumed names. The Owl club's senior and junior teams were suspended from the league and all games played by them were thrown out. The Dunnville hockey team has defaulted to Hamilton in the senior series.

THE FINALS.

Guelph, Ont., Feb. 17.—In the first of the final games for the hockey championship of Ontario, the Wellingtons, of Toronto, leaders in the Eastern League, defeated the Victorias, of Guelph, who are leaders of the Western League. The score was 6 to 4 in Wellingtons' favor.

THE TURF.

O. J. C. PROGRAMME.

The programme for the Ontario Jockey Club's spring meeting calls for 42 races, with an average value of $500. The meeting will be run under the rules of 1896, and the scale of weights of that year will also be followed. The Queen's plate will be the fourth event upon the programme of the opening day, May 22. The opening race will be the Trial purse for all ages, followed by the Juvenile plate (purse $600), for 2-year-olds. The third race will be the Hunters' flat handicap. After the Queen's plate comes a steeplechase over the short course, and a selling race for 3-year-olds and upwards completes the list of the opening day.

TIPS.

Peter Duryea recently offered $30,000 for Allerton (2:09 1-4).

Richard Croker will return to England about April 1, for the racing season.

BASEBALL.

GROUNDERS.

The Philadelphia Baseball Club has agreed to exchange Clements and Taylor for Amos Rusie, of the New York club.

The Cleveland Baseball Club has been offered $5,000 for the release of Second Baseman Childs to Louisville.

Pitcher Coogan, of the Paterson (N. J.) team, has been signed by the Baltimores in exchange for Pitcher Kelster.

Buffalo may have three red-headed outfielders and Cincinnati three red-headed pitchers, but Detroit has three twirlers who stand six feet or over and weigh from 175 pounds up. Thomas is over six feet, and Tredwell has him beaten three inches. Short is just six feet and weighs 175 pounds.—Detroit Free Press.

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Tommy—He's angry with me, mamma, because I was trying to make him smile with your glove-stretcher.

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"Things do even up pretty well in this world, as a rule," mused the paragraph man. "First I make a little joke on hash, and then the compositor makes a hash of the little joke."

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Mr. Dooley—Give me a bar of soap, please.

Shopman—Yes, sir. Do you want it scented or unscented?

Dooley—Aw—Niver moind; I'll just take it wid me.

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Distinguished Foreigner—Have you nevaire met my cousin, ze Duc le Montmorenci, ven he vas in ze New York?

Plain American—No, I always shave myself.

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Fair Hostess (who is proud of her popularity)—Yes; I flatter myself there's not a door-bell on the whole street that's rung so often as mine.

Fair Visitor—Well, dear, I had to ring it five times.

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Little Mary was discovered one day by her mother vigorously applying the ocean to her kitten's mouth. On being reproved, she replied:

"Why, mamma, kitty speaks so awful when I pull her tail."

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Lots in the Same Line.—"Jinks has the air of a man of considerable importance. What's his particular line?"

"Oh, nothing much, except telling other people their business and giving us all pointers on how to run the Government."

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George—Will you—

Alice—Oh, George, this is so sudden!

George—Not a bit of it. That hairpin of yours has been sticking into my shoulder for the last twenty minutes, and I can't stand it any longer. Will you please move a little?

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Browne (in barber's chair)—Now, look, here, barber, be careful. The last man who shaved me nearly killed me, and I won't be as easy on you as I was on him.

Barber (anxiously)—No one in this shop who shaved you, was it, sir?

Browne—No; I did it myself.

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Teacher—John, of what are your shoes made?

Boy—Of leather, sir.

Teacher—Where does the leather come from?

Boy—From the hide of the ox.

Teacher—What animal, then, supplies you with shoes and gives you meat to eat?

Boy—My father.

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"Papa, is Mrs. Bigelow very poor?"

"No, Cedric, Mrs. Bigelow is well off; don't you know what a nice house she has?"

"But she sleeps in the hen-coop, papa."

"Why, Cedric?"

"She said she did."

"What do you mean?"

"Don't you remember when she was here to dinner night before last she excused herself, and said she must go home early, because she went to bed with the chickens?"

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Inspector Bucket was dining out the other evening, and while in the act of transferring a spoonful of stewed fruit to his mouth, he observed, in a quiet, though emphatic manner, to his charming hostess:

"I see, my dear madam, you have changed your cook."

"Why," replied that lady, "how can you tell that? It is only a fortnight since you were dining here."

"Quite so," retorted the inspector, in his blandest tones. "On that occasion I found a white hair in my plate; this time I find a black one."

It is whispered that he has lost favor in that quarter now.

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It is related of a certain very matter-of-fact man that he was waked one night by a burglar at the foot of his bed, who pointed a revolver at his head.

"If you move," said the burglar, "you are a dead man."

"I beg your pardon," answered the other; "if I move it will be good proof that I am alive. You should be more careful as to the meaning of your words."

The fault of this story is that it does not tell what the burglar did then. Properly, he should have fainted, and remained in the faint until the police came and took him away.

WALLOWED HIS TEETH.

A Hamilton Man Undergoing a Curious and Painful Experience.

Hamilton, Feb. 16.—William Robart, a young man who until recently was employed as a baggageman at the Stuart street station, is suffering the unpleasant experience of carrying in his stomach a set of false teeth. Their departure from their proper place took place about two days ago, while Mr. Robart was engaged in masticating his food. They slid into his stomach without discomfort, but how to get them back easily is quite another story. They are already causing him some pain.

A CASE OF DIABETES.

No Help From Medical Men — Suffered for Many Years—Cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

North Bruce, Feb. 15.—An old and well-known settler in this township, named Thos. Brooks, who lived on lots 7 and 8 in the 14th concession, is rejoicing with his neighbors over his recent recovery, and he said:

"I was cured by using 24 boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills and as nothing else ever helped me I say they saved my life."

"I had tried all the doctors of this locality and was treated for Diabetes, hoping and suffering for years."

"From reading of cures I determined to use Dodd's Kidney Pills, and I must say that after using the first box I would have considered them reasonable at $10 a box."

BLOCKED BY SNOW.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 16.—The Great Northern Railroad is again blockaded on account of snow and storms in the Cascades.

The great lung healer is found in that excellent medicine sold as Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup. It soothes and diminishes the sensibility of the membrane of the throat and air passages, and is a sovereign remedy for all coughs, colds, hoarseness, pain, or soreness of the chest, bronchitis, etc. It has cured many when supposed to be far advanced in consumption.

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Made of finest quality web and perfect in every part, at
13c, 20c, 25c. 30c and up to 75c.
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BREAD BOARDS...

These lovely boards are very popular with thrifty housewives. They're so neat and clean. A new shipment of the 10c sort arrived yesterday. We've marked them
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to make a brisk sale.
FIRST FLOOR.

STATIONERY.

There are great attractions at our stationery department. We've only room to tell you of a few of them.

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REMEMBER

All our China and Glassware has been marked for quick selling. Every price that we ask is the lowest possible.

A TENNESSEE STORY.

Husband and Wife Commit Incendiarism and Suicide.

Bristol, Tenn., Feb. 16.—The bodies of Miller Ripley and wife, of Surgeonville, Tenn., were recovered from the Holstone River, near that place, yesterday. On Saturday they rode on horseback to Henry Sutherland's residence, which they set on fire and then jumped into the river.

Sutherland was Ripley's brother-in-law, and trouble arose on Ripley's marrying Miss Sutherland. A note in Ripley's pocket, written by his wife, requested that they both be buried in the same coffin in the same grave.

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Mongolian	Feb. 25	Feb. 27
Numidian	Mar. 11	Mar. 13
Laurentian	Mar. 25	Mar. 27
Parisian	April 8	April 10
Mongolian	April 22	April 24

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RAILWAY Time Tables

CORRECTED FEB. 10, 1897.

L. E. & D. R. R.

	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.
Leave London	6:25	10:05	.....	7:00
Arrive London	8:45	p.m. 2:05	.....	10 35

Note—Trains leaving London at 10:05 and 7:00 run to St. Thomas only.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RY.
Going East.

Depart—	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.
London	4:15	8:00	4:35
Woodstock	5:03	8:54	5:23
Galt	6:00	9:58	6:32
Guelph	.....	.....	7:45
Toronto	8:15	12 m	8:35
Peterboro	11:22	.....	11:35
	p.m.		a.m.
Kingston	4:30	.....	.....
Ottawa	4:55	.....	5:50
Montreal	7:20	.....	7:10
	a.m.	.....	p.m.
Quebec	6:30	.....	3:00
Portland, Me	8:25	.....	8:10
Boston	8:02	.....	8:30
Halifax	10:10	.....	.....

Trains arrive from the east at 11:18 a.m., 8.00 p.m., 11:20 p.m.

Going West.

Depart—	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.
London	8:15	11:25	8:10
Arrive—	m.	p.m.	
Chatham	12:30	1:02	10:15
Detroit	.....	1:50	11:15
Chicago	.....	9:45	7:55
		a.m.	
St. Louis	.....	7:30	7:52
		p.m.	a.m.
Kansas City	.....	6:20	7:00

Trains arrive from the west at 4:10 a.m., 2:40 p.m., 4:25 p.m.

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GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.
Southern Division.

MAIN LINE—Going East.

	ARRIVE.	DEPART.
*Lehigh Express (B)	3:30 a.m.	3:35 a.m.
Wabash Express	4:15 a.m.	4:20 a.m.
Accommodation	.....	8:20 a.m.
Atlantic Express (A)	12:25 p.m.	12:40 p.m.
Day Express	10:25 a.m.	2:25 p.m.
*Wabash Express (A)	4:20 p.m.	4:25 p.m.
Mixed (c)	7:10 p.m.	7:55 p.m.
Detroit Express	11:20 p.m.	.....

MAIN LINE—Going West.

	ARRIVE	DEPART.
†Chicago Express (A)	3:03 a.m.	.....
Accommodation	.....	7:00 a.m.
Lehigh Express	11:07 a.m.	.....
Wabash Express (A)	11:20 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Accommodation	12:40 p.m.	2:20 p.m.
†Pacific Express (A)	6:25 p.m.	6:45 p.m.
Mail	9:50 p.m.	.....

Sarnia Branch.

	ARRIVE.	DEPART
Lehigh Express (B)	3:30 a.m.	.....
Accommodation	8:05 a.m.	.....
Atlantic Express (B)	11:30 a.m.	.....
Accommodation	2:29 p.m.	.....
Mixed	5:35 p.m.	.....
Accommodation	7:50 p.m.	.....

Sarnia Branch.

	ARRIVE.	DEPART.
Chicago Express (B)	.....	3:10 a.m.
Accommodation	.....	7:40 a.m.
Lehigh Express (B)	.....	11:12 a.m.
Accommodation	.....	2:30 p.m.
Pacific Express (B)	.....	6:33 p.m.

London, Huron and Bruce.

	ARRIVE.	DEPART
Express	10:00 a.m.	8:15 a.m.
Mail	6:30 p.m.	4:45 p.m.

St. Marys and Stratford Branch.

	ARRIVE.	DEPART
Express	9:45 a.m.	7:15 a.m.
(D) Passenger	.....	11:10 a.m.
Express	1:10 p.m.	.....
Express	5:10 p.m.	2:40 p.m.
Express	10:30 p.m.	5:35 p.m.
(D) Mixed	.....	8:30 a.m.

Toronto Branch.

Hamilton—Depart—							
a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	----	p.m.	p.m.
*7:00	9:10	11:20	12:30	3:40	----	B*7:00	8:05
Hamilton—Arrive—							
----	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.
----	8:40	9:05	10:10	B 3:20	5:35	6:30	8:15	11:50

* These trains for Montreal.
† These trains from Montreal.
(a) Runs daily, Sundays included.
(b) Runs daily, Sundays included, but makes no intermediate stops on Sundays.
(c) Carries passengers between London and Paris only.
(d) Runs to St. Marys only, connecting for points on main line west.

E. DE LA HOOKE, City Passenger and Ticket Agent, the "Clock" corner, Richmond and Dundas streets.

MICHIGAN CENTRAL RY.

LONDON TIME.

Canada Southern Division—Going East

	Leave London.	Leave St. Thomas.
American Express (daily except Monday	9:30 a.m.	11:05 a.m.
Atlantic Express (daily)	9:30 a.m.	2:30 p.m.
Mail and Accommodation (daily except Sunday)	2:50 p.m.	3:45 p.m.
New York and Boston Special (daily)	7:40 p.m.	10:05 p.m.
Fast Eastern Express (daily)	7:40 p.m.	3:30 a.m.

Canada Southern Division—Going West

North Shore Limited (daily)	.....	6:25 a.m.
Fast Western Express (daily)	9:30 a.m.	10:35 a.m.
Detroit Accommodation, except Sunday	.....	7:35 a.m.
American Express (daily except Monday)	9:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Mail and Accommodation (daily except Sunday)	2:50 p.m.	3:40 p.m.
Pacific Express (daily)	7:40 p.m.	8:35 p.m.
Boston, New York and Chicago special (daily)	7:40 p.m.	4:10 a.m.

Trains arrive at London 7:55 a.m., 1:10 and 6:05 p.m.; depart 9:30 a.m., 2:35 and 7:40 p.m.
[NOTE.—No trains to or from London on Sundays.]

JOHN PAUL, City Passenger Agent, 395 Richmond street.

PORTUGUESE newspapers are indignant at the condition of many of the common schools in their country. One teacher wrote that he taught 74 pupils five hours a day, and that when it rained, he had to sit under an umbrella and the pupils in their straw coats, owing to a defective roof.

Whiskard's

Rebuilding and Alteration Sale

228, 230, 232 DUNDAS STREET.

NEW FUEL ADDED TO THE FLAMES.

BARGAIN SPARKS FLYING IN EVERY DIRECTION

A Blaze as Radiant as a Sunset Sky.

NO FEAR OF ANY ALARM.

It's only a Conflagration of Former Low Prices.

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MAKE YOUR PURCHASES HERE,

and make sure of two things—Your mind's worth and your money's worth. A combination of saving and satisfaction. The bargains we present for your notice are but samples of our offerings all through our stores, which it would pay you to invest your money in.

Quite a number of cases of our NEW SPRING GOODS are just to hand, and will be placed on our counters at REBUILDING AND ALTERATION SALE PRICES.

Ladies' White Waists just in, starch collar and cuffs, sale price 49c.
New Fancy Dresden Patterns, worth $1, sale price 89c.

JUST IN

Ladies' Heavy Bordered Lace Collars, worth 50c and 75c, sale price 29c and 49c each. See them in our east window.

AS TRUE AS THEY ARE BEAUTIFUL.

The fault with most beautiful things in Wash Goods, has been that their beauty was transient. Subjected to suds and elbow grease, their complexion faded away. That is why we boast of our NEW WASH PRINTS. They are beautiful as an artist's dream, and hardy as a sun-tanned maiden. You pay nothing for perfection here. Call and see them.

"A STITCH IN TIME SAVES NINE."

Every stitch of Underwear you buy here now will save you considerable in price. Our Underwear selling in February is a happy innovation for you. We sell cheaper because we buy cheaper, and then our Rebuilding and Alteration Sale makes the price still better for you.

SAMPLE CURTAINS.

Those two words are doubtless sufficient to awaken interest in the sale of this line of goods. The sample curtains are short lengths, measure about two yards more or less, consisting of Brussels Net, Nottingham, French Guipure, and Muslin Curtains. Prices this sale, 12½c, 15c, 17c, 19c each.

We hardly need to give the housewife a hint as to what she wants of these; they are used for sash curtains, chamber curtains. Always a place for them.

In addition to the curtains we have a lot of Muslin and Net Goods we are selling at nearly half price. See our west window.

Western Ontario.

Failures of the Carrick Financial Company.

The Kingsville Suicide—Sarah Jane Nelson Brings Suit for $3,000 Against the I. O. F.

The Hamilton Poultry Association will hold another exhibition from Feb. 24 to Feb. 27.

Miss Tessie Garrick, of Ingersoll, had one leg broken and the flesh torn by jumping off a bob-sleigh.

Timothy Wade, late of Wade & Lamb, pump-makers, of Stratford, died at his residence on Sunday of consumption. He leaves a wife and five of a family.

Malcolm McDonald, the 76-year-old Woodstock reprobate, charged with offenses under the Charlton Act, has been sentenced to two years in the Kingston Penitentiary with hard labor.

Inspector Alexander held an investigation into the school affair at Hampstead, and found things in such a mixed-up condition that he decided to refer the matter to the Minister of Education.

Wm. Beecher, of Zurich, is charged with forging the name of his brother Jacob and his brother-in-law, Mr. McKinley, to notes given to the Molsons Bank, Exeter, of $650. He will be tried at Windsor.

On Monday evening, at the residence of Mrs. Comrie, Myrtle street, St. Thomas, her daughter, Catherine, was united in marriage to Harry Cameron, of Port Stanley, Rev. R. McIntyre performed the ceremony.

A meeting will be held Friday evening at Yarmouth Center for the purpose of organizing a branch of the Fruit Growers' Association. Mr. Thos. Ball, of Grimsby, will be present to address the meeting.

R. M. Livingstone, of Listowel, Ont., fell off the west-bound C. P. R. train between English River and Martintown, Ontario, on Sunday, and when picked up was dead. It is thought he was en route to British Columbia.

Mr. St. Denis, Tilbury North, is suing Mr. Shoultz, of the same township, for $2,000 for false arrest and imprisonment. Shoultz recently had St. Denis arrested for alleged fraud in not paying his rent, but the case was dismissed.

J. R. Donahue, V.S., is the Government veterinary inspector for the township of Yarmouth. Dr. Donahue reports that no case of hog cholera has yet been found in the township. So far the only case he knows of is the one east of Aylmer.

There were four deaths in Stratford on Sunday night. Mr. McCaffrey, who had the misfortune to swallow a small bone, which stuck in his throat, was one. Mr. John Forbes, a wealthy money lender, also died suddenly, having been at church in the afternoon.

Miss Helen F. McGiverin, of Galt, died the other night of heart failure. She had attended the revival meeting in the Methodist Church in the evening, and when she retired to rest she seemed as well as ever. An hour or so later she was taken with a spasm, became unconscious, and never rallied.

The two-story building owned by E. G. Cristy, on West street, Waterford, and used as a trimming shop and warerooms, was totally destroyed by fire Tuesday. Everything was burned. The building was insured in the Waterloo for $300; the stock for $200 in Mercantile, and the trimming for $25.

William Farr, an employe of the Massey-Harris works, met with a peculiar accident Saturday morning. He fainted, and in falling struck his head against several mower knives which stood against the wall. The knives inflicted several painful scalp wounds, which bled profusely. Mr. Farr is at work again.

At the Methodist Church, Alvinston, on Sunday night, some one, while putting on his overcoat, knocked one of the lamps out of the bracket. Striking the floor the oil took fire and also set fire to the oil-finished woodwork. But through the presence of mind of some gentleman throwing his coat on the burning oil, the flames were extinguished.

