

BYLAW NO.

To provide for the issue of \$255,000 debentures for the cost of a plant to distribute electric power.

WHEREAS, it is expedient to provide for the cost of the buildings, works, plant, machinery, poles, wires, conduits and other structure that may be necessary for the distribution of electric power in the City of London, to be supplied to the City of London by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission from Niagara Falls;

And whereas it is necessary to raise by way of loan on the credit of the municipality the sum of \$255,000, to provide for the cost of the said buildings, works, plant, machinery, poles, wires, conduits and other structure;

And whereas, by an act passed by the Legislature of the Province of Ontario in the sixth year of His Majesty's reign, and chapter 74, and known as "The City of London Act, 1905," it is by Section 22 thereof provided that the limit of the borrowing power of the said corporation shall, notwithstanding the provisions of any act or law to the contrary, be 11 per centum of the assessed value of the whole rateable property of the said City of London, as shown by the last revised assessment roll for the time being of the said city;

And whereas it is by Section 23 of the said last-mentioned act provided that in calculating the amount of the indebtedness of the said corporation for the purpose of ascertaining if the limit of its borrowing power, as fixed by the next preceding section, has been reached, the net amount of its indebtedness for water purposes being the sum of \$549,909.34, and any liability in respect of local improvement debentures, issued by the said corporation, except such portion thereof as is payable by the said corporation at large, shall not be reckoned as part of such indebtedness, but shall be excluded in computing the amount of the whole rateable property in the City of London, according to the last revised assessment roll thereof in the sum of \$255,000;

And whereas the amount of the general debenture debt of the city, exclusive of its indebtedness for waterworks purposes, or the said sum of \$549,909.34, and exclusive of its local improvement debenture debt, except such portion thereof as is payable by the said corporation at large, amounts to \$1,926,728.85, of which no portion of the principal or interest is in arrear;

And whereas the said sum of \$255,000 is the debt intended to be created by this bylaw;

And whereas it is desirable to issue the said debentures at one time, and to make the principal of the said debt repayable by yearly sums during the period of 30 years, being the currency of the said debentures, said yearly sums being of such respective amounts that the aggregate amount payable in any year for principal and interest in respect of said debt shall be as nearly as possible equal to the amount so payable in each of the other 29 years of the said period;

And whereas the total amount required by the Consolidated Municipal Act, 1903, to be raised annually by special rate for paying the said debt and interest as hereinafter provided, is \$4,427.91;

Be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of London as follows:

1.—It shall be lawful for the mayor of the said city to raise by way of loan upon the security of the debentures hereinafter mentioned, from any person or persons, body or bodies, or otherwise, any sum of money not exceeding in the whole the sum of \$255,000, and to cancel the same and pay into the hands of the treasurer of the said City of London for the purposes and with the objects above recited.

2.—The said debentures shall pursuant to the provisions of Section 366 of "The Consolidated Municipal Act, 1903," be made payable as follows:

\$3,852.01 thereof at the expiration of one year from the 30th day of June, A. D. 1908.
\$4,025.35 thereof at the expiration of two years from the 30th day of June, A. D. 1908.
\$4,208.49 thereof at the expiration of three years from the 30th day of June, A. D. 1908.
\$4,391.79 thereof at the expiration of four years from the 30th day of June, A. D. 1908.
\$4,575.09 thereof at the expiration of five years from the 30th day of June, A. D. 1908.
\$4,758.39 thereof at the expiration of six years from the 30th day of June, A. D. 1908.
\$4,941.69 thereof at the expiration of seven years from the 30th day of June, A. D. 1908.
\$5,125.00 thereof at the expiration of eight years from the 30th day of June, A. D. 1908.
\$5,308.30 thereof at the expiration of nine years from the 30th day of June, A. D. 1908.
\$5,491.60 thereof at the expiration of ten years from the 30th day of June, A. D. 1908.
\$5,675.00 thereof at the expiration of eleven years from the 30th day of June, A. D. 1908.
\$5,858.30 thereof at the expiration of twelve years from the 30th day of June, A. D. 1908.
\$6,041.60 thereof at the expiration of thirteen years from the 30th day of June, A. D. 1908.
\$6,225.00 thereof at the expiration of fourteen years from the 30th day of June, A. D. 1908.
\$6,408.30 thereof at the expiration of fifteen years from the 30th day of June, A. D. 1908.
\$6,591.60 thereof at the expiration of sixteen years from the 30th day of June, A. D. 1908.
\$6,775.00 thereof at the expiration of seventeen years from the 30th day of June, A. D. 1908.
\$6,958.30 thereof at the expiration of eighteen years from the 30th day of June, A. D. 1908.
\$7,141.60 thereof at the expiration of nineteen years from the 30th day of June, A. D. 1908.
\$7,325.00 thereof at the expiration of twenty years from the 30th day of June, A. D. 1908.
\$7,508.30 thereof at the expiration of twenty-one years from the 30th day of June, A. D. 1908.
\$7,691.60 thereof at the expiration of twenty-two years from the 30th day of June, A. D. 1908.
\$7,875.00 thereof at the expiration of twenty-three years from the 30th day of June, A. D. 1908.
\$8,058.30 thereof at the expiration of twenty-four years from the 30th day of June, A. D. 1908.
\$8,241.60 thereof at the expiration of twenty-five years from the 30th day of June, A. D. 1908.
\$8,425.00 thereof at the expiration of twenty-six years from the 30th day of June, A. D. 1908.
\$8,608.30 thereof at the expiration of twenty-seven years from the 30th day of June, A. D. 1908.
\$8,791.60 thereof at the expiration of twenty-eight years from the 30th day of June, A. D. 1908.
\$8,975.00 thereof at the expiration of twenty-nine years from the 30th day of June, A. D. 1908.
\$9,158.30 thereof at the expiration of thirty years from the 30th day of June, A. D. 1908.

And all of the said debentures shall bear date the 30th day of June, A. D. 1908, and be made payable in Canada, Great Britain or elsewhere, and shall have coupons attached for the payment of interest.

3.—The said debentures shall bear interest at the rate of 4½ per cent per annum from the date hereof, which interest shall

be payable half-yearly on the 30th day of the months of June and December in each year, at the place where the said debentures are made payable.

4.—During the currency of the debentures to be issued under the authority of this bylaw there shall be raised annually by a special rate upon all the assessed value of all the rateable property in the City of London, over and above all other rates and taxes, the sum of \$4,427.91, for the purpose of paying the amount due in each of the said years for principal and interest in respect of said debt.

5.—The said mayor and treasurer may cause the said debentures, or a sufficient amount thereof, to be sold or hypothecated, or may authorize the said debentures, or any portion thereof, to be purchased or taken as for a temporary or permanent investment of the sinking fund of the City of London, and the proceeds thereof, after providing for the discom (if any), and the expenses of the negotiation and sale thereof, shall be applied as and for the purposes above specified, and for no other purpose.

6.—This bylaw shall take effect on, from and after the passing thereof.

7.—That the votes of the electors of the said City of London shall be taken on this bylaw on Monday, the 4th day of January, A. D. 1908, commencing at the hour of 9 o'clock in the morning, and continuing until 5 o'clock in the afternoon, at which time the polls shall be closed, and by the several deputy returning officers appointed to hold the municipal elections on the said day.

8.—That on Thursday, the 2nd day of January, A. D. 1908, at his office in the City Hall, in the said City of London, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon, the mayor shall appoint by writing, signed by him, two persons to attend at the final summing up of the votes by the clerk, and one person to attend at each polling place on behalf of the persons interested in and desirous of promoting the passing of this bylaw, and a like number on behalf of the persons interested in and desirous of opposing the passing of this bylaw.

9.—That the clerk of the said Municipal Corporation shall attend at the City Hall at the hour of 9 o'clock on Wednesday, the 8th day of January, A. D. 1908, to sum up the number of votes given for and against this bylaw.

Passed in open council, this day of Clerk. Mayor.

NOTICE.
Take notice, that one above is a true copy of a proposed bylaw which has been taken into consideration by the Municipal Council of the City of London, and which will be finally passed (in the event of the assent of the electors being obtained therefor) after one month from the first publication thereof in The Advertiser, the date of which publication was Wednesday, the 4th day of December, 1907, and that at the hour, day and places therein fixed for taking the votes of the electors the polls will be held.

13-4-11-18 S. BAKER, Clerk.

NEW POULTRY CLUB.

Organization Formed To Boom Rhode Island Red Breed.

The Canadian Rhode Island Red Club was formed at the Winter Fair, Guelph, last Friday evening. The officers are: President, R. McMaster, Guelph; vice-president, W. Powell, London; secretary-treasurer, F. J. Barber, Guelph. The club has made a good start with 42 members on the list, from every province in the Dominion. The object of the club is to boom the Rhode Island Reds, and to send specialists at the leading Canadian poultry shows.



"A Dutchman's Honeymoon" Tonight.

"A Dutchman's Honeymoon," which plays the Grand tonight, is as beneficial to the languid, only you don't have to try it as long before you feel the effects. It clears the head, starts you thinking and puts you at peace with your whole family—even your mother-in-law.

A Successful Melodrama.

"Custer's Last Fight" appears at the Grand Friday and Saturday, and Saturday matinee. The parts are well interpreted by capable actors. The production has everything that goes to make a successful melodrama, and more. The features that are out of the ordinary are a band of genuine Indians from the Government reservation, trained horses and dogs. There is also lots of good, clean comedy in "Custer's Last Fight."

M. Lepine, the prefect of the French police, has announced his intention of retiring into private life. Starting in life as a soldier he went through the Franco-Prussian war and then became a barrister till he entered the Government police service. At the present time he alone is responsible for the peace of Paris. There is possibly no man living who has a better knowledge of the ways of criminals than M. Lepine—not only criminals of low type, but those who haunt high society; of one and all he has a record at the prefecture, tabulated and ready for immediate reference.

