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THE POLICE DEPARTMENT MUST ENFORCE BY-LAWS

Ald. Westman Condemns "Innocent Maids" Posters—The Market Building Discussed—Asphalt Block Pavement for Park St.—Police to Weigh Coal

The City Council this year seem to have a bent for discussing things, and they certainly are making record runs this year. They have held two meetings this year and both have run past the allotted time of 11 o'clock, necessitating a suspension of rules. This is something that has seldom happened since the anti-Sulman days. During the regime of Mayor Sulman 9.30 was the regulation time for the council to adjourn. Last year, 10 o'clock generally saw the meetings ended. This year the council has not reached the stretch at 11 o'clock.

Ald. Westman is a new member of the council, but he is getting right into the game. He is a good speaker and expresses himself clearly and forcibly. He said that a number of city by-laws were not being carried out, namely the ones in connection with bill posting, the bringing of lewd shows to the city, the location of houses of ill-fame in the city, and the closing of saloons at legal hours. It was well known that a great many hotels do not close up during prohibited. Good laws had been made, and it was only right that they should be carried out.

Ald. Westman moved that the city council should call the attention of the Police Commissioners to the fact that the by-laws were not being carried out. The citizens who paid the police force should have some say.

Dr. Tye spoke on the evils of these houses of ill-fame. He had had youths fourteen and fifteen years old come into his office who were contaminated for life. It was time to take action. The houses were running wide open and were scenes of revelry all the time. He had spoken to the Chief of Police, the Magistrate and the policemen, but they had refused to act unless somebody laid an information.

Ald. Piggott thought such places were a disgrace to the Municipality. Ald. Marshall suggested that the Mayor was a member of the Police Commissioners, and he should lay the matter before them.

Ald. Westman's motion carried. Ald. Edmondson asked what had been done re extending the city limits. This was a move in the right direction.

Ald. Westman moved, seconded by Ald. Edmondson, that the resignation of Foreman Jacques of the Fire Department be accepted, and that he be paid his salary till March 1st.

Ald. McCoig suggested waiting till the council had Mr. Jacques written resignation.

I. L. Davis wrote resigning his position as member of the Public Library Board and thanking the Council for the faith reposed in him for fourteen years.

Ald. Piggott moved, seconded by Ald. Westman, that William Anderson be appointed to the Library Board in place of I. L. Davis, resigned.

Mayor McKeough suggested that a by-law be prepared giving the police-men power to require any party selling coal to take it to the public scales and have it weighed.

Ald. Edmondson said that he had seen a reference in the Great Home Journal to coal dealers selling short weight.

Ald. Piggott asked concerning Mr. Scott's offer of \$100, to which attention had been called in the G. H. J. Ald. Edmondson replied that Mr. Scott desired separate scales for this purpose and it would cost the city \$500 a year.

Ald. McCoig suggested a check on the coal men by means of duplicate sales.

Mayor McKeough referred the whole matter to the property committee to deal with.

Mayor McKeough said that Dr. Hall had brought in a resolution at the Board of Health in regard to an isolation hospital. His plan was to get the four townships bordering on Chatham, to join with the city in the erection of an isolation hospital. This matter was referred to the Finance committee.

Ald. McCoig said it was a bad idea to get too many hands in the pie.

Mayor McKeough said that he had a little instance of that just now in connection with the county.

The Dominion Paving Co. wrote asking for the balance due on the Wellington and Third street pavements. Referred to the Board of Works.

John Simington wrote asking what had been done in regard to the request of the live stock dealers in the city for scales and other accommodation. Referred to the Property committee.

Chief Pritchard wrote advising that the tower watch at the fire hall be discontinued as it was out of date. The tower was all right when there were only 20 telephones in the city. Now there were over 400. In addition, every factory had a watchman, and there were 19 alarm boxes. There had not been a tower alarm in three years.

This matter was referred to the Property Committee committee.

Chief Pritchard presented his report for the half year ending Dec. 31, '04. There had been 24 alarms, 22 in the city and two outside. The alarms were sent in as follows: Box 3, Gray's 3, telephone 11, local 2, total 24. The loss to building was \$2,084.75, to stock \$900. The value of the buildings and stock endangered was \$262,900; the insurance on the same was \$193,550.

The apparatus, horses, etc., are in good condition. The roof of the fire hall is leaking badly.

The fire-alarm system and the boxes are in first class condition. The batteries are too expensive, but the chief hopes to reduce their cost this year.

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GAMEY MANITOULIN'S POLITICS, 'DECLARES EX-MAYOR MCGREGOR

"Gamey is Manitoulin's politics," said Mr. J. Russell MacGregor, of Gore Bay, Manitoulin, in speaking yesterday to the London Free Press. "Gamey is Manitoulin's politics, and in the splendid fight he is making against the Ross Government he has the support of all Manitoulin. What do they think of him up there? They think more than ever of him. Oh, yes, Manitoulin believes in Gamey."

Mr. MacGregor, who is one of Gore Bay's leading citizens, an ex-Mayor of the town and president of the Conservative Association, spent yesterday and a portion of Sunday in the city. He was here renewing old acquaintances and friendships formed years ago when he was employed in the store of Messrs. W. T. Strong & Co., druggists, Dundas street. He ran up here from Woodstock, where he had been spending the past few days in company with Mr. Gamey, who is taking an active part in the by-election fight that culminates to-day. Mr. MacGregor will be remembered as the man mentioned by the Manitoulin member in his famous speech in the House as being his adviser and counsellor in the negotiations with the Hon. Mr. Stratton.

"And what about the prospects in North Oxford?" Mr. MacGregor was asked.

"They are good; distinctly good," was the reply. "The Conservatives are simply on edge these last few days, and are making a tremendous fight. I know that the Government will never poll their usual big majority in the riding. In fact, I am positive it will not go over the 400

mark, and I can tell you I would not like to bet a dollar that we would not defeat them, for Butler is a popular fellow, and they are in fighting trim."

"It would be a great thing if the Liberals don't poll a bigger majority than four hundred?"

"It will be a tremendous big thing if we defeat them," answered Mr. MacGregor, with a smile. "Mind you, I am not in the prophesying business, but North Oxford is going to spring a surprise to-morrow."

"How is Mr. Gamey doing down there?"

Famously. He is received everywhere by large crowds and given a splendid hearing. You could have heard a pin drop the other night when he spoke in Woodstock, and it was a big audience, too. They were there to hear a wronged man tell his story, and they received him in great style. He is doing good work in Woodstock. The overflow from our meeting attended the Grit meeting, which was addressed by Ministers of the Crown, but the latter got sick of addressing empty benches and shut up early."

Mr. MacGregor stated that North Oxford could surely be won for the Conservatives if the party organization were better.

"The Conservative organization down there is very poor," he said, "and they scarcely know how to go about the business of fighting an election campaign such as this. I just wish I had control of that organization for a year. I would make it so that the Grits would have a good deal harder job than they have yet been treated to in electing their man," and the Manitoulinite closed the conversation with a cordial handshake. He left for Woodstock last evening.

JAPAN WILL DECLARE WAR

Unless Russia's Reply is Favorable—Eastern Situation is Now Very Grave.

Japanese Government Assume Control of All Private Railways for Military Purposes.

London, Tuesday, Jan. 26. — The Tokio correspondent of the Daily Telegraph has sent the following telegram: "The official Gazette publishes an imperial ordinance empowering the government to assume control of all private railways, etc., for military purposes. The situation is very grave and developments are hourly expected."

CHINA ANXIOUS.

A Peking despatch says:—The Chinese authorities have approached the ministers here of several powers with proposals directed towards attempting mediation with Russia and Japan. China is exceedingly anxious that war should be avoided.

THE FEELING AT ST. PETERSBURG.

A despatch to the Reuters Telegram Company from St. Petersburg, says that while the Bourge there has been nervous owing to the uncertainty of the situation, the progress of negotiations inspires increasing confidence. The principal danger now, according to a despatch, is said to be confined to the disorderly elements in Korea. The latest news received here represents a great majority of Koreans as sympathizing with Russia and hostile to Japan. Other despatches say that the Japanese are embarking 10,000 laborers at Tien-Tsin in order to hasten the completion of Seoul-Fusan railroad. Some anxiety has been expressed in St. Petersburg regarding the military movements of China.

RUSSIAN RESERVES.

A despatch to the Daily Mail from Warsaw says arrangements have been made to call out 86,000 reserves in the Cais, Kharkoff, Kieff and Odessa districts should it become necessary to do so.

FOR ACTIVE SERVICE.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Mail reports that the first reserves resident there have been warned to hold themselves in readiness for active service. This is possibly a step taken with the object of preparing the public for eventualities the correspondent says, and for obtaining the support of public opinion, which the war party hitherto has lacked. Nothing approaching a war fever, however, is yet discernable.

ALEXIEFF'S ILLNESS.

The Chee-Foo correspondent of the Daily Mail cables that Viceroy Alexieff's illness is graver than had been supposed. Military preparations, the correspondent adds, are only half completed.

CHINESE DESERTIONS.

The Tien-Tsin correspondent of the Standard, says that 2,000 Chinese who had been enlisted by the Russians, deserted on being ordered to Port Arthur.

A JAP COUNCIL OF WAR.

A Tokio despatch says the first meeting of the recently created supreme military council took place to-day. Subsequently the ministers had an audience with the Emperor who exhorted them to co-operate in giving effect to the Imperial financial program which has been drawn up. The new Korean cabinet is friendly to Japan.

JAPAN WILL DECLARE WAR

Berlin, Jan. 25. — As the German Government understands the present situation, the feeling is such at Tokio that Japan will declare war unless Russia answers her demands favorably. [Russia recognizes this accordingly intends to accept enough of Japan's points to make the Tokio cabinet feel that a sufficient cause for war no longer exists, and while the forthcoming note will not fully satisfy Japan it will prevent the serious possibility of a declaration of war.]

RUSSIA'S REPLY.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 25. — The exchange of communications between the Foreign Office, the members of the committee of the far East, Viceroy Alexieff and Baron de Rosen, the Russian minister at Tokio, is still going on. There is no official indication of when a conclusion will be reached; but a diplomat who is close to such negotiations expressed the opinion that the Russian reply will possibly be ready this week. The Korean minister has received advice that his government will soon open the port of Wiju, on the Yalu River to the commerce of the world.

NOT SATISFACTORY.

Paris, Jan. 25. — Considerable tension is again observable in governmental quarters concerning the Russo-Japanese situation. This is due principally to the fact that the efforts toward a pacific adjustment have not made the progress which the officials hoped and expected. Those highest in authority say the negotiations have reached a point where practically no progress is occurring in any direction. It appears that one of the most difficult features is the mutual distrust and hatred which have grown up between the parties. It is said that every



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SPLENDID ENTERTAINMENT AND PACKED THEATRE

The Ritchie Company held the boards at the Grand last night and gave their performance to a very large and well pleased audience—this being number four of the C. C. I. Star and People's Popular Course.

The program consisted of magic work, humorous impersonations, old fashioned songs, shadowgraphy, readings, bird warblings and imitations.

Mr. Ritchie's magic work with handkerchief, pocket watch, the mysterious candle, the Madams mistake and flags of all nations was wonderful. This consisted the first part of the program. Part II consisted of humorous impersonations by Miss Nettie Jackson, who is very clever and received a number of encores. The old fashioned songs by Mrs. Ritchie were very much appreciated.