Tilbury had another fire alarm Saturday, the brigade being called out to a small blaze in F. E. Nelles' house, at the north end of Queen street. The fire started in the upper story and burned a quantity of bedding and furniture upstairs before it was checked. Considerable damage was done by the deluge of water that was necessary to check the flames.

Since the American embargo on live stock was removed the section around Stratford has been experiencing a boom. On Saturday alone 22 cars of cattle were shipped through to Buffalo, and on Sunday evening, owing to the increased demand for transportation of freight, a special left there for Fort Erie, something that has not taken place there for years.

There were two funerals in Galt on Monday. One was that of Mrs. Hibbard, nee Miss McEwan, aged 23, of the Bell Telephone Company's office, Stratford, who was married about three weeks ago to Mr. W. P. Hibbard, of that city. The other was that of Miss Nellie McGiverin, daughter of Reeve McGiverin, who died suddenly on Saturday morning, at the age of 19.

On Saturday afternoon Edward Cheff, of Big Point, Kent, and a friend named Bray, were examining a revolver, when Bray, not knowing it was loaded, pulled the trigger. The bullet entered Cheff's face just below the eye, and lodged in his head, four inches from the place where it had entered. The wounded man was removed to St. Joseph's Hospital, Chatham, and an examination showed that it would be impossible to remove the ball.

A writ was issued Tuesday in St. Thomas in a suit began by C. St. Clair Leitch, of Dutton, against the Supreme Council, I. O. F., to compel them to pay the $3,000 insurance on the life of W. H. Nelson, who is alleged to have committed suicide. On Aug. 15 Nelson was found in the cemetery at Kingsville, dead, from a pistol shot. The widow will compel the I. O. F. to prove that death was not accidental.

An effort is being made by the friends of John Hardman, in Stratford, who is serving a four years' term in the Kingston Penitentiary, to have him released, and a petition is being circulated to that effect. Hardman made a murderous attack upon S. Cameron, the proprietor of the Albion about two years ago, with a revolver, and had it not been for Cameron's heavy notebook, wherein the bullet embedded itself, death would have been almost instantaneous. Hardman, on the same occasion, attempted to shoot the clerk of the hotel.

There died on Monday at his residence, in Chatham, Hugh F. Cumming, aged 71 years. Deceased was a resident of the city for 37 years. He sustained a stroke of apoplexy a month ago, and never really rallied therefrom. Cumming was in all respects a model citizen and exemplary Christian. He was a strong temperance man, and conducted the Scott Act campaign in Kent county. In politics he was a Liberal, and once, in 1885, contested West Kent for the Legislature, but was defeated.

The death occurred on Monday at Stratford for Mr. John C. Forbes, aged 88 years. Deceased had always been a strong, robust man, and never was confined to his bed in his life. He attended service on Sunday, and retired in the evening feeling as usual. During the night he complained of a pain in his side, but no particular notice was paid to it, and he was found dead in bed. He had died from a stroke of apoplexy. His widow, one son and four daughters survive him. Deceased came to this country in 1840, and had been in Stratford about 20 years.

During the past few weeks a series of bold robberies have taken place in Chatham and Raleigh townships. One day last week a farmer reported to the Chatham chief constable that he had had ten sheep stolen from his barnyard during the previous night. High Constable Coogan, with the assistance of several of the couty constables, arrested three men to whom the crown will endeavor to trace several of the crimes. The men are John Johnson, Geo. Hurst and Wm. Crosby, all colored.

The Carrick Financial Company, carrying on business as a private bank in Mildmay, are in financial difficulty, resulting in part from the uneasy feeling caused by the failure of Mr. Messner at Formosa. Efforts were made to get assistance from local capitalists, but although the company were able to show a good surplus, their efforts in this respect failed to obtain the requisite aid. Writs were issued against the company at the instance of Rev. S. E. Wadel, of Chepstow, for $1,919; and for $1,600 on behalf of Otto E. Klein, whereupon the company assigned to Mrs. Matthias Stroder, of Mildmay. The company is not incorporated, but includes five private parties, who own $45,000 of property. The creditors will meet on Feb. 27th.

St. Thomas Journal: Pursuant to an order of Judge Ermatinger, which was asked for, to have the plaintiff's claim dismissed for want of prosecution, counsel for Mr. A. D. Urlin has filed his statement of claim, asking $10,000 for slander from Dr. Cascaden, of Dutton, for certain statements made connecting the plaintiff with the Urlin fires. It is understood that counsel for Dr. Cascaden will plead justification. Here are some of the doctor's alleged remarks, which, in the statement of claim, objection is taken to on behalf of Mr. Urlin: "It was old Urlin did it. It was that old Urlin that set the store on fire. We saw him set the store on fire. Will I shoot him now, or will I wait till morning and have him arrested?"

A LADIES' NURSE

Of twenty years' experience tells what a blessing Indian Woman's Balm has been to her many patients.

This is to certify that I have been a ladies' nurse for the past twenty years, and I am pleased to say that for the past five years a number of my patients have used Indian Woman's Balm, and it has proved a grand success in every case. I would heartily recommend it to all ladies during pregnancy.

MRS. E. IRWIN,
Orangeville, Ont.

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Council of Women.

Third Annual Assembly of the London Branch.

Important Resolutions Passed Which Will Be Presented to the Government.

The Financial Standing of the Order—Officers Elected for the Ensuing Term—Interesting Addresses.

The third annual meeting of the London Branch of the National Council of Women was held yesterday at the "Y" rooms, Dundas street, and the delegates were out in full force. The president, Mrs. English, called the meeting to order at 4 o'clock. Silent prayer was offered, followed by the Lord's Prayer, and the business was then begun by the reading of the minutes.

THE RETIRING PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

The president, Mrs. (Rev.) E. N. English, gave a lengthy address. After referring to Lady Aberdeen as being president of the National Council of Women, she dwelt upon the fact that the body would (D. V.) meet in London, Eng., in 1898. This would be a grand gathering of the grand women from many different countries, each of whom would present the pressing necessities of the land she represented. Her Excellency had dispatched Miss Wilson to Europe to inquire what progress had been made. To her they owed much for her many kind acts and consideration. The report of Miss Wilson showed that in Norway and Denmark similar bodies to that of the Women's Council had been in operation for 25 years. In Germany the Council was in full working order, and trying hard to have the law recognize that women were capable of being legal witnesses at births and marriages, of being the guardians of their own children, when their husbands are dead, and that they have a right to dispose of their earnings. These facts showed the need of a woman's council. In Switzerland, the work was progressing, and the Queen of Italy was endeavoring to form a council in her own country. The women who were engineering the councils of Europe were of the highest rank and birth. In our own country, the work had progressed rapidly, twenty councils being in full working order. She laid stress upon the fact that a law for the better protection of women and girls was a much-needed reform in this country. She thought the age of consent should be 18 years. It was now only practically 14 years. She expressed sorrow that the Government did not see fit to restrict pauper immigration, although Mrs. Macbeth and Mrs. Tilley had made a powerful fight for this against big odds. Amendments to the factory law were being sought at Toronto by all the councils, and they were also trying to secure the passage of an act making women representation on the school boards of the province compulsory. This had been brought forward by the London council, who had acted upon the suggestion of a leading man here. She thought those who read the newspaper accounts of the proceedings would agree with him. Manual training in the schools was necessary here. Cooking, sewing and kindred arts tended to make home happy. The Hamilton Board of Education had been opposed to this, because, they said, they would not have 100 students, but they were greatly surprised, for 700 people applied for its introduction. Mrs. English drew attention to the proposed organization of the Order of Home Helpers. People here at home could ring up a doctor and call for medical help if their finger ached, but in parts of the country, doctors and patients were many miles apart. A series of drawing-room meetings had been arranged, where this matter could be talked over, and information given. She thanked them for past kindnesses and asked all to realize their individual responsibility for the council's work, by attending the meetings and promoting good to those they have never seen. Three years ago they had launched their bark in London, and they had prospered under the support and encouragement they had received.

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

After a vote of thanks to the retiring president, moved by Mrs. Tilley, Miss M. D. Macdonald, the recording secretary, submitted her report. She said: Another year of earnest effort and we have come to this time for retrospection. Those of us who have been engaged in the work cannot but feel that it has broadened our views and quickened our perceptions of the great needs of those less fortunate than ourselves. In looking over the work of the past year, we find that it has been co-operative rather than strictly local; aiding and supporting such resolutions and amendments to laws and propagating such schemes as are considered much needed reforms for the national good, particularly among women and children. Among the more important of these will be found the following:

The better care of the insane and imbeciles, who are now treated like criminals in jails before expert medical testimony is procured.

The length of working hours for girls and women.

An amendment to the law on deteriorating literature.

The better protection of women and children, to which Sir Oliver Mowat has promised his earnest and sympathetic consideration.

A resolution giving justices power to clear the court rooms when cases of a delicate nature are to be tried.

To provide a covered conveyance when taking prisoners to and from the jail.

A resolution asking the Governor-General that provision be made for the suffering endured in the outlying districts of Canada and the Northwest, where medical aid is so difficult of access. Accompanying the resolution is a scheme for that purpose, and it is suggested as a suitable commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year, that the proposed organization be known as the Victorian Order of Home Helpers.

The report goes on to speak of the failure of women to obtain a seat on the school board, and hopes for success next year. It says marked progress has been made in regard to manual training in the public schools. Some 300 cards had been printed and distributed throughout the various homes. The sum of $104 had been raised and forwarded for the assistance of those in distress in Armenia. The report closes with a tribute to Mrs. Mathewson, whose death occurred early last summer.

FINANCES.

Miss A. E. Mackenzie, the treasurer, submitted her report, showing the receipts to have been $29 28, and expenditures $25 32, leaving a cash balance on hand of $3 96.

THE NEW OFFICERS.

Mrs. Jarvis and Mrs. (Rev.) Sage were appointed scrutineers, and the election of officers, which was not announced until the evening meeting, resulted as follows:

President—Mrs. Boomer.
First Vice-President—Mrs. Gahan.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. (Rev.) E. B. Sage.
Third Vice-President—Mrs. Shanly.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. (Rev.) E. N. English.
Recording Secretary—Miss D. M. Macdonald.
Treasurer—Miss Mackenzie.

A resolution was passed doing away with the bylaw restricting the terms of officers, and making it optional for them to retain the office as long as they desired.

A resolution approving of the organization of a finance committee for each council was also passed.

Mrs. Shanly reported progress on the Indian famine fund committee's work. So far $81 had been collected.

LITERATURE.

Mrs. Tilley addressed the gathering on deteriorating literature. She advised every member to read the verbatim report on pernicious literature, presented and adopted at the last national council, held at Montreal in May last. Many prohibited publications were finding their way into the country through the mails. One of these had been exposed for sale in Toronto. She purchased it, and this, together with the name and address of the bookseller, she had handed to the presidentof the council in that city to deal with. She characterized the circulation of immoral literature among the young as one of the greatest evils of the day. It was this that corrupted the mind, and led the young away. She advised all to do as she had done when they saw evil literature exposed for sale. She closed her remarks by appealing to those present to exercise eternal vigilance with a view to preventing the circulation of deteriorating literature.

A vote of thanks was passed, and the meeting adjourned for luncheon at 6 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

After devotional exercises, the scrutineers announced the result of the balloting for officers. The attendance was quite large.

Mrs. Boomer, the newly-elected president, addressed the gathering, thanking them for the honor they had done her. Her acceptance of the post was only a temporary one, but while she occupied the position she would do her best. She spoke of the moral and mental uplifting of the women and children, and the national enthusiasm for Canada which the National Council had sought to bring about. The National Council of Women had been productive of "the new woman," but the political organizations were finding out that she was not as the "old woman." They could not be approached, as of old, and induced to side in with political schemers. To the new woman belonged the opportunities that were denied to her grandmother, and it was by that means that the great advances were being made. She stood before them as "a new woman."

A resolution that the council co-operate with other councils in petitioning the Government to pass a law making it compulsory to have a proportionate number of women on the school boards in all cities, towns and villages, was presented by Mrs. Shanly.

Mrs. Gahan, a school teacher, said some teachers were loth to say anything in favor of women trustees, because they thought it an implication that they had some fault to find with the present trustees. They had no fault to find. In ealmost every case the lady teachers would say that they were always treated with the greatest courtesy by the present trustees. However, as the great majority of teachers were women, and half, if not more, of the scholars were girls, there ought to be some representation on the school board. It was felt, too, that many cases would arise which the lady teachers would be better able to discuss with a lady trustee.

Mrs. Levine spoke in favor of the appointment of ladies to the board. It would fill a long-felt want.

Mrs. Boomer spoke of the effort to secure representation last January. At Victoria, B. C., a woman headed the polls. At St. John, N. B., the Legislature had asked the council to nominate two women to the board of that city.

Mrs. English—What a glorious Legislature!

Mrs. Tilley also favored the resolution, which was unanimously adopted.

A resolution regarding the desirability of giving justices power to clear the court in cases of a delicate nature, and that it be suggested to local councils that similar powers be sought for in provincial courts, was adopted.

In this connection, the meeting also considered the advisability of conveyances being provided for all cities for conveying prisoners to and from the jail, as the liability of making confirmed criminals of young people, by taking them handcuffed through the streets where they were known, was great, in addition to the demoralizing effect on the spectators, and especially on school children, who get familiarized with this sight as they go to school.

The movement received warm support.

The council indorsed the formation of the Victorian Order of Home Helpers for the Northwest in commemoration of the Queen's diamond jubilee.

Mrs. Gahan read a very interesting paper on "Home Reading Circles."

Delegates to the National Council were appointed: Mrs. Boomer, Mrs. Shanly, Miss Carling, Mrs. Macbeth and Mrs. McLean; substitutes, Mrs. McKinnon, Mrs. Leonard, Mrs. English, Miss Priddis, Miss Graydon and Miss Cannom.

Annan Water

"Annan Water's wading deep,
And my love Annie's wondrous bonny;
I will keep my tryst tonight,
And win the heart o' lovely Annie."

He's loupen on his bonny grey,
He rade the right gate and the ready;
For a' the storm he wadna stay,
For seeking o' his bonny lady.

And he has ridden o'er field and fell,
Through muir and moss, and stones and mire;
His spurs o' steel were sair to bide,
And frae her four feet flew the fire.

"My bonny grey, noo play your part!
Gin ye be the steed that wins my dearie,
Wi' corn and hay ye'se be fed for aye,
And never spur sall mak' you wearie."

The grey was a mare, and a right gude mare;
But when she wan the Annan Water,
She couldna hae found the ford that night
Had a thousand merks been wadded at her.

"O boatman, boatman, put off your boat,
Put off your boat for gouden money!"
But for a' the goud in fair Scotland,
He dared na tak' him through to Annie.

"O I was sworn sae late yestreen,
Not by a single aith, but mony.
I'll cross the drumly stream tonight,
Or never could I face my honey."

The side was stey, and the bottom deep,
Frae bank to brae the water pouring;
The bonny grey mare she swat for fear,
For she heard the water-kelpy roaring.

He spurred her forth into the flood,
I wot she swam both strong and steady;
But the stream was broad, her strength did fail,
And he never saw his bonny lady.

O wae betide the frush saugh wand!
And wae betide the bush of brier!
That bent and brake into his hand,
When strength of man and horse did tire.

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Fearful of the Consequences.

The European powers may believe in the justice of the demand of the people of Crete. They may agree with the verdict of Christendom generally that the Cretans have been shamefully treated by their Moslem rulers, who, unable to rule themselves, have yet insisted on commanding these islanders with a rod of iron, refusing them even the reasonable modicum of home rule which they have time and again been promised.

The trouble feared is the after-effects of the cession of Crete to Greece. If Crete were able, by the insurrection which has taken place, and the backing of Greece, to force the controlling powers to release her from Turkish serfdom, what would prevent Macedonia and other Turkish provinces in which Christians predominate from following suit? That would mean warfare of the most aggressive kind, in which the Sultan would likely get the worst of it unless one or more of the powers intervened in his behalf. But in view of the horror caused by the Turkish atrocities, it would be a most unpopular thing for any European Government to take the field to preserve the Turkish Empire from the effects of its own misrule.

The avoidance of widespread insurrection in the Sultan's domains, and the consequent break-up of Moslem sovereignty, is what the powers who are now interfering with the fate of Crete desire to prevent. It is not present results, but the momentous contingencies that the European rulers desire most of all to avert or postpone.

The Sick Man of Europe has many unwilling nurses, but they fear the sequel to his funeral. Hence their extraordinary efforts in the present crisis.

"Remarried widows" who have been in receipt of pensions from the United States Government are in luck. Congress has decided that their pensions cannot be taken from them, though they take a "new man."

London After a Thaw.

As usual, after a thaw, the majority of the streets of this city have been far from creditable to those charged with their proper maintenance. Unlike most other centers of population of the first class, London has relied on the snow plow to clean the sidewalks after every storm. Sections 41 and 42 of the bylaw relating to streets and sidewalks are very explicit in their provisions for the removal of snow and ice from the streets in the center of the city. They enact that occupant, and in case there is no occupant, the owner, of any house, building or lot fronting or abutting on Dundas street, between Ridout and Wellington streets; Richmond street, between the G. T. R. and Maple street; King street, between Clarence street and Ridout street; Talbot street, between York street and Carling street, and Clarence street, from Dundas to York, shall remove and clear away all snow and ice from the sidewalk, and to the breadth of one foot out of the drain, water course or gutter on the side of the highway nearest to the house, building or lot. If this very necessary work is not undertaken within the first four hours of daylight after any fall of snow, hail or rain which shall freeze on the sidewalks or in the drains, etc., or fall of snow from any building, or if the work is neglected for 24 hours after receiving notice from the city engineer or any member of the police force, the city engineer is empowered to make the necessary clearance and have the cost charged against the premises as a special assessment, to be recovered by the city clerk in the usual way. A somewhat similar provision is made for the timely removal of snow or ice from roofs in the section of the city described.

Outside of these half-dozen blocks, however, the city regulations make no adequate provision for the proper cleaning of the sidewalks after a snow storm. There is a section in the bylaw which enacts that the city engineer shall cause the snow to be removed from all streets not included in the district named; but that official is directed not to order the use of the plows until there has been a fall of snow of four inches or over. London was the first city to provide a snow plow service, and there can be no doubt that the citizens thoroughly appreciate the expeditious manner in which the streets are made passable after every snow storm.

But the snow plow does not clean the sidewalks. It only makes a passageway through, piling up the snow on either side, and leaving an inch or more on the sidewalks. When a thaw sets in, this passageway becomes a mass of slush, to which contributions are made by the snow heaped up on either side. Alternate freezing and thawing aggravates matters and sorely tries the temper of pedestrians.