How Pale-Faced Girls Acquire Rosy Cheeks

The pallid girl always lacks appetite. What little she eats is badly digested. At night she is restless, she does not sleep soundly.

Vital force must be increased, new blood must be supplied and a general rebuilding take place before she will feel like she ought.

Dr. Hamilton has invaluable experience in these cases and found nothing so prompt in building up the young women as his vegetable pills of Mandrake and Butternut.

Dr. Hamilton's Pills bring about cleansing the system and purifying the blood; they also improve digestion and render food ready for absorption. Additional nourishment is quickly supplied and the patient is fast strengthened and invigorated.

Full of spirit, ruddy and strong

WATER BOARD IS \$7,246 TO THE GOOD

Last Meeting of the Year Was Held Yesterday Afternoon.

The last regular meeting of the water commission was held yesterday afternoon.

The chief business up for consideration was the annual reports of the officials and the financial statement.

The net cash surplus was \$7,246.57, a very gratifying figure, considering the disadvantages under which the board operated this year.

Chairman Darck's report showed that the revenue for the year fell off \$1,200. This was due to the fact that the commissioners could not enter into a contract with the city to supply street watering. This fact reduced the receipts \$3,500. There was no charge for lawn services this year also. Had these two items not been struck off the board's revenue would have been increased \$5,000 or \$6,000.

Seven thousand two hundred and forty-six dollars and forty-seven cents was spent for capital expenditures, leaving a nominal surplus of \$43,274.04 to be credited to the city, or \$7,528.04 more than the commissioners estimated at the beginning of the year.

Mr. Darck referred to the water shortage, and declared that it was necessary to settle this question soon. He expressed the hope that the citizens would take an interest in this matter, and settle it.

Auditors' Report.

The auditors report showed the following:

Revenue.	
Water rates from consumers	\$92,428.63
Water rates charged to city	14,018.90
Interest	212.45
	840.00
Total	\$107,497.98
Expenses	100,251.47
Surplus revenue	5,526.51
Less amount expended on capital expenditure	7,246.47
Net surplus revenue	\$4,280.04

Secretary's Report.

The secretary submitted his report. The gross revenue for the year amounted to \$107,497.98, a decrease of \$1,216.06 during the year. The collections had been well attended to during the year, the total amount in arrears being but \$154.38.

Engineer's Report.

Engineer Moore submitted his annual report. He declared that the water supply was taxed to the limit this year, and it would have to be increased to meet the growing demand. The Grand Trunk had discontinued the use of city water, and the lawn and street sprinkling were curtailed considerably. A portion of the Summer property had been purchased to protect the water supply. The Summer property had also been purchased.

During the year, 501 new services had been put in, making a total of 11,578. Fifteen meters were installed during the year, making a total of 276 meters in use.

Twenty-six new hydrants had also been put in during the year.

Mr. Moore spoke also of the test wells, and showed they had not proven satisfactory.

The Saunby Suit.

City Solicitor Meredith notified the board that the only outstanding account in the Saunby matter were those of Mr. Blackstock, amounting to \$672.22.

W. Heaman & Sons complained of expense incurred in handling coals for Springfield. The matter was referred to the street railway for settlement.

Rev. V. J. Gilpin applied for water service for skating rink. Granted on condition that total cost of laying the main to be paid by Mr. Gilpin.

Engineer Moore was instructed to look into the matter of getting the street railway to pay for a fence erected by the commission at Springfield.

Pumping Report.
The pumping engineer's report showed the daily average consumption to be 3,764,683 gallons.

The report was interesting in that it showed that not one pound of coal had been used during the fortnight, the work being done by the hydraulic pumps alone.

Those present were Chairman Darck, Commissioner Saunders, Engineer Moore and Secretary Ellwood.

As near as can be ascertained, the unappropriated and unreserved public lands of the United States amount to 792,238,707 acres.

WHEAT OF WORLD WILL FALL SHORT

This Year's Total Crop To Be Less Than That of 1906 By 400,000,000 Bushels.

London, Dec. 17.—The wheat crop of 1907 will fall short of that of 1906 by 400,000,000 bushels, according to the calculations of grain traders. On all sides high prices and recourse to reserve stocks are considered inevitable.

According to one authority the year's harvest will amount to 2,896,000,000 bushels, as against 3,288,000,000 in 1906, and an average of 3,136,000,000 bushels for the last four years.

For the season from Aug. 1, 1907 to July 31, 1908, it is calculated that the wheat importing countries of Europe will require 504,000,000 bushels, whereas it seems probable that the wheat exporting countries of the world will have a surplus of only 492,500,000, making a deficiency of 11,200,000 bushels.

Serious Matter in England.

In the United Kingdom, where 37 loaves are made of foreign wheat for every still grown of native wheat, the shortage of the crop is a serious matter. The average price for English wheat has been steadily rising for the last year. For September, 1906, it was \$7.58. At year end it stood at \$7.95, and now for the third year in succession the price now stands at \$8.30 a quarter.

Despite the rise, there is found to be no surplus stock anywhere, and the opinion is expressed that quotations would be still higher were it not for the money stringency in America, entailing heavier shipments than under normal conditions.

Inquiries made in Mark Lane revealed an opinion that even an average wheat crop would not have prevented a rise in prices, because the population has been gaining on production for several years.

In any case it seems undeniable that the rate of increase in acreage is less than it was ten years ago, and during the last three years is declared to have been almost stationary. From the conditions of native wheat in the United States has now come down to 48,000,000, and Canada and Austria have added only 1,500,000 acres in the last seven years, whereas their increase in the preceding seven years was 200,000. India's acreage has remained stationary for five years, and France's has decreased. Finally, the Russian wheat area is not maintaining its rate of increase of ten years ago, a statement holds good.

Worst Yet to Come.

In view of these figures the prediction is hazarded that before long the present level of prices will be looked back upon as moderate, and it is also declared that England is returning to the conditions of the early seventies, when wheat cost \$1.68 per bushel. In a just published review of the year now closing, the European continental crop is estimated as showing 9 per cent deficiency, production having fallen off by 188,500,000 bushels, while the presumptive exports of North America, from crops of this season's growth, are considered likely to be 23,000,000 bushels less.

Prospects in the southern hemisphere and India, where the harvest is gathered from December to March, are none too bright, for a lack of rain in India and Australia renders it possible that the former will have nothing to export, and the latter a comparatively small amount.

Must Rely on Argentina.

The brunt of demand must, it is thought, fall on Argentina, until supported by India or Australia. Hopes run high of a bumper harvest in South America, but conservative opinion here inclines to the expectation that no more wheat will be forthcoming from that quarter than in the calendar year just closing, and it is foreseen that the extra European demand for wheat is an unusual amount of the Argentine crop.

All told, the wheat consumers of Europe are in an uncomfortable position. With prices in general rising the probability of dearth, and tariff reformers are not likely to fail to point out the moral as they see it.

BRITISH

At Beverley Minister on Tuesday about a hundred old men were presented with five shillings each, under the will of Mr. Thomas Clarkson.

Two large rafts of pitchpine logs were being towed to Liverpool from Barrow, Lancashire, yesterday when they broke apart and were lost in dense fog. They constitute a grave danger in the Irish Channel.

Canon F. C. Alderson, who rowed for Cambridge in the University boat-race of 1856, died at Lutterworth on Tuesday. He was a son of Baron Alderson, and a brother of the late Lady Salisbury.

Mr. Oxford Smith, late town clerk of Birmingham, in his letter of resignation after twenty-six years' service, said it was the saddest day of his life. Mr. Smith, whose health has broken down, receives a retiring pension of £1,200.

A postcard has just been delivered to Mr. John Angwin, of St. Agnes, after having been posted at Truro (eight miles away) nine years ago. It became caught in the masonry of the wall in which the box was fixed and has only just been discovered.

At the diamond wedding celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Scott, of Cherry Holt, Freiston road, Skirbeck, four generations were present on Sunday. Mr. Scott is eighty-four years of age, and his wife is two years his junior.

A French steam fishing vessel stranded in the East River, Dungeness, during a gale on Tuesday. The lifeboat R. A. O. B. was promptly launched, and found the wreck on the Newcomb Sands. She sank directly her crew of eleven had been got into the lifeboat.

Danages to the extent of £250, with costs, were awarded John Flower, a girl of fifteen, at Wandsworth County

Weather
Probs:
SNOW
FLURRIES

Smallman & Ingram
THE SATISFACTORY STORE—PHONE 655

Wednesday
Dec. 18

STORE NEWS TODAY.

SEE WINDOW DISPLAY of Fancy Cushions and Christmas Novelties, from art department.

CHOOSE NOW

Gifts selected now will be held for delivery any day you say, before Christmas.

GIVE SOMETHING—Why not one of the useful gifts, SOMETHING really necessary in the home?

Sensible and Useful Gifts, These They Appeal To Everybody

AN UMBRELLA (for LADY OR GENTLEMAN). A pair of GLOVES. A SILK MUFFLER. A SILK WAIST or DRESS. A BLACK DRESS. A FANCY WAIST LENGTH. A FUR PIECE, STOLE, MUFF or THROW. HANDKERCHIEFS, plain and fancy LINENS. TRAY CLOTHS, CENTERS, DOILIES. HOSIERY. LADIES' PURSES, HAND BAGS, EBONY BRUSHES, GLOVE and HANDKERCHIEF CASES, CARD CASES, ETC., put in Christmas boxes for the asking.

Our Handkerchief Department

With counter-space doubled for the Christmas trade, yet could we increase it double again, the space would be taxed to the limit by the crowds in the afternoons. For your own convenience and comfort, the cheerful remedy is, SHOP IN THE FORENOONS.