Mr. Ritchie appeared in this part, introducing something new on the Chatham stage in the way of shadowgraphy, which was very clever and amusing. Then came the most wonderful feat of the program called Levitation—gravitation defied and all the laws of nature set aside, in which a human being is suspended in mid air with no visible or invisible means of support. Part III consisted of readings by Miss Nettie Jackson, which brought down the big audience with applause. Mr. Charles Howison was next on the program with bird warbling and imitations. He received no less than five encores. Part IV consisted of thirty minutes more with Ritchie, introducing the bowl of fire, the flight of the canaries, wine or water, which the prolific hat, the bunny and the cannon ball, and oriental illuminations. During this act Mr. Ritchie asked for some gentleman from the audience to come on the stage to assist in some tricks and to watch that everything was done squarely. To this response Mr. O. L. Lewis kindly volunteered. He had hardly reached the stage platform before Mr. Ritchie started pulling cards out of his pockets, a large green snake from his bosom, and ended by pulling a real live and full grown bunny from under his coat through the back of his collar. Mr. Lewis left the platform very much surprised amid great laughter from the audience. This concluded the best number so far of the C. C. I. Star and People's Popular Course.

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DEFERRED DOMINION ELECTIONS

It is now rumored that the Dominion Government will allow the present Parliament to run its full five years of life. One of the objects that prompted the abandoned intention of having general elections this winter was to hold them while the Ross Government was still in control of Ontario matters. But it seems that there was even greater urgency about needed changes in the Grand Trunk Pacific terms, and consequently a session of Parliament has been called for March 10 and the dissolution indefinitely deferred. Should the Ross Government go to wreck in the course of the spring or summer, the disposition of Sir Wilfrid may be to hold off the Dominion elections until Ontario political excitement has quieted down. Hence it is not unlikely that the Dominion general elections will not be held for another year or more.

HOPES FOR PEACE.

It is evident enough that behind the scenes in which the representatives of Russia and Japan are playing their world-interesting parts there is some power or powers making for peace. Not only are the issues swaying in the balance of the most vital interest, to both participants, but it is incontestable that on the side of Japan at least there is a strong popular movement in favor of war. Whether rightly or wrongly, the Japs seem to be actuated quite as much by a buoyant confidence in themselves as by the assurance of the righteousness of their cause. In the latter conviction they have undoubtedly been greatly strengthened by the almost universal sympathy displayed in the United Kingdom and the United States—a sympathy not infrequently taking the shape of direct encouragement. Yet despite all the influences which are acting upon the Japanese government they are displaying a caution and reserve which must increase the respect and admiration they have already gained from the most advanced nations of the world. Russia, too, has clearly climbed down, and has abated much of the pretentious and more of the arrogance her representatives originally paraded.

There can be little doubt that public opinion is right in ascribing the continuance of the negotiations and the remnant hope of peace to the united action of Britain and France—not necessarily joint, but more probably independent, though directed towards the common object. Important as was the obligation these nations owe to King Edward, it becomes even more marked in view of the Far Eastern imbroglio. But for the establishment of the entente cordiale with all the freshly awakened feelings of amity and the increased prestige which at once accrued to both countries, it cannot be denied the situation would have been infinitely graver and would in all likelihood ere this have resulted in an open outbreak. There is something almost providential in the remarkable and rapid change which ensued to the relations of the centuries old enemies upon the conclusion of the arbitration treaty. And even in the few months which have since elapsed the sentiment of fraternity has been deepened and intensified by the numerous visits of public bodies and deputations which have been exchanged, each of which has apparently resulted in a furtherance of friendliness. The rapprochement has borne fruit in every corner of the world, and it would not be at all surprising if the relations of the two governments were not even more intimate than has been allowed to appear.

Italy, bound in a special manner to both countries, has not been long in following the good example of her friends. The arbitration treaty just concluded between Italy and France has, it is intimated, become tripartite by the adhesion of Great Britain. It is a highly gratifying consummation. For some reason or other, during recent years, the relations between Italy and Great Britain, although not unfriendly, had lost something of their pristine affection. The estrangement seems to have arisen over what Italian statesmen considered a lack of sympathy shown by the British government towards their African ambitions. Whatever it was it produced a certain feeling of coolness, or rather soreness, such as only friends can feel who realize and regret the disturbance of the ancient intimacy. Fortunately, and again due to King Edward, the old traditions are reviving, and are again inspiring the governments, press and

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peoples. After all, it was fortunate that the causes of misunderstanding were in their nature transitory and not sufficiently serious to impair Italian gratitude for the many great and vital services Britain rendered to the cause of Italian liberty and unity. But it will be well for British statesmen to learn a needed lesson. Just and fair as we all delight to think British policy is and strives to be, it often lacks the sympathetic touch—the generous tone which costs so little and means so much to Latin nations. There will be a general hope that this tripartite arbitration agreement will again lay a foundation broad and deep for a new and everlasting Temple of Peace—the work and glory of the three free nations of Western Europe.—Toronto World.

VOTING IN THE DARK.

It has leaked out that Premier Ross' new prohibition legislation, which it has been given out, will be satisfactory to the temperance people, will not do away with the bar business after all, but simply change the method, requiring the substitution of tables, chairs, etc., for the present bar and appurtenances. Of course this report cannot be verified, for the Government withholds exact information as to what legislation it really proposes. When an election is on is the time that the Government should give this information. Why does Mr. Ross keep back information from North Oxford electors, permitting only vague assurances to reach them? Is it because he plans another betrayal of his temperance supporters? All these conjectures would be allayed by the promulgation of the facts, which North Oxford electors have a right to. They should vote out a Government which want them to vote in the dark.

OLD LIBERALS SORE.

The turn over in North Renfrew has created consternation in the Liberal ranks. It was necessary to enlist the services of Hon. James Sutherland in North Oxford, and even at that there is a scare on. The Woodstock Sentinel-Review is the organizing machine is to be

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Children's vestee suits, \$4.00 and \$4.25, silk facings, fine tweeds, sale price \$2.50.

Children's serge and tweed blouse and vestee suits, ages 4 to 8 years, regular \$3.75, sale price \$2.89.

Boys' 3pc. suits, single and double breasted, regular \$3.75 and \$4.25, sale price \$3.00.

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kept out of the riding. Can it be that Stratton and Sullivan and Vance and the rest have discovered that the honest Liberals will not tolerate crookedness? Is it at last dawning upon Mr. Ross and his colleagues that the solid men who stood loyal to Brown and Baldwin and Alex. Mackenzie, and Hope Mackenzie, and other champions of honesty in public affairs, will not put up with such rascality as was attempted in the case of Donald Sutherland. And Hon. James Sutherland has not covered himself with glory in seeking to discount the inequity perpetrated in appointing that man Jackson, of Ingersoll, to a fat office in England, at the expense of the people of Canada.

Dr. Welford, of Woodstock, no doubt voiced the feeling among the old line Liberals, when, speaking at Blandford Monday night, he said: "I have voted Reform all my life, but in view of all the shady revelations of the Ross administration in the past two years, I cannot do so longer. The present reign of corruption at Toronto under Premier Ross is just too thick for me." Dr. Welford asks: "Is our government like ours fit to rule an intelligent people after the revelation of corruption as proven in the law courts the past two years?" All honest men will answer with the doctor, "Most assuredly not."

It is not necessary to argue the matter of policy at all. By a wide stretch of the imagination it might be admitted that Premier Ross is conscientious and his policy worthy of support, but there can be no defence of such conduct on the part of the Liberal managers as that which saddles the country with the expense of such trials as that in South Oxford, and the rewarding of the prime movers in that iniquity. Premier Ross can have no claim to consideration in view of his connection with the Gurney exposure, his defence of Stratton and the continuance of Sullivan, Vance and the other subverters of the will of the people in the employ of the government. The honest Liberals of Oxford, we believe, will refuse to follow the man who has dragged Liberal traditions in the mire and disgraced the party name.

THE STAGE



"All the world's a stage
and all the men and
women merely players."

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

At the Chatham Grand:—
A Thoroughbred Tramp—Jan. 27.
Gorton Famous Minstrels—Jan. 28.
Henry VIII.—Jan. 29.

(Supplied to The Planet by Press Agents.)

A THOROUGHbred TRAMP.

The Grand will offer for its attraction, to-morrow night, "A Thoroughbred Tramp," a crisp, new sensational comedy, redolent with the slant, crime and adventures of the typical hobo. T. Rush Thompson is the personage around whom the entire action of the play revolves. True to his pro-name Thompson is a very rapid individual and causes the action to revolve at a pace that leaves no spare room for a dull moment during the entire two hours and a half consumed in the performance. Several sensational scenic effects are in Jan. 27.

GORTON'S FAMOUS MINSTRELS.
Gorton's Minstrels will appear at the Grand on Jan. 28th, with an entirely new, novel and thoroughly up-to-date attraction. The costuming

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Young men's suits, 39 only in this lot, sizes 30 to 35 inches, long or short pants, made of fine wool tweeds, natty patterns and styles, extra well tailored, excellent linings and finish, regular \$4.50, \$5.50, \$6.50 and \$7.50 suits, Thursday morning at \$3.50.

36 only boys' suits, sizes 22 to 29 inches, in range of up-to-date styles, nobby patterns, extra well finished, regular \$3.00, \$3.50, \$3.75, \$4.00 and \$4.50 suits, Thursday morning \$2.38.

Boys' Reefers—16 only, boys' double breasted reefer coats, in beaver, boucle and nap cloths, colors navy, grey, brown and black, extra well made, tweed and Italian linings, self or velvet collars, \$2.75, \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00 each, Thursday, morning for \$1.90.

Boys' Reefers—12 only, heavy frieze made and lined, regular price \$3.50, ed, storm or velvet collars, extra well made and lined, regular price \$3.50, \$3.90 and \$4.50 each, your pick Thursday morning. \$2.50

Men's Overcoats—Fine beaver and frieze overcoats, fly front and double breasted styles, plain or velvet collars, lengths, regular \$6.00, \$6.50, \$7.50 and \$9.00 each, going Thursday morning at 4.90

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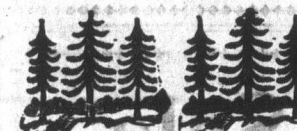
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London, Jan. 25.—At last it is possible to affirm with strong confidence that the situation in the Far East is distinctly hopeful. The basis for this welcome announcement is a fact which should be decisive, namely, that Japan has the best reasons for believing that Russia is prepared in the interests of peace to concede practically all the claims in the last Japanese note, and is delaying her reply only in order to find the best means of giving a proper diplomatic expression of her decision.

It is impossible to be more definite about the sources of information. The issue of peace or war has rested solely with Russia, for Japan was not indulging in diplomatic bargaining but asked her irreducible minimum of demands at the first.

No Reply Yet Received.
Tokio, Jan. 25.—No reply has yet been received from St. Petersburg.

Rioting at Seoul.
Seoul, Jan. 25.—An accident yesterday on the electric street railway here, which resulted in the killing of a Korean led to rioting on the part of the populace. The marine guard at the American legation, however, without having recourse to their fire arms, succeeded in preventing the trouble from assuming serious proportions.

Still Japan Seems to Mean War.

London, Jan. 25.—A despatch to The Central News from Tokio, says: "An extraordinary issue of 'The Gazette' has been published, containing an Imperial ordinance, approving the various coast defence regulations and forbidding, under penalties, the navigation of private vessels; fighting within specified areas, or the carrying out of marine work which might be inimical to Japanese naval interest."

The decree is regarded as being highly significant.

"The Kokumin Shimbun, in a warlike editorial, declares that the arrival or non-arrival of Russia's reply does not effect the situation, and says: 'Every hope of securing the legitimate demands of Japan diplomatically has been abandoned, and the Government, therefore, is compelled to take such freedom of action as will ensure perpetual peace in the Far East.'"

Alexieff Has Angina Pectoris.