Is it not possible to devise an improvement in the care of our sidewalks during the winter months? Our city is an ideal place of residence in the summer, but this winter defect requires radical treatment. It seems impossible to get citizens to voluntarily remove all the snow from the sidewalks opposite their properties after every storm, and the great extent of territory over which the city extends has rendered it difficult to secure the passage of a bylaw compelling citizens to keep the sidewalks in a passable condition. In some cities—notably in Hamilton—every tenant or owner of property has to remove his or her share of the snow from the sidewalk opposite the property owned or occupied. If it is not entirely removed in a few hours after a snowfall ceases, the offender is summoned and compelled to pay $1 fine. In the case of vacant lots or unoccupied property the snow is removed by city officials, and the cost charged to the property.

It seems to be necessary to provide for the removal of the snow from London sidewalks by similar effective measures—at least, in all the leading thoroughfares. The bylaw now in force is altogether too restricted in its operations. Our sidewalks, after every thaw, are a disgrace to a civilized community.

The Montreal Star thus sizes up the recent political attacks on Hon. Geo. W. Ross: "The Ontario Opposition are now attacking Minister of Education Ross for giving the Province too good a school system. That ought to be a capital way for them to keep their present job."

Edward Blake's Views.

It is noteworthy that the newspapers which insinuated that the cable summary of Hon. Edward Blake's indorsation of the Manitoba school settlement misrepresented the distinguished statesman's views are not printing the statement in full as it has been received by mail.

Mr. Blake was counsel for the minority when the case was before the Privy Council. He best knows what the Privy Council meant by its decision and he affirms that no better settlement for the minority could have been made by the Dominion Parliament.

A Prosperous Institution.

The Ontario Loan and Debenture Company, of London, of which Mr. John McClary, the well-known manufacturer, is president, held its annual meeting the other day, and unanimously indorsed the satisfactory report presented to it. This report, with the president's remarks, is given in another column. The company paid two half-yearly dividends of 3 1-4 per cent each on the year's business, put an additional $8,000 to the reserve fund, and made ample provision for any depreciation in property in the company's hands. The reserve fund now amounts to the large sum of $170,000, and the balance at credit of the revenue account is $1,711,346 43.

It is satisfactory to note that the president expresses the belief that bottom has been reached in the era of low prices for farm produce, which has caused depression in land values, and that a brighter outlook presents itself. The Ontario Loan and Debenture Company has been established for over a quarter of a century, and enters on the new year with good prospects for a successful year's business. It is carefully managed, and affords the best results possible to its shareholders and customers.

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Chicago Daily Tribune

"Mr. Gibbons," said the teacher of the class in rhetoric, "point out the absurdity in this figure of speech: 'At this time the Emperor Frederick hatched out a scheme,' etc."

"It seems to me all right," replied the young man, after some reflection.

"It does? Explain, if you please, how he could have 'hatched out' a scheme."

"Well, he might have had his mind set on it."

HOW DIFFERENT IS THE REALIZATION.

Atchison Globe.

Every girl who reads novels counts on receiving her proposals of marriage in a dimly lighted conservatory, with the strains of the "Blue Danube" waltz floating in from the ball-room.

English View of Mr. Laurier.

A Sketch Written by a London Correspondent.

A Chat on Political Affairs and Public Matters.

The Premier Speaks of the Future of Canada—He Made a Good Impression.

The correspondent of the London Mail who went through Canada has written as follows concerning Mr. Laurier:

"Entrez, monsieur," said the attendant, and I was forthwith ushered into a large, well-lighted room, with a great desk in its center. The window looked out upon the central Parliament building and upon the river, but I had no time to study the view; for I had scarce been seated when I heard a step, a side door opened, and in walked—Mr. Willard, the actor.

At least, under other circumstances, the illusion would have been complete. There was the height and slim figure, the high brow, the sallow complexion, the long, gray hair, and, above all, the long, firm upper lip, and the color and expression of the eye. Age our clever English actor by ten years, and you have Mr. Wilfrid Laurier, the brilliant French-Canadian, who has become Prime Minister of the Dominion of Canada.

"I am very glad indeed to see you," he observed heartily, as he shook hands and bade me sit down. Mr. Laurier's pronunciation carries with it only the very slightest trace of Gallic accent, chiefly noticeable when he emphasizes the final syllable of certain words, as "Parliament" and "Empire," instead of the first. His attire, I must say, suggests the Englishman—even the English actor—in its predominant bright colors, especially in cravat and waistcoat, the high encircling collar, and the diamond horseshoe pin. It is plain that the Canadian Premier is not one of those great political spirits who affect either a studied disorder or a contempt for dress.

The beginnings of our conversation were, curiously enough, directed to English literature. Mr. Laurier is a staunch admirer, and an omnivorous reader, during his scant leisure, of the present day of English novelists.

"English literature is the greatest tie of all between England and America. Any tie must be sentiment, and literature is sentiment. It seems to me that every English author writes first for these transatlantic peoples and secondly for the people of England—and his best work appears first in America."

Mr. Laurier then went on to express his belief that there would

NEVER BE A WAR

between Great Britain and the United States, and the thing that would for ever kill the present friction, caused by international jealousy, would be a war between Britain and another power.

"Suppose Britain were in actual danger; then you would see where the sympathy of the Americans would be. They can afford to rail at the old country themselves; but let all Europe threaten, and you would see how quickly they would take her part."

"There is a great deal of curiosity, not in England alone, Mr. Laurier," I said, "with reference to where your own sympathies lie."

My interlocutor looked at me curiously, then he leant forward, and replied in a very earnest, animated manner:

"I see you have been reading some of the Opposition newspapers, in which I am charged with being an anti-imperialist, a commercial unionist, and annexationist, even. They have not taken the trouble heretofore to ask me point-blank what I am, and what my policy in that respect is. I am, therefore, the more gratified to be able to tell you. I am a Britisher; and my policy is British. It is true I am seeking to cultivate better trade relations with the United States, because I believe that at present, for a vast volume of our perishable products, it is the nearest and most natural market. But as time goes on—with improved conditions—we may afford, having built up the imperial trade, to become independent of our neighbors. It is laid down as a general proposition that 'trade follows the flag.' I believe in this dictum; but I should suggest an amendment. It should be, trade follows the British flag. The trade lines of the empire will ultimately be political lines."

"As for Canada," pursued the Premier, "with increase of population will come increase of facilities for inter-imperial trade; and with increase of population, too, will come a demand to be heard in the councils of the empire. We are but 5,000,000 people now; we can wait. But when we are 10,000,000 it means that we must either cut loose from Great Britain or become a part of Great Britain, England must take Canada and her other colonies into

A REGULAR PARTNERSHIP,

with a proportionate control and responsibility in respect to imperial affairs. Were I," added Mr. Laurier, significantly, "twenty-five years of age instead of some fifty, I confidently believe I should some day sit in Westminster as one of the representatives of the Dominion of Canada."

"How do you regard the Duke of Devonshire's imperial defense scheme?"

"I cannot say that I sympathize with it. It is not within the bounds of practical politics here. In time of war, Canada's arm is at the service of the empire; but in time of peace no Canadian Minister could raise a cent for war purposes. As to a zollverein or a system of preferential trade between Canada and the mother country, that is a matter whose aspect is undergoing incessant change. Certain things are happening which may shed a new light upon it, and make it nearer and more feasible. There is the agitation for a West Indian sugar bounty, for example, or, as an alternative, a tax upon European beet root sugar. I can well understand that this might prove the thin end of

THE PROTECTION WEDGE,

although, for my part, I cannot believe that the British electorate would stand having the price of its sugar raised—even to benefit its own British refiners and the West Indian sugar planters. But, after all, a cry can be made of anything, as we politicians know too well. If, then, the West Indies are thus favored, why not the Canadian wheat-grower and butter-maker. The proposal is to tax everything that enters a Canadian port that has not come from a British or colonial port. Of course, this would mean immense prosperity for our staple industries, but is the time ripe for this?"

"What interests the Dominion and its people more than anything else at the present moment?"

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"You refer to the British Columbian mines?"

"The magnet I refer to is gold. It is

THE MOST POWERFUL MANGET

in immigration. It brings farmers as well as miners, artisans and professors, and one has only to travel through the Northwest to feel that the future settlement of that part of of Canada is assured. Towns and villages are springing up in a night, and there is plenty of good land to spare."

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"HOWARD GRAY,
"Cashier Commercial Bank."

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Wheat in Chicago Goes Back to Ante-War-Scare Figures.

Marked Improvement in the Cattle Trade at Toronto.

Local Market.

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

WEEKLY REVIEW.

London, Wednesday, Feb. 17.

Wheat per bu	75c to 75c
Oats, per bu	13 1-2c to 19 1-2c
Peas, per bu	36c to 42c
Corn, per bu	25c to 31c
Buckwheat, per bu	24c to 26 1-2c
Rye, per bu	22c to 28c
Barley, per bu	20c to 29c
Beans, per bu	25c to 40c

Today's session closed a week with few changes, quietness prevailing in every line.

The volume of trade done was quite large, the demands for all kinds of produce being equal to the supply.

The following list gives latest values for the leading lines:

GRAIN.			
Wheat, white, per 100 lbs	1 25	to	1 25
Wheat, red per 100 lbs	1 25	to	1 25
Wheat, spring per 100 lbs	1 25	to	1 25
Oats, per 100 lbs	40	to	57
Peas per 100 lbs	60	to	74
Corn per 100 lbs	45	to	55
Barley, per 100 lbs	42	to	60
Rye, per 100 lbs	40	to	45
Beans, bu	25	to	40
Buckwheat, per 100 lbs	40	to	50
PROVISIONS.			
Honey	8	to	12
Cheese, per lb	10	to	12
Eggs single dozen	15	to	16
Eggs fresh, basket, per doz	13	to	14
Eggs, fresh, store lots, per doz	12	to	12
Butter single rolls per lb	15	to	16
Butter, per lb 1 lb rolls, baskets	12	to	14
Butter per lb, large rolls or crocks	10	to	12
Butter, per lb, tubs or firkins	9	to	12
Lard, per lb		to	7
MEAT, HIDES, ETC			
Beef, quarters, per lb	3½	to	5
Mutton quarters, per lb	5	to	6
Veal, quarters, per lb	3	to	5
Lamb, quarter	8	to	9
Dressed hogs, 100 lb	4 50	to	5 75
Live hogs	3 60	to	3 60
Hides, No. 1, per lb	6	to	6
Hides, No. 2, per lb	5	to	5
Hides, No. 3, per lb	4	to	4
Calfskins, green	4	to	6
Calfskins, dry, each	..	to	..
Sheepskins, each	50	to	80
Lambskins, each	50	to	70
Wool, per lb	18	to	18
Tallow, rendered, per lb	3	to	3
Tallow, rough, per lb	1½	to	2
HAY AND SEED			
Hay per ton	7 00	to	8 00
Straw, per load	2 00	to	3 50

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English Markets.

(Beerbohm's Report by Cable.)

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 17.—Closing—12:45 p.m.

Wheat—Spot quiet; demand poor; futures steady and unchanged.

Corn—Spot firm; futures quiet and unchanged.

Bacon—Steady; demand moderate: Cumberland cut, 28 to 30 lbs. 27s; short ribs, 20 to 24 lbs. 25s; long clear light, 35 to 38 lbs. 25s 6d; long clear heavy, 40 to 45 lbs. 24s 6d; short clear backs, light, 18 lbs. 24s 6d; short clear middles heavy, 45 to 50 lbs. 23s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs 27s 6d.

Shoulders—Square, 12 to 18 lbs. 25s 6d.

Hams—Short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., 40s.

Tallow—Fine North American, 18s.

Beef—Extra India mess, 60s; prime mess, 48s 9d.

Pork—Prime mess, fine western, 45s; medium western, 40s.

Lard—Quiet; prime western, 23s; refined in pails 23s 6d.

Cheese—Dull; demand moderate: finest American white (Sept.), 58s 6d; finest American colored (Sept.), 59s 6d.

Butter—Finest United States, 90s; good, 55s.

Turpentine spirits—20s 9d.

Rosin, common—5s.

Cotton seed oil—Liverpool refined, 15s 6d.

Linseed oil—16s 3d.

Petroleum—Refined, 6½d.

Refrigerator beef—Forequarter, 4d; hindquarter, 5½d.

Hops—At London (Pacific Coast), £3 15s.

Bleaching powder, hard wood, f.o.b., Liverpool, £6 15s.

The Oil Market.

PETROLEA

Petrolea, Feb. 16.—Oil opened and closed at $1 52.

OIL CITY PRICES.

Oil City, Pa., Feb. 16.—Prices of crude oil today per barrel are as follows: Tiona, $1 01; Pennsylvania, 91c; North Lima, 56c; Corning, 81c; Newcastle, 66c; South Lima, 51c. Indiana, 51c.

RECENT PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT.

The Oil, Paint and Drug Reporter says: "The summing up of operations in the various petroleum fields during the month of January presents some interesting features. In the fields producing what is commonly designated as Pennsylvania crude, including those located in this state, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and a part of Ohio, the amount of new work under way has fallen off greatly, due to the lower prices realized for the product, and to the severity of the weather, which has, in some sections, made development work practically impossible. The new production also shows a large falling off, and, compared with the progress made in other sections, Pennsylvania has suffered in importance. As the old fields are pretty thoroughly exploited, and the average production of its new wells continue small, Pennsylvania may have to take a back seat, as Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and other states are increasing in importance as producers of petroleum. Notwithstanding the severe weather, there were more wells completed in the Ohio fields during January than during December, and the new production shows an increase of over 1,000 barrels. The total number of wells completed during January in the Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York, West Virginia and Indiana fields was 388, which shows the decrease to be 76 wells. The production of the January wells at the close of the month was 16,580 barrels, which is a decrease of 2,327 barrels."

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 16.—Wheat today worked its way back to where it was prior to the fright caused by the Cretan situation. The market opened from ⅜c to 1c under yesterday's close, and declined another cent during the session. There was a steadier tone near the close. Closing Liverpool cables quoted 1d to 1½d decline from yesterday's close, Continental cables were lower. May wheat opened from 74½c to 74⅝c; sold between 74⅝c and 73⅝c, closing at 74c—1½c to 1⅝c under yesterday. Cash wheat was weak, and 1c to 1½c lower. Corn declined ⅜c to ½c, and oats ⅛c. Provisions were lower.

The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—No. 2 Feb., 72½c; May, 74c; July, 70½c; Sept., 68⅝c.

Corn—No. 2 Feb., 21⅝c; May, 23½c; July, 24⅝c; Sept., 26c to 26⅛c.

Oats—No. 2 Feb., 14⅝c; May, 16⅝c; July, 17⅛c to 17⅜c.

Mess pork—May, $7 87½; July, $8 02½.

Lard—May, $3 92½; July, $4.

Short ribs—May, $4 02½; July, $4 10.

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour steady: No. 2 spring wheat, 72½c to 73⅝c; No. 3 spring wheat, 72c; No. 2 red, 83⅝c to 84⅝c; No. 2 corn, 21⅝c; No. 2 oats, 15⅛c to 15⅜c; No. 2 rye, 32½c; No. 2 barley, 33c; No. 1 flaxseed, 74c to 76c; prime timothy seed, $2 55; mess pork, $7 80 to $7 85; lard, $3 82½ to $3 85; short rib sides, $3 90 to $4 15; dry salted shoulders, $4 25 to $4 50; short clear sides, $4 12½ to $4 25.

Receipts—			
Flour	10,000	Wheat	21,000
Corn	384,000	Oats	571,000
Rye	5,000	Barley	95,000
Shipments—			
Flour	13,000	Wheat	27,000
Corn	116,000	Oats	172,000
Rye	....	Barley	36,000

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Live Stock Markets.

NEW YORK.

New York, Feb. 16.—Beeves—No arrivals reported; no trading; feeling steady.

Calves—Receipts, 37 head; nominally steady.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 868 head; demand slack; medium to prime sheep, $3 70 to $4 50; fair to prime lambs, $5 to $5 40.

Hogs—Receipts, 2,721 head; nominally firm at $3 75 to $4 15; pigs, $4 10 to $4 30.

Cables from London and Liverpool markets quote American steers at 10c to 11½c, per lb, dressed weight; American refrigerated beef, 9c to 9½c per lb; American sheep, 8c to 9c, dressed weight.

EAST BUFFALO.

East Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 16.—Cattle—Receipts, 34 cars through; 1 car on sale; market steady; old to fair fat cows, $2 to $2 40; bulls, $2 65 to $3 25; extra, $3 50 to $3 75; common to good veals, $4 to $4 65; choice to extra, $6 50 to $6 75.

Hogs—Receipts, 3 cars through; 8 cars on sale; market higher; Yorkers, $3 85 to $3 90; mixed packers, $3 85; mediums, $3 80; pigs, $3 75 to $3 85; roughs, $3 10 to $3 25; stags, $2 25 to $2 75.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 2 cars through; 22 cars on sale; market steady for lambs, firm for sheep; choice to extra heavy lambs, $4 90 to $5 75; fair to good, $4 40 to $4 75; export lambs, $5 15 to $5 25; mixed sheep, good to choice, $3 85 to $4; culls to good, $2 25 to $3 25; export ewes, $3 75 to $4.

At the close: Cattle—Only a few odds and ends from yesterday's offerings held over and trade of a peddling order; prospects fair.

Sheep and Lambs—22 cars on sale; fair demand; choice to best lams, $5 to $5 15; a few choice to exporters at $5 15 to $5 25; common to good, $4 40 to $4 90; mixed sheep, good to choice, $3 90 to $4; common to fairly good, $3 35 to $3 75; good heavy export ewes $3 75 to $4, with wethers quotable at $4 15 to $4 35; closed fairly steady; all sold.

Hogs—10 cars on sale; opened with only 5 cars and prices for Yorkers 5c to 10c higher; after the first flurry the advance was lost; choice pigs and Yorkers, $3 80 to $3 85; heavies and mediums sold at $3 65 to $3 80, mostly $3 70 to $3 75, with top prices for medium weights; closed slow and weak.

The Mercantile Review says: "J. Rothrock, of Washington Court House, Ohio, one of the old-time shippers to this market, was here yesterday and purchased 7 loads of Canada feeding cattle to ship back to Ohio to feed, making about 20 loads of these choice Canadian feeders that Mr. Rothrock has purchased since the embargo was raised prohibiting the importation of Canadian cattle. Mr. Rothrock is an experienced cattle feeder, and firmly believes that the Canada feeding steers will make the best of cattle when fed to good weights, and suitable for any market that wants choice stock."

TORONTO.

Toronto, Feb. 16.—Trade today was better than for some time. There was a large attendance of butchers from the United States. Everything sold easily, and the market was cleaned up for the first time in several weeks. There were shipped over the C. P. R. 7 cars of cattle, by way of Portland, for the old country, and 5 cars of butchers' cattle for Montreal, and by the Grand Trunk 7 cars of cattle were shipped for Buffalo, 1 for New York city, 2 cars for Bellevue, Mich., and 2 cars via Portland for the old country.