Handkerchiefs at Popular Prices, 10c to \$1.00 Each

Time or space will not permit a separate description, nor could we picture many of the dainty styles we are showing in HEMSTITCHED AND SCALLOPED EDGES, CROSS-BARS, EMBROIDERED DOTS, and Dainty FLORAL CORNER and BORDER DESIGNS, HAND-WORKED INITIALS, AND COLORED HOLLY DESIGNS, ETC. Prices, each 10c, 12½c, 15c, 18c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 35c, 40c, 50c, 65c, 75c to \$1.00. OTHERS MORE ELABORATE, IN REAL DUCHESSE AND ROSE POINT LACE, Etc., each \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50, \$3, \$3.50, \$4, \$6, \$7.50, \$8, \$10 and \$12

Ladies' Dressing Sacques, From 85c to \$6.50 Each

A great variety in JAP SILK, EIDER DOWN, WRAPPERETTE, and KNITTED WOOL SACQUES.

Our \$1.50 Sacque is made of good quality Eiderdown, finished with fancy stitching.

Our \$2.25 Sacque is of fancy Eiderdown, with trimmings of buttons and stitching, and finished with a girdle of black silk braid.

Our Japanese Silk Sacques are quilted and embroidered in dainty floral designs; also pretty plain colors of pale blue, cardinal, and navy. A handsome Christmas gift at, each, \$4.50, \$5.00 and \$6.50

50c Wool Cashmeres

See our immense assortment of beautiful shades.

Notwithstanding the cry of advanced prices, the value of our 50c Cashmere has not varied in the least, and we are still offering our old standard cloth, all-wool (French dye), 44 inches wide, at, per yard, 50c

\$1.00 Silk Warp Henrietta

A wonderful assortment of exquisite colorings in this handsome material, so popular for the afternoon, evening or carriage dress. (French dye), silk warp, per yard, \$1.00

STORE CLOSING AT 6 O'CLOCK DAILY. **Smallman & Ingram** 149 to 153 Dundas St. W. THE SATISFACTORY STORE—PHONE 655

CHANGES IN GRAND CANON

Earthquakes and Landslides Turn the River's Rapids Into Placid Channel.

Los Angeles, Dec. 17.—Earthquakes and landslides have wrought wonderful changes in the Grand Canon of the Colorado and the river that flows through that great gorge. One hundred miles northeast of Peach Springs and above Hualapai Indian reservation there was formerly a series of dangerous rapids and narrow falls nearly a mile long. The whole front of the mountain has fallen and has obliterated them, leaving the waters calm in a broad channel. Near by a great ledge of quartz, formerly forty feet above the river bed, has been submerged.

E. A. Anderson and G. A. Atkins, prospectors, just returned, made these discoveries. They found specimens of copper and iron, including a remarkable boulder of the latter, as large as a haystack, inverted. A deposit of wash gravel, found under twelve feet of granite, refutes geologists who have maintained that no such thing existed.

ECCENTRIC MILLIONAIRE DEAD.

Somerville, Mass., Dec. 17.—Benjamin Hadley, an eccentric millionaire, died at his home in East Somerville yesterday of old age. He was 90 years old, and never was married. He was born in Somerville, and it is said that only on one occasion did he ever travel beyond the greater Boston district. It is related of him that he never joined any kind of organization, never had his life insured, never purchased a ticket for any sort of entertainment, never ate a meal in a hotel or restaurant, and did not spend more than one dollar in his entire life for car fare. He had not voted for forty years. He wore a coll and necktie only on very special occasions. He accumulated real estate valued at \$1,500,000.

The German Emperor is extremely fond of the huge white frankfurter sausage and has a supply of them made fresh every day in his own kitchen. The first use of a menu at a banquet in Germany dates back to 1489.

Japan's cotton spinning companies are having an unprecedentedly satisfactory run this year so far. Dividends are figuring from 30 to 100 per cent per annum.

Luther O. Emerson, whose music has been sung in about every Protestant church in the country, has passed his 87th birthday, but still devotes most of his time to composition.

Since the opium act came into effect Chinese traders in Shanghai and other large cities have been making big money by selling alleged cures for the opium habit.

Hood's

Sarsaparilla is unquestionably the greatest blood and liver medicine known. It positively and permanently cures every humor, from Pimples to Scrofula. It is the Best Blood Medicine.

HAD THIRTY-TWO BOILS ON HIS BACK AT ONE TIME.

TWO BOTTLES OF BURDOCK BLOOD BITTERS CURED HIM.

Boils are simply evidence of the bad blood within coming to the surface. Just when you think you are cured of one, another seems ready to take its place and prolong your misery.

The only way to rid yourself of boils, pimples, and all skin blotches and blemishes, so that they will never return to bother you again, is to have the blood thoroughly cleansed of all its impurities.

For this purpose there is no other blood medicine to equal Burdock Blood Bitters.

It has been on the market for over thirty years, and in that time we have received thousands of testimonials stating positively that it will cure the worst known cases of boils.

Mr. James Combs, Eden, Ont., writes: "I think Burdock Blood Bitters a great medicine for boils. I had them so bad I could not work. I had thirty-two on my back at one time. I used only two bottles of B.B.B. and they completely cured me. I cannot recommend it too highly."

For sale at all Druggists and Dealers.

CONDENSED ADVERTISEMENTS.

No Advertisement Accepted Less Than Fifteen Words.

Meetings—When no admission is charged, one cent per word each insertion.

Articles For Sale, To Let, Help Wanted, Situations Wanted, Board and Lodging, Lost and Found, Rooms to Let, and all similar condensed advertisements—First insertion, one cent a word; each subsequent insertion, one-half cent per word. No advertisement less than fifteen words.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

DEATHS.

BARKIE—In this city, on Dec. 18, 1907, Florence, relict of the late Thomas Barkie, Esq., late of Derry, Ireland, and third daughter of the late Wm. Irvine, late of Mount Irvine, County Armagh, Ireland, aged 43 years.

Funeral from the residence of her son, Mr. Robert C. Barkie, 555 Talbot street, on Friday, at 2 p.m. Funeral strictly private. Service will be conducted by the Rev. Canon Dunn.

DELA—In Chicago, on Dec. 17, 1907, John Maurice Dela, son of the late Daniel Dela, aged 43 years.

Funeral on Friday morning at 9 o'clock from St. Peter's Cathedral. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

GAZE—In this city, on Dec. 17, 1907, Earl Gaze, beloved husband of Mary Ann Gaze, aged 55 years.

Funeral from his late residence, 698 Colborne street, on Thursday, Dec. 19, at 2 p.m. to Colborne street Methodist Church. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation. Interment at Woodland Cemetery.

BALL—At the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. Luke Jeffries, 59 Mount Pleasant avenue, on Tuesday, Dec. 17, 1907, in her 77th year, Harriet Helen, relict of the late John Ball, mother of F. W. J. F. A. and W. J. Ball, both of this city, and Mrs. Wilkison, of Cleveland, and Mrs. Jeffries, of this city.

Funeral from above address Thursday, at 4 o'clock; service at 3:30. Interment at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

ORKE—On Dec. 16, 1907, at the family residence, Richmond street north, Charles Orke, in his 62nd year.

Funeral on Thursday, Dec. 19, at 2 p.m. to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Friends will kindly accept this intimation.

ORR—At the family residence, 504 Waterloo street, Rhea, only daughter of the late Thomas and Elizabeth Orr, aged 16 years and 11 months.

Funeral on Thursday, Dec. 19, 1907, at 2:30 p.m. Private.

AMUSEMENTS, LECTURES, ETC.

GRAND TONIGHT

A DUTCHMAN'S HONEYMOON
Popular prices: 15c, 25c, 35c, 50c.
Seats selling.
A MUSICAL MELANGE IN THREE ACTS
EXTRA FRIDAY AND SATURDAY EXTRA
CUSTER'S LAST FIGHT
Matinee, 15c, 25c.
Night prices, 15c, 25c, 35c, 50c.
Seats today.

BENNETT'S

Two Performances Daily, Grand Comedy Bill.
WELCH, FRANCIS & CO.,
in "7-OTHER FEATURES—7"
A turkey given away at every matinee this week.

THE BIJOU DREAM

INAUGURATE NEW ENTERTAINMENT.
Continuing vaudeville, moving pictures, vocal, instrumental, etc.
SHOW LASTS ONE HOUR.
Afternoon and Evening Admission, 10c.

Empress Ships

Empress of Ireland sails St. John to Liverpool, Dec. 27. Rates and sailing folders, at F. B. Clarke's, Richmond street, next Bank of Commerce.

SCOTLAND

Spend New Year in Scotland. New steamship Granparan, 11,500 tons, sails, Boston to Glasgow, Dec. 21. F. B. Clarke, agent Allan Line, Richmond street, next Bank of Commerce.

SABBATH SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday, Dec. 19, Chalmers Church, corner Waterloo and Grey streets. Cantata, "Waterland." Drills, choruses, etc. Admission, 10 cents.

ONE-DAY DOG SHOW—LONDON CANINE

Association will hold a ribbon show on Friday, Dec. 27, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. in the City Hall, Richmond street. Entries free. Open to all recognized breeds. Dogs to be in charge of owner or caretaker, and provided with collar and chain. Entries received by the secretary, Dr. Fred L. Wood, up to Thursday evening, 6 o'clock.

AT EIGHT O'CLOCK THURSDAY EVENING

In all St. John's Church, there will be a service and special lecture on the Prayer Book by Rev. T. G. A. Wright, rector of Warkworth.

REMEMBER—DON'T MISS THE PRIZE

hop, Dec. 20, held at the City Hall by the Blue Label committee.

SIMCOE STREET RINK (ENLARGED)

Skating tonight. Band Thursday night. Phone 1668.

VICTORIA RINK—SKATING TONIGHT

Good ice. Admission, 10c. Corner Adelaide and Piccadilly.

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Ice in perfect condition. Admission: Ladies, 10c; gentlemen, 15c. h.