London, Jan. 25.—The Chee Foo correspondent of 'The Daily Mail' cables that an engagement has occurred on the Manchurian Railroad between Russian troops and Chinese marauders, in which three Russians were killed. Troops are purging into Port Arthur from the north and the entire garrison has been employed in manoeuvres.

Viceroy Alexieff is suffering from angina pectoris and was unable to attend the military conference yesterday.

WILL OPPOSE BRITISH.

Col. Younghusband Offered Favorable Terms By Tibetan General to Retire.

Chumbi, British India, Jan. 25.—Col. Younghusband, the Commander of the British expedition to Tibet, had a friendly interview with a general from Lhasa and a number of Lamas, who came out to meet the British mission. The general offered favorable terms for Col. Younghusband to retire, and on his refusal, indicated that the British advance would be opposed.

Several Whites Murdered.

London, Jan. 25.—The Foreign Office has received news of the massacre of a British expedition under the auspices of the East Africa syndicate by Tuhkama tribesmen in the neighborhood of Rudolf Lake, East Africa. Several white men were murdered, but no details of the occurrence have been received.

Toronto Corruption Scandal.

Toronto, Jan. 25.—The first formal trial in the municipal election scandal will commence before Magistrate Denison this morning. Crown Attorney Curry thinks five minutes will suffice to dispose of the technical objection to the jurisdiction of the court raised by Mr. DuVernet, counsel for Samuel Thompson. Mr. Curry said he had some 28 witnesses subpoenaed to appear in this case.

Col. Lynch Released.

London, Jan. 25.—The Daily Telegraph this morning says it understands that Col. Arthur Lynch, who commanded the Irish brigade against the British forces during the war in South Africa, and who was afterwards convicted of treason and sentenced to imprisonment for life, was liberated yesterday morning "on license." Lynch has not received the royal pardon.

Portrait to Adorn Varsity Wall.

Toronto, Jan. 25.—The literary of Toronto assembled at the University Library on Saturday afternoon to witness the unveiling of a handsome portrait in oils of Prof. Goldwin Smith. Prof. Clark of Trinity eulogized Prof. Goldwin Smith and also the donor of the portrait, John Ross Robertson. Prof. Smith made a modestly characteristic reply.

Against Peter's Power.

Vienna, Jan. 25.—Edgardo advises report that Servians and Montenegrins living abroad are engaged in a vigorous agitation against the Karagorjevic dynasty, and have even planned a conspiracy against King Peter.



Miss Hapgood tells how she escaped an awful operation by using Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I suffered for four years with what the doctors called Salpingitis (inflammation of the fallopian tubes and ovaritis), which is a most distressing and painful ailment, affecting all the surrounding parts, undermining the constitution, and sapping the life force. If you had seen me a year ago, before I began taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and had noticed the sunken eyes, sallow complexion, and general emaciated condition, and compared that person with me as I am today, robust, hearty, and well, you would not wonder that I feel thankful to you and your wonderful medicine, which restored me to new life and health in five months, and saved me from an awful operation."—Miss IRENE HAPGOOD, 1023 Sandwich St. Windsor, Ont.—\$5000 forfeit if original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be produced.

Ovaritis or inflammation of the ovaries or fallopian tubes which adjoin the ovaries may result from sudden stopping of the monthly flow, from inflammation of the womb, and many other causes. The slightest indication of trouble with the ovaries, indicated by dull throbbing pain in the side, accompanied by heat and shooting pains, should claim your instant attention. It will not cure itself, and a hospital operation, with all its terrors, may easily result from neglect.

Women Forced Into Boats.

Victoria, B.C., Jan. 25.—John Davis, a passenger of the Clallam, gave evidence at the coroner's inquest on Saturday that many women wished to remain by the Clallam and protested against being put in the boats; but were forced to go. The captain had told passengers who went to him when the tug Holyoke came and requested to be put on board, that he would put them on the tug as soon as there was danger. He told them the steamer would live for three hours, but she only lived twenty minutes.

North Bruce Is Sternbound.

Tara, Jan. 25.—On account of the storm, no trains passed since Thursday to Sunday, and no mails or daily papers received since Wednesday. A few daily papers were brought in by stage Sunday night from Owen Sound and brought Klondike prices. The Conservative convention advertised to be held on Tuesday, the 26th inst., has been cancelled. It has been the worst blockade experienced for years in North Bruce, and teaming lumber business in general is at a standstill.

C.P.R. Liable to Chinese Government.

Victoria, B.C., Jan. 25.—A decision has been given in favor of the Chinese Government against the C.P.R. steamer Empress of India on account of the collision with the Chinese man-of-war Huang Tai in August last, when the Chinese commander and a number of his crew were drowned. The Empress being the overtaking steamer, was held blameable, and the assessors will assess the damage due the Chinese Government.



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GAME OF RUSSIA

A Very Interesting Situation in the Far East Explained—Some Light on the Oriental Problem.

Russia is exercising a virtual protectorate over Manchuria. She has built and owns the great railroad lines, crossing the country from west to east, and from north to south. She guards these lines with regiments of Cossacks. She occupies by military force all the chief cities, including Niu Chwang, the most important port. She holds under lease from China, the other two ports, Daini (Talien-wan) and Port Arthur. She has obtained for her citizens land holdings and mining rights which secure to them by far the greater part of the industries of the country.

Time after time Russia has pledged herself to restore Manchuria to China and to withdraw her troops, saving only the necessary "railway guards." She has even fixed the time for evacuation. Her pledges have all been broken. This is the situation out of which grows the danger of war between Japan and Russia to-day.

It is a deeply interesting story—that of Manchuria in the hands of the Russians, even apart from the issue drawn because of it. It is a story in which the Manchurians cut no figure at all, in which China has little more to do than a puppet pulled by wires, in which Russia is the great star actor, and in which Japan, England, and the United States, in that order of prominence, appear as the opponents of Russia's schemes.

The story really begins only with the middle of the last century. For almost 200 years prior to 1860 Russia had respected an old treaty with China, and concerned herself little with Manchuria. In that year she annexed her maritime provinces which is east of the northern part of Manchuria, and thus secured the port of Vladivostok, on the Pacific. Even after that, however, she was seemingly much more interested in keeping open the old caravan route to Peking over the Gobi desert, than in establishing trade by way of Manchuria. But by the time of the treaty of St. Petersburg in 1881, she had come to a full realization of the possibilities of China and to a knowledge of the utter inadequacy of the caravan route either for trade or for troops. She then secured the right to navigate the rivers of Manchuria and other valuable privileges. Between 1881 and 1895 Russia established colonies in the Manchurian cities, sent in bodies of troops to protect them, used her right of navigation so vigorously that she even excluded Chinese ships entirely, and, more important than all, she thoroughly surveyed the Manchurian provinces, gaining just the kind of knowledge she needed for military purposes.

It was in 1891 that Czar Alexander III. decreed by Imperial rescript the construction of the Siberian railroad. Vladivostok was to be the Pacific terminus, and the route was to be all Russian, making therefore a great northward curve to avoid Manchurian territory. Russia quickly discovered, however, that it would be very much better and more economical for her to send the road straight across Manchuria. A mere railroad concession from China would not serve her purpose, for she could not hope to operate a road successfully without the right to use troops to protect it.

Her chance to get this right with the least possible trouble came after the war between China and Japan. Japan, having won a complete victory had secured from China, as one of the fruits of the cession of the Liao-Tung peninsula, which forms the southern projection of Manchuria into the Yellow sea. Russia, with the support of France and Germany, protested against this cession and Japan had to disgorge. Then Russia turned to China and said in substance: "Behold, I am your great friend. I did this all for love of you."

China was naturally grateful, and Russia's reward was a secret agreement, known as the Cassini convention, the exact terms of which have not even yet been published. It was in substance an arrangement by which China was to give Russia preferences as against other powers, while Russia was to defend China against the world. This was followed by the Manchurian Railway agreement, in form an agreement between China and the Russo-Chinese Bank, but actually between China and the Russian Government.

The agreement not only permitted Russia to build the road, from west to east across Manchuria, but it allowed her to guard it with such troops as she deemed necessary against brigands and other marauders, and it gave Russian goods brought into China by railroad a preference of 50 per cent. in duties as against those entered by foreign nations at seaports. With these privileges stretched to suit her needs, Russia was secure of practical control of all Northern Manchuria at the least.

More than this, however, was now in her mind. Vladivostok had proved an unsatisfactory harbor, because it was ice-bound a good part of the year. Port Arthur, at the southern point of the Liao-Tung peninsula, from which Japan had been dispossessed, could be kept open all the year round. Again Russia watched for an excuse to serve her purpose. The excuse came quickly, for in November, 1897, Germany seized the port of Kiao-Chau in recompense for the murder of two missionaries, and it was perfectly clear that Russia must have some "compensating advantages." A month later a Russian fleet sailed into the harbor of Port Arthur, and the Russian flag was hoisted on the shore. In March, 1898, Russia formally leased Port Arthur, together with a neighboring place called Talien-wan, where she has built the city of Daini, from China for a term of twenty-five years, with the privilege of renewal. At the same time she secured the right to build a railroad from these ports to Harbin, a great new Russian city on her trans-Manchurian line. Her action did not pass without challenge, and Great Britain was not satisfied until she had secured

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ed from Russia an explicit promise to keep the ports of Port Arthur and Talien-wan open to the commerce of the world.

Here matters rested until the Boxer uprising, during which Russia overran Manchuria with armies which she has never yet withdrawn. From that time until her final failure, last October, Russia was ceaselessly negotiating with China for rights over Manchuria, which would have amounted to nothing less than an official recognition of the Russian protectorate that already virtually existed. First she made an agreement with the Tartar general, Tseng, allowing her to install a Russian "political resident." Then she tried to secure a confirmation of this agreement from China, along with a grant of exclusive privileges for mining and land holding—in effect, for all industry. England, Japan and other powers blocked her effort, and the powerful viceroys of the southern provinces of China also exerted an unfavorable influence. In the fall of 1901 Russia again tried to secure such an agreement, and again she failed.

Finally, in April, 1902, a Russo-Chinese agreement was at last signed, but it was not at all what Russia desired. Russia was to evacuate Manchuria entirely, and turn it over to the Chinese civil administration by October of last year, and no mention was made of the special privileges she was seeking.

The negotiations of last year, stretching from April to October, were in their nature a demand by Russia for these same old exclusive privileges as yet unobtainable, and when Russia again found that she could not get them she declared her existing agreement "lapsed." She "stood pat" in Manchuria, and in effect "dared" the world to come and put her out.

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TO-NIGHT.

Chatham Lodge, No. 29, I. O. O. F., Oddfellows' Temple, at 8.
Leap Year Ball, Auditorium, Oddfellows' Temple, at 9.
The principals in Robin Hood will rehearse at 8.
Court Companion, No. 521, I. O. O. F., will hold their regular meeting at 8.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

McKay Restaurant and Lunch Rooms, open day and night. 3t
Mrs. Cartier, Joseph street, is confined to the house through illness.

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Walter Tichborn, of the firm of Deloge & Doyle, who has been ill with la grippe, is able to be around again.

There will be a meeting of all interested in Sunday School work held this evening in St. Andrew's Sunday school room. The meeting will be addressed by the Rev. Mr. Rae.

Loss of Appetite and General Debility are quickly overcome by the use of a few bottles of "The D. & L." Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil.

A very successful rehearsal of the opera Robin Hood was held last evening. To-morrow night all the principals will be present and the opera gone through in its entirety. Burney Weldon promises to make a distinct hit in Friar Tuck, of soup kettle fame.