Hogs were firmer. Receipts were 50 cars, including 200 sheep and lambs, 1,200 hogs and 18 calves. The total receipts for last week were 2,220 cattle, 353 sheep and lambs, and 4,732 hogs. Weigh fees, $198 98. Butchers' cattle—There was a good demand and everything sold easily at good prices. Quotations were about 1-8c better than last week. Common cattle ruled at 2 1-2c per lb; medium at 2 3-4c; good to choice, 3c to 3 1-4c, and one or two fancy head for local killing sold at 3 1-2c. Some good butchers' cattle are wanted. There is little or no demand for poor cattle. Export cattle—There were not many in. Trade was fair. Prices were from 3 1-2c to 4c per lb. Some fancy cattle, taken to complete a load, of an average of 1,125 lbs, brought 4 1-2c per lb, which was the highest price paid. Some export bulls sold from 3c to 4c per lb. Good bulls will bring the latter price; some are wanted. Stockers and feeders—There was a good attendance of American buyers, and all offering were sold by noon, and prices were firm, ruling from 2 1-2c to 2 3-4c for light stockers, and from 3c to 3 1-2c for good feeders. Reports from the Canadian agents in Buffalo show a firmer market there, there being a good demand from Texas and southern parts of the United States.

Sheep and Lambs—Sheep, both butchers' and export, sell slowly at $3 to $4 each; lambs were firm, those weighing from 90 to 100 lbs, good grain fed, bringing $4 50 to $4 70 per cwt, and those weighing 120 lbs, grain fed, being 4 1-2c per lb. The lambs, to bring the top price, must not be too heavy. Calves steady; offerings light; prices ruled from $4 to $6 each; all sold. Choice veals wanted. Milch cows and springers—About 17 head were offered; they all sold easily at $18 to $36 each, the latter being paid for one good cow. A few good cows are wanted.

Hogs—In spite of heavy offerings the market was firmer, choice hogs advancing 1-8c; good singers sold at 4 1-2c to 4 5-8c per lb—weighed off the cars. Thick fat hogs were steady at $3 60 per cwt; some 3c.

THE HORSE MARKET.

Buffalo, Feb. 16.—Horses—600 head on sale Monday; market active on good local and foreign demand; common horses were slow and blemished stock almost unsalable.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Feb. 17.—Hogs—Receipts, 50,000; left over, 2,000; fairly active and generally 10c lower; light, $3 35 to $3 52 1-2; mixed, $3 30 to $3 47 1-2; heavy, $3 15 to $3 45; rough, $3 15 to $3 20.

Cattle—Receipts, 17,000; weak and fully 10c lower; beeves, $3 45 to $5 25; cows and heifers, $1 80 to $4 10; Texas steers, $3 to $4 10; stockers and feeders, $3 20 to $4 10.

Sheep—Receipts, 17,000; weak and 10c lower.

Woodmen of the World.

Annual Meeting of the Head Camp in London.

Report of the Head Clerk, Mr. W. C. Fitzgerald.

Gratifying Progress During the Year—Important Recommendations Made—The Finances—The Leading Officers Present.

The annual meeting of the Woodmen of the World commenced in their rooms in the Huron and Erie building this morning at 11 o'clock. No legislation or election of officers took place, the meeting being principally to receive the reports of officers and find out the standing of the society. The society is one that appeals strongly to Canadians, and particularly to Londoners. Its head office is here, and it is purely Canadian. It is also recommended by both Provincial and Dominion Governments.

The following officers were present: C. C. Hodgens, H.C.C., Lucan; Wm. Fuller, P.H.C.C., Moses Clarke, H.A.L., W. C. Fitzgerald, H.C., and T. H. Luscombe, H.B., London; W. S. Harrison, H.P., Toronto; R. H. Blackmore, H.E.C., St. Thomas; G. M. Harris, H.S., Kincardine; W. G. McMillen, H.N., London; M. McGugan, H.M., Mount Brydges; J. E. Hill, H.M., St. Thomas; James Ferguson, H.M., Strathroy; D. Cinnamon, H.W., Oshawa; W. H. Storey, H.W., Acton; C. F. Height, Frome.

The delegates were the following: Thomas Meek, St. Thomas; John Rankin, Seaforth; Jas. Winters, Hyde Park; George F. Morris, London; John Betts, Mount Brydges; G. H. Wilson, Woodstock; U. A. Buchner, London; R. A. Hill, New Durham; George H. Orrange, Bothwell; R. T. Shoebottom, Ballymote; J. L. Crawford, Aylmer; Peter Bowey, Ilderton; Robt. Bedgood, Thorndale; J. Dundas, Iona Station; and Dr. W. M. English, London.

The reports presented were from the head council commander, C. C. Hodgins, the head clerk, W. C. Fitzgerald; head banker, T. H. Luscombe; head managers, head physician, and head organizer, all of which were received, and referred to the sessional committee on reports and resolutions.

THE HEAD CLERK'S REPORT.

The chief business was the presentation of the report of the head clerk, Mr. W. C. Fitzgerald, which was deeply interesting to the delegates.

The opening paragraphs were as follows:

"From an examination of the exhibits which I annex hereto, you will find that our net gain is very gratifying indeed, and on comparing the result of the year's work with that of other orders for the same period, you will find that we have done better than any other society in Canada, if you take into consideration our resources available to compete with the old established assurance institutions.

"A net gain of 50 per capita is surely something to feel proud of, and which should stimulate our members to unite, one and all, and to assist in making this order the greatest of them all.

"This order having made such a phenomenal success during the short period of its existence, and during a time when the whole country is in financial embarrassment, you might say, having secured a charter second to none, and having begun business on the most approved plan, should be almost sufficient to insure success.

"Some of our sister societies have been called down (as it were) by the authorities, but I am glad to say that our order is clear of anything that would render itself liable to be dealt with in a similar way."

The report then dealt with the question of rates. "From an inspection of the exhibits annexed hereto, you will be able to come to the conclusion that the action of the Head Camp at its last annual session in raising the rates on the lower ages did not come any too soon. At this session I deem it my duty to place on record my opinion that the rates upon those members who were admitted prior to the 1st of March, 1896, are not adequate to carry the insurance held by them."

THE RATES.

Taking 1896 as a fair test, Mr. Fitzgerald did not think the old rates adequate, as the amount collected for assessments was not sufficient to meet the claims of those members who died during the same period. There was no doubt but that this difficulty, to a large extent, would be met by the advent of new members on the new rate, and the reduction of the number of $3,000 policies. The question of the raising of the old rates was a matter for very serious consideration. On it depended the existence of the order. If any change were made it might result in great loss of members, but if it is necessary, it should be done while the order was practically in its infancy, rather than to wait a number of years, and then say to a large membership, "You have not been paying enough; you must pay more." The matter should be fully discussed by the subordinate camps, so that at the annual meeting in 1898 sound advice could be given and a well-considered verdict arrived at.

VESTED RIGHTS.

The report alluded to the legal actions of Messrs. Baker and Parkhouse against two local lodges of Oddfellows. Although the trial judge upheld the society, his judgment would be reviewed by the Court of Appeals; so it was not safe to say at present what the law is upon the point. In any event, the final decision in these cases would be of the utmost importance to all societies throughout the country. He (Mr. Fitzgerald) believed in the maintenance of vested rights, and would not in any event be a party to the infringement of a vested right, unless as a last resort for the security of the order.

PROVING AGE.

The report strongly urged the importance of proving age, and referred to litigation arising over this subject—Cerri vs. A. O. F. If all the members would take advantage of the proving of age it would set all this at rest, as if any mistakes had been made in the age of a member it would be ascertained during his lifetime, and the society would have notice of the fact, and would be in a position to deal with it, and put the matter in proper shape during the life of the member, which was much more equitable to all concerned than fighting his dependent ones in the courts of law after death.

LEGISLATION.

The report referred to the securing of an amendment to the Ontario Insurance Act to the effect that organizations doing assurance business on the lodge plan should protect their officers and members by paying to the Government an annual collective agents' license fee. This the order did, and now its members were at liberty, one and all, to canvass for members and for insurance, and also to receive assessments without incurring the penalty imposed by the act. A committee should be appointed to protect the order's right when assailed.

MANITOBA.

The question would arise whether it was advisable that the work should be vigorously pushed in the Province of Manitoba and in the Northwest Territories. British Columbia had not been a very paying province yet, and it was almost impossible to try to increase the membership by new camps without an expense out of proportion to the amount of benefit derived, caused mainly by the geographical situation, and the costly means of travel in going from place to place in organization work.

THE RITUAL.

The report recommended a simplified ritual, short, concise, legibly printed, and not in cipher. The present form had elicited many complaints.

CHANGING POLICIES.

One of the greatest difficulties that the head office had to deal with is the application of members to have their policies changed for various reasons. Members became dissatisfied if their requests were not granted. The only remedy was to examine each case, and if no change was deemed advisable, to inform the applicant honestly of the facts. This was a responsibility that should not be thrown on any one officer.

BLACK BALLS.

On an applicant being rejected by ballot in any camp, the subordinate camp should report at once the fact to the head camp, and the name and address entered in a register, to be kept for that purpose. It might prevent some unqualified persons from applying to one camp, and, if rejected, from applying also to another.

The report concluded with a feeling reference to the illness of esteemed Sovereign W. G. McMillen, chairman of the board of head managers, and the hope was expressed that he would recover.

THE EXHIBITS.

A number of important exhibits were added to the report.

Exhibit "A" showed the receipts of the insurance fund to have been $1,957 60 in 1893; $8,760 45 in 1894; $15,015 89 in 1895; and $27,654 84 in 1896. The balances on hand were $1,957 60 in 1893; $2,518 05 in 1894; $7,233 94 in 1895, and $5,687 38 in 1896.

Receipts of the emergency fund for the four years were $632 60, $487 54, $929 04, and $1,393 12 respectively. The balances on hand were $632 60 in 1893; $1,120 14 in 1894; $2,049 18 in 1895, and $3,441 81 in 1896.

Disbursements for death claims were $8,200 in 1894; $10,300 in 1895, and $29,200 in 1896.

The expense fund showed receipts of $6,573 24 and disbursements of $6,518 35, chiefly in officials salaries. A balance of $54 89 was carried over.

From British Columbia, receipts were $5,037 91, and amounts paid out in death claims, $5,100. Two claims, aggregating $5,200, were still unadjusted.

CAMPS INSTITUTED.

During 1896 camps were instituted at Calgary, N.W.T., Stratford, Ont., Clinton, Ont., Seaforth, Ont., Chatham, Ont., Macleod, Alba., N.W.T., Aylmer, Ont., Blenheim, Ont., Ridgetown, Ont., St. Marys, Ont., Norwich, Ont., Wyoming, Ont., Mitchell, Ont., Winnipeg, Man., Goderich, Ont., Cayuga, Ont., Portage la Prairie, Man., Collingwood, Ont., Meaford, Ont., Sparta, Ont., Owen Sound, Ont., Dunnville, Ont., Forest, Ont., Bothwell, Ont., Wiarton, Ont., Tilsonburg, Ont., and Markdale, Ont.

Since the inception of the order the sum of $58,900 (including monuments) had been paid out.

HEAD COUNCILOR'S REPORT.

The report of C. C. Hodgins, head councilor, was interesting and gratifying. Although the increase in membership had not been phenomenally large, the growth had been steady and judicious; 1,200 members had been added. The losses were not more than they could reasonably expect. The majority of deaths had resulted among what are termed first-class risks, accident and suicide being the causes. He advocated legislation against payment of losses through suicide.

HEAD PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

The report of the head physician, W. S. Harrison, M.D., Toronto, stated that 1,517 had been examined during the year, showing a satisfactory increase as compared with other years. In 1895 the number was 1,370, and in 1894, 695. Applications rejected, 147; approved, 16—18 for full amount applied for, and 52 for reduced amount.

The causes of rejection were as follows: Personal history, 31; family history, 26; not recommended, 26; excessive use of liquor, 14; not properly examined, 9; defective heart, 6; want of information, 6; inflammatory rheumatism, 6; a number of attacks, 4; ocupation, 5; refusal to sign waivers re smallpox, 4; disproportion between height and weight, 3; having recently taken gold cure, 4; almost blind, 2; subject to fits, 2; sugar in urine, 1; defective lungs, 2.

Dr. Harrison addressed the head camp physicians and stated that one honored examiner had received applicants who had been coached to avoid giving important information. The physicians on their honor should not be duped in this manner. He congratulated them that as yet no death by consumption had taken place. He emphasized the importance of the work of the investigating committee. The moral and social standing of the order was in their hands.

On motion, the order of business was suspended. It was moved and seconded that a resolution be prepared on fraternal greetings and forwarded to the Grand Lodge of the A. O. U. W., now in session at Toronto, and that a resolution of sympathy be extended to Bros. W. G. McMillan, and James Ferguson, officers who were absent through illness.

The report of the committee on credentials was adopted, and the meeting adjourned.

The 4-months-old son of Mr. John Overholt, of Jordan Station, was found dead after driving to St. Catharines. The child is supposed to have been suffocated by the wraps.

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20c Silk Garter Elastic, fancy, 10c.
15c Bath Towels 10c.
15c Plain and Twill Sheeting 12½c.
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STATHROY.

Death of Mrs. W. E. Maxwell — West Middlesex Teachers.

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Strathroy, Feb. 17.—The death occurred on Sunday evening, Feb. 14, of Mrs. W. E. Maxwell, at the age of 40 years. The funeral will take place this afternoon from the family residence, Metcalfe street, for the Strathroy cemetery.

On Sunday morning next Rev. Mr. Lindsay, of Ivan, will occupy the pulpit of St. Andrew's Church, and in the evening the speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Buchanan, medical missionary, from India. Dr. Buchanan will also adress a meeting on the Monday night following in St. Andrew's Church.

Mrs. A. McIntosh, of Toronto, is the guest of Mrs. W. H. Murray, Oxford street.

Mr. Fred Newton left on Monday for Toronto, to accept a lucrative position in a drygoods house there.

The West Middlesex teachers will hold their next regular meeting in the basement of the Front Street Methodist Church on Thursday and Friday, 25th and 26th insts. Interesting sessions are looked for, in which Mr. J. J. Tilley, inspector of model schools, will take a prominent part. On Thursday evening an interesting meeting will be held, in which Mr. Tilley will also assist.

The boy who left his home on the 11th concession, on the evening of Jan. 19, is earnestly requested to return home and relieve his parents from great anxiety. His mother is nearly distracted.

LAKE SHORE—BOSANQUET.

Scarlet Fever Still Around — Farmers Favored With Good Sleighing.

Lake Shore, Bosanquet, Feb. 16.—It is reported that another family on the 16th concession of Bosanquet are afflicted with scarlet fever.

Bruce Fraser, a pupil in the school section No. 1, is recovering from scarlet fever, under the very skillful treatment of Dr. Hubbart, of Forest.

The Johnsons, of Thedford, and Mrs. Howland, of Forest, are visiting at A. Johnson's here this week.

Beautiful sleighing around here this unusually mild weather.

The union special services are going on this week at the Methodist Church, and are quite well attended.

Miss Annie Kent spent Saturday and Sunday at John Brand's, Lake Shore.

Mr. David Paltridge, of Thedford, appears to be slightly better.

Mr. William Brandon, a much respected farmer in Warwick, died with inflammation on Sunday. His brother, Dr. Brandon, of Ancaster, was at his bedside last week, when there was a consultation of doctors.

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Bargain Days.

Bargain days are a fad in nearly all lines of business, and to be strictly up-to-date you must cater to the popular sentiment. With this end in view Messrs. Gammage & Sons, the popular florists, will make Thursday a bargain day, by offering their stock of azaleas at the low price of 59 cents each. Lovers of flowers should not miss this opportunity to secure a beautiful plant full of bloom that regularly sells at $1. This offer for one day only.

Emperor Francis Joseph will visit England, for the first time, next June, when he will felicitate the Queen on the 60th anniversary of her accession, and will present to her a magnificent set of diamonds.

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Mount Bridges.

McDonald's Bakery and Store Burned Out.

Other Buildings Saved Only by Hard Work and a Favoring Breeze.

Mount Brydges, Feb. 17.—The bakery and store of D. M. McDonald was totally destroyed by fire last night, about 11 o'clock. The building was a very large structure, formally the American Hotel, and was built about 40 years ago.

The fire is supposed to have been caused by the explosion of a lamp, and had made considerable headway before it was found out by the occupant. Only a stove, organ, and two or three chairs were saved. All the clothing was lost, as was also $50 in cash. The oven was badly cracked, and will have to be rebuilt.

Mr. McDonald had $400 insurance on the building, and $250 on the contents. Had the wind been blowing from the west or north, nothing would have saved a large portion of the village, and only by hard work was the shoe store of Mr. John Clark and Mr. Crozier's residence saved. Had Mr. Crozier's residence caught fire the whole block would have been burned.

THE ONTARIO Loan and Debenture Company

The 26th annual meeting of the shareholders of the Ontario Loan and Debenture Company was held at their office here on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at 3 p.m. The following shareholders were present, viz.: Messrs. John McClary, A. S. Emery, W. A. Gunn, A. M. Smart, Albion Parfitt, John G. Richter and others, the president, Mr. John McClary, in the chair, the manager, Mr. William F. Bullen, acting as secretary. The directors submitted the following report:

London, Ont., Jan. 19, 1897.

The directors have much pleasure in submitting to the shareholders the 26th annual report and balance sheet for the past year.

The sum of $432,941 has been loaned; and $759,452, principal and interest, has been repaid during the year.

Two half-yearly dividents, of 3 1-4 per cent each, have been paid, and the sum of $8,000 has been added to the reserve fund, which now amounts to $470,000.

Properties foreclosed and owned, and properties brought to sale and unsold up to the end of the year, are as stated in the accompanying accounts, and have been carefully revalued by the company's inspectors and taken into account at their valuations. Your board are of opinion that ample provision has been made for possible depreciation in values.

All debentures, as they mature, are either renewed at rates which will leave us a fair margin of profit, or paid off.

Sterling debentures outstanding at the end of the year amount to £342,122.

The company's financial agents, Messrs. Mylne & Cook, C. A., of Edinburgh, continue to carefully look after the company's interests in Scotland.

The accounts of the company continue to be audited monthly by competent auditors.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN McCLARY, President.

Twenty-Sixth Annual Report of the Ontario Loan and Debenture Company, for the Year Ending 31st December, 1896.

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

Dr.	
Interest on sterling debentures	$66,713 07
Interest on currency debentures	9,087 12
Savings bank interest	20,785 46
Expenses connected with sterling debentures	4,014 70
Commission and expenses in connection with loans	2,935 76
Expenses of management	16,208 10
Income tax paid	1,757 84
Dividend No. 65, paid July 2, 1896	39,000 00
Dividend No. 66, due Jan. 2, 1897	39,000 00
Carried to reserve fund	8,000 00
Balance carried forward	2,346 43
Total	$209,908 48
Cr.	
Balance from last year	584 85
Interest earned on mortages, etc	209 323 63
Total	$209,908 48

Financial Statement

ASSETS.