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NERS: Ladies, Monday; gentlemen, Tuesday evenings; children, Saturday afternoon. Call or phone. Daynes & McCormick.

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for steamship passages. Gold, silver, etc. F. B. Clarke, Richmond street, 2.

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TEACHER, with NORMAL CERTIFICATE, for S. S. No. 11, Westminster. Address George Marr, White Oak, 26.

TELL IT in The Advertiser Wants so that all will hear it. YOU will profit by it.

MALE HELP WANTED.

ENERGETIC MAN, WITH GOOD REFERENCES, to take general agency of city for Continental Life Insurance Company of Toronto; also other vacancies; good contract offered. Apply between 10 and 12, Bank of Toronto Chambers. 1917

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ORGANIZERS WANTED, APPLY ALFRED TYLER, 355 Clarence street.

FEMALE HELP WANTED.

WANTED—COMPETENT GIRL FOR GENERAL HOUSEWORK, no washing, references required. Apply 359 Dundas street, b.

WANTED—AN EXPERIENCED COOK. Apply J. C. Duffield, 518 Queen's avenue. 2617

WANTED—FIRST-CLASS LAUNDRESS. Apply Mrs. Leonard, 602 Queen's avenue. 25c

EXPERIENCED CAP OPERATORS AND HING MAKERS. Apply Tip Top Cap Company, 438 Talbot street, Green-Swift building.

WANTED—SCRUBWOMEN, DISHWASHERS and kitchen women. Apply the Teumess House. 251

WANTED IMMEDIATELY—TWO YOUNG ladies, who write good business hands, for office work. Apply by letter, Box 19, Advertiser.

DINING-ROOM GIRL WANTED. Apply Hotel Cecil. 24c

MEETINGS.

ODDELOWS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND Dominion Lodge, No. 48, I.O.O.F., tonight. Thomas D. Hastings, secretary.

FOREST CITY CAMP, CANADIAN ORDER Woodmen of the World, meets tomorrow (Thursday), 8 o'clock, Duffield block.

ST. JOHN'S ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No. 3—Regular convocation this Wednesday evening. Installation of officers and degrees. Visitors welcome. E. S. Crawford, 20 Elwood, S. E. 1.

THE REV. R. J. BOWEN, DISTRICT SECRETARY of the Bible Society, formerly at Dawson City, Yukon, will speak on the work in the Northwest and British Columbia, in the lecture hall of the First Presbyterian Church, tonight, at 8 o'clock.

NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE office of R.C. Separate School Trustee will take place at noon at St. Peter's school on Thursday, 26th inst. T. J. Murphy, returning officer. 24c

LOST AND FOUND.

\$5.00 REWARD—LOST, LADY'S BLACK purse, on Thursday, on King street, between Richmond and Ridgeway. Return to this office. 26c

LOST—LOCKET AND CHAIN, two photos inside; keepsake; initials "S. A. T." Liberal reward at this office. 25c

LOST—SOLID GOLD WATCH AND CHAIN. Reward on return to C. H. Ward & Co. 25c

LOST—LADY'S GUNMETAL WATCH with fleur-de-lis pin attached. Reward for return to this office. 25c

Reward \$10 for recovery of instrument, plans and small hand grip marked "R. G. V." both sides. Lost Thursday from St. John's, Inform High Constable, Middlesex, or Lewis Thomas & Nutter, 374 Central avenue. 24c

LOST OR STOLEN FROM QUEEN'S HOTEL stable, saddle, Dec. 14, wolf robe; \$5 reward if returned to hostler, and 10c questions asked. 26c

LOST—BLACK AND TAN FOXHOUND bitch; had collar on, with owner's name and address. Reward for return to 712 Richmond street. 26c

HOUSES, ROOMS, TO LET.

LARGE, WARM ROOM (CENTRAL LOCATION), with register in it; suitable for man and wife, two young ladies. Apply Box 10, this office. 1

TO LET—A GOOD BRICK BUILDING, 20x72 feet, three stories, suitable for manufacturing; in business part of city. Apply to N. M. M. 1 Masonic Temple. 4017-f

TO LET—TWO COMFORTABLE ROOMS, central, 389 Burwell street. 25c

NEW BRICK COTTAGE, 68 CATHCART street, 26c per month; gas.

COTTAGE FOR RENT OR FOR SALE, near Normal School; moderate rent. Inquire 154 Tecumseh avenue, or of Knott & Sangster, Masonic Temple. 25c

MODERN UNFURNISHED ROOMS, in good locality; not less than ten rooms; immediate possession. Apply by letter, giving full particulars, C. A. Ross, Dominion Bank. 25c

WELL-HEATED FURNISHED ROOMS, 189 Queen's ave. 25c

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NEW BRICK HOUSE TO LET ON FRONT street, south of Hamilton road. Apply 746 Hill street. 25c

FOREST CITY UNION MOVING VANS, including Biggs' business. W. A. Broughton, 455 Piccadilly. 25c

TO LET—MODERN HOUSE, REPAIRED throughout. No. 442 Waterloo street. Apply 391 Dundas street. 9217

FINE NEW HOUSE, 456 OXFORD, THOROUGHLY modern, 4 bedrooms, double parlors, open plumbing. Peace furnace, veranda, etc. Apply 185 St. James street. 25c

PEOPLE'S MOVING VANS—LARGEST IN city. A. Henderson, corner Colborne and Chesapeake. Phone 1724.

VETERINARY SURGEONS.

TENNENT & SHAW, VETERINARY SURGEONS, Office, 137 King; residence and infirmary, King and Wellington. Phones: Office, 688; residence, 278 and 1522.

TAMLIN & SCOTT—OFFICE AND HOSPITAL, 455 Talbot street. Phone 865; residence phone 78.

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BOARD WANTED BY YOUNG LADY, by first year; East End city preferred. Box 19, Advertiser.

WANTED—SECOND-HAND TYPEWRITER, in good repair; state price and make. 22 King street.

OLD GOLD AND SILVER WATCH CASES wanted. R. E. Milroy, manufacturer, Jewels.

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JOHN TOM, WAH LEE LAUNDRY CO. Goods called for and delivered. Guaranteed work. 387, Dundas street. Phone 1809.

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CHRISTMAS TREES, ANY SIZE, in Norway spruce, 2 feet, 10c each; 5 to 6 feet, 35c each; larger ones if required. Cedar, any size, from 6 feet to 20 feet. Baker's Nursery, Ridout street south. 261

FOR SALE—SQUARE PIANO (BLIGHT-NEWTON), cheap. Apply 655 York street. 26c

FOR SALE, CHEAP—A SMALL COOK stove, with "Cannon" oven. Apply 63 Elmwood avenue, South London. 25c

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A skin of our fancy leather can be made into one or more tasteful Christmas gifts, the kind that is appreciated. A whole skin costs only \$1 25 to \$1 50. See them.

THE CHAS. CHAPMAN COY.
Phone 370. 91 Dundas Street.

Let us figure with you on your bill of **Lumber, Doors, Frames, Sash and House Trim.**
It won't cost you anything, and you may save some money. GEORGE H. BELTON, agent for Paroid Roofing, Bestory street, north of G. T. N.

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75c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00
There's a great assortment of new Christmas Slippers at the

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CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES IN HAND-PAINTED wood. Postal cards on velvet, etc. Prices reasonable. Room 2, Greene-Swift building.

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DR. SPENCE—OFFICE AND RESIDENCE, 435 Hamilton road, Bourne block. Phone 1532.

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J. J. MASON, B.A., M.D., SOUTHEAST corner Dundas and Colborne. Phone 388.

DR. MACGREGOR, 243 QUEEN'S AVENUE—Hours, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and 7 to 9 p.m. Phone 389.

R. W. SHAW, M.D., L.R.C.P. AND S. (England)—Office, 297 King street. Telephone 629.

DR. KINGSMILL, MEMBER ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS, Corner Park and Queen's avenues.

DR. G. L. CLARKE (RETURNED FROM Europe)—Eye, ear, nose and throat. 478 King street.

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DR. ALICE JAMIESON, 391 WELLINGTON street. Hours, 11 to 1, 3 to 5.

DR. W. J. STEVENSON, 391 DUNDAS. Phone 510. Special attention diseases women and surgery. X-rays.

DR. SHOEBOTHAM, CORNER RICHMOND and John. Phones: Office, 494; residence, 2229.

DR. R. O'NEILL, EYE AND EAR SURGEON—Specialties, diseases of women. Residence, 535 Richmond street.

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LONDON, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AND THE
GOLDEN RULE.That entertaining writer, moralist,
and clerical free lance, Dr. Madison C.
Peters, of New York, has been dis-
cussing Christmas shopping in its re-
lation to the Golden Rule. No doubt
Dr. Peters has learned from experience
that Christmas shopping imposes
severe tests on the Christian virtues.
He may have had his corns trodden
on by a Christmas crowd of shoppers.
He may have noticed also the lack of
consideration for others, especially for
those who serve the public. At any
rate he has found in the holiday spec-
tacle the text of this very practical
sermon:"Above all things, be patient, be
courteous, be considerate of the
feelings of others.Remember that the clerks and
salesgirls are not altogether human
automatons, they have feelings to
resent insult as well as yourself,
therefore respect those feelings."You get tired waiting, but just
think now tired the girl must be be-
hind the counter waiting all day.
She was there before you came and
must remain until after you leave."You are impatient, but please re-
member there are others to be
served who are entitled to as much
or more consideration than you."Don't stand in the same place
handling the goods for half an hour;
others want to see them as well as
you and they may wait while you
wait.""Know what you really want be-
fore you go into the store."If you expect courtesy, give it.
The girl you address may have
heard nothing but irritating voices
all day, and such do not sweeten
the temper."Of course, employees should en-
deavor to fulfill their duties.
They may not like their situa-
tions, but as long as they hold them
they should be true to the interests
of their employers."Patience and cheerfulness sell
twice as much and twice as easily
as abruptness and ill-temper."Be patient with all the cranks as
well as the rest."Don't let the bargain-hunter tax
your temper; she may not be mean,
she may only have a slender purse
and must make her money go as far
as she can. Perhaps she is trying
to buy as much happiness for others
as her limited means will allow."Show the Christmas spirit in
yourself, though you are behind the
counter, and the shopper will catch
the infection. Smile and the shopper
will smile with you. Give kind words
and you will get kind words in re-
turn."