The reserved seat plan for the presentation of King Henry VIII. and the accompanying musical program at the Grand next Friday evening, opens at Brisco's at ten o'clock on Thursday morning. The sale of tickets has been large and patrons would do well to reserve their seats early.

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BIG FIGHT ON

The County Council opened January sessions to-day with much excitement. The Councilors struggled in one at a time out of the storm and each had a different story about his troubles with the snow and railway blockades.

Messrs. Reyecraft and Hornall were absent and some one of the Councilors was mean enough to suggest that these gentlemen missed the train just so as to attend the Grit convention in Ridgeway.

There is a great race for the Wardenship, J. N. McCoy, S. Sturgis, H. J. French, John Reyecraft, Jno. Vester, W. C. Sifton and James Ross are among the aspirants.

The hottest fight will likely be between Sturgis and McCoy, and Sifton will go in on the split.

The County Council met to-day but adjourned till to-morrow without electing a Warden. Messrs. Reyecraft and Hornall had not arrived and it was decided to await their coming.

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City Health Officer, W. R. Hall, says City Needs One Badly.

Board of Health Holds Inaugural Meeting and Transacts Big Business—The Chairman Elected.

The inaugural meeting of the Board of Health was held in the Board Room of the City Clerk's office, Harrison Hall, yesterday afternoon with Mayor W. E. McKeough, W. S. Richards, Chas. Hadley and Mrs. C. R. Charteris and R. V. Bray present, also the members of the city Board of Works. W. S. Richards was elected chairman pro tem. The minutes for the meetings of August 3rd, September 17th and October 5th, 1903, were taken as read.

A delegation consisting of George Fielder, John Edmondson and James Dillon was heard. They stated that their cellars were full of water on account of no sewer on Head street west of St. Clair street. They also said that diphtheria and scarlet fever had been on the street to some extent and they believed was caused by stagnant water lying thereon with no sewer.

A recommendation was also read from the Medical Health Officer and signed by the city Board of Works, that a sewer be constructed on Head street from St. Clair street westerly to the city limits.

Dr. C. R. Charteris moved, seconded by Chas. Hadley, that the local Board of Health for the city of Chatham recommend and resolve that it is desirable and necessary in the public interest to construct a glazed pipe sewer on Head street from the St. Clair street sewer westerly to the city limits for sanitary purposes as a local improvement, and we hereby request the said City Council to pass the necessary enactments in order to carry out the conditions of this resolution.—Carried.

Dr. Bray moved, seconded by Mayor McKeough, that Dr. Charteris be chairman for 1904.—Carried.

MEDICAL HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT.

To the Chairman and members of the Chatham local Board of Health:

Gentlemen,—During the year just ended two hundred and fifty-seven cases of contagious diseases were reported as follows:

Scarlet fever, 47 cases—1 death.
Diphtheria, 136 cases—4 deaths.
Small-pox, 4 cases—0 deaths.
Typhoid fever, 40 cases—0 deaths.
Consumption, not reported—4 deaths.

The typhoid cases were, as usual, traceable to well water and contagion, and in no case to the city water supply.

The small-pox cases were all in one house and occurred in the early part of the year.

We were very much handicapped in treating and limiting the cases of scarlet fever and diphtheria by the lack of hospital accommodations, and, until very recently, had to quarantine all scarlet fever cases at their several houses, contrary to the regulations. I again point out the urgent need of a civic contagious disease hospital and recommend that steps be taken at this meeting to compass this end.

It would, I think, be desirable for city to arrange with municipalities immediately surrounding it—Harrington, Raleigh, Dover and Chatham townships—to have one hospital for their joint uses. This, I think, might be arranged and would be a great advantage to all concerned. I would recommend that a committee be appointed to make an effort to accomplish this end.

With the consent of the civic officials we sold one of the small-pox hospital tents to the town of Walkerton for \$50, and one of the cook-stoves, a second-hand one, for \$5.00, the price we paid for it.

Total expense incurred for care of contagious cases, including hospital fees, groceries, wood, disinfectants, antitoxine, etc., was about \$768.12; part of this, about \$395, has not been passed by the Board.

The death rate for the year was 1.06 per cent., or 10.6 death to each 1,000.

Respectfully submitted.

W. M. R. HALL,

M. H. O.

Health Inspector Anson Mounteer's report was read for the month of December.

The report stated that a charge would be laid yesterday afternoon against a country butcher for selling

lump-jaw beef in the city. On Saturday, Jan. 16th, the inspector ordered a load of beef to be taken out of town on account of being not fit for sale.

The following accounts were passed:

J. G. Steen, \$3.50.
J. C. Wanless, 60 cents.
C. R. Hancock, \$3.40.
Central Drug Store, \$37.25.
Bligh & Fielder, \$6.80.
Public General Hospital, \$50.
W. M. Drader, \$1.50.
Central Drug Store, \$58.90.
Alex. McDonald, \$1.
O. I. Dolson, \$25.62.
Drs. Holmes & McKeough, \$5.
J. G. Steen, \$1.65.
Knight & Co., \$25.60.
A. R. Crow, \$16.25.
Canadian Express Co., 45 cents.
W. H. Marshall, \$24.74.
John Edmondson, \$6.45.

The annual report for 1903 was presented.

Mr. Richards moved, seconded by Dr. Bray, that the clause in the Medical Health Officer's report in regard to a contagious hospital be referred to the Mayor to bring the matter before the Council.

Meeting adjourned.

BIG BURGLARY OUT AT MULL

Watson & McCorvie's General Store Burglarized Last Evening.

The Safe Blown Open and a Large Sum of Money Taken—No Clue

"Our safe was blown open and \$200 in money stolen last night—no clue." Such was the telegraphic message received by Chief of Police John Holmes about 11 o'clock this morning from the firm of Watson & McCorvie, general merchants, of Mull.

Mull is a short distance this side of Ridgeway, and the store of Watson & McCorvie is a fine large one, where a general stock of all goods is kept.

John McCorvie, when seen by a Planet reporter said that the Mr. McCorvie of the firm was his brother Archie.

"They cannot bank their money without going to Ridgeway," said the local school trustee. "And they have to keep it in the safe. Their store is fully as large as mine here, and they keep a large stock."

There is no clue whatever to the burglars, and the job was very neatly done.

It is thought that the same crooks as operated in Tilbury, did the Mull job.

CURES COLDS IN ONE HOUR

Many cold cures are dangerous because composed of deadening opiates. But fragrant, healing Catarrhazone cures colds in one hour and is harmless and delightful to use. Even the worst colds, sneezing, sniffeling colds and running eyes are stopped very quickly when the balsamic vapor of Catarrhazone is inhaled. Catarrhazone acts like a charm on colds, kills them outright, prevents their return a few hours later. For colds, catarrh and throat trouble use only Catarrhazone. Complete outfit \$1.00, trial size 25c. at all druggists.

LUCKY MAN

Al. Smith, who lives a short way back of Louisville, is a lucky man. He came into town on Saturday afternoon last, and was loading on some chop at the Beaver Mills, when his horses became frightened at a shunting L. E. and D. R. R. train. Mr. Smith caught the horses, but in doing so dropped his purse, containing about forty dollars. In the excitement of stopping the horses he forgot about his purse until he got home. He immediately returned to town and tried to find his cash, without success. He came in yesterday again and with P. C. Darr went to the mill.

Barney Fullerton found the purse intact yesterday morning. The purse had laid in the snow all day Sunday and Saturday night.

IF YOU DON'T SLEEP WELL

It's because your nerves are in a weak, irritable condition. Ferrozone will make them strong and correct the trouble causing your insomnia. "I fell into a state of nervous exhaustion last fall," writes Mrs. J. Stroud, of Dexter. "I was run down, couldn't sleep and felt perfectly miserable,—tried Ferrozone and was quickly benefitted. I can recommend Ferrozone to anyone suffering from over-wrought nerves and sleeplessness." No tonic is better, try Ferrozone. Price 50c. at druggists.

CHICAGO MARKETS

Reported by F. B. Proctor, Broker, Northwood Block, Chatham, Jan. 26, 1904.

	Wheat	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE
May	89½	90½	87½	89½	
July	81½	82½	80½	81½	
Sept.	77½				

	Corn	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE
May	48½	49½	48½	49½	
July	47½	48½	47½	48½	
Sept.	47½	47½	47½	47½	

	Oats	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE
May	41½	42½	41½	42½	
July	37½	37½	37	37½	
Sept.	33	32½	33		

	Pork	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE
May	1350	1350	1325	1340	
July	752	757	745	752	
Sept.					

	Lard	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE
May	680	682	672	680	

Maard's Liniment Cures Burns, etc.

DR. A. W. THORNTON
DENTIST.
has Removed to his New Office,
Corner King and Fifth Streets,
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TELEPHONE OFFICE 104.
RESIDENCE 255.

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We are still selling Men's \$3.00 Shoes, all sizes for **\$2.00**
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Women's \$3.00 Empress Shoe for **2.50**
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All other lines reduced in proportion.
Repairing Done.

TURRILL
The Shoe Man

YOUNG'S

We Buy Our Groceries at Young's Because we Always Get Good Things There

BISCUITS.

Christie's Celebrated, McCormick's (very fine) Biscuit; also Perrin's New Biscuit. This latter firm have started in with new factory, new machinery, new bakers, and are bound to win. Try their Biscuits.
We have just received some new and fresh lines, such as Cheese, Vanilla, Duchess, Club, Lucerne and Demi Lane.

TRY THEM.

We Guarantee Satisfaction.
Geo. A. Young
OUR GROCER. PHONE 151

HOSPITAL SALE

The Assisting Society of the General Hospital held a very large meeting at the home of Mrs. S. T. Martin Monday afternoon. After the ordinary routine business was disposed with the president brought before the meeting the very generous offer of Mr. Austin, the popular dry goods merchant, in which he offers the ladies the entire use of his store for two days, Feb. 12th and 13th. The ladies will have control of all departments and will serve refreshments both days. All who intend making purchases should wait for the Hospital bargains.

Coughs, colds, hoarseness, and other throat ailments are quickly relieved by Croscoll's Tablets, ten cents per box. All druggists.

The more trouble some people have the more they want to borrow.

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ON LAND MORTGAGES at lowest rate of interest. I also have a few farms for sale. I also sell buggies and carriages. Call and see me and get my prices, and you will save money by doing so. Henry Dagneau, Chatham.

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Up-to-date Millinery.

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Fashionable Dressmaking.

THE FINAL SALE OF

Ladies' Jackets.



We have determined that February must see few, if any, of our Jackets left in stock. It takes considerable courage to make a decision like that as it means facing a good sized loss when you come to total it all up. But two gains are the result of it. You gain by securing the best, yes the best bargain in a Ladies' Jacket you ever secured, and we gain a clean department, ready for next season's business when it comes.

ALL THE STOCK HAS BEEN DIVIDED INTO TWO LOTS.

LOT NO. 1.—All Jackets that formerly sold up to \$10.00, have been placed in this lot and marked **\$4.98**
LOT NO. 2.—Your choice of all the best jackets in the stock, no reserve whatever, many lines were \$12.50, \$13.50 and up to \$25, all go for **7.90**

During this sale all Jackets must be sold for spot cash, that is none sent on approval, and none laid aside on deposit being made.