1. Mortgages on real estate		$3,444,502 04
2. Loans on debentures		113,761 56
3. Loans on the company's stock		49,136 15
4. Real estate, foreclosed and owned	$30,100 00	
Real estate brought to sale and unsold	$98,848 72	128,948 72
5. Office premises (freehold)		72,000 00
6. Cash with Bank of Scotland		11,268 61
7. Cash with banks in Canada		311,200 67
Total		$4,130,817 75

LIABILITIES.

Liabilities to the public—			
Sterling debentures	$1,664,996 04		
Accrued interest on same	16,154 75		
		$1,681,150 79	
Currency debentures	211,688 00		
Accrued interest on same	3,023 24		
		214,711 24	
Savings bank deposits		523,609 29	
			$2,419,471 32
Surplus			$1,711,346 43
Liabilities to the Shareholders—			
Capital stock, paid up	$1,280,000 00		
Dividend No. 66 (since paid)		39,000 00	
Reserve fund	$462,000		
Carried to do	8,000		
		470,000 00	
Balance at credit of revenue account		2,346 43	
			$1,711,346 43

WILLIAM F. BULLEN, Manager.

To the Shareholders of the Ontario Loan and Debenture Company:

We hereby certify that we have audited the books and accounts of the Ontario Loan and Debenture Company for the year 1896, comprising a monthly cash audit and the verification of the postings and balances in all the company's books, and we find the whole correct and in accordance with the above statements. We have also examined the securities and find them in order.

GEORGE F. JEWELL, F.C.A., A. M. SMART, Auditors.

London, Ont., Jan. 19, 1897.

In rising to move the adoption of the report the president said:

Gentlemen, — Before moving the adoption of the report I may say that the balance sheet, in the hands of the shareholders for some time, is a very full showing of the condition of the company; in view of excessive competition, together with reduced rates of interest on loans with large margins of security (which we especially aim to secure), your directors think the results will prove satisfactory to the shareholders. We could have added a much larger sum to the reserve fund from earnings, than $8,000, but it would have been by making less ample provision for not only further possible shrinkage in value of properties on hand, but also on the business of the company generaly. We, however, preferred to keep within reasonable bounds of prudence and continue the past record of the company by making ample provision for possible shrinkage in values beyond anticipated requirements.

The exceedingly low prices that have ruled for the products of the farm for some years past have greatly depressed farm values. We think, however, bottom has been reached, as good, productive farms can now be purchased and leased, netting the purchaser from 4 to 6 per cent on his investment, which must be a very desirable one.

Our financial agents in Scotland, Messrs. Mylne & Cook, C. A., of Edinburgh, deserve the thanks of our shareholders for the satisfactory manner in which they have renewed and placed the company's debentures. Our policy has always been to renew only such debentures as they mature, at rates which will leave a fair margin of profit. When this cannot be done they are paid off. By this means we are gradually getting the rates reduced, to be more in accord with lending rates here.

I think I have now touched on the principal points in our report; but if any shareholder wishes for further information I shall be glad to give it to him.

I will now move the adoption of the report.

The motion adopting the report was seconded by the vice-president, and carried unanimously, and the retiring directors, Messrs. John McClary, A. S. Emery, William Bowman, Wm. McDonough, and W. A. Gunn, were re-elected for the ensuing year.

Messrs. George F. Jewell, F.C.A., and A. M. Smart were reappointed auditors for the ensuing year.

At a subsequent meeting of the board Mr. John McClary was re-elected president and Mr. A. S. Emery vice-president.

WILLIAM F. BULLEN, Manager.

NEW YORK MONEY MARKET.

New York, Feb 16—Noon.—Money on call nominal at 1 1-2 to 2 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 3 to 4 per cent; sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at 4.87 to 4.87 1-4 for demand, and 4.85 to 4.85 1-4 for sixty days; posted rates, 4.85 to 4.85 1-2, and 4.87 1-2 to 4.88; commercial bills, 4.84.

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Commerce and Finance.

Toronto Stock Market.

TORONTO, Feb. 17.

	Ask.	Off.
Montreal	231	225
Ontario	86	82¾
Molsons	..	..
Toronto	231	229
Merchants	172	168
Commerce	128½	127
Imperial	180	178½
Dominion	233½	232½
Standard	170	164
Hamilton	158	155
British America	118	116½
Western Assurance	157	156½
Canada Life	..	..
Confederation Life	..	..
Consumers Gas	..	200½
Dominion Telegraph	126	124
Montreal Telegraph	..	..
Northwest Land Company, pref	50	39½
Canada Pacific Railway Stock	55½	55
Commercial Cable Company	166½	165½
Postal Telegraph	97½	97½
Bell Telephone Company	158	156½
Montreal Street Railway	224	223
Montreal Street Railway (new)	..	..
Toronto Street Railway	71½	70
Dominion Savings and Invest	79	75
Farmers Loan and Savings	95	..
Farmers' L. and S. 20 per cent	70	..
Huron and Erie L. and S.	..	158
Huron and Erie 20 per cent	..	147
London and Canada, L. and A.	90	..
London Loan	..	..
London and Ontario	100	..
Ontario Loan and Debenture	119	..

SALES—1 p.m.—Dominion, 20 at 232½. 11:15 a.m.—Commerce, 25 at 127½; Com. Cable, 50 at 166; Postal Tel., 10, 15 at 97½.

Montreal Stock Market.

MONTREAL, Feb. 17.

	Ask.	Off.
Canadian Pacific	56	55
Duluth, common	4½	4
Duluth, preferred	10	8
Commercial Cable	166½	165½
Wabash, common	..	..
Wabash, preferred	..	..
Montreal Telegraph	170	165
Richelieu and Ontario	92½	88½
Montreal Street Railway	223½	223
Montreal Street Railway, new	..	..
Montreal Gas Company	194½	194
Bell Telephone	160	156½
Royal Electric	141	140
Toronto Railway	71	70½
Bank of Montreal	231	226
Ontario Bank	85	82½
Banque du Peuple	..	..
Molsons Bank	..	187½
Bank of Toronto	231	227½
Merchants Bank	170	168
Merchants Bank of Halifax	171	166
Quebec Bank	..	..
Union Bank	..	119
Bank of Commerce	130	127½
Northwest Land	..	..
Montreal Cotton Company	130	..
Canada Colored Cotton	39	26
Dominion Cotton	90	83
Postal Telegraph	99	97

SALES—Mont. Gas Co., 5 at 194, 725 at 194½, 200 at 194½; Royal Electric, 8 at 140½; Toronto Ry., 25 at 70½; Merchants Bank, 1 at 169½; Dominion Cotton, 75, 25 at 84.

COMMERCIAL.

Toronto Produce Market

Toronto, Feb. 17.—Wheat—The offerings are small, but demand is slow and market is easy; cars of red and white are quoted at 74c and 75c north and west points. Manitoba wheat is dull at 80c for No. 1 hard, and 84c for No. 2 hard, Midland, and No. 1 hard is quoted at 91c, all rail, North Bay.

Flour is dull and easy; cars of straight roller are quoted at $3 70, Toronto freights. Manitoba flour is dull and easy.

Barley nominal at 30c to 31c, f. o. b., No. 1; 32c to 33c for No. 1 extra, of which offerings are small, 27c for No. 2, 24c for No. 3 extra, and 22c for feed outside.

Buckwheat is quiet at 24c, north and west, and 25c east.

Rye is quiet at 34c outside.

Corn steady at 19c to 19 1-2c west.

Oats are quiet at 18c to 18 1-2c for white east and 17c to 17 1-2c west.

Peas are steady at 39c for No. 2, north and west, and 40c middle freights.

Seeds are quiet at $1 25 to $1 60 for timothy and red clover at $3 75 to $4 75, and choice alsike at $4 to $4 25 here.

Baled hay, on board cars, sold at $8 50 for No. 2 here; No. 1 is quoted at $10 50.

Baled straw nominal at $5 to $6.

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Latest Montreal Markets.

Montreal, Que., Feb. 17.

GRAINS AND FLOUR.

Oats—In store, No. 2 white, 22½c to 23c.
Peas—46c to 47c.
Feed barley—29c to 30c.
Corn—30c.
Buckwheat—33c to 34c.
Flour—Manitoba strong bakers, $4 25 to $4 75; spring wheat patents, $4 90 to $5 10; winter do., $4 50 to $4 70; straight roller, $4 20 to $4 30.
Feed—Bran, $10; shorts, $11 to $12.

PROVISIONS.

Canadian short cut, clear, $10 to $10 50.
Ham—9c to 10c.
Bacon—8c to 9c.
Lard—Pure, 7c to 7½c; compound, 5½c to 5½c.

PRODUCE.

Cheese—Nominal; no business here.
Butter—Dull; creamery, 18½c to 19c; western dairy, rolls, 12c to 13c.
Eggs—Quiet; new laid, 15c to 16c; Montreal limed, 10½c to 11c; Western limed, 9½c to 10c.

English Markets.

London, Feb. 17.

Cargoes off coast—Wheat easy; corn quiet.
Cargoes on passage—Wheat dull; corn steady.

American Produce Market.

NEW YORK.

New York, Feb. 17.

Flour—Receipts, 13,200 bbls; sales, 2,000 packages; quiet but steady.

Rye Flour—Quiet; sales, 150 bbls; superfine, $2 55 to $2 75; fancy, $2 80 to $2 95.

Wheat — Receipts, 55,500; sales, 795,000 bu; opened steady and ruled quiet but firm on better cables and moderate covering March, 82 5-16c; May, 79½c to 80⅜c; June, 79½c to 79⅝c; July, 77½c to 77 11-16c.

Rye—Easy; No. 2 western, 36½c to 37½c, c.i.f., Buffalo.

Corn—Receipts, 98,475 bu; sales, 15,000 bu; firmer on light receipts; May, 29½c to 29 5-16c.

Oats—Receipts, 142,800 bu; ruled quiet; track white, 20c to 29c.

Butter — Receipts, 6,819 packages; quiet; state dairy, 10c to 19c; state creamery, 13c to 19c; western creamery, 12c to 20c; imitation creamery, 11c to 16c; Elgins, 20c; factory, 7c to 14c.

Cheese—Receipts, 2,587 packages; quiet; state large, 9c to 12½c; small, 9c to 13½c; part skims, 5c to 9½c; full skims, 3c to 3½c.

Eggs—Receipts, 4,489 packages; steady; state and Pennsylvania, 18½c; western, 12½c to 18c; southern, 17½c to 17¾c.

Sugar—Raw firmer; refined steady.
Coffee—Quiet.
Hops—Dull.
Lead—Strong.
Tallow—Dull.

BUFFALO.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 17.—Spring wheat—Dull; No. 1 hard, old, 85½c; do. new, 84½c; No. 1 northern, old, 83c; No. 2 northern, 80c; do. new, 78½c. Winter wheat—Dull; No. 2 red, 88½c on track; 87½c in store; No. 1 white, 90c.

Corn—Dull; No. 2 yellow, 26½c; No. 3 yellow, 25½c; No. 4 yellow, 25c; No. 2 corn, 25½c to 25¾c; No. 3 corn, 25c on track.

Oats—Quiet; No. 2 white, 21½c; No. 3 white, 20c; No. 4 white, 18½c to 19c on track.

DETROIT.

Detroit, Feb. 17.—Wheat—No. 1 white cash, and No. 2 red cash, 85½c; May, 85¾c; July, 73c.

TOLEDO.

Toledo, Feb. 17.—Wheat—Cash, 86½c; May, 87½c; July, 73½c.
Corn—May, 23½c.
Oats—May, 17½c.

MILWAUKEE.

Milwaukee, Feb. 17. — Wheat, cash, 72½c; May, 74½c.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Feb. 17—Closing—Wheat, May, 74½c to 74½c; July, 70½c to 70½c to 70⅝c; Sept. 69c. Corn, May, 23½c to 23⅝c; Sept., 26½c; July, 24½c. Oats, May, 16½c; July, 17½c. Pork, May, $7 75 to $7 77½. Lard, May, $3 85; July, $3 95. Ribs, May, $3 95 to $3 9½; July, $4 05 asked.

Live Stock Markets.

BRITISH PRICES.

London, Feb. 15.—Owing to shorter supplies of both cattle and sheep the trade was firmer, and prices for the former advanced 1-4c, while for the latter they are 1-2c higher than this day week. Choice States cattle sold at 11 1-2c and seep at 11 1-4c. On the other hand prices for Argentine cattle were 1-4c lower, at 10 1-2c.

A private cable received from Liverpool reported the market unchanged from a week ago, and quoted States cattle at 11 1-4c, Canadians at 10 1-2c, sheep at 11c and lambs at 14 1-2c.

MONTREAL.

Montreal, Feb. 15.—The tone of the cable advices in some instances were somewhat firmer, and noted a slight improvement in values, while in other cases they reported the markets steady with values unchanged.

At the East End abattoir this morning the offerings were 550 cattle, 50 sheep, 100 lambs and 25 calves. There was no important change in the situation, except that probably a little better feeling prevailed owing to the lighter run of stock, but values showed no material change. A feature of the trade was the appearance of some buyers from Buffalo on the market, but dealers here asked more money for their stock than they were willing to pay, and no sales were made. Choice cattle here were very scarce, and buyers found it impossible to secure such stock; the best beeves sold at 3 1-4c to 3 1-2c; ordinary stock, 2 1-2c to 3c; lower grades, 1 1-2c to 2 1-4c per lb, live weight.

There was very little demand for sheep; sales were slow and prices had a downward tendency; a few small bunches sold at 2 3-4c to 3c, and mixed lots at 3 1-2c to 3 3-4c.

Lambs met with a fair sale, and prices were steady at 4c to 4 1-2c per lb, live weight.

Calves were scarce and chiefly poor in quality, for which the demand was slow, at prices ranging from $2 to $8 each.

At the Point St. Charles cattle market no sales were made. A bunch of 25 sheep and lambs sold at 3 1-2c per lb. The receipts of hogs were about 200 head, and the market was steady, with sales of mixed lots at prices ranging from $4 25 to $4 60 per 100 lbs, live weight.

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Around the City

—For the past week the prisoners at the jail have been giving the county boarding house a thorough cleaning.

—Miss Fisher, of London, Ont., who has arrived in town, is the guest of Miss Lunn, Park avenue.—Montreal Star.

—Messrs. Walters and Drewery, Rossland, of the Canada Gold Fields, are at J. A. Moody's office, or Tecumseh House, today.

—Mr. N. F. Yeo, city is in attendance at the Grand Council of Ontario, R. T. of T., held at Oshawa. The membership is now stated to be 9,246.

—Thomas Keys, was charged before Squire J. B. Smythe by William Hunter with the theft of a coat and a pair of gauntlets. Both men were in the employ of a farmer named David Nickle, of Westminster. It appears that on January 12 last, Keys borrowed the coat and failed to return it at the specified time. The case was dismissed.

—A most successful concert was given in the Hamilton Road Methodist Church last evening, in aid of the superannuation fund. The North street male quartet was the feature. Addresses were made by Mr. Joseph Brown (chairman), and Rev. Mr. Pedley. Recitations were also given by Mrs. Smith and Mr. A. M. Hunt, who received hearty encores.

—If you want to have a pretty window ornament and something for the children to enjoy, get a long, widenecked bottle, and insert a good healthy swet potato, then fill the bottle with water, and hang by a string in a sunny window. The potato wil soon send out its pretty green vines, and in a short time will become a thing of beauty.

—At Osgoode Hall, in Struthers vs. Mackenzie—Gibbons, Q.C., for plaintiffs, appealed from judgment of Boyd, C., at the trial, dismissing the action, which wac brought by creditors of a co-operative association against the individual members of the association, to recover the price of goods sold to the association on credit. The association was incorporated under R. S. O., ch. 166, by sec. 13, in which it is provided that the business of such associations shall be a cash business, and no credit shall be either given or taken. The plaintiff contended that the defendants were personally liable for the price of the goods. Hannah (Sarnia), for defendants, contra. Judgment reserved.

—Miss Marie Edith Rice, who comes to the Grand Saturday matinee and night, is a talented as well as beautiful woman, having made her debut at one of the leading theaters (for be it known she is an English girl) she took a tour through England with the Kendalls and then came to this country under the chaperonage of Sir Henry Irving, with whom she became a special favorite and protege. Such a schooling as Miss Rice has subjected herself to has prepared the path to undoubted fame in the future and recognition in the immediate present. She comes to London practically unknown, but it is only necessary to witness her masterly rendition of the part of Nina in "Jim, the Penman," to establish her in the eyes of the critics as a woman of great talent.

—The concert to be given by the newly-organized London Vocal Society on Tuesday evening next promises to be a great treat. The following choruses will be sung: "Bridal Chorus," from Cowen's "Rose Maiden"; "Miller's Wooing" (Eaton Faning); "Daybreak" (Gane); "Where Are You Going to, My Pretty Maid?" (Caldicott); and "Last Night" (Kjerulf), for ladies' voices. All these choruses will be sung in an artistic manner by the well-trained 75 voices, under the leadership of Mr. W. H. Hewlett, and will no doubt make a great impression on the audience, thereby establishing the popularity of the society. With the assistance of the distinguished artists who supported Madame Albani at her last concert here, the programme will be one of great merit, popular and good.

INVITED FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

At the regular meeting of the quarterly official board of the Wellington Street Methodist Church, a cordial invitation was extended to Rev. A. L. Russell, M.A., B.D., to remain as their pastor for the next conference year.

CUTTER UPSET.

Three young men were thrown out of a cutter on Dundas street, near Lyle, yesterday afternoon, and their horse ran away. The accident was caused in turning off the track to get out of the way of an approaching car. The driver retained his hold of the lines with one hand, and, grasping a runner with the other hand, was dragged half a block before he succeeded in stopping the runaway.

—Sergt. Jenkins was at the police station this morning for the first time in nearly two weeks. Grippe was the cause of his absence.

WOMAN'S MORNING MUSIC CLUB.

The programme at the club this morning was chiefly chosen from Weber's works. It was prefaced by an address on Weber by Mrs. Frances J. Moore. The overture, "Euryanthe" (two pianos) was rendered by Mrs. Chadwick, Miss Raymond, Miss Morphy, and Miss Fitzgerald. Solos were given by Miss Patti Bucke, Mrs. Harvey, and Miss Eva Roblyn; Weber's concerto in "E" flat by Miss A. Burwell and Miss E. Morphy, a piano solo by Mr. Frederick Simpson, and Weber's overture, "Der Freischutz," by Miss E. Holmes, L. English, E. Roblyn and Q. Moore.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

TECUMSEH HOUSE.

Woodstock Curling Club.
St. Marys Curling Club.
John Watson, Battle Axe.
A. W. Noyes, Chicago.

Considerable attention was attracted by the magnificent western tankard curling trophy on exhibition at the Tecumseh House. It was first played for in 1890, and has changed hands a few times. The St. Marys club won it three times, and thus obtained the ownership of it. However, they are putting it up, to be played for at the present bonspiel. The trophy is valued at $250.

GRIGG HOUSE.