DEATH OF LORD KELVIN.

Lord Kelvin, who died yesterday in
Glasgow, was the grand old man of
the scientific world. He was the last
of that great school, comprising,
among others, Faraday, Huxley, Tynd-
all and Darwin, which made Great
Britain the leader in the realm of
physical science in the nineteenth
century.Lord Kelvin, whose name was Wil-
liam Thomson, was born in Belfast in
1824, and as early as 1842 he pub-
lished papers on heat, electricity and
mathematics. In 1846, when only 22
years of age, he was elected professor
of natural philosophy in the Univer-
sity of Glasgow, a wonderful example
of intellectual precocity. Although a
master in many departments of
physics and chemistry, his successes
in telegraphy, particularly marine or
cable telegraphy, brought him the
greatest renown.His name will be forever linked with
the laying of the Atlantic cables. In
1855 he published a paper on "Elec-
tro-Dynamic Qualities of Metal," and
it was while engaged in experimental
work in this field that he was brought
face to face with the mysteries of
communication by electric wires.There was no scientist capable of
mastering this problem, or, at least,
none had the courage to announce
himself, until young Thomson mod-
estly stepped forward and agreed to
try. He invented various instruments
which the directors of the Atlantic
Cable Company persuaded him to
patent. This Thomson did against his
will. "I would prefer," he said, "that
the world should reap the benefit of
these little instruments without bar-
ter hindrance."On the advice of friends, however,
he secured the necessary patents,
among which was one for the mirror
galvanometer, first used in connection
with the 1858 cable. In 1867 the
siphon recorder was invented and
patented. On the successful comple-
tion of the Atlantic cable in 1866,
Thomson was knighted. He had made
the trip on the famous Great Eastern,
and, returning home with fresh
advice, he was made a knight by the
hand of the lord lieutenant of Ireland.Some of his inventions were so far
in advance of his day that his col-
leagues refused to credit his an-
nouncements, and had to be convinced
by the works themselves. When Lord
Kelvin first submitted his model ofthe improved compass to Sir George
Airy, of the Royal Observatory,
Greenwich, Sir George regretfully in-
formed him that "the thing will not
do." Lord Kelvin replied that he knew
better, and today the shipping of the
world is steered largely by "Thom-
son's compass," just as the cables of
the world are ruled by "Thomson's
law."Lord Kelvin was showered with
honors by all nations. He was presi-
dent of the International Niagara
commission, and was a delegate to the
meeting of the British Association at
Toronto some years ago. To the last
his mind was as active and his inter-
est in affairs as keen as ever. The
sustaining motive of his great labors
was indicated in a speech which he
made when presented with the free-
dom of the city of London many years
since: "Science, to be true to itself,
must be followed for its own sake, and
that all the most important services
it has rendered to mankind have been
the result of arduous investigations,
carried on by men animated with the
hope of no other reward than that
which awaits every sincere and indus-
trious student of nature."

CONGO REFORMS.

Humanitarians who in England and
other countries have for years been
agitating for reforms in the Congo,
are deeply interested in the proceed-
ings of the Belgian parliamentary
commission, having in charge the
drafting of a colonial bill. Experience
has given the world little reason to
place faith in King Leopold's prom-
ises to bring about improved condi-
tions in that portion of Africa of
which he has had control. This dis-
trust was voiced a few weeks ago,
when an appeal to the British nation,
signed by the Archbishop of Canter-
bury and many other influential per-
sons, was issued, enumerating the oft-
repeated charges against the system
of King Leopold and criticising the
inadequacy of the measures contem-
plated by the Belgian Parliament. Those
measures, it was declared, left the
present system unchanged in all its
vital features, with no check what-
ever upon autocratic control, in so far
as native administration was con-
cerned, and it was further stated that
a majority on the parliamentary com-
mission had been found unwilling to
concede to autocracy what autonomy
required above all, viz., financial con-
trol.As the details of the colonial bill be-
came better known a notable change
in British public opinion has occurred.
Recently the Brussels correspondent
of the London Times, who had been
most severe in his criticisms, sent a
dispatch to that paper, in which he
declared that while it was still "pos-
sible that certain modifications may
be introduced on the second reading,
taken as a whole the bill as it now
stands represents a remarkable tri-
umph of the party which has been
fighting the battle of parliamentary
control versus absolutism. When it
passes into law, Parliament will
have the right to intervene in any
matter relating to the colony."Article V. of the bill declares that no
act of the King can have effect un-
less countersigned by the colonial sec-
retary. This is subject to varying in-
terpretations. While Mr. E. D. Morel,
of the Belgian Reform Association,
holds that the measure leaves the
legislative and executive power just
as wholly in the King's hands as it
was before, the Times correspondent
is of the opinion that Article V. gives
the Belgian chamber similar powers
to those exercised by the House of
Commons.The financial feature of the bill is
much discussed. The King does not
retain absolute financial control,
though the measure leaves the annual
budget still to be drawn up by him.
It is provided that the salary of the
colonial minister and the expenses of
the central colonial administration in
Belgium form a special budget, which
will be submitted every year to the
vote of the chambers. Thus parlia-
ment is given the power to interpel-
late the minister on the entire sphere
of colonial administration, and, in case
of a sharp conflict, to refuse to vote
colonial supplies. Further limitation
is placed on the King's control of the
finances by the proviso that "decrees
authorizing loans chargeable to or
guaranteed by the colony and works
to be paid for out of extraordinary
resources, shall be issued only on the
proposal of the minister in council."The bill is, of course, subject to
amendment, but strong hope is now
expressed that, as finally passed, it
will mean the beginning of a brighter
era in the Congo.A week from today is Christmas, is
your shopping nearly done?After the party managers choose
their candidates, the people may
have something to say about it.The Russian Government is map-
ping out a \$500,000,000 shipbuilding
programme, while millions of Russians
are on the verge of starvation.Admiral Rojestvensky is hopeful
that Uncle Sam's big fleet will take
the prize out of Japan, which Roj-
estvensky's fleet helped to put there by
getting whipped.The water commissioners' report
that 276 water meters are in use in
the city. If twenty times 276 meterswere installed there would be less
talk of a water shortage.A Conservative contemporary com-
plains of Laurier's "hypnotic hold" on
the Liberal party. No one ever ac-
cused Mr. Borden of having that kind
of hold on the Conservative party.

SEE?

[Indianapolis News.]
And then, too, by doing your Christmas
shopping early, you may prevent it from
doing you.

HIS HOPE.

[Punch.]
Hostess (to guest)—Excuse my poor
breakfast, etc.
Guest (ambiguously)—I hope, madam, I
may never sit down to a worse one.

NEXT CALL.

[Life.]
Mr. Meanly—It's your birthday tomor-
row, my dear, and here's ten dollars for
you. You'd better, p'raps, keep it by you,
because it's my birthday next month.

ENGLAND, MY ENGLAND.

[Henley.]
What have I done for you,
England, my England?
What is there I would not do,
England, my England?
With your glorious eyes austere,
As the Lord were walking near,
Whispering terrible things and dear,
As the song on your bugles blown.

Round the world on your bugles blown.

Where shall the watchful sun,
England, my England,
Match the master-work you've done,
England, my England?
When shall he rejoice again
Such a breed of mighty men
As come forward on your bugles blown,
England—
Down the years on your bugles blown.Ever the faith endures,
England, my England:
Take and break us; we are yours,
England, my England!
Life is good and joy runs high
Between English earth and sky;
Death is death; but we shall die
To the song on your bugles blown,
England—
To the stars on your bugles blown!They call you proud and hard,
England, my England.
You with words to watch and ward,
England, my England,
You whose mail'd hand keeps the keys
Of such teeming destinies,
You could know no dread nor ease
Were the song on your bugles blown,
England—
Round the pit on your bugles blown!Mother of ships, whose might,
England, my England,
Is the fierce old sea's delight,
England, my England!
Chosen daughter of the Lord,
Spouse-in-Chief of the ancient sword,
There's the menace of the word
In the song on your bugles blown,
England—
Out of heaven on your bugles blown!

CLUES.

[Argonaut.]
The French newspapers related the other
day that Conan Doyle, the great "Sher-
lock Holmes" man, arrived in Paris from
Marseilles and Lyons. The cabman who
brought him from the station to the hotel
addressed him by his name. Doyle was
surprised and asked how he knew. The
cabman replied he had read in his
paper that the famous Conan Doyle would
come to Marseilles and Lyons, and he had
observed at once that the stranger's hair
was cut by a Marseilles barber, and that
on the heel of his left shoe was dirt
from Lyons. Doyle was highly satisfied to
see that his "Sherlock Holmes" method
proved so successful. The great detective
mind then asked whether there was still
another symptom which had led to his
recognition. "Yes," said the cabman, fi-
nally, "your full name is painted on your
trunk."

QUICK ASSIMILATION.

[Montreal Herald.]
That was a fine tribute to the assimila-
tion power of Canada, paid by a black-
and-white advocate just outside of London, at a
"demonstration" of unemployed in "To-
ronto" recently. He said that even Lon-
doners three years old were "worse than
Canadians." They cut their hair short
and shaved it behind and in front, and
called themselves "Canucks," and they didn't seem
to have the least sympathy with the de-
sires of the unemployed to be fed by the
city.THE WAY OF A MAID WITH A
MAN.[Andrew Shaughnessy.]
The poet always sings about
The maiden coy and sweet,
Who wilfully and skillfully
Sets love for many feet.
You'd think the canny sex did naught
But think and plot and plan,
With a friend, with a book, by hook or
crook,
To rattle-dazzle man.Why don't they ever tell about
The maiden sweet and fair,
Who just to please her lonely self
Puts roses in her hair?Of the maid who seems coquettish airt,
Why don't these fellows characterize
To tell the truth I think because
There's really no such thing.