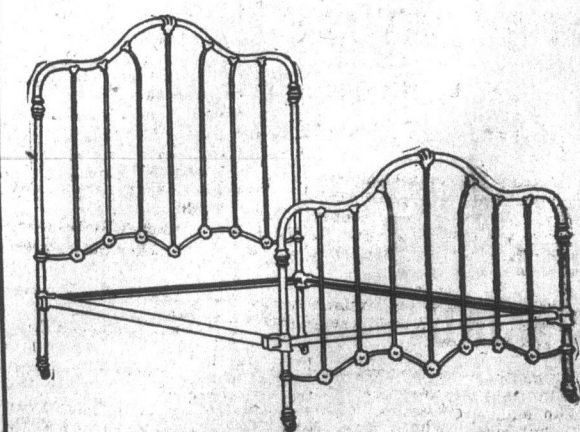
The Same Story Applies to Ladies' Hats.

We have placed all our Felt shapes and Ready-to-Wear Hats in 2 groups.

GROUP NO. 1.—Your choice of any hat that former price was \$1.25 or under for **25c**
GROUP NO. 2.—Your choice of all the better kinds for **50c**

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It isn't necessary for us to urge you to read of the unusual values this advertisement contains. Your shrewdness as a buyer, your ability to judge real values, merchandise of the highest character at prices that are positively the lowest on such class of goods will lead you to do that.



This gives you an idea of the price saving:—

\$15.50 for an \$18.00 Sideboard, in selected golden oak, top 46x21 ins, made from thoroughly seasoned lumber and guaranteed construction and fitted with large bevelled mirror.

\$7.00 for \$9.50 Iron Bed, with 1-16 inch pillars, extended foot, heavy filling, full size.

\$25.00 for \$30 Bedroom Suite, made of selected quarter cut golden oak, rubbed finish, fitted with 24x30 in. British bevelled mirror.

\$10.00 Special Couch Sale, \$10.00. Your choice of twenty different designs of oak frame, velvet upholstered couches, regular value \$12.00 and \$13.00, special this week \$10.00.

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Sweet Seedless Oranges..

25c, 30c., 40c. and 50c a Dozen.

There's no doubt that the seedless orange is the finest orange we get. They are very juicy, and they are very fine flavored.

CALIFORNIA PRUNES, 3 lbs. for 25c.
CALIFORNIA PRUNES, 10c. a pound.
CALIFORNIA PRUNES, 2 lbs. for 25c.
QUEBEC MAPLE SYRUP, 30c. a jar.
PANCAKE FLOUR, 15c. a pack-
age.
SWEET BISCUITS, 10c. a pound.
FANCY BISCUITS, 15c. a pound.

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Woolen cloths or flat irons do in part what a hot water bottle does perfectly. Heat helps pain, any kind, anywhere, but the application of it is always clumsy and largely ineffective unless you have the modern appliance.

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Dr. Piper, dentist, graduate of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons, of Ontario, and of the University of Michigan, is now associated in practice with Dr. A. W. Thornton, of this city.

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About the fit than our customer himself. We consider our reputation staked on every suit and overcoat we make. That's why we're sure we can satisfy you. That's why we ask you to give us your trade. We know that if you do patronize us you will always be able to say:— "Am thoroughly satisfied with my clothes."

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TERRIFIC COAL MINE EXPLOSION

About Two Hundred Men Are Lying Dead as a Result.

Holocaust in a Pittsburg Mine—Only One Survivor as Yet Found

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 25.—From all that can be gathered at a late-hour to-night between 180 and 190 men are lying dead in the headings and passage-ways of the Harwick mine of the Allegheny Coal Co., at Cheswick, the result of a terrific explosion to-day.

Cage after cage has gone down into the mine and come up again, but only one miner of all those who went to work this morning were brought to the surface. The man rescued is Adolph Gunya, and he is still in a semi-conscious condition at the temporary hospital in the rude school house above the mine.

In addition to the miners who were at work when the explosion occurred it is now believed by practically all of the men of the rescue party who have come up the 20-foot vertical shaft for a warning and a breathing spell that Selwyn Taylor, the Pittsburg mining engineer, who plotted the mine and who was the first to reach the bottom after the explosion happened, is also now among the list of dead. Of those in the mine all are probably dead.

The explosion occurred about eight this morning. The first warning was

A SUDDEN RUMBLING, a sheet of flame then rose from the deep shaft. Both mine cages were hurled through the tangle twenty feet above the landing stage and the three men in the tangle were hurled to the ground. A mule was thrown high above the shaft, and fell dead on the ground. The injured men in the tangle were brought at once to this city, where Henry Mahew, a check weighman, and Geo. Waltman, a tippie man, died.

The rumble of the explosion and the crash at the pit mouth started the little village and the wives and children of men below rushed to the scene of disaster, but found little encouragement.

There was no way to get into the deep workings. The cages that let the men into the mines and brought them out again when the day's work was done were demolished. All day long there was a jam of waiting women and children about the mouth of the pit. There were calls for assistance, and for surgical aid from the men in charge of the mine, but it was not until four o'clock this afternoon that the first attempt at rescue was made. This was a failure as the two men who volunteered were driven back by the foul air.

Shortly after five o'clock Selwyn T. Taylor, mining expert, and one of his assistants, signalled for the engineer to lower them into the shaft. Taylor is still down there. Three times efforts have been made to reach him, but so far without avail.

A RESCUER'S STORY.

Thomas Wood, one of the first of the rescue party hauled to the surface, told this story of his trip

Skate Sale

Notice how cheap our makes them.

Spring Skates were 50c. now 38c.
Plated Spring Skates were \$1.00 now 75c.

Hockey Skates were 50c., now 38c.

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Hockey Skates were \$1.00, now 75c.

Hockey Skates were \$1.50, now \$1.13.

Hockey Skates were \$2.00, now \$1.50.

Hockey Skates were \$2.50, now \$1.88.

Baker's Plated Tube Skates, regular \$3.50, now \$2.63.

See some Samples in our West Window.

J. C. Wanless

WOLF! WOLF! AND THERE IS NO WOLF

People Fooled Once Are Slow to Respond When Real Danger Comes.

We have all read in our school readers the story of the boy tending the sheep who thought to have fun with the servants and cried out wolf! The servants rushed to his assistance to find that it was a false alarm, and when the wolf really came, they would not respond to the call of the boy and the flock was destroyed.

It is the fashion nowadays among certain proprietors of patent medicine that "will cure every disease on earth" to try to frighten every one into believing that he is afflicted with some dangerous malady, by reciting thousands of symptoms and indications of disease. People see so much of this that when they really become so afflicted they will pay no attention to remedies of merit that they really stand in great need of.

The proprietors of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets do not claim that their remedy will cure anything but catarrh, and they give the American people credit for having sense enough to tell for themselves when they are suffering from that disease. If you have catarrh, you know it and want to be cured and that's all there is to it.

Stuart's Catarrh Tablets are without doubt the most effective cure for catarrh. You may look the country over and you will find no one who will dispute that statement. They have cured so many sufferers of this odious and dangerous disease and have done so much good throughout the land that their name has become a household word. They thoroughly renovate and cleanse the entire system of all catarrhal poisons and impurities and by thus striking at the root of the disease effect cures that are complete and permanent.

Stuart's Catarrh Tablets are for sale by all druggists at 50 cents a box. You cannot afford to tamper with this treacherous disease when a sure cure is within such easy reach.

through the mine: "I was with Taylor, and we clambered over three or four falls. Taylor laid out the mine and seemed to know the way. There was one man alive at the foot of the shaft. He was sent up, and then we took the mule path to the south level. We saw two men who were alive, and notified those who were back of us and then went on. We passed the third, fourth and fifth heading, and then through an over-draft into the air-shaft. I began to feel dizzy and sick, and then I saw Taylor stagger and fall. His lantern fell. We tried to lift him up, but could not carry him up, and I made my own way to safety."

F. W. Cunningham, the mine inspector of the 14th district, reached Harwick to-night. He said: "The mine where the explosion took place was inspected, I think, about the first of December. There was some gas in there then, but I never considered the mine dangerous."

The last inspection blank hanging on the nail in the mine company's office is dated July 17, 1903, but it is evident that a later report has been torn off.

Among the rescue party in the mine at a late hour, in addition to Inspector Cunningham, were Jack McCann, Bob North, Robert Carney, Henry Brecker, Robert Gibson, Wm. Walkenst. An additional party of twenty went down shortly after midnight.

Three of the rescuers—Brecker, Smith and Walkenst., when they returned to the surface, declared that, in their opinion, all in the mine outside of the rescue party are dead, including Taylor, the engineer.

H. F. Hutchinson, who gave out the lamps to the miners before they went to work in the pit this morning said: "At 7:15 o'clock I had given out between 180 and 190 lamps."

There is a light in every cottage in the little hamlet above the pit mouth. There was still a crowd about the mouth of the shaft to-night, but it will probably be hours before the full extent of the catastrophe is known.

75 OF THE MEN LOCATED.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 26.—At 12:15 this morning, Robert North and Michael Cain, of the rescue party, came to the surface and reported that Selwyn Taylor had been found alive, and that 75 of the miners had been located—the majority of them it is believed alive.

REMNANTS AND ODDMENTS.

GORDON'S STOCK-TAKING TIMES

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ENDS OF DRESS GOODS—At Half-Price, from 1 yard to 4, in variety of texture, color and style.

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WOMEN and CHILDREN'S COMBINATIONS—Odd sizes, great reductions, from 45c up.

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One Fur Lined Brocade Cape, fur trimmed, former price \$40.00 now \$29.00.

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One Black Brocade Fur Lined and Fur Trimmed Cape, \$40.00, \$13.50.

One Black Beaver Cape, Fur Lined and Fur Trimmed, \$18.75 now \$11.00.

One Black Brocade Cape, " " " " \$27.00, now \$20.00.

One Kersey Coat. Muskrat Lined, Sable Trimmed, \$65.00, now \$45.00.

Ladies' Astrakhan and Persian Lamb Coats at Net Cost.

All our Men's Fur Lined Overcoats at the Net Cost Price.

Children's Ourl Gauntlets, Grey or Black, now 25c and 30c, and 60c for Ladies.

" " Fur Caps, Grey or White Lamb and White Coney, from 75c up.

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WILLIAM GORDON

THE LATE "CITIZEN TRAIN."

Belleville Intelligencer.

George Francis Train is dead. While practically unknown to the younger portion of newspaper readers, he was a notorious generation or so ago. He was a bitter enemy of England, but withal a kindly, philanthropic old fellow, whose bark was worse than his bite.

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Mr. S. B. Gould, of Ellershouse, N. S., writes as follows:—"I wish to express my gratitude for the great good accomplished in my case by your Paine's Celery Compound. My whole system was rundown and shattered. I was under the care of several doctors, but they did not seem to understand my case, and could do nothing for me. I commenced using your Paine's Celery Compound, and it soon made me a new man. My nervous system is completely built up, my appetite is healthy, and I feel better and stronger than ever before. Paine's Celery Compound has done these wonders for me, and I cannot thank you sufficiently."

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LETTER BOX

To the Editor of The Planet:

Dear Sir,—In looking through The Planet of the 20th inst., my attention was drawn to an item headed "Township of Chatham," and signed "Rambler." In my mind, it is a wonder "Rambler" would give the Trustees credit for being men of magnificent ideas. This same "Rambler" is one of the biggest kickers in the township, and is always turned down. Mr. Editor, "Rambler" forgot to tell you that there was a bell in the belfry, which I have no doubt "Rambler" will be longing to hear ring out the noon hour so he can go home to "mother" and his pipe. "Rambler" also says, "Being a rich section, \$3,500 does not count." We will not dispute the richness of the section, but the cost. The cost is less than \$3,000. It is the first time I ever heard of a school being a "general purpose building." True, it was dedicated by a concert, followed by a dance. The only thing I have to say against the dancing party is, they never invited the trustees. Thanking you for your space, F. W. CHAMBERLAIN, Sec. Treas. S. S. No. 1.