T. G. Watson, Hamilton.
John F. Connolly, Toronto.
C. H. Clark, Toronto.
George H. Riggs, Brantford.
W. Marshall, superintendent of the telegraph department, C. P. R.

Phil Sincer, Toronto, Provincial bailiff, on his way to St. Thomas, to take charge of a candidate for the Toronto Asylum for the Insane.

Youthful Criminals.

Two Boys Before the Magistrate for Shop-Breaking.

Remanded for a Week—Joe Cane Fined $10 or One Month for Assault.

Two young criminals stood up in the dock at the Police Court this morning. Both were so juvenile and small of stature that few would have thought they had a record of petty crimes. One was Fred Mosley, a white boy of 17 years, and the other, Albert Marshall, an intelligent colored boy of 15 years, and decidedly chunky. They were charged with breaking into the premises of Isaac H. Brenner, fruit vendor, at the corner of Bathurst and Richmond streets, about eight o'clock last night, and stealing a quantity of chewing gum, cigarettes and tobacco. Both pleaded guilty.

Marshall told the magistrate that Mosley had got in first with a wax candle, and started to fill a red handkerchief with spoil. He followed directly afterwards, but was just in the act of "grabbing" some tobacco when they were discovered and arrested.

Mr. Brenner is at present sick in the hospital, and in his absence the boys thought to have "a snap."

Young Mosley was adopted by his foster-father when an infant, and has been a great burden, by reason of his waywardness. Not long ago he stole his father's best suit of clothes, but was forgiven on promising to reform. The pair were remanded for a week to look up their records.

Joseph Kain, of Queen street, was charged as one of the men who assaulted John Russell at the C. P. R. roundhouse, Adelaide street, on Sunday morning last. Kain denied the charge altogether, and said he was at home at the time in question. He was positively identified by Mr. Russell, who satisfied Magistrate Parke that Kain was the guilty party.

Magistrate Parke said: "I fined the other man $15 or two months, and I'll fine you $10 or one month."

Curling in Slush.

Western Ontario Tankard Finals Being Played Here

Under Difficulties — Sarnia and St. Marys Ahead.

The first round in the finals for the Western Ontario tankard competition was begun at the Simcoe street rink this morning.

The ice was very sloppy all the morning, and even worse in the afternoon, and strong shots were the only ones that went to the tee. St. Marys captured the handsome silver trophy presented by the citizens of London in 1890, and have won it every year since, with the exception of 1896, when Paris took the trophy home. St. Marys were the owners of the cup, but put it up again to secure the playing of the finals every alternate year in their own town.

This afternoon Woodstock and Lucknow and St. Thomas and Bright continue the series, and the winners will play off tonight. The final contest will be played between the winners of tonight's matches tomorrow afternoon, weather permitting. That closes the tankard contest. Following are the scores of this morning:

FOREST CITY.	ST. MARYS.
Rink No. 1.	
J. M. McWhinney,	J. Cathcart,
C. E. Stirling,	J. D. Moore,
Dr. McDonald,	G. H. McIntyre,
R. Reid, jun., skip... 8	J. Oddy, skip........19
Rink No. 2.	
A. Talbot,	J. L. Maxwell,
J. Burnett,	C. Meyers,
C. W. Davis,	T. O. Robson,
W. F. Strong, skip..12	W. Andrews, skip...21
Total..............20	Total..............40

Majority for St. Marys, 20 shots.

SARNIA.	SOUTHAMPTON.
Rink No. 3.	
J. J. Thompson,	W. Logie,
John Lees,	A. F. Bowman,
A. Crawford,	John Logie,
J. McGibbon, skip...17	P. Forster, skip......14
Rink No. 4.	
J. W. Hamilton,	D. G. McAuley,
Capt. McGregor,	E. Willescraft,
Capt. Robertson,	Brock McAuley,
John Chester, skip..16	D. McAuley, skip....18
Total..............33	Total..............32

Majority for Sarnia 1 shot.

ANOTHER CAVE-IN

At the South London Sewer — Toronto Contractors Here—City Hall Notes.

Another cave-in at the South London sewer happened this morning. Nine feet of brickwork collapsed under the pressure of the earth which men were filling in. It is thought the filling-in was being done too near the brickwork. Contractor Grant is in hard luck.

Clark & Connelly, the Toronto contractors, are figuring on the sewerage work to be begun in South London.

Mr. J. S. Moore has contributed $5 to the India famine fund.

Ald. Parnell was acting mayor today.

The special committee on supplies and labor meets tonight.

Ald. Parnell says he intends to push his motion against the payment of fees to city officials by the L. and P. S. R. board.

THREE TURNKEYS NEEDED.

In Sheriff Cameron's Opinon—A Reduction Not in the Interest of the Community.

Sheriff Cameron was seen this morning regarding the proposed reduction of turnkeys in the jail. He had considered the question fully. If it was proposed to keep the prisoners sentenced to hard labor in idleness in the jail, it might be possible to get on with one turnkey less. If the best interests of the community are to be served by having the men perform as much labor as they are reasonably capable of, the only way was to provide proper supervision, and he very much doubted if this could be done with any less number of turnkeys than now employed. From time to time the court house and offices are cleaned by the inmates. At times one turnkey must be in charge of the gang performing the cleaning work, while another is required for the gang of prisoners doing the necessary daily labor inside the jail walls. When the spring opens and the gardening operations begin, a still larger number will be employed. This work can only be done under the supervision necessary to prevent the escape of the prisoners.

May Withdraw.

Members of the A. O. U. W. Are Dissatisfied.

Resolution to Secede From the United States Will Likely be Carried.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 17.—At the meeting of the executive of the A. O. U. W. yesterday, the finance committee's report showed that there are 424 lodges in Ontario, with a membership of 30,000. The question of separation from the Supreme Lodge of the United States is the chief topic of interest.

For some time there has been an agitation among the members of the Ontario Grand Lodge for the withdrawal from the international body of the Canadian members. Over 29,000 members of the order are in Canada, and the average policy held is $2,000.

The Supreme Lodge has the controlling influence over 35 grand lodges, and each grand lodge jurisdiction has power to collect funds and pay death claims. One of the grievances of the Canadian members is that concerning the relief fund. The Supreme Lodge fixed a maximum number of calls, and when any jurisdiction exceeded this number a call was made on the relief fund. In brief, the Ontario Lodge considers it is contributing too much towards the support of some of the American lodges, and is receiving practically nothing in return.

Another important matter is a plan of graded assessments which will protect certificate holders better than the present system. A plan will also be considered for the establishment of a reserve fund.

Kate Tough's Death.

Further Proceedings in the Murder Trial.

Mrs. Hammond's Brother in the Witness Box—He Was Affected to Tears.

(Special to The Advertiser, per G. N. W. Line.)

Bracebridge, Ont., Feb. 17. — The Hammond murder trial was resumed this morning.

The first witness was Fred Tough, brother of deceased. He said that he had seen his sister at about 6 p.m., again at 8 p.m., and then between 8 and 9 o'clock, when she was with the prisoner. Immediately after he had seen her the last time he had gone into the house. Shortly after 9 his sister was brought in in a dying condition. She was frothing at the mouth, and bloated.

This witness was subjected to a severe cross-examination by Mr. Johnston, who showed that the evidence now given differed materially from the evidence given by him before the coroner's jury, when he said he had not seen her between the hour of 8 p.m. on March 6 and the time she was carried home.

Witness admitted his dislike to the prisoner, and when re-examined by Mr. Osler he said Katie was his only sister, he was very much attached to her, and then he wept.

Rev. G. Whitman, of Buffalo, was called, and swore that he had married prisoner to C. E. Tough on Nov. 16, 1895. The marriage certificate was produced and certified.

ANOTHER TORONTO BLAZE.

Furniture Storage Company Burned Out—Loss About $40,000.

Toronto, Feb. 17.—A serious fire occurred this evening at the corner of York and King streets, when the premises of the Toronto Furniture Storage Company, 86 York street, opposite the Rossin House, were gutted and nearly the whole of the stock, valued at about $15,000, destroyed. The damage to the building amounts to $4,000. The total loss will probably reach $40,000.

'WAY DOWN IN TENNESSEE.

Lord and Lady Aberdeen Receive Marked Attention.

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 17.—Since their arrival here yesterday morning the Earl of Aberdeen, Governor-General of Canada, and the Countess of Aberdeen have been the recipients of marked social attention. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Warner at dinner yesterday. During the afternoon the party were entertained at Belle Mead at a luncheon by Gen. W. H. Jackson.

They came here to attend the marriage of the brother of the Countess of Aberdeen, Hon. Archibald Majoribanks, to Miss Myssie Brown, of this city. The wedding will take place at 8 o'clock this evening, in the First Presbyterian Church.

CROOKS BOUND FOR ROSSLAND.

Montreal, Feb. 17.—Montreal detectives have received information that some fifteen of the most dangerous confidence men and gamblers in the city have made arrangements to go to Rossland for the purpose of preying upon the miners there. It is said they intend to open a hotel and gambling house in Rossland. The Montreal police will not oppose their departure.

SMOTHERED THE BABY.

St. Catharines, Feb. 17.—On Saturday Mr. and Mrs. John Overholt, of Jordan Station, left home to drive to the city, bringing with them their infant son, aged about 4 months. Before leaving home the baby was carefully wrapped up to protect it from the cold. On arriving in the city the child was found to be dead, having been smothered to death.

Steamship Arrivals.

Feb. 16.	At.	From.
Fulda	Gibraltar	New York
Rotterdam	Rotterdam	New York
Kaiser Wilhelm	New York	Med. Ports
Aller	Southampton	New York
Feb. 17.	At	From
Majestic	Queenstown	New York

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The Talk of London.

Outcome of a Romatic Love Affair.

Sir Edmund Leyehmere to Wed the American Beauty Whom He Saved From a Terrible Death.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 17.—E. Payne Wright, an attorney of Pittsburg, will play a prominent part in the swellest wedding of the year in London, for which place he left last night. He will give away his sister, Miss Katherine Wright, to Sir Edmund Leyenmere, Bart., and Deputy Lieutenant of Worcestershire. Miss Wright is 22 years of age, and was the reigning bell of London last season. The marriage is the outcome of a real romantic love affair.

In the fall of 1895, while Miss Wright was visiting one of Sir Edmund's castles in Warwickshire, the castle took fire, and she was hemmed in by flames in one of the wings of the building. Sir Edmund saw her danger, wrapped himself in a sheet soaked in water, dashed in, picked up the insensible beauty, wrapped her in the sheet, and ran through the flames to safety. Sir Edmund's hair and eyelashes were burned so that he was quite bald, and his sight was threatened.

Since the rescue he has been a constant attendant of Miss Wright, and the match is the talk of London. The marriage will take place in St. George's Church, Hanover Square, March 15.

PETROLEA.

A Petrolea Syndicate's Interests in Rossland-Sporting Matters.

Business Agents—Lowery Bros., R. C. Johnston and Roy Newton.

Petrolea, Feb. 16.—Mr. H. Branston has been appointed broker for the Beaver mine at Rossland, bought by a Petrolea syndicate.

A large crowd attended the carnival held in Sarnia last night.

Mr. W. T. Dotterhill, T. P. A., C. P. R., was in town on Monday.

Two farmers went into a certain barber shop in town last week, one getting a shave and hair-trim, the other getting a shave and hair-cut. After the barber had finished with them he kindly consented to make prices moderate, so he charged one of them 65 cents, and the other 75 cents, and then asked them if they wanted any hair restorer.

A large number of the Baptist Y. P. S. drove out to Marthaville on Monday evening and attended the meeting there.

Mr. West Young of the G. T. R., Wyoming, was in town yesterday.

Mr. W. E. Germain, agent, G. T. R., is home on a holiday trip.

Petrolea Curling Club defeated Forest in a friendly game on Monday evening by eight shots.

Petrolea's hockey club expected to go to London this week some time.

Watford and Forest play hockey at Watford on Thursday evening.

Marks Bros. will occupy the boards of the opera house for two weeks, commencing Feb. 22.

Mr. Gamey, secretary of the Pug mine, at Rossland, B. C., is in town.

Marks Bros.' Company, who begin a two weeks' engagement at Victoria Opera House, Petrolea, on Feb. 22, played four weeks in London to packed houses, and no doubt will be greeted with large audiences of Petrolea theater-goers.

GENIUSES WHO ARE IDIOTS.

Science Says That Youthful Prodigies Are Really Lacking in Brains

Among degenerate diseases the affection called "learned idiocy" is the latest. It is the case of the men with an abnormal appetite for one particular mental attainment, who is at last catalogued where he belongs—among the idiots. The youthful prodigy, so long placed as a being apart from the rest of humanity, must now take up his stand with imbeciles and the feeble minded.

Specialists in mental diseases have declared that all those persons so wonderfully and abnormally clever in just one line, and showing almost a mental weakness in all other lines, belong to a peculiar and individual type of humanity.

To Dr. Frederick Peterson, of New York, is due a systematized study and exposition of this extraordinary fact. He relates an extraordinary number of cases of learned idiocy which have occurred in literature. Newspapers and journals teem with accounts of prodigies which spring up daily. The museums are stocked with a motley array of so-called mental phenomena. Musical infants, adult mind-readers and wonderful mathematicians are exploited in every city of the union. The phenomena are advertised, records of their deeds kept, but never has such a thing as an explanation of their attainment been written to enlighten the gaping public.

Dr. Peterson has taken up the psychological feature of the question. It is an obscure one; even the psychological processes underlying special aptitudes are indistinct. The manifestations of particular faculties where the mind is otherwise worthless, has always been somewhat of a mystery and curiosity in itself. Among the principal phases of idiocy which the learned doctor enumerates are the arithmetical faculty, the musical faculty, special memories, the imitative faculty, modeling faculty, delineative faculty, faculty for painting, aptitude for games and buffoonery.

A striking example of the arithmetical genius is that of an idiot, who had little command of language, yet he possessed most astonishing powers of reckoning, and if one's age were told him he would give the number of minutes one had lived almost immediately. Another case is that of an imbecile at Salzburg, who could solve the most difficult examples of mental arithmetic with almost incredible rapidity. Dase, the wonderful German mathematical genius, was totally unable to master a single word of any spoken language save his own.

This extraordinary mathemetical aptitude in idiocy consists almost invariably of power in simple calculation only. It is instinctive and congenital, and is accompanied by marked evidences of further degeneracy. It is also accompanied by unusual development of visualization. It is by means of the visual image that computation is made.

Examples of the musical wonder are frequent and common. Dr. Peterson cites as his example a man who was totally blind. With him, as with others, the musical faculty is not creative, but is the result of an overdeveloped auditory memory, as the power of the calculating prodigy is the result of strong visualization. Among people of extraordinary memory development is the case of a man who, though an imbecile in all other directions, could remember the day of burial of every person who had died in the parish for 35 years, and he could repeat with perfect accuracy the names and ages of the deceased and of the mourners at the funeral. Another instance is that of a man unable to count to twenty, yet capable of naming all the saints in the calendar, and their respective fete days. The court jesters in the days of old belonged to that class of powerful mimics, with an aptitude for coarse wit, that are prevalent today in a certain phase of life. People who have a deft hand for cards or chess, yet cannot write their own names, are classed likewise with the idiots.

This so-called power, then, is overdevelopment of the faculties of memory, of sight, of hearing, or of imitation. There is absolutely no creative faculty. The learned idiots are automatons, no matter what phase of development they exhibit. The explanation shows the disease to be merely a precocious development of one faculty of the brain, generally in early life, with a tendency to degeneration.

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TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES

Reports from manufacturing centers in Eastern Connecticut show increasing activity among manufacturers.

While Wm. Ferrier, of Barrie, was climbing a ladder on Tuesday, he fell to the ground, receiving such injuries that he died.

An electric railway from St. Catharines, to connect with the Hamilton, Grimsby and Beamsville Railway at Beamsville is contemplated.

The Caledonian Society of Ottawa proposes to organize a company of kilties, which it hopes in time will be recognized by the military authorities.

A special from Havana says: Yellow fever and smallpox are raging in this city with fatal results, and 240 deaths, mostly colored persons, were reported last week.

A telegram from Clifton Springs, N. Y., announces the death of Rev. John R. Murdock, D.D., LL.D., honorary secretary of the American Baptist Missionary Union, which occurred Tuesday morning.

Mrs. B. S. Davidson, an old and highly respected resident of Goodwood, Ont., was having a short walk in company with her daughter. Feeling rather weak, she went into a neighbor's house to rest, and died in 20 minutes.

THE DUET.

At the National Eisteddfod, held in Wales some years ago, a very comical incident occurred. The president for the day was the late bishop of the diocese, and the conductor the well-known "Mynyddog."

During the president's address a donkey appeared at one of the pavilion entrances, and made its presence known in no uncertain manner. The huge gathering was convulsed with laughter.

When the tumult had somewhat subsided, the conductor, stepped forward and wittily remarked:

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Chicago Exchange.

Following are the fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade furnished by F. H. Butler, Broker, Masonic Temple. 'Phone 1,278.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.

	Open	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—May	74½	74½	73¾	74½
July	70¾	71	70	70¾
Corn—May	23¾	23¾	23¾	23¾
July	24¾	24¾	24¾	24¾
Oats—May	16½	17	16½	16¾
July	17¾	17¾	17¾	17¾
Pork—May	7 77	7 85	7 65	7 85
July	7 90	7 97	7 82	7 95
Lard—May	3 85	3 90	3 82	3 90
July	3 95	4 00	3 92	4 00
Ribs—May	3 95	4 05	3 92	4 02
July	4 05	4 12	4 05	4 12

Puts, 74; calls, 75½.

IN THE MATTER OF SUSEL GOLDSTICK, in the city of London, in the county of Middlesex, manufacturer, insolvent. Notice is hereby given that the above named Susel Goldstick has made an assignment to me of all his estate and effects in trust for the benefit of his creditors. A meeting of the creditors of the said estate is hereby convened and will be held at my office in the Masonic Temple, in the city of London, on Tuesday, the 23rd day of February, A.D. 1897, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the appointment of inspectors and the giving of directions with reference to the disposal of the estate. All the creditors of the said estate are hereby required to file their claims with me, duly verified by affidavit, and stating the nature and value of security, if any, held by them, on or before the 15th day of March, 1897, after which date I shall proceed to distribute the assets, having regard only to such claims as I shall have notice of, and I shall not be responsible for the assets of the said estate of any part thereof to any person or persons whose claim or claims shall not then have been filed. ALFRED ROBINSON, trustee. MEREDITH, CAMERON & JUDD, solicitors for trustee, London, Ont. Dated at London, this 15th day of February, 1897. b

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The
Wooing of Nell.

"Did you notice the time at all? Can you tell us what time it was when you reached the house?"

"No."

"You can't give any idea?"

"No."

"Not even within an hour?"

"No."

"And when you got to the house, what did you do?"

"I cried."

"Where? In the kitchen?"

"Yes; I think so; I hardly remember."

"Miss Bostal left you to go upstairs and mend her dress. Do you remember that?"