CHANGED VIEWS OF FEET.

[Indianapolis Star.]
It is said that Darsell was prouder of
his small hands than of all his great men-
tal accomplishments. This was presum-
ably because they were badges of aristoc-
racy in their evidence that he had not
been brought up to labor, and he worshiped
aristocracy. And small feet of the
same character—evidence that the posses-
sor did not go barefoot when a child.
Generations of carefully shod children of
the nobility developed this characteristic
of those of "gentle blood," as distinguish-
ed from the commonalty. But such proofs
of superiority were not meekly endured.
In due time brainy commoners discovered
that the "aristocratic hand" was not small,
but long and slender, and then came the
athletic multitude, who scorn small hands
and feet as evidences of effeminacy.

GOOD NEWS FROM THE WEST.

[Saskatoon Phoenix.]
There may not be as much money
moving as is desired, but there is a lot
of grain moving, as is indicated by the
car inspections at Winnipeg on Monday
and all last week. What with the good
weather and the fairly good price of
wheat, there is good reason for growing
confidence. The crop has hitherto moved
slowly, but is now making up time. Pro-
vided we get an open winter, which now
seems probable, there will be a contin-
uous movement of grain and of money
through the winter.

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bound Julietts, sizes 4 to 10. Per pair 38c
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leather sole; also children's
and misses' Carpet Slippers,
Slippers. Per pair 25c
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pers, one strap. \$1.25
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two styles—furbound and
pumps. \$3.00
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pers, four straps. \$1.68
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women's sizes, \$1.50; misses' and
children's sizes, \$1.25, and
Infants' sizes 75c

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Men's Felt Slippers, with
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pair
Men's Felt Julietts, with
leather soles. Per 58c
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Men's Brown and Black
(imitation) Alligator Slip-
pers. New goods. 75c
per pair
Men's Chocolate and Black
Kid Romeo Slippers, a splen-
did gift. Special. \$1.38
per pair
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lined, a magnificent coat, to clear
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vers, 26 inches long, regular \$50.00
value. While they last \$39.50
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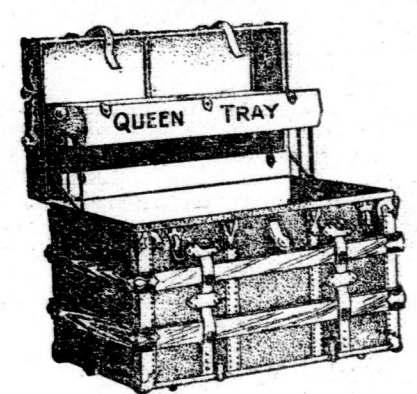
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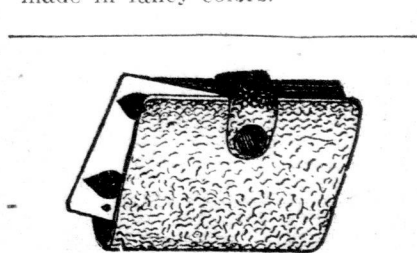
Organization Is Formed With
Teams in Philadelphia,
Brooklyn, Baltimore.Philadelphia, Dec. 17.—At a meeting
held here yesterday, a new baseball
league was formed, with clubs in Phila-
delphia, Brooklyn, Newark, N.J.; Pat-
erson, Baltimore and Reading, with Al.
W. Lawson as president. The organ-
ization is to be known as the Union
League of Professional Baseball Clubs
of America.
Representatives from the following
cities were present, and each was as-
sessed \$100 as a working basis for the
new league:
A. W. Hussey, Brooklyn; A. P.
Konkle, Newark; Frederick Paige, Pat-
erson; H. Walter Schlotterberg, Phila-
delphia; Dr. Francis E. King, Balti-
more, and Ed. J. Coyle, and A. W.
Lawson, of Reading.
Mr. Lawson was elected president,
and Dr. King vice-president. The
board of directors consists of Mr.
Konkle, Newark; Mr. Paige, Paterson;
and Mr. Hussey, Brooklyn.
Grounds in all the cities above men-
tioned have been secured, and the
league will be ready for business when
the season opens.
Three cities of the old Atlantic
League, Brooklyn, Newark and Read-
ing, are incorporated in the new or-
ganization, and Philadelphia, Baltimore
and Paterson, with two other cities to
be admitted, will make up the new
league.During 1906 immigrants to the
number of 1,221 arrived in Chile,
against 293 for 1905 and 4,000 for the
first four months of 1907.During 1906 the merchant marine of
Chile was increased by 34 vessels, with
a tonnage of more than 30,000. The
Chilean merchant marine now consists
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THE GUARDED SECRET

CHAPTER LXIV.

He had felt that he was slowly dying. He knew that the physician and all others thought so, too. He had not cared for it. He had rather exulted in the thought, for he had grown weary of his ruined life.

But when Alene Rodney in those few frank words told him that he was dying, it touched a chord in his heart, that thrilled with the keenest pain. There came to him a pang that was like despair at the thought of leaving the world with her in it.

For the first time since that horrible night that had freed him from the hated fetters that bound him to the reformed maniac, he recalled his freedom with a vague, wild rush of happiness at all that was possible to him now, if only—if only that faint, black shadow of death had not stretched out its dark wings over him.

The pang was sharp and bitter. He loved her, and to his fancy it seemed as if fate had created this beautiful woman to be his wife. They had been at war with each other, and yet his heart had gone out to her with its whole freight of manly love and devotion. Must he die now, and leave her for some other happy man—Mr. Lane, perhaps, of whom he was morbidly jealous?

A great longing for life took possession of him. Oh, if only he had battled harder to save this existence which now he prized so much! He hated himself when he remembered that the physician had said that he had recklessly flung away his life by his despondency and hopelessness.

He pressed closer to her little hand, and looked yearningly into the sweet girl-face with his hollow, burning, dark eyes.

"So you forgive me all," he said, and answered gravely, "Yes, all." "Forgiveness is the boon we grant to death," he said mournfully. "But if I were going to live, Alene, would you be less kind? Would you refuse to forgive me then?"

He waited anxiously to hear what she would say, though he knew that it would not greatly matter now whether she answered him yes or nay. It was too late now. He was drifting too near to the borders of the Shadowland.

She looked at him with a faint, almost tender smile on her exquisite red mouth.

"I would forgive you if you lived just as freely as I forgive you dying," she answered. "You have made all the atonement you could, and I thank you and bless you for it."

"You know all," they have told you all," he said, with a faint flush creeping into his wan cheeks.

"Yes, I have heard all. It was very hard for you, Mr. Delaney. You must have been half mad with your trouble; so I forgive you now all that you have made me suffer. Perhaps it will make your dying bed easier," said Alene, with the wonderful pity and forgiveness of a true woman's heart.

"Easier!" he repeated, with a groan. "Easier!" he repeated, with a groan. "Easier!" he repeated, with a groan.

"I hope that he may," Alene answered with frank simplicity. "I hope that he may," Alene answered with frank simplicity.

"Do not go so soon," he pleaded. "You have not told me yet where you have been and how you came back, and I am so anxious to hear."

"Do stay a little longer, Miss Rodney," pleaded Mrs. Griffin, and Alene readily consented to do so.

CHAPTER LXV.

It looked very pleasant and cosy in the sick-room, with the curtains drawn and the fire bright. Alene sat down in the easy-chair Mrs. Griffin wheeled over for her, and was made quite unconscious what a picture of fair, girlish beauty she made sitting there, in her pretty, dark blue dress, with her hair falling over her slight, pretty figure.

"Do you know," she said, looking at the nurse, "that this reminds me of the time when I was at Delaney House—only that it was I who was ill then, and not Mr. Delaney."

"Can you recall those times without being angry with me, Alene?" inquired Mr. Delaney, half fearfully.

"I told you I had forgiven you all, Mr. Delaney," answered Alene, as if that implied everything.

"Thank you," he answered, dropping his head back with a sigh, upon the pillow.

Mrs. Griffin bustled herself in preparing the little table by the bedside, which she now wheeled forward with the simple repast neatly arranged upon it.

"Do you know that I could not swallow a mouthful now?" he said, looking at her with a slight smile. "I am so impatient to hear Alene's story, that I can think of nothing else."

"But he must keep up his strength, mustn't he, Miss Rodney?" said Mrs. Griffin anxiously.

"Most certainly! And I shall not begin the telling of my story until after he has eaten every bit of his toast and swallowed every mouthful of his tea," answered that young person, with her usual cruel directness.

He looked at her imploringly. "Do you not know that I am far too much excited to eat?" he said.

"If that is the case, I am very sorry," said Alene, "but I am very sorry, too, that I cannot tell you more of my story. I will tell you as much as I can, but I will take myself off at once."

"Do not go, Miss Rodney," pleaded the nurse, while the invalid cried out anxiously.

"Stay, Alene, and I will at once proceed to devour every morsel on the plate."

"Very well. In that case I may permit myself to remain a while longer," she replied.

She sat down again and watched him taking his tea. There was a very sober, grave expression on her face, while she did so.

She was shocked at the change that had taken place in Mr. Delaney since that snowy night, barely five weeks ago, when she had asked him to marry her and he had refused her request.

Then he had been tall, strong, handsome, full of life and health. Now, how pale, how wan, how shadowy, appeared the wasted face in which the great burning black eyes appeared so large and solemn.

"Poor fellow, he will not be here long! How dreadful the cause of his death," said the girl to herself, with a great wave of pity and regret sweeping over her heart.