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Black Sateen Underskirts, 3 hemmed frills and accordion pleating, extra wide, sizes 38, 40 and 42, greatest value ever offered 1.00

Ladies' Flannelette Night Gowns, reg. \$1.50, at 1.19

Ladies' Heavy Ribbed Vests and Drawers, worth 40c, for 29c

Ladies' and Children's Worsted Wool Hose, good value 35c, for 25c

Blanket sale still continues.

Thibodeau & Jacques.

CAN MAKE MEN SOUND AND STRONG

Detroit Specialist Discovers Something Entirely New for the Cure of Men's Diseases in Their on Homes.

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The doctor realizes that it is one thing to make claims and another thing to back them up, so he has made it a rule not to ask for money unless he cures you and when you are cured he feels sure that you will willingly pay him a small fee. It would seem, therefore, that it is to the best interests of every man who suffers in this way to write the doctor confidentially and lay your case before him. He sends the method, as well as many booklets on the subject, including the one that contains the 14 diplomas and certificates, entirely free. Address him simply Dr. S. Goldberg, 208 Woodward Ave., Room P, Detroit, Mich., and it will be immediately sent you free.

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S. F. GARDINER,
Manager.
Chatham, November 30, 1903.

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if desired.

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CASE =113=

By...
Emile
Gaboriau

This formal affirmation of a man
whom he knew to be skillful ended the
hesitation of the commissary.

"That being the case," he replied, "I
must request a few moments' conver-
sation with M. Fauvel."

"I am at your service," said the
banker.

Prosper foresaw the result. He
quietly placed his hat on the table to
show that he had no intention of at-
tempting to escape and passed into the
adjoining office. Fanferlot also went
out, but not before the commissary
had made him a sign and received a
response. The sign signified, "You are
responsible for this man." The detec-
tive needed no admonition to make
him keep an attentive watch. His
suspicions were too vague, his desire
for success was too ardent, for him to
lose sight of Prosper an instant. There-
fore following the cashier into the of-
fice he seated himself in a dark corner
of the room, and, pretending to be
sleepy, he fixed himself in a comforta-
ble position for taking a nap, gaped
until his jawbone seemed about to be
dislocated and finally closed his eyes.
Prosper seated himself at the desk of
an absent clerk. The others were
burning to know the result of the in-
quiry. Their eyes shone with curiosi-
ty, but they dared not ask a question.
Unable to restrain himself any longer,
little Cavallion, Prosper's defender,
ventured:

"Well, who is the robber?"

Prosper shrugged his shoulders.

"Nobody knows," he replied.

Was this conscious innocence or
hardened recklessness? The clerks ob-
served with surprise that Prosper had
resumed his usual manner, that sort
of icy haughtiness that kept people at
a distance and made him enemies in
the bank. Never would a stranger enter-
ing the room have supposed that this
young man, idly lounging in a
chair and playing with a pencil, was
resting under an accusation of robbery
and was about to be arrested. He
soon stopped playing with his pencil
and drew toward him a sheet of paper,
upon which he hastily wrote a few
lines.

"Ah, ha!" thought Fanferlot the
Squirrel, whose hearing and sight
were wonderfully good in spite of his
profound sleep. "Eh, eh! He makes his
little confidences on paper, I see. Now
we will discover something positive."

Having written his note, Prosper
folded it carefully in the smallest pos-
sible size and, after furtively glancing
toward the detective, motionless in his
corner, threw it to little Cavallion with
a simple word:

"Gipsy!"

Fanferlot was confounded and be-
gan to feel a little uneasy.

"The young man has more pluck and
nerve than many of my oldest custom-
ers. This, however, shows the result
of education."

Yes, innocent or guilty, Prosper must
have been endowed with great self
control and power of dissimulation to
affect this imperturbable calmness and
presence of mind at a time when his
honor, his future happiness, all that he
held dear in life, were at stake. And
he was only thirty years old. Either
from natural deference or from the
hope of gaining some ray of light by a
private conversation the commissary
determined to speak to the banker.

"There is no doubt, monsieur," he
said as soon as they were alone, "this
young man has robbed you. It would
be a gross neglect of duty if I did not
secure his person."

This declaration seemed to distress
the banker. "Poor Prosper!" he said.
Prosper was now called in with Fan-
ferlot, whom they had much trouble
to awaken, and with the most com-
plete indifference listened to the an-
nouncement of his arrest.

In response he calmly said:

"I swear that I am innocent."

M. Fauvel, much more disturbed and
excited than his cashier, made a last
attempt.

"There is still time, poor boy," he
said. "In the name of heaven, reflect!"

Prosper did not appear to hear him.
He drew from his pocket a small key,
which he laid on the mantel, and said:

"Here is the key of your safe, mon-
sieur. I hope for your sake that you
will some day be convinced of my in-
nocence, and I hope for your sake that
it will not come too late." Then, as
every one was silent, he added:

"Before leaving, here are the books,
papers and accounts necessary for my
successor. I must at the same time
inform you that, without speaking of
the stolen three hundred and fifty
thousand francs, I leave a deficit in
cash. There is a deficit of three thou-
sand five hundred francs on my cash
account, which has been disposed of
in the following manner: Two thou-
sand taken by myself in advance of my
salary and fifteen hundred advanced
to my fellow clerks. This is the last
day of the month. Tomorrow the sal-
aries will be paid, consequently—"

The commissary interrupted him.

"Were you authorized," he deman-
ded, "to draw money whenever you
wished to make advances?"

"No, but I knew that M. Fauvel
would not have refused me permission
to oblige my friends. What I did is
done everywhere. I have simply fol-
lowed my predecessor's example."

The banker made a sign of assent.
"As regards that spent by myself,"
continued the cashier, "I had a sort of
right to it, all of my savings being
deposited in this bank—about fifteen
thousand francs."

"That is true," said M. Fauvel. "M.
Bertomy has at least that amount on
deposit."

This last question settled, the com-
missary's errand was ended, and his
report might now be made. He an-
nounced his intention of leaving and
ordered the cashier to prepare to follow
him. Usually this moment, when
stern reality stares us in the face,
when our individuality is lost and we
feel that we are being deprived of our
liberty—this moment is terrible. At
this fatal command, "Follow me,"
which brings before our eyes the
yawning prison gates, the most harden-
ed sinner weeps and begs for mercy.
But Prosper lost none of that studied
phlegm which the commissary secretly
pronounced consummate impudence.
Slowly, with as much careless ease as
if going to breakfast, he drew on his
overcoat and gloves and said politely:

"I am ready to accompany you, mon-
sieur."

The commissary folded up his pock-
etbook and bowed to M. Fauvel, saying
to Prosper:

"Let us go."

They left the room, and, with a dis-
tressed face and eyes filled with tears
that he could not restrain, the banker
watched their departure.

"Good heaven!" he exclaimed. "Glad-
ly would I give double the sum stolen
to regain my old confidence in poor
Prosper and be able to keep him with
me!"

Fanferlot had resolved to obtain pos-
session of Prosper's note, which he
knew to be in Cavallion's pocket. To
obtain this written proof, which must
be an important one, appeared the
easiest thing in the world. He had
simply to arrest Cavallion, frighten
him, demand the letter and, if neces-
sary, take it by force.

Fanferlot began talking with an of-
fice boy and, after a few apparently
idle questions, had discovered that the
Fauvel bank had no outlet on Victory
street and that consequently all the
clerks were obliged to pass in and out
through the main entrance on Province
street. From this moment the task he
had undertaken no longer presented
a shadow of difficulty. He rapidly
crossed the street and took up his posi-
tion under a carriage gate.

After awhile Cavallion appeared at
the door of the bank, but before step-
ping on the pavement he looked up
and down the street hesitatingly. He
soon decided, entered the Faubourg
Montmartre and walked up Notre Dame
street so rapidly, utterly regardless of
the grumbling passersby, whom he el-
bowed out of his way, that Fanferlot
found it difficult to keep him in sight.
Reaching Chaptal street, Cavallion
suddenly stopped and entered the
house numbered 39. He had scarcely
taken three steps in the narrow corri-
dor when he felt a touch on his shoul-
der and, turning abruptly, found him-
self face to face with Fanferlot.

He recognized him at once, and, turn-
ing very pale, he shrank back and
looked around for means of escape.
But the detective, anticipating the at-
tempt, barred the passageway. Cavallion
saw that he was caught.

"What do you want with me?" he
asked in a voice tremulous with fear.

"You will be kind enough, my dear
monsieur," said Fanferlot, "to excuse
the great liberty I take. It is only
about a trifling matter, and you will
overwhelm me with obligations if you
will do me the honor to accept my arm
and step outside for a moment."

What could Cavallion do? He took
Fanferlot's arm and went out with
him.

"What I wished to say is, my dear
monsieur," began the detective, "that
M. Prosper Bertomy threw you a note
this morning. I am sure you will be
kind enough to give it to me. Believe
me, nothing but the most absolute ne-
cessity—"

"Never!" exclaimed Cavallion. And,
believing the moment favorable, he
suddenly attempted to jerk his arm
from under Fanferlot's and escape.

But his efforts were vain. The de-
tective's strength was equal to his
suavity.

"Don't hurt yourself, young man,"
he said, "but take my advice and
quietly give up the letter."

"I am in your power," said Cavallion,
then suddenly drew from his pock-
etbook the unlucky note and gave it to
the detective. Fanferlot's hand trem-
bled with pleasure as he unfolded the
paper. Yet, faithful to his habits of
fastidious politeness, before reading it
he bowed to Cavallion and said, "With
your permission." Then he read:

Dear Nina—On the receipt of this note take
everything you have in the house, absolutely every-
thing, and establish yourself somewhere at the
other end of Paris. Do not appear in public, but
conceal yourself as much as possible. My life
is in immense jeopardy and am about to be arrested.
You will find 500 francs in the secretary. Leave
your address with Cavallion, who will explain
what I cannot say. Be hopeful, whatever hap-
pens. Goodbye.

Had Cavallion been less bewildered
he would have seen blank disappoint-
ment depicted on the detective's face

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after the perusal of the note. Fanferlot

had cherished the hope that he was
about to possess a very important docu-
ment, and who knows but that it
would clearly prove the guilt or inno-
cence of Prosper. Whereas he had
only seized a love letter written by a
man who was evidently more anxious
about the welfare of the woman he
loved than about his own. Vainly did
he puzzle over the letter, hoping to
discover some hidden meaning. It
proved nothing for or against the
writer. The two words "absolutely
everything" were underscored. It is
true, but they could be interpreted in
so many ways. Fanferlot folded up
the note and slipped it into his pocket.

"A thousand thanks, monsieur, for
the information, and in return, if you
please, I will relieve you of the trouble
of executing your commission. I will
myself take this note to Mme. Nina
Gipsy. I will also give you a piece
of advice. If I were in your place, I
would return quietly to business and
have nothing more to do with this af-
fair."

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Fire Drives Inhabitants of Aalesund, Norway, From Homes.

Every Building But the Hospital Destroyed—Children Were Housed Temporarily in the Church of Borgunli—Famine-Stricken People Had to Desist in Attempt to Save Their Goods to Save Their Lives.

Trondhjem, Norway, Jan. 25.—The small town of Aalesund was practically destroyed by fire Saturday. Two persons perished, one steamer was burned, and it is feared that others will be destroyed. Supplies of money, clothing and provisions are being sent from all parts of Norway.

11,000 Camp in the Open.

Aalesund, Norway, Jan. 25.—The fire which swept over this town yesterday destroyed every building in it, with the exception of the hospital. The 11,000 inhabitants of Aalesund were compelled to camp in the open. The children were housed temporarily in the church of Borgunli. The panic among the people was so great after the outbreak of the flames that all attempts at leadership or discipline became out of the question; no excesses, however, were committed. The people first endeavored to save some of their property, but they soon found they had quite enough to do to save their own lives.