"No. Oh, yes, I think I do."

"Now, I don't want to worry you, but I want you to think before you answer me. When Miss Bostal left you to go upstairs, what did you do?"

"I—I—went into the kitchen."

"And you cried there?"

"Yes."

"And can you tell us about how long you sat there crying?"

"No."

"Presently you made tea, didn't you?"

A pause.

The coroner went on:

"Try to recollect. It only happened last night, you know. Miss Bostal says you brought in the tea—brought it into the dining room. Don't you remember doing that?"

"Oh—oh, yes."

"And did you look at the clock? Do you remember?"

"No; I don't remember."

"You found Miss Bostal in the dining-room. What was she doing?"

"She was lighting the fire."

"Yes; and you—had been in the kitchen all the time, after she left you? Until you took the tea into the dining-room?"

"Yes."

"You had not been outside the house for a moment?"

This question Nell answered very promptly.

"Oh, no."

"You are sure of that?"

"Quite sure."

"Have you, gentlemen, any questions to ask this witness?" went on the coroner, turning to the jury.

A stout man with gray whiskers leaned forward in his seat.

"I should like to ask Miss Claris," he said, "whether the deceased had not used certain threats towards her? He is known to have said that he used threats."

The coroner looked as if he was uncertain whether he should allow this question; but Nell answered by a movement of her head in assent.

"He did use threats to you?" persisted the juryman.

"Yes; at least, not to me, but——"

"He threatened to tell the police who it was that committed the robberies at your uncle's house?"

Nell turned very white, and threw at the persistent juryman a frightened glance.

"Yes; he did say that he knew."

"And he threatened to give information?"

"I don't think," interrupted the coroner, "that you ought to put it like that. Threaten is hardly the word. He said he would give information, did he not?"

"Yes," said Nell, almost inaudibly.

The juryman, offended at what he considered a snub, sat back and looked at the ceiling. Another of the jurymen leaned forward.

"Are you engaged to Mr. King?" asked he.

"Really, gentlemen, we must keep to the point," protested the coroner.

But Nell answered this question in a louder voice.

"I am not engaged to him," she said firmly."

"That will do, I think," said the coroner, who saw that there was a strong tendency on the part of the jury to satisfy their curiosity on points quite outside the subject of inquiry.

And Nell was allowed to retire from her prominent position.

Miss Bostal was waiting for her, and with a gentle hand she dragged the girl into a seat beside her, where little could be seen of her now flushed and frightened face.

"There is now only one more witness," went on the coroner, addressing the jury. "It is the second medical man who helped at the post-mortem."

"Is not Mr. King to be called?" asked one of the jurymen.

"He is unable to attend. I have a doctor's certificate to that effect. But after the evidence which has been given, I think his presence is hardly material."

"Now, I think it very material," objected a juryman. "He is known to have quarreled with the deceased——"

"It can be proved that he was in bed at the time of the death," answered the coroner. "He was so much injured that he was watched from the moment he fell down, fainting, after flinging the deceased off."

"Well, but I submit that we ought to have proof of this in evidence. When a man is found dead, with a bullet in his head——"

He stopped short, his attention arrested, like that of every other person in the court, by a cry, a movement, on the part of Nell Claris. Springing upon her feet, she gave a moan, a gasp, and then, looking round her with one quick, frightened stare, sank down into her seat.

There was a buzz of whispering, which was checked by the loud cry of "Silence!" as the second doctor was called and sworn. His evidence was only an echo of that of his colleague, and was hardly listened to by the crowded court, who were occupied with a stronger sensation.

The coroner's address to the jury was a very short one, and indicated more doubt in the mind of the coroner than existed in that of his hearers.

When the jury had retired, and the excited discussion of the probable verdict, although repressed a little by the presence of Nell, who sat like a statue by Miss Bostal's side, had grown into a loud roar long before the jury returned into court.

When they took their seats, the roar of the crowd had suddenly given place to a hush, which the voice of the coroner, asking if they had agreed upon a verdict, was distinctly heard.

In a few minutes the news had spread from the court to the crowd in the market-place outside, that the verdict was "Willful murder by some person or persons unknown."

CHAPTER XVI.

When Miss Bostal, at the end of the proceedings, turned to Nell and told her to get up and come home, she found that the girl had fainted.

George Claris, who had not been near his niece during the inquest, but had stood in a corner by himself with folded arms, watching the proceedings with a heavy frown, came forward sullenly at Miss Bostal's imperious gesture.

"Look, look, Mr. Claris, don't you see the poor child has fainted?" cried she, astonished at his apathy.

"Yes, I see," replied he shortly, with a cool nod.

"Poor little thing! The horror has been too much for her! Poor little thing!" went on the lady, as she quickly unfastened Nell's cloak, and loosened the front of her gown. "A glass of water, someone, please! And don't crowd round her; let her have all the air she can."

When the girl came to herself, as she did in a few minutes, thanks to the ministrations of Miss Bostal, she was led away to the dog cart which was waiting outside.

"Take great care of her," said Miss Bostal, solicitously, as Nell was hoisted in, very pale, and lifeless, and miserable. "And if you take my advice you will send her off to her aunt in London by the first train tomorrow morning."

George Claris, who had remained taciturn, sullen, and on the whole rather neglectful of his niece, frowned as he threw a quick glance at her.

"Oh, she's all right," he said with gruffness most unusual with him in speaking of his darling Nell. "She only wants the fresh air to bring her to. How are you going to get back, Miss Bostal? Can I give you a lift? We'll make room for you."

He looked up at Nell, expecting her to echo his words, and to make room for her friend. But the girl never moved.

Her uncle looked angry, but Miss Theodora smiled indulgently.

"Leave her alone," she whispered. "She's not herself yet. This wretched business has been too much for her!"

"Why should it be too much for her more than for anybody else?" asked the innkeeper fiercely.

Nell turned with a start, and her eyes were full of horror as she met those of her uncle. Miss Theodora pulled him impatiently by the arm.

"Men have no sympathy," she said reproachfully. "My father is just the same. You don't make any allowance for a woman's nerves. And yet, if we don't have nerves, you complain that we are mannish and unlovable. Oh, Mr. Claris, I didn't think it of you. I didn't indeed. I've often thought that your gentleness to Nell was a pattern to be copied by other men in their treatment of ladies."

The excitement of the day had rendered Miss Bostal much more loquacious and condescending than was usual with her. Her father, who had not been in court, came up at this moment, and with a nod to George Claris and a cold salutation to Nell, drew Miss Theodora away.

The old gentleman looked cold, and was decidedly cross.

"Come away, come along," said he. "Mrs. Lansdowne will give us a lift in her way home. I don't know why you want to go hanging about the place for a minute longer than you need. I should think you must be glad to get this gruesome affair done with. Come along."

And Miss Theodora dutifully allowed him to lead her away.

The cold drive home of George Claris and his niece began in silence. They were already in sight of the little group of buildings, of which the Blue Lion was the principal, when the girl, turning suddenly to her uncle, asked:

"Uncle George, what is the matter? Why are you so different—different to me?"

There was a pause. A struggle was going on in the man's breast, a struggle pitifully keen, between the love he had always borne towards his Nell, and the attacks of doubt and suspicion. It was in a husky, unnatural voice that he presently replied, parrying the question:

"Different! How Different?"

"You know, you know," Nell whispered back.

George Claris looked at her. And for a minute the old trust came back into his heart, and he told himself that he was a fool, a miserable old fool, to allow a doubt to enter his mind; but then the ugly thoughts which had begun to darken his mind, subtly instilled by the doubt and suspicion in all the minds around him, clouded him once more. He could not give her an open answer, although he felt that it would have been better if he could have done so. He heaved a big sigh, and answered without looking at her:

"Ah, well, my girl, it's not so easy to be lively and cheerful with such things as them," and he vaguely indicated the recent occurrence by jerking his whip back in the direction of Stroan, "happening under one's very windows almost!"

To be Continued.

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Help for the Poor.

How Chicago Relieves Distress Among Its Citizens.

Charity Dispensed With a Liberal Hand Through the Police Department—Mayor Swift's Proclamation—Talk of Bread Riots—Difficulties of the Problem.

A few days ago Chicago awoke to the fact that it had a great army of destitute people within its boundaries. It was a great surprise. The average well to do Chicagoan, well fed, well housed and comfortably clothed, had faintly realized that it was a "hard winter" for poor folks, but he did not think that any unusual conditions prevailed. He was too busy to notice the signs of distress which poverty and want weakly waved from every street corner.

But the recent cold wave brought matters to a climax. The well fed citizen learned with surprise that fully 75,000 of his fellow townspeople were suffering for the barest necessities of life. He learned of families who had been hovering on the verge of starvation for days; of children and grown people who had died, according to the certificates from the city physicians, from lack of food; of empty coal bins and thousands of human beings who shivered, numb and almost lifeless, in barren, fireless rooms.

It was the last that touched him. Sickness comes to all, but the well man forgets to have pity. Hunger is a common cry in big cities; but a picture of shivering, freezing humanity, especially when the mercury is way below zero, is one to touch the hardest heart.

So the prosperous Chicago citizen began to investigate. His inquiries led to discoveries which startled him. He found that the charity fund had been exhausted, that the almshouses and hospitals were full, that the county agent was swamped with applications for relief, that the police stations were crowded nightly with homeless men who crept in for shelter. He was told, too, that the army of destitute was not an imported one, but a home product, created by the general business depression. The officials who dispense the city's limited bounty reported to him that the men who came seeking aid were not the ordinary almoners whose faces had become familiar, but mechanics, bookkeepers and heads of families who had long been idle. They had not made application for aid until the pawnshops had swallowed up their personal effects and their families had faced starvation.

Once fully aroused to the situation, Chicago opened its purse strings. It was time.



ROBERT TREAT PAINE.

There was talk of bread riots. Hungry men are apt to be desperate. Mayor Swift, whose heart is undoubtedly in the right place and who has always been popular with the masses, led the relief movement.

"Feed and warm them first; inquire about it afterward," was his instructions to his chief of police.

As an illustration of the seriousness of the emergency here is the proclamation which the mayor issued, calling for contributions:

"To the generous people of Chicago:

"The present severe weather must naturally excite the keen sympathy of every kindly disposed person for the worthy and suffering poor. A protracted period of business depression has thrown thousands of men and women out of employment and brought want to families not previously familiar with it. No startling emergency exists, but the need usually prevailing in a large city is now considerably augmented because of continued "hard times" and the terrible cold.

"You have ever been found generous in behalf of all worthy objects, and I think it proper at this time and in this way to call your attention to the special occasion now existing for a manifestation of your reasonable generosity. The distress of women and children in their homes ought especially to be relieved. There are many worthy persons who hesitate to seek assistance, but suffer in silence.

"GEORGE B. SWIFT, Mayor."

This appeal had its effect. Public officials, private citizens and business men of every grade contributed to the relief fund, and many schemes for raising money by means of entertainments were proposed. The churches became interested, and the Salvation Army opened shelters. Every policeman became a charitable agent and reported cases of destitution to the station houses. Whenever such a report was made a police patrol wagon, loaded with coal, meat, bread and other necessities, was sent hurrying to the rescue. The health board inspectors were instructed to hunt out needy persons instead of searching for bad plumbing and contagious diseases.

On the second day of a recent cold snap 3,500 persons received temporary relief, and 3,600 pounds of beef, 70 tons of coal and large quantities of beans, peas, cornmeal and bread were distributed. This work was kept up for several days, thanks to the generous donations which kept pouring in.

But after the starving and shivering had been fed and warmed once it was realized that they were as helpless as before unless work could be found for them. What to do with the great army of idle and suffering men is as much of a problem today as it was two weeks ago. Chicago has not yet decided and is calling for a solution. Robert Treat Paine, the celebrated Boston philanthropist, has gone to Chicago to cooperate with the Civic federation in devising a plan of permanent relief. Mr. Paine is one of the most prominent advocates of universal peace and during the World's fair acted as president of the peace congress. If he is looking for a field for philanthropic work on a large scale he will find it in Chicago.

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OLD CURIOSITY SHOP.

London Board of Works Finally Orders Its Demolition.

About 18 years ago crowds of people flocked to the narrow and crooked little street, known as Portsmouth street, leading from Portugal street to Lincoln's Inn Fields, for a rumor was spread abroad that the house reputed to be the home of Little Nell was about to be demolished by order of the board of works. This, however, was a false alarm. The board had only ordered it to be shored up, as the adjoining house was in danger of collapse. The question of its removal was, however, only a matter of time, and now the time has arrived. Its demolition will very shortly be effected as a part of the wholesale improvements going forward in this neighborhood, and which have already claimed two historic taverns—the George IV. and the Black Jack—and the last of the old bulk shops. Though the



OLD CURIOSITY SHOP.

loss of all these associations is a matter for much regret, it cannot be doubted that the clearing of this squalid and congested congeries of byways will be a very real improvement.

There is the usual difference of opinion as to the actual building which Dickens had in his mind's eye when he wrote "The Old Curiosity Shop." The novel itself does not give any trustworthy clew, and the distinction has been claimed for 24 Fetter lane, which was pulled down early in 1891. The preponderance of opinion inclines to Portsmouth street, which is in a neighborhood replete with associations of Dickens.

The street, which originally bore the queer name of Louches building, takes its present name from Portmouth house, built by Inigo Jones for the earl of Portsmouth, the front of which is still standing, but the interior has been entirely transformed to meet the requirements of modern days. The quaint old house we illustrate is believed to be the remnant of the dairy house of Louise de Kerhouel, duchess of Portsmouth, the "baby-faced" beauty, who so long held the susceptible Charles II. in thrall. Thus the name of the street is sometimes derived from the duchess rather than the earl.

REPRESENTS CUBA.

Gonzales de y Quesada, Secretary of the Unrecognized Legation.

Gonzales de y Quesada, the representative of the Cuban government at Washington, is the lion of the hour in the society of the capital. He is the secretary of the unrecognized legation, but he is at the same time the practical head of that body, if the Cuban representation may be so called. The young senor is a nephew of Gen. Rafael de y Quesada of Venezuela, and he is one of the most ardent of the patriots. He is a close friend of the senators making up the committee on foreign relations and of the other senators, too. Especially is he a favorite



GONZALES DE Y QUESADA.

of the ladies, and if the wives of the senators had their way he would within a week have the $1,000,000 with which he says Cuba could win independence. Mrs. Cameron, wife of the author of the Cuban resolutions; Mrs. Lodge, wife of the distinguished senator from Massachusetts; Mrs. Sherman, Mrs. Cameron's aunt, and Mrs. Adams, the wife of the historian, have all taken up young Quesada and have entertained him with endless teas and receptions, all of which have gone a long way toward helping the cause of Cuba with the representatives and senators in Washington. He has worked hard to induce congress to recognize Cuba, and it is said he had a large share in the determination of the nature of the resolution prepared by Senator Cameron's committee.

The Secret of Success.

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Sun Makes Scarlet.

Scarlet seems the color most conspicuous in bright sunshine, and scarlet flowers are commonest in dry and sunny climates, where their color gives them an advantage in their struggle with other flowers for the attentions of butterflies and other pollen-bearers.

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CONSTRUCTING RESERVOIRS

For Purposes of Irrigation Where Pumps and Windmills Are Used.

Professor F. H. King of the Wisconsin experiment station, in his paper on "Irrigation In Humid Climates," published in a farmers' bulletin, has the following to say on the construction of the reservoirs necessary where pumps are employed, and particularly if windmills are used:

The location of the reservoirs should be such that its level is above that of the land to which it is to supply water. The deeper the reservoir can be made the less will be the loss by evaporation and usually also by leakage, but if the water supplied to it is too cold to use it will warm faster in a shallow reservoir.

Where the soil is of a clayey nature a good reservoir may be made by first plowing and removing the sod to a distance beyond the border of the proposed walls, because if introduced into the wall it will leak. The earth is then plowed and scraped into a broad ridge having the inside slanting in order that the waves shall not erode the embankment. While the earth is being deposited in the wall it should be trampled firm and close. When the proper height and form have been given to the walls of the reservoir, it is necessary to plow and thoroughly pulverize the bottom to a depth of five inches preparatory to puddling it. If the reservoir is circular in outline, the loosened soil should be first wet at the center and thoroughly puddled there by trampling with a team. Then by widening the wet area



CONSTRUCTION OF RESERVOIRS.

the team may be driven round and round until the sides are reached and the whole thoroughly worked into a mortar. In this condition, if thoroughly puddled, the reservoir is nearly water tight. To prevent washing the inner slope may be covered with a layer of coarse gravel or crushed rock.

If a perfectly water tight reservoir is desired, the bottom should be cemented, coated with asphalt and sand, or six or eight inches of brick clay used in the puddling.

To remove the water from the reservoir the best plan is to use lap weld steam pipe provided with an elbow and laid with the mouth of the elbow level with the bottom of the reservoir and facing up. This is closed with a plug to which a long T handle is attached. The cut represents a cross section of reservoir with plug inserted in the discharge pipe. The end of the pipe where the plug is inserted should be thoroughly imbedded in a large mass of cement heavy enough to prevent it from being shaken when the plug is taken out or inserted. A reservoir with sloping sides should have an outlet at the junction of the sides and bottom, and it will be necessary to build a pier out to it in order to reach the plug.

A reservoir 4 feet deep and 40 feet in diameter will hold water enough to irrigate 0.35 acre 4 inches deep and 0.69 acre 2 inches deep and 100 feet in diameter will irrigate 4.62 and 2.16 acres 2 and 4 inches deep respectively.

Fertilizer Law of New York.

The present fertilizer law of New York requires that there shall be affixed to each package of fertilizer a plainly printed statement certifying (1) the net weight, (2) the name, brands or trademark, (3) the name and address of the manufacturer and (4) the chemical composition expressed as follows: Per cent of nitrogen; per cent of available phosphoric acid, or, in case of undissolved bone, total phosphoric acid, and per cent of potash soluble in distilled water. Before any fertilizer can be legally sold, offered or exposed for sale in this state the manufacturer or agent must file with the New York agricultural experiment station at Geneva a statement like that provided for on packages and also an additional statement in January of every year. When fertilizers contain leather or similar inert products, the fact must be explicitly and conspicuously stated on each package. The present fertilizer law applies to "any commercial fertilizer or any material to be used as a fertilizer the selling price of which exceeds $10 per ton," when such goods are sold, offered or exposed for sale in this state. —Bulletin New York Station.

Tobacco Propagated From Slips.

Foreign exchanges give the intelligence of the discovery of a tobacco export of Hungary which may cause decided changes in the system of culture. Tobacco has been hitherto treated as an annual plant. According to the new system, it can be propagated from slips. It is claimed that the leaves harvested from plants propagated from slips are in all respects superior to those of the mother plant. Should these reports prove true the chief labor in tobacco cultivation of growing new plants every year from the seed will be done away with.

Reclaiming Lost Meadows.