He finished his toast and looked at her with a wan smile.

"Now, Alene, you will tell me where you went when you left that night," he said pleadingly.

A wave of crimson swept over her face. She recalled the mission upon which she had gone to him that time.

"I know what you are thinking of," she said. "But it was a noble motive that prompted you to that night. You would have saved me from the consequences of your father's wrath. Alene, I was horribly tempted to take you at your word; but if I had done so I should but have done you deeper wrong."

"Yes, I know now, and I thank you for what seemed cruel then," she answered simply, but the blush still burned her face. She could not recall that hasty, impulsive action, without the deepest shame.

He gazed at her with sorrowful eyes.

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and an aching heart. Ah, how soon the grave would hide him from the sight of those sweet blue eyes!

While the blush still burned her fair face she said to him with a half-smile:

"Did you think I should be rendered so desperate by your refusal that night that I should go away and drown myself?"

"I thought you would go back home, and I was horrified when I found that you had not done so," he replied.

"No, I was too wretched to go back," she said. "I was in a fever of unrest and trouble when I came to you that night. My brain was on fire. I had not stopped to think or to reason. I acted on impulse wholly. But your sarcasm, your sternness, stunned me. When I staggered out of Delaney House I was almost dead with shame and despair for what I had done."

She put up her hand a moment to the sensitive quiver of her lips, then resumed:

"My first thought was to get away from my home. I longed to break loose from old associations and hide myself away from all who knew me. I turned my steps away from Delaney House and staggered along in the snow until my sense of physical discomfort cooled my reckless mood. I began to think that I must stop somewhere or I should perish in the cold. Then I remembered my Effie, who had gone south on a bridal tour."

She looked at Mrs. Griffin with a smile in her blue eyes.

"You were expecting to hear something tragic, but my story is the most prosaic one imaginable. I was not meant for a heroine, Alene. I am too afraid of discomfort and trouble. I did not care where I went. But when the snow beat into my face and chilled my feet, I became discouraged. I did not want to go back, but I longed intensely to be with someone who loved me, and to be warm and comfortable."

"Dear," sighed Mrs. Griffin, sympathetically.

"I had some money in my pocket," continued Alene, "Papa had given it to me to buy a black silk dress. I walked to the next station from here, bought a ticket to Florida, and went to Effie and Dr. Anthony. You see, Mr. Delaney, there was nothing remarkable at all in my second disappearance from home," she said.

"You should have written to your parents," he said.

"I am ashamed to say that I would not do so," she answered. "I thought that if I let them all think that I had died, my father would drop the subject of the threatened deed. I did not want him to be killed, neither did I want to be hurt, for, angry as I was, I shrank from the thought of bloodshed. So I would not write myself, nor would I suffer Effie to write."

"You would have spared us all much unhappiness had you done so," he said.

"I came home to Maywood with them at last," she said. "By that time they had argued me into a more reasonable mood. I was willing to return home; but that morning they came over to Chester. I did not come with them. I sent them before me as avant couriers, with the caution not to tell them unless they were very anxious news."

"That I was," she repeated. "Delaney House burned to the ground; the deformed maniac dead; you wounded by my father's hand and your whole story revealed; my own name cleared from obloquy; and my friends all ready to crave my pardon for their unkindness. It took my breath away."

He smiled in spite of his pain as he saw the sudden joy-light flash over her face. What mattered all that had happened to him so that she was saved—this fair, sweet girl who had suffered so unjustly.

"You must be very angry with papa, aren't you, Mr. Delaney?" she asked wistfully.

"Angry? No! I have never blamed him. In his place I should have acted the same, no doubt," he replied, calmly.

"But I am very sorry, and so is papa. I came over this morning and it was one of the first things he told me. He would give anything in the world to undo what he has done!" exclaimed Alene.

"Anything," he repeated.

"Anything," she reiterated, earnestly.

"And you, Alene?" he questioned.

"Worse than papa ever did," said the girl in her frank, innocent way.

To Be Continued.

Advertiser Correspondence

A Critic of County Roads.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

I see by a late paper that Middlesex County is thinking of adopting the county road system. They are told of the beauties of the system elsewhere. Mr. Campbell suggests that a deputation visit Waterloo County and see the county roads there.

Now, foreign fields often look green, but will not bear a close inspection. But the deputation need not go as far as Waterloo County. They need go no farther than Thamesford, in Oxford County, to see the working of the county road system. Let a deputation visit Thamesford and see the results of the expenditure of thousands of dollars of the farmers' hard-earned money on a few miles of road that was last fall hardly passable with even a buggy after a few fall showers—it was so rough. Should it be a good road in the summer the farmer and his family will be driven off it with the automobile, after footing the bill for building the road.

Let the deputation see the thousands of dollars' worth of useless machinery lying on the roadside, and the farmers asking each other who authorized such an expenditure and where the end is going to be. Oxford is no doubt a rich county, and so is Middlesex, but can any county, however wealthy, bear such reckless expenditure without making other taxes much higher, which we all think high enough already. It is easy enough to say the Ontario Government pay one-third. Who foots the bill in the end? We farmers. Had one-tenth of the money that has been spent on machinery and otherwise been spent in graveling the roads of Oxford, we would have had incomparably better result. It is all very well for Mr. Campbell to talk; perhaps, he never has rode in a farmer's wagon, axle-deep in the mud on some back concession that a few cords of gravel would make passable, but will never

get the gravel, for the farmers are taxed so high already to build two or three county roads they can never afford to do anything to the back roads, which have just as good a right to benefit by public expenditure as two or three county roads.

Let the deputation interview the farmers around Thamesford and see what they think of the matter. Don't interview these people who are filling their own pockets if you would learn the true situation. Not one farmer in fifty is in favor of the system or wants it at all, even those residing on the county roads. It was sprung on them by their county representatives without their knowledge or consent. Let Middlesex go slow in this matter. Let the farmers elect representative farmers to their county council that know the earning capacity of the average farmer, and how to spend their money economically, and they will not have foisted on them such an outrageous thing as we have in Oxford County, called the county roads system.

A FARMER.

Thamesford, Dec. 17.

Niagara Power.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

A lot has been said and written about Niagara power, and I wish to take the liberty of expressing my views.

I have naturally followed this matter with keen interest, as I am personally concerned in the matter, not only as it will affect the Southwestern Traction Company, but the new proposed road to Stratford.

I am free to admit that I was very much at sea as to Mr. Beck's "peak load" proposition, deeming it unjust, until his very lucid explanation to the board of trade the other night, and after that explanation it seems to me one must be rather dense not to see or understand the view taken by the commissioners.

I can readily see that the city (if it properly handles the power question), can get power much cheaper than at the price quoted by Mr. Beck.

As to distribution, I think it a very unnecessary thing for the city to spend \$235,000 on a distribution plant, when we have the London Electric Company in our midst, and the "say so" as to rates.

They have their poles and lines strung, while the city can absolutely control power by means of the powers conferred on it by the power act.

It seems to me that we should pass the bylaw and then meet the London Electric people with a view to arranging rates, and if unable to agree we can then spend our \$235,000, although, unless I am very much mistaken, the company would be ready to take a half-loaf rather than no bread.

As to Mr. Beck's project, I would say that I consider it to be of the very gravest importance, and I am sincerely glad to see that politics is practically eliminated from the discussion.

The hydro-electric commission is not a private promoter looking after private interests, but it is a body of men elected to serve the people, and they seem to me to be spending a lot of brain power, time and energy, entirely in the interest of the people of Ontario, without reward, which is something the private promoter does not do.

I have, like many others, not always been able to see the eye with Mr. Beck, but I feel that, if he is able to carry his power scheme through, he will be conferring an immense boon on his native province; while, if he fails, it will simply be that he is a little ahead of his times.

Up to the present I have seen nothing in the power line that looks to me anything like the equal of the hydro-electric commission's scheme—but I am always open to conviction.

In conclusion I would say that the "peak load" method of charging presents no difficulties to me now, and I hope soon to be able to demonstrate by belief in its fairness by purchasing power from the commission on that basis, not only for the railroad to Stratford, but for the use for every farmer along the route, and I hope, some stone will be placed in the way of the carrying of the power bylaw next month.

A. E. WELCH.

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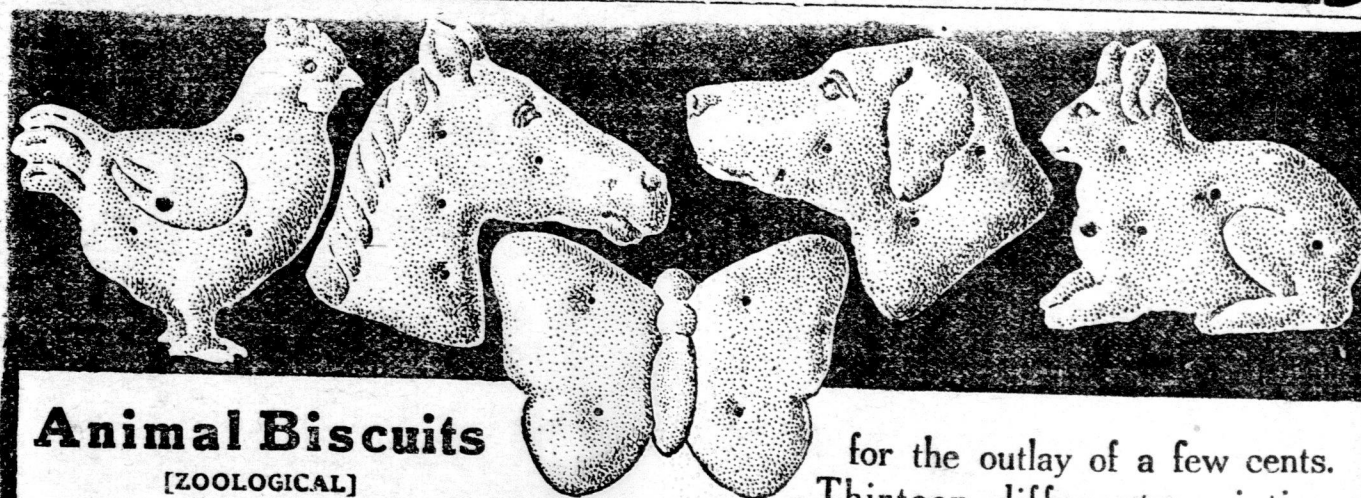
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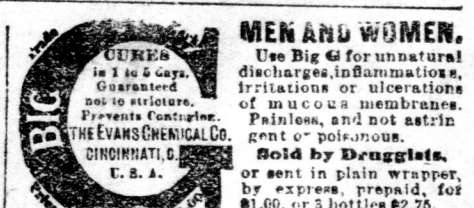
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TRAVELERS' GUIDE