The destruction of the town was complete within a couple of hours from the time the fire started. Over 20 steam fishing boats and many sailing smacks were sunk in the harbor to save them from the flames, but three steamers and many other boats were burned. It is now believed that only three persons lost their lives. Succor has arrived from Molle, Bergen and others places, and provisions are being distributed. Relief committees have been formed and have invited public subscriptions. The King and Queen of Sweden and Norway have contributed \$1,500 to a relief fund, and all the other members of the royal family have also subscribed. A majority of the inhabitants of the town lost everything they possessed. Thousands of persons had to spend 24 hours in the open fields, where they were without food and exposed to a bitterly cold wind and a driving rainstorm.

Over 250 Buildings Burned.

Victoria, B.C., Jan. 25.—The S.S. Victoria arrived yesterday from the Orient, bringing news of a fire at Fujiyoda, Japan, in which the Chicago horror was nearly repeated. Fire starting in a store spread to the theatre, which held a thousand spectators, and a panic resulted. The crowd surged against each other and several persons were injured, but no lives lost. Over 250 buildings were destroyed, including the police station, some temples, five storehouses and a bank. Two persons were burned to death and a number of accidents reported.

Big Fire at Bay Mills.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Jan. 25.—Fire started in one of the big factories of the Hall and Munson Co. at Bay Mills, twelve miles from here, at 6 o'clock Friday night and spread rapidly to the box factory and saw-mill. The loss is about three hundred thousand dollars, as nearly as can be estimated. The mills will probably not be rebuilt as timber is getting scarce. Three thousand men will be thrown out of employment.

Fire at Dauphin.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 25.—Dauphin was visited by two fires yesterday. The first destroyed the Wallace block, with Buckwell's and Hamford's general stores. Lee's laundry and Sutherland & Stelick's implement and the second the town's firehall. The fire engine and hose was saved. Total loss about \$30,000.

Big Fire in Masonic Temple.

Chicago, Jan. 25.—Fire in the Masonic Temple Saturday caused a panic among the 4,000 occupants of the building, and did \$20,000 damage. All the occupants of the building escaped through the bravery of the elevator men, who remained at their posts.

The Blame Placed.

Chicago, Jan. 25.—Upon the management and builders of the Iroquois Theatre has been placed responsibility for the recent horror in a report by Fire Chief Musham Saturday. The report is that prepared by Fire Department Attorney Monroe Fullerton after examination of nearly 100 witnesses.

Big Prairie Fire in Texas.

Yaredo, Tex., Jan. 25.—Reports received here by several large ranchmen are to the effect that uncontrollable prairie fire is raging on their pastures, 50 miles east of this city. Over 100,000 acres of fine grazing land already has been burned over.

LOST LIFE SAVING WIFE.

Old Toronto Resident Killed by a Trolley Car Saturday Night.

Toronto, Jan. 25.—With just sufficient time to throw his aged wife out of harm's way, Appolas Churchill stumbled and fell and met almost instant death under the wheels of a street car on Saturday evening. The fatality occurred on McArthur street near Baldwin, about 10 o'clock. Mr. Churchill was on his way home accompanied by his wife. They proceeded to cross the street, not noticing a car coming in an opposite direction. He shoved Mrs. Churchill back to safety, but was unable to retrace his own steps in time and was knocked down, his skull fractured, jaw broken and face badly cut and bruised.

Deceased came to Toronto 30 years ago from Poughkeeps, N.Y. He was 71 years of age, and leaves a widow, five sons, three sons, and three daughters, all of whom reside in the city.

city. Coroner Powell will hold an inquest.

Italian Killed in G.T.R. Yards.

Toronto, Jan. 25.—Nicolai Kanappa, an Italian laborer, employed in the G.T.R. yards, was killed at the foot of Brock street Saturday morning. Kanappa was cleaning snow from a switch. He stepped out of the way of one engine in front of another and was instantly killed. The body was taken to the morgue. He had \$102 in a leather bag strapped to his leg. An inquest may be held.

Eight Lives Lost in Wreck.

New York, Jan. 25.—Eight lives were lost in the wreck early Saturday off Quogue, L.I., of the four-masted coal schooner August Hunt, bound for Boston from Norfolk, Va. Of the crew of ten only two men were saved. During a dense fog the schooner stranded soon after midnight a few hundred feet from the beach and about a mile west of the Quogue Life-Saving Station. For hours the life-savers were helpless on the beach listening to the appeals from the ship which, though near at hand, was buried in the fog. The life-savers were unable to put off to the rescue because of the surf, that tossed their boat on the shore as fast as it was launched.

Buried Under Avalanches.

Slocan City, B.C., Jan. 25.—Joe Doiron, a miner, started on Tuesday on skis to visit his brother at a neighboring mine. He did not arrive, and a searching party has discovered traces leaving no doubt he perished under a huge snow slide, a quarter of a mile wide, at a point between the two mines.

Frozen Beside a Fire.

London, Jan. 25.—Mrs. Mary W. Ball, an old lady, residing at 490 Elizabeth street, was found at her home yesterday afternoon huddled beside the fire frozen stiff. Her only daughter, Mrs. Richards, resides in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Great Loss of Life.

Melbourne, Jan. 25.—A disastrous hurricane has blown over the Fiji Islands, resulting in great loss of life and property.

and His Eye Removed.

Hamilton, Jan. 25.—J. Atkins, the Lynden school teacher, who was gored by a cow Saturday, had his eye removed at the City Hospital here.

Crushed By An Elephant.

London, Jan. 25.—George Lockhart, the well-known elephant trainer and circus proprietor, was accidentally crushed to death yesterday by an elephant while he was attending to the unloading of circus animals at the Hoe street railroad station at Walthamstow.

Toronto's Victims Number 42.

Pirmingham, Ala., Jan. 28.—The total number of dead as a result of the tornado Friday is 38, six of whom are white. The number of injured is estimated at 65, of whom about a dozen are expected to die. The storm also struck a settlement near Sumter mines in the southern part of this county, killing four negroes, injuring several others and damaging much mining property.

EXEMPT THE FARMS.

From Taxation Till Colonies Become Granaries of Empire—Why Duke of Bedford Became a Chamberlain.

London, Jan. 25.—(C. A. P.)—The Duke of Bedford, speaking to the North Bedfordshire Liberal-Unionist Association on Saturday, announcing why he had become a Chamberlain, said that the new fiscal system would help the English farmer. Until the great corn fields of Canada, India and the Sudan began to yield the supply, agricultural land should be exempted from taxation like raw material. It was unwise to rely for bread on the granary of the world when the key was not in our own pockets. The Americans could starve us into submission without firing a shot, if we were engaged in war.

Will Kill Cattle Trade.

W. Trant, Regina, writes to the Chronicle that Chamberlain's policy will kill the western Canadian ranch trade. Prosperity at Medicine Hat is due to the fattening yearly of herds of cattle driven from Texas and Mexico.

Will Make Wheat Cheaper.

The People's Newspaper says England will never be free of the menace of Chicago wheat gamblers until Canada and Australia are given a preference. Wheat then, it argues, will be cheaper in London than now.

Germany For Free Trade.

The Chronicle's Berlin correspondent wired that large classes in Germany hold that Britain's adoption of protection to be the signal for Germany and America to adopt free trade.

Cobden Club to Break Up.

Harold Cox, secretary of the Cobden Club, has resigned on the ground of ill-health. The Express says it means the breaking up of the famous club.

Favor Admission of Chinese.

The Telegraph's Johannesburg correspondent wires that 45,000 genuine signatures are appended to a petition in favor of Chinese labor, which will be presented to-day to the Legislature. Debarring officials the vote will be 70 per cent. in favor of admission of the Chinese.

Reduce Land Tax.

Dr. Cunningham, addressing the Ely Chamber of Commerce, said food taxation widened the basis of taxation. To reduce taxation on land would give a basis for bargaining in foreign markets for manufacturers.

Thou.

A London firm, protesting against the rigorous duty being collected on all catalogues sent for distribution in Australia, provokes The Chronicle to say: "Thus Australia encourages British trade."

Done By a Ring.

A cable to The Telegraph says: South African experts say a powerful ring of British manufacturers has been formed supplying goods to the trade.



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Paris, Jan. 25.—There is good reason to believe that the report of Attorney-General Baudern, besides favoring Dreyfus, will recommend a further investigation by the criminal section of the Court of Cassation before the united sections of the court pass upon the case.

New See in Alaska.

New York, Jan. 25.—The Synod of the Russian Church in America will create a new see in Alaska.

STARTLING STORY OF MRS. ADAMS

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Collingwood, Ont., Jan. 25.—(Special).—While Canada stands aghast at the terrible inroads Bright's Disease is making on the ranks of the brightest and best of her citizens; while the medical profession stand helpless before the dread destroyer of life, Collingwood has among her citizens one who knows all its terrors, who has been carried down by it till the portals of death were open to receive her, and who to-day is a strong, healthy, happy woman—a woman who knows Bright's Disease in all its hideousness, but who fears it not, because she knows its cure.

Mrs. Thomas Adams is this lady's name, and she has now been a resident of Collingwood for a year and a half. Before that she lived in Burk's Falls, where she is widely known and highly respected. Mrs. Adams feels it her duty to spread the good news all over Canada, all over the world, that she has found a cure for Bright's Disease, and that cure is Dodd's Kidney Pills.

MRS. ADAMS' STORY.

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UNDER AN ELEPHANT.

London, Jan. 24.—George Lockhart, a well known elephant trainer and circus proprietor, was accidentally crushed to death to-day by an elephant while he was attending to the unloading of circus animals at the Hoe street railroad station at Walthamstow.

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POLICE MUST ENFORCE BY-LAWS

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He asked for rubber coats for the firemen, and thanked the council for assistance and courteous treatment received during the year.

The report was adopted. Chief Pritchard recommended the promotion of Driver Frank Ryall to the position of Foreman. Jacques resigned, and called for Alex. Johnson to take the place of Frank Ryall. The City Treasurer wrote asking for some shelving in the vault in his office. Referred to the Property Committee.

S. B. Arnold wrote attention to a double assessment on a lot on Cornhill street. Referred to Finance.

Geo. A. Taylor wrote that he had fell on the sidewalk on King street, on Dec. 8. He asked that his bill \$13.50 be paid. Referred to Finance.

Ald. Marshall for the Finance Committee reported the request of D. W. Crow for permission to buy or lease the foot of Ursuline avenue, that no action be taken.

Be the communication of Alex. McDonald, asking that the snow be removed that the matter be referred to the Board of Works.

Be the request of the Canada Flour Mills Co., that the Brooke's lot, purchased in 1903, should be embodied in their fixed assessment of \$20,000, that no action be taken.

Ald. McKeough said that he didn't see why the McDonald matter should be referred to the Board of Works. The snow was frozen in and could not be removed now.

Ald. Marshall said that no one wanted Mr. Crow to move it now as it would be almost impossible. All that was necessary was to advise Mr. Crow to move the snow in the spring, and not to use the street again.

The second item of the report was dropped and the report adopted.

The Canada Flour Mills Co. assessment request caused considerable discussion. Ald. McKeough took exception to the wording of the report. He said that it was only putting the matter off and if it were passed, there was nothing to prevent firms with fixed assessments from buying all the property they desired and including the same in their fixed assessment.

Ald. McKeough thought the matter should be settled once for all.

The clause was changed and adopted. John Edmondson, for the Property Committee reported in favor of paying the account of the Ark, \$2.40, and the Chatham Electric Co., \$16.83.