The geological survey of New Jersey has revived the subject of the reclamation of the Hackensack and Newark salt meadows. State Geologist Smock recently visited Holland to study the system of diking and pumping, and State Engineer Vermuele has prepared a large map showing where dikes should be built and canals cut. The Country Gentleman estimates that the meadows have an area of 27,000 acres, and the cost of reclaiming them by diking and pumping is estimated at only $6 or $7 an acre.

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SIR EDMUND MONSON.

The British Ambassador to France is an Able Diplomat.

Sir Edmund Monson, the English ambassador to Paris, appointed on the retirement of the marquis of Dufferin and Ava, is one of the ablest diplomats in the service of Great Britain. He began his career in that branch of the government in the capacity of attache to the embassy of Paris. He later served at Florence, Washington, Hanover and Brussels. He was secretary to Lord Lyons for a time and ran for parliament, but was beaten. After his defeat he re-



SIR EDMTND MONSON.

turned to the diplomatic service, and was consul and consul-general in the Azores, in Buda-Pesth and in Pest. He was sent on special missions to Dalmatia and to Montenegro, and after that he filled posts in the Argentine Republic, in Denmark and in Greece. By this time he had risen to the rank of minister plenipotentiary and envoy extraordinary. In 1892 he was made a privy councilor and was sent by his government as ambassador to Vienna. Sir Edmund will be remembered for the part he played in the arbitration under convention between the United States and Denmark in the "Butterfield claim." His work in this case occupied his attention for the best part of a year. He is courtly in manner, speaks several languages as fluently as he does English and has a thorough understanding of international law.

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This store doesn't expect to make money on Footwear in February. All kinds of stock is moved quickly at low prices to make room for spring goods. We don't propose to carry over a single pair. Low prices have made business good with us, even in in mid-winter. New Footwear coming in every day. London had no idea we could develop such a shoe business. Chances are the more you know of the store the better you'll like to trade there.

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Workingmen's Rubber Boots cheap. Sole agents for the Slater Celebrated $3, $4 and $5 Gentlemen's shoes.

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Fancy Silk, striped, worth 60c, for 42c
Colored Satin, worth 25c, for 19c.
Colored Satin, worth 50c, for 39c.
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Colored Faille, worth $1, for 79c.
Colored Fancy, worth $1, for 69c.
Colored Fancy, worth $1 25, for 89c.
Colored Crepes, worth $1, for 61c.
Black Gros Grain, worth 50c, for 43c.
Black Gros Grain, worth 99c, for 65c.
Black Gros Grain, worth $1, for 79c.
Black Bengaline, worth $1, for 79c.
Black Bengaline, worth $2, for $1 19.
Black Mervellieux, worth 85c, for 63c.
Black Mervellieux, worth $1 25, for 99c.
Black Brocade, worth 75c, for 60c.
Black Brocade, worth $1, for 79c.
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MILD, WITH LIGHT SNOW OR RAIN AT NIGHT.

Toronto, Feb. 16.—11 p.m.—The small depression which was south of the lakes last night, is now south of Nova Scotia, where it is causing a light snowfall. The Northwest depression is now in Minnesota, moving quickly southeastward.

Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Esquimalt, 34-46; Calgary, 18-28; Qu'Appelle, zero-14; Winnipeg, 6 below-16; Port Arthur, 6 below-20; Toronto, 20-36; Ottawa, 14-34; Montreal, 20-32; Quebec, 16-32; Halifax, 26-34.

PROBABILITIES.

Toronto, Feb. 17.—1 a.m.—Probabilities for 24 hours for lower lakes region: Fresh to strong winds; mild weather, with light snow or rain at night.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the observatory yesterday were: 34 above and 25.5 above.

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A GOOD CONCERT

At the Dundas Center Sunday School Room—The Programme.

A capital concert was given last night before a very large audience, at the Dundas Street Center Methodist Sunday school building. It was under the auspices of the efficient orchestra of the school, conducted by Mr. James Cresswell. The orchestra selections and the individual numbers were all splendidly rendered, the programme being as follows:

Rossini—"Tancrede" .. .. ..Overture
Orchestra.
Schubert (Violin obligato)—"Ave Maria" .. ..Vocal
Miss Nellie Burnip and Mr. Jas. Cresswell.
Danela—Fourth Symphonie.. .. ..Violin Duet
Messrs. Jex.
Holden—"Nearer, My God, to Thee" .. ..Vocal
Dr. Zeigler.
"The Awful Story".. .. ..Recitation
Miss Lottie Arscott.
De Koven—"Merry Miller" .. .. ..Vocal
Miss Templeton.
Lack—Valse Arabasque .. ..Piano Solo
Mr. W. H. Hewlett
Cox—Scotch Airs .. ..Selection
Orchestra.
Bowman—"Eldorado" .. .. ..Overture
Orchestra.
Beven—"The Merry Monk".. ..Vocal
Mr. R. Albert Brown.
Spohr (Clarionet Obligato—"When Silent Grief Oppresses" .. ..Vocal
Miss Eva N. Roblyn and Mr. Jas. A. Brown.
Mascagni—(a) Intermezzo (Cavalleria Rusticana .. ..
Beal—(b) Andante.. .. ..
Orchestra.
Herbert—"I Have Been a-Maying" .. ..Vocal
Miss Nellie Burnip.
(Orchestra Accompaniment.)
Mendelssohn—"Priest's War March"
Orchestra.

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134.....Editorial Rooms.
175.....Job Department.

A Local Budget

—P. C. Charles Tuke resumed duty today after a short illness.

—All classes of job printing turned out promptly at The Advertiser Job Department. All work first class.

—Miss Summers, of Vancouver, B. C., formerly a dweller in London, is visiting Mrs. Genge, of Princess avenue.

—Mr. Duncan Stuart, of the legal firm of Stuarts, Ross & Moss, of this city, has returned home from a visit to the City of Mexico.

—Rev. D. J. Drummond will be inducted into the pastorate of Knox Church at St. Thomas today. Rev. M. P. Talling, of this city, is the moderator.

—Miss A. Doe, of this city, has left with her uncle, Mr. Spencer, for an extended visit to her uncle's home in Montana. They will visit Chicago and other places on the route.

—Mr. Chas. Currie, late cashier and bookkeeper of the London Street Railway Company, now manager of the Lima, O., street railway, is here for a few days. Mr. Currie is removing his family to Lima.

—Andrew Thompson, of Nissouri township, has secured the contract for the Evelyn mail stage route. Mr. Thompson will change his headquarters from the Queen's Hotel to the Fraser House, but does not assume the contract until April 1.

—On Monday evening Dr. Macarthur addressed the Christian Endeavor of St. Andrew's Church for half an hour on "Health." He dealt with the principles by which good health was generally assured. The doctor instructed them what to do in cases of accident and in extreme emergencies.

—Miss Hannah Smith, niece of the late Mrs. Henry Mathewson, died at the residence of her niece, Mrs. Robt. Kilbourne, at Kilworth yesterday morning, aged 72 years. Deceased, while residing in this city, was an attendant of the Congregational Church, and will be remembered by many old citizens. She leaves a brother, Mr. Comesford Smith, of the township of Westminster.

—The London Froebel Society held its weekly meeting on Monday at the Talbot street kindergarten, Miss McKenzie, president, in the chair, and about 27 members present. The subject under discussion was "Patriotism," which was ably handled by Miss Brenton. A story bearing on the subject was given by Miss Rudd, also a soldier game taught by Miss Laidlaw.

—On Friday afternoon and evening Black Patti and her Troubadours appear at the Grand. Very rarely is a matinee given in the city except on Wednesday and Saturday, and as the company is a clever one, a large audience will no doubt be present at both performances. The stage offerings contain a wonderful variety of good things, song, dance, and stirring mirth and melody prevail for three hours. As a rule, laughter and enthusiastic applause always supplement the stage features. Tom McIntosh, Bob Coles, Billy Johnson, Goggin and Davis and their quaint "coon songs" and buck dances are the incentives of hilarity.

—Mrs. R. Green, Francis street, was pleasantly surprised the other evening (on the twentieth anniversary of her wedding day), by the appearance of the members of the Royal Helpers, Circle of King's Daughters, of which she is a most valued member. After an eloquent address, read by Mrs. J. B. Heritage, showing the esteem in which Mrs. Green is held by her fellow-workers, a very handsome jardiniere was presented to her by Mrs. C. Coombs, on behalf of the circle. Mrs. Green made a very happy response. Refreshments were then served, and the ladies spent a very pleasant social evening together.

—Port Huron Times: Mrs. James Howard, a very worthy woman, resides with her two children on Tenth street. Mrs. Howard, her husband and four children came to Port Huron from London some time ago. A sister of Mrs. Howard came to visit the family. An intimacy sprang up between Howard and his wife's sister, and four weeks ago they concluded to elope. They left the city, taking two children with them. At Flint, Howard changed his name to Hall, and applied to the authorities for help for "his wife and children." The city marshal secured work for Howard at the Lewis paper mill. Howard and his sister-in-law are living together as husband and wife. The true wife is trying hard to support herself and children, and considers that she is well rid of a bad husband and false sister.

HANDY BUSINESS LIST OF CANADIAN NEWSPAPERS FREE.

The Canadian Advertising Company, limited, Toronto, have published a complete gazetteer of Canadian papers, with population of towns, circulation of papers, etc., together with blank memorandum columns. This is the first newspaper directory issued in Canada in four years. A copy will be sent free to anyone sending six cents in stamps to pay postage, also copy of their booklet, "Canadian Magazines and Society Papers."

DEATH OF MISS McGILL.

About 7 o'clock yesterday morning, Charlotte, the youngest daughter of the late David and Marguerite McGill, died at 246 Hyman street, after a long illness. She was a very estimable young lady, and her bereaved brothers and sisters have the deep sympathy of a wide circle of friends. The brothers left are Laughlin, of St. Thomas; David, of South London; and Peter, of Toronto. The sisters are: Mary and Margaret (Mrs. L. McGill) of this city, and Sarah, of Aldborough. The late Peter McGill, father of deceased, was one of the early settlers of Westminster and one of the best known men in this vicinity among the older residents. He came to London several years ago, where his daughter, Charlotte, spent nearly all her life. She was a member of St. Andrew's Church and a very popular young lady. Until two years ago, when she took a heavy cold, she was of robust health and the life of many a social gathering of young people. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon to a St. Thomas burying ground, where rest the remains of the parents and children.

A RUNAWAY TEAM.

About 5:30 last night the team of Wm. Humpidge broke away from a tie post in front of Ross' Hotel, and dashed down Dundas street to Adelaide. They then turned north, and after going around the corner ran amuck, striking a post and smashing the pole and neck-yoke. At Queen's avenue the double-trees were broken by contact with another telegraph pole, and the horses were free. One of them was caught near Dufferin avenue on Adelaide, but the other continued its wild race to Pall Mall street, where it was captured. The horses are unhurt, but the cutter is a wreck.

THE LATE T. C. WHITE'S FUNERAL.

The St. Thomas Journal says: "There was a large attendance at the funeral of Mr. Thomas Charles White, which took place Monday afternoon from the family residence, No. 31 Owaissa street, to St. Thomas Cemetery. Rev. J. F. Salton conducted the services, assisted by Rev. Mr. Irvine. Among the handsome floral tributes was an anchor, from the train dispatchers of London. The following gentlemen acted as pallbearers: J. C. Miller, dispatcher, London; R. E. Waugh, G. T. R., St. Thomas; James Armitage, locomotive foreman; B. Dixon, engineer; R. Richardson, fireman, and J. Cheeseborough. The following train dispatchers from London attended the funeral: George L. Clark, J. C. Miller, W. J. Element, Fred Arnum and Gilbert Hodgins.

DEATH OF MRS. SIMPSON.

Mrs. Jessie Simpson, of 32 Hope street, died last evening, aged 82 years. Mrs. Simpson had been a resident of London, since 1854, having come to this country from Morayshire, Scotland, after her husband's death. Two daughters survive her—Miss Jessie Simpson, of the Princess avenue school staff, and Mrs. Alex. Ferguson, city. Mrs. Simpson was a zealous member of the First Presbyterian Church, and one of the first promoters of the W. C. T. U. She was always active in religious and temperance work. Mrs. Simpson leaves a sister and three brothers—Margaret Robb, who always lived with her; John Robb, of Wyoming; Charles Robb, of Kippen, and Hugh Robb, of Dunnville. The interment takes place at Mount Pleasant Cemetery tomorrow.

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Mrs. Brent's Funeral

Conducted by Mrs. Anna Robinson, of the Spiritual Church, Port Huron.

A Large Gathering — Mrs. Robinson's Address.

The late Mrs. Joseph Brent was a prominent spiritualist in the city, and her funeral services held yesterday were conducted by Mrs. Anna L. Robinson, pastor of the Spiritual Church, Port Huron. Deceased was greatly beloved in the community, and her sorrowing friends thronged the family residence, 69 Maitland street, to bid a sad farewell to her mortal remains. The only son, Charles, of Michigan City, was present.

Most of the spiritualists in the city were also in attendance. The service, which began at 2:30 p.m., was very simple, and did not differ much from that of other denominations. First, the hymn "Nearer, My God, to Thee," was sung, then an invocation by Mrs. Robinson, who followed with an address lasting over half an hour. She referred to the belief held by spiritualists that the spirit of a departed one was ever present with the friends whose existence was still mortal. She had but passed to the higher life.

All joined in singing the hymn "Shall We Meet Beyond the River?" and the casket was conveyed to the hearse. The pall-bearers were John Symons, P. J. Edmunds, Robt. Geldart, George Crabbe, Wm. Wigmore and Squire Jarvis. Interment took place at Woodland Cemetery, and the service at the grave was conducted by Mrs. Robinson.

The cortege following the remains was a long one.

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The Cooking Class.

An Evening With Miss Fraser at the "Y" Rooms.

A Model Kitchen — Recipes of Some Savory Dishes.

The classes in cookery in connection with the Young Women's Christian Temperance Union conducted by Miss Annie Fraser, of Bowmanville, a graduate of the Toronto School of Cookery, although well attended, might be more freely taken advantage of. Monday evening a demonstration lesson was given by the professional cook, assisted by Miss Loughrey. A newspaper man called at the "Y" rooms and was ushered into the "kitchen." It was a model one. On the table was the usual supply of bowls and dishes, butter and eggs, and the hundred and one domestic implements that puzzle the masculine mind. There were utensils of almost every size and shape, and into these were turned those exquisite dishes that only a first-class cook can prepare, which are very digestible, which help to produce that ruddy, healthful complexion, the outward or visible sign of good cooking and an appetite to match. There the good housewife might easily learn to abandon her ancient ideas of classic dough-nuts, which would stretch a foot before breaking, and take up the new idea. In this school samples of the various sorts are seen, but none of these require the assistance of an axe and a hot cup of tea to prepare them for mastication. The jellies and preserves they make are dishes fully satisfied with their method of preparation, and never work the top off the jar in an effort to escape or grow sour from the effect of the sunlight. Pudding—Nothing indigestible is ever thought of. The landlady with a houseful of boarders quailed when she heard "Wash the currants thoroughly, and add three pounds of stoned raisins." Would the boarders ever stop feeding if such dishes were prepared? "Boeuf a la mode et pommedeterre de la Bechamel," never contained any more "a la" than was necessary. It did not affect the dish only in name, but when the dish was produced the name was only a fitting one for it. Monday night Miss Fraser was most attentive, and paid particular attention to every little detail. The following dishes were prepared and tried by the ladies present:

PEA FRITTERS.

One pint of green peas. Mash thoroughly through a sieve while hot; add half teaspoonful of salt, one-eighth teaspoonful of pepper, one tablespoonful of butter. After allowing to cool, add a beaten egg, one cup of milk, one cup of sifted flour, and one teaspoonful of baking powder. Stir the batter, which will be about the same consistency as that for pancakes, thoroughly and place in a hot pan and fry in plenty of butter. Serve hot.

POTATO PUFFS.

Take two cups of mashed potatoes; add a tablespoonful of butter and beat to a cream. Pour in half a cup of milk and the yolks of two eggs, well beatten together, into which has been put sufficient salt to suit the palate. After this gently stir in the white of the two eggs, which have been beaten stiffly. (Do not beat it in or the effect is spoiled.) Then drop them irregularly into a pan and bake.

POTATOES DE LA BECHAMEL.

Pare potatoes and cut them in dices, and leave in cold water 30 minutes. Then put on in boiling water, into which has been put a teaspoonful of salt, and cook until tender. Drain off and pour the following sauce over them: One cup of hot milk, two tablespoonfuls of butter, one table spoonful of flour, half teaspoonful of salt, quarter teaspoonful pepper, when this is stirred thoroughly add a tablespoonful of chopped parsley, and serve hot.

POTATOES AU GRATIN.

The recipe for this excellent dish is the same as the preceding one. After the sauce has been poured on and the potatoes well mixed, grate cheese over the whole sufficient to cover it nicely, and then bake brown.

BAKED CELERY.

Cut two bunches of celery fine and stew in salt water; when cooked strain off water and add a sauce made as follows: One cup of milk, into which stir a dessert-spoonful flour and teaspoonful of butter; add salt and pepper sufficient to season, and simmer for five minutes. Then put in a covered bakedish to cool. When the celery is cold beat in two eggs and strew the top thickly with bread crumbs, and cook in an oven for 20 minutes. After this remove the cover and cook a rich brown.

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THE PATRIOT COLOSSUS.

Cecil Rhodes' Ten Thousand a Year in South Africa.

Mr. Francis R. Thompson, J. P., member for the Cape Legislature, who is now on a visit to England, has been giving a Christian Commonwealth interviewer his opinion on the Jameson raid and on Mr. Rhodes, with whom he had been on intimate terms for many years. Here is one extract:

"The whole aim of Mr. Rhodes' life has been to secure for the British Empire the last unappropriated piece of the globe, and that without costing the British taxpayer one penny. His object is purely unselfish. He has often said to me, "I want £10,000 a year to live upon, and I don't want any more." I have known him rebuke South African millionaires who wanted to keep on adding to their pile. If it had not been for Mr. Rhodes, our way to Central Africa, through what Mr. Stead calls the Wasp's Waist, would have been cut off by the Germans."

"In ten years," Mr. Thompson added, "South Africa will astonish everybody."

Mr. Thompson holds that Mr. Rhodes was altogether innocent of the raid, and when asked how was it then that he was censured by the Cape Parliamentary Commission, made answer:

"After the raid had taken place, and during Mr. Rhodes' absence, his opponents, comprising a few ultra-Dutch, and commanded by Merriman, Rhodes' personal enemy, took occasion to attack him, being jealous of his position and influence. Nearly every member of the Cape Parliament in his heart of hearts sympathized with Dr. Jameson's motives, though they could not, as public men, condone the raid, and consequently the majority of the commission—the verdict was not unanimous—felt bound to censure Mr. Rhodes for having put Dr. Jameson in the position which enabled him to make the raid."

"You cannot get away from the fact," said Mr. Thompson, "that nine out of every ten men in South Africa believe in Mr. Rhodes, and consider he was fully justified in all that he did."

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