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

SARNIA TUNNEL TO SUSPENSION BRIDGE AND TORONTO.
Arrive from the east—3:50 a.m., 10:56 a.m., *11:12 a.m., *11:23 a.m., *6:25 p.m., *7:48 p.m., 10 p.m.
Arrive from the west—*12:09 a.m., *3:15 a.m., 8:50 a.m., *11:13 a.m., 1:14 p.m., *4:10 p.m., *6:25 p.m., *8:50 a.m., *12:14 a.m., *3:20 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., *11:23 a.m., 2:05 p.m., *4:25 p.m., *6:53 p.m., (Eastern Flyer).

The trains leaving at 7:30 a.m. and 2:05 p.m. stop at all stations.
Depart for the west—*2:35 a.m., *3:55 a.m., 7:40 a.m., *11:13 a.m., *11:35 a.m., 1:49 p.m., *8:05 p.m.
The 7:40 a.m. and the 1:40 p.m. trains stop at all stations.

LONDON AND WINDSOR.
Arrive—10:40 a.m., *4 p.m., *6:58 p.m., (Eastern Flyer), 11 p.m.
Depart—6:35 a.m., *11:27 a.m., 2:20 p.m., *7:55 p.m. (International Limited).

STRATFORD BRANCH.
Arrive—*3:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 6:35 p.m., 11:10 p.m.
Depart—6:10 a.m., 11 a.m., 2:50 p.m., 5 p.m.

LONDON, HURON AND BRUCE.
Arrive—10 a.m., 6:10 p.m.
Depart—3:30 a.m., 4:50 p.m.
Trains marked thus * run daily. Those not so marked run daily except Sunday.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.
Arrive—From the east *11:30 a.m., 8 p.m., *11 p.m. From the west—*4:30 a.m., *8:20 a.m., *5:20 p.m.
Depart—For the east—*4:40 a.m., 8:43 a.m., *5:28 p.m. For the west—*11:38 a.m., *8:10 p.m., *11:10 p.m.
Trains marked thus * run daily. Those not so marked run daily except Sunday. **From Chatham only. ***Runs only to Chatham.

PERE MARQUETTE RAILWAY.
Depart—5:40 a.m., *6:50 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 2:30 p.m., *3:40 p.m., 7:35 p.m.
Arrive—8:45 a.m., *12:15 p.m., 1:50 p.m., 4:40 p.m., *9:20 p.m., 10:30 p.m.
*To and from Walkerville, without change. Trains not "starred" to Port Stanley. †Between London and St. Thomas only.

MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILWAY.
Arrive—6:55 a.m., 11:10 a.m., 5:10 p.m., 9:50 p.m.
Depart—7:15 a.m., 2:20 p.m., 5:35 p.m., *10:25 p.m.
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Cars wait for London and St. Thomas Trainers.

Musical Treat in First Methodist Inspiring Interpretation of Messiah

Madame Maconda Scores a Big Success—Praise for Mr. A. D. Jordan.

Undoubtedly the musical event of the season and one of the most delightful treats ever afforded music-lovers in this city, took place last night at the First Methodist Church, when, under the direction of Mr. A. D. Jordan, Madame Charlotte Maconda, one of America's greatest sopranos; Miss Pearl Ellar, contralto; Mr. William Sherlock, tenor, and Mr. H. Whorlow Bull, basso, assisted by a chorus of over one hundred voices, gave a most exquisite rendition of Handel's famous creation, "The Messiah."

With such stars announced to sing those in charge looked for a large audience, but they were totally unprepared for the crowds who came

and many found it impossible to obtain seats.

First Appearance Here.

It was the first appearance of Madame Maconda in this city, and her rich soprano voice was heard to great advantage in the parts assigned to her.

Madame Maconda was first heard in the pastoral symphony, when after the beautiful music descriptive of the shepherds keeping watch peacefully over their sheep, she took up the soprano recitative at the point where the angels come to announce to the shepherds that a Savior is born into the world.

Madame Maconda brought forth the full dramatic force which gives to Handel's music unrivaled sublimity in the treatment of sacred subjects, and when she was joined at the close of the number by the full chorus representing the angels singing "Glory to God in the Highest and on Earth

Peace, Goodwill Toward Men," she was accorded a reception that showed plainly that she had won her way into the hearts of her audience.

Madame Maconda took four numbers and never for an instant did she lose her hold on her audience. Many expressions of regret were heard that she did not sing more.

To many one of the most effective as well as beautiful portions of the whole oratorio was the alto aria at the commencement of the second part. This was sung by Miss Pearl Ellar, and when she sang of the passion of Christ, "He was despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief," she put such pathos and feeling into her voice as touched her hearers deeply.

Miss Ellar sang well throughout and received hearty applause.

The Hallelujah Chorus.

A very pleasing feature which last night's audience observed, was the custom of rising during the performance of the hallelujah chorus at the close of the second part.

This custom originated in 1742, when the entire audience followed the example of the sovereign George II, who rose to his feet to pay tribute to the King of Kings.

The singing of Mr. William Sherlock who has a magnificent tenor voice, and of Mr. H. Whorlow Bull, basso, was greatly appreciated. Both gentlemen had considerable work to perform and they acquitted themselves in a manner that was most creditable to themselves. Mr. Sherlock appeared to sing better as he went along, and his rendition, with the chorus, in part two gained for him the hearty applause not only of the audience but of the entire choir.

The Chorus.

Those who took part were:

Miss G. Brock, Miss A. Bott, Miss B. Bradford, Miss N. Comfort, Miss E. Catermole, Miss E. Childs, Miss L. Chamberlain, Miss E. Deacon, Miss E. Davidson, Mrs. Darlington, Miss B. Elliott, Miss M. Elliott, Miss L. Fowler, Miss M. Fowler, Miss M. Fox, Miss K. Hazelwood, Miss B. Hunt, Mrs. G. Hooper, Miss M. Hamilton, Miss H. Ivery, Miss P. Jenson, Miss E. Kidd, Miss E. Lister, Miss M. Mordie,

Miss M. Mackintosh, Miss E. Rowe, Miss C. Sherwood, Miss L. Summers, Miss P. Sifton, Miss M. Wells, Miss Wilkinson, Miss Wilson, Mrs. Ed. Wyatt, Miss Boomer, Mrs. R. H. Chown, Miss D. Deacon, Miss N. Dunn, Miss P. Ellar, Miss Fleming, Mrs. George Grant, Miss M. Ludwig, Miss M. Mountjoy, Miss M. Mortimore, Miss C. O'Neill, Miss E. Plewes, Mrs. Perdue, Miss St. George, Miss Sifton, Mrs. George Stead, Miss Skelton, Miss L. Tanner, Miss M. Tolhurst, Miss M. Taylor, Miss M. Wardell, Mrs. H. Johnson, Miss Kilborn, Mrs. Watson, Miss Martindale, Miss Bilton, Mr. G. Bott, Mr. John Chapman, Mr. Darlington, Mr. A. M. Eby, Mr. Fairley, Mr. C. Gibson, Mr. Gay, Mr. Hardy, Major G. W. Hayes, Mr. Maynard, Mr. Looker, Mr. F. W. Robins, Mr. H. E. St. George, Mr. W. E. Saunders, Mr. S. Southcott, Mr. John Ward, Mr. J. Yeo, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. J. P. Abrams, Mr. A. E. Barbour, Mr. E. Beech, Mr. B. Beech, Mr. H. Boyd, Mr. Corpe, Mr. P. H. Coles, Mr. Ellis, Mr. P. G. Fitzgerald, Mr. A. Green, Mr. A. R. Greene, Mr. W. N. Humphries, Mr. L. W. Johnstone, Mr. Mayo, Dr. C. W. Milligan, Mr. George McCormick, Mr. A. C. Norton, Mr. J. Nash, Mr. E. W. G. Quantz, Mr. W. P. Reynolds, Mr. Simpson, Mr. F. N.

Soper, Dr. E. P. Smith, Mr. E. Smith, Mr. C. E. Tanney, Mr. A. N. Udy, Mr. P. J. Watt, Mr. W. Wolf.

The London Express says the golf links of the country are fast becoming "vast hatpin cemeteries" and that unfortunately most of the millions of hairpins in them are only half buried. "With their business ends uppermost" to the annoyance and even danger of the players.



WABASH

If you are contemplating a trip for the winter to Texas, California, Old Mexico or any point, south or west, consider the merits of the great Wabash line, the short and true route between the east and west. Round trip tickets on sale daily at lowest rates. Write your nearest Wabash agent for full particulars, or address J. A. Richardson, district passenger agent, 63 Yonge street, Traders' Bank Building, Toronto.

Latest News From
Far and Near

IN THE WIDE WORLD OF SPORT

Well-Written and
Breezy GossipEastern Players Are After the Coin
Big Circuit Anticipated Next YearThe Wanderers' Salary List Is
Said To Amount To
\$10,000.

Montreal