Be insurance of Market building for \$2,000, the committee recommended the payment of the premium, \$30. The report was adopted.

The motion passed by the Board of Health ordering a sewer to be put down on Head street as a sanitary measure, was read.

Ald. Edmondson moved that the resolution of the Board of Health be adopted by the Council.

Mayor McKeough advised delay until the city solicitor had been consulted.

Ald. Edmondson said that he already had the opinion of the city solicitor and it wouldn't hurt to pass the resolution.

Ald. Piggott said that the Board of Works wouldn't undertake a matter of this kind without consulting the city solicitor.

The resolution was adopted by the Council.

Ald. Edmondson moved that the plans for remodeling the market be submitted to the whole Council and that the next meeting. There wasn't another building in the city in a more unsanitary condition.

Ald. Marshall said he would oppose spending a dollar on the old building.

Ald. McKeough suggested that the matter of spending money on the market be left till the next municipal elections, when an expression of opinion from the ratepayers could be secured.

Mayor McKeough said that this matter had been voted upon a few years ago. The best way to proceed now would be to sell the police court and use the money for the improvement of the market building.

Mr. Rutley had prepared plans for remodeling the building. The foundation and walls were in good condition.

Ald. McKeough didn't favor selling the police station. The city was growing and some day a hose station might be needed over the river.

Mayor McKeough—You're anticipating.

Ald. McKeough—It is best to look ahead.

Ald. Martin thought that Ald. McKeough wanted to preserve the building as a museum. The police station was utterly unsanitary. He thought it best to sell the building rather than spend money fixing it up.

Ald. Mounter said that the market was the last place to put the police station. He had spent a good

deal of his time at the market building and if ever there were one thing done in the interest of the city, it was the removal of the police station from the market building. In the summer time the drunken men in the cells could be heard cursing and swearing blocks away.

Ald. Edmondson said that the centre of the city was the place for the police station.

Ald. McKeough said that the tenants of the new market building could be assessed and that those who sold butter and eggs could be charged a fee. This revenue would help pay for a new building.

Ald. Westman said that all agreed that a new market building was needed. If there were better accommodation in the surrounding towns people wouldn't come here. It was best to keep the trade while we had it.

The matter was left with the Property Committee.

Ald. McKeough said that he had a petition for an asphalt block pavement on Park St. He understood that the Bitulithic people were also circulating a petition. He asked for an expression of opinion from this Council.

Ald. McKeough suggested that they advertise for tenders for all kinds of pavements.

Ald. McKeough said he wished to avoid having the residents of Park St. held up the same as occurred on Queen St.

Ald. Marshall suggested that tenders for all kinds of pavements be asked for. Then the ratepayers could be the judges. If the Council favored the idea of one kind of pavement, they would be told that they were favoring monopoly.

Ald. Piggott said that the Council last year had established a precedent. Where a petition signed by half the ratepayers was received the initiative was taken. The Council desired to give the people what they wanted.

Ald. Edmondson said that Ald. Piggott was right.

Ald. Westman said that the Council ought to know the cost before taking the initiative.

Ald. Mounter suggested that tenders be asked for brick, as the brick men were not contractors.

Ald. Scullard endorsed Ald. Mounter. He saw no reason why the Council should not act on the initiative.

Ald. Mounter said that tenders should be asked for so the people would know the cost before the expiry of the initiative proceedings.

Ald. Piggott moved that the initiative proceedings be taken on the Park St. petition.

Ald. Marshall moved that the initiative proceedings be delayed one month and that the Board of Works be instructed to ask for tenders on all sorts of pavements at once.

The amendment was lost and the motion carried on the following vote: For amendment—Nays—Ald. Scullard, Mounter, Piggott, Westman, Martin and Edmondson. Yeas—Ald. Tye, Marshall and McKeough.

Ald. McKeough asked for authority to advertise for tenders for supplies for the year. Granted.

Ald. McKeough asked for permission to advertise for tenders for pavements for the city.—Granted.

Ald. Mounter moved that cash deposits be retained in place of bonds for pavements constructed in this city.—Carried.

The account of the Public Library Board, \$30, was referred to the Property Committee.

The account of The Planet, \$80, was referred to Finance with power.

The following accounts were passed:—

Jos. A. Tilt, \$7.50.
F. H. Macpherson, \$50.
Daily News, \$23.25.
Con. Shea, \$9.
Pay sheets, Municipal Elections \$137.

Board of Health accounts \$278.71.
Westman Bros., \$140.
John Flood, \$5.
G. T. Guttridge, \$2.50.
John Oldershaw, \$16.
Pay sheets (2 weeks), \$121.14.
Park Bros., \$24.98.
Bell Telephone Co., \$85.
Canada Flour Mills Co., \$5.76.
Col. Martin, \$3.50.
A. B. Crow, \$13.54.
D. Lee, \$1.
Thomas Lewis, \$1.
G. T. Guttridge, \$1.50.
Canadian Express Co., 55 cents.
Queen City Oil Co., \$9.77.
N. S. Carbon Co., \$100.
C. P. R., \$9.37.
Diamond Glass Co., \$21.

DISTRICT DOINGS.

DOYLES.

A large ball was held at the residence of Mr. Lawrence Waddick, and was attended by a large party from Chatham.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Doyle, accompanied by their daughter, Miss Kate A. Doyle, visited at Mr. Clingman's on Saturday.

Mr. B. Schafer, who has been seriously ill, we are pleased to see is around again.

Larke Bros. have rented Mr. Gerber's farm in Harwich.

Johns Jack, who has been home on a visit has gone back to Donovan's. Walter Doyle is visiting at his mother's.

Frank Doyle, who intended to rent his farm, has decided to work it himself and has engaged A. Begley for the coming season.

The Misses Chobes, of Hamilton, are the guests of Mrs. John O'Neil.

W. Meloche, of Charing Cross, and J. Carley of this neighborhood, are testing oil on the eighth concession.

RUSSIA'S LAND-HUNGER.

Belleville Intelligencer.

Some idea of Russian covetousness may be gathered from the fact that her latest grab, Mongolia, is more than three-fourths as large as Russia in Europe and nearly four times as large as Manchuria, while Mongolia and Manchuria together are more than half as large as the United States, exclusive of Alaska and outside possessions.

AFTER TWO YEARS

Alleged Leader of Gang of Middlesex Cattle Thieves Caught in Denver

Toronto, Jan. 25.—Inspector Joseph Rogers, of the Provincial Detective Department, returned to Toronto yesterday, after being absent a week and one day, in which time he journeyed to Denver, Colorado, and brought back Fred Parsons, 24 years of age, who was wanted in connection with a large number of cattle thefts that occurred in the year 1902.

During the early part of that year the farmers in Caradoc Township, Middlesex County, were greatly bothered by a number of young men, grown bold by success, finally stole whole herds of cattle. Four of the gang of five were arrested. Fred Butler, Frank Mitchell and William Connell were sentenced to various terms in Kingston Penitentiary, and Nelson Colestine was sent to the Central Prison.

Fred Parsons, who was supposed to be the leader of the gang, escaped. The police of the vicinity had been looking for Parsons up till about two months ago, when Inspector Rogers, while on a visit to London was asked by Mr. James McKee, County Crown Attorney, to investigate the case. Mr. Rogers, after careful enquiry, learned that Parsons was in Colorado, and also learned that a cousin of the man wanted, bearing the same name, was the proprietor of a large bakery in Denver.

ARRESTED AT DENVER.

Mr. Rogers then communicated with John C. Fraser, superintendent of Pinkerton's International Detective Agency at that point, and requested him to try and locate Parsons. A description of the man was sent, along with information as to his habits and the address of his cousin, with whom Mr. Rogers believed he was living.

In the course of a few weeks, Detective Rogers received a communication from Mr. Fraser, stating that Parsons was living in Denver, and was employed in a grocery and meat market on Broadway. Mr. Rogers then sent instructions to have Parsons "covered," and went to Kingston Penitentiary, where he obtained from one of the prisoners a deposition showing Parsons' connection with the stealing of the cattle.

Inspector Rogers arrived in Denver at noon on Monday last, and at once made an affidavit before United States Commissioner Hurdale. A warrant was issued, and Parsons was arrested within an hour.

Mr. Rogers had with him Mr. A. E. Wilson, chief of the Strathroy police for the purpose of identifying Parsons, but on seeing Wilson, after his arrest, on the commissioner's office, the prisoner admitted his identity and signified his willingness to return to Canada, stating that he had been living for two years in constant fear of arrest.

CONSENTED TO RETURN.

Parsons' friends in the meantime, had secured the services of Mr. Milton Smith, one of the leading Denver attorneys, and on the following morning, on his attorney's advice, Parsons changed his mind, and did not wish to return. At the attorney's request a continuance was granted for a day. When the case was brought to court again Mr. Smith stated to Mr. Rogers that Parsons had told him he had pleaded guilty to the charge, and while he could make a strong fight for his client, he would not do so, and Parsons was willing to return at once.

An examination was waived and the commissioner handed the prisoner over to the Canadian officers. The three left Denver at 1.20 and arrived in London, Ont., at 4.30 on Saturday. Upon their arrival the young prisoner was taken before Squire Smyth and remained until Tuesday. Mr. Duncan Ross, of Strathroy, has been retained to defend Parsons, who, however, it is stated, intends to plead guilty. Parsons had \$200 in money on him when he was arrested.

Detective Rogers says Parsons stated to him that he had got into trouble by associating with bad companions. From boyish pranks the tricks developed into thefts, and the respectable young men became thieves. Parsons' father and brothers are all respectable farmers, highly commended in Caradoc Township.



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DOUBLE MURDER BY HIRED MAN

Attacked Employer and Family with an Axe—Killed the Father and Son

And Probably Fatally Injured His Mistress—Terrible Tragedy in Prescott County.

Ottawa, Jan. 25.—Alfred Goyette, a farm hand in Alfred township, Prescott county, Ont., yesterday brained Ban Corrigan and the latter's 18-year-old son, and nearly killed Mrs. Corrigan in a drunken frenzy over a reprimand for not doing the chores properly.

The crime was one of the most brutal ever known in this section. Goyette, who is of the tramp species, has been arrested, and an inquest is being held to-day.

Alfred is a small place midway on the C. P. R. short line between Montreal and Ottawa. Goyette belonged near Montreal. Enraged over a reprimand by his employer, Goyette picked up an axe and chopped Corrigan to death. The man then attacked the family and killed the boy in the same manner and injured Mrs. Corrigan before he was overpowered.

Corrigan was sixty-eight years old, and the murderer is about thirty years.

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WORLD OF SPORT

HOCKEY

GAME WAS CLOSE.

The hockey game between the Ridgetown and Chatham teams last evening at the local rink was close—the score standing five goals to five at the final call of time.

Although there was practically no combination work on either side, still the game was a very interesting and exciting one for the spectators. Individual play was the whole works and in many cases the player would get quite a distance with the puck, but as a rule there were no good results.

Ridgetown opened hostilities as soon as Referee Dr. Walker of the town of the Ridge had blown his whistle at 8.15.

The visitors scored the first goal, but the locals soon tallied and a great fight for supremacy was waged. The play was fast and rough from the start and continued throughout. Mix-ups were not infrequent but no one was injured.

Chatham scored several goals which the referee would not allow, claiming off side, and the spectators could not keep track of the score very well on this account. First one side would score and then the other, and there was never a difference of more than one point.

O. K. Lawson played the star game for the locals.

The game ended a tie—five goals to five.

The return match will be played within the next week.

The crowd was quite large but did not at all like the long wait for the game to start.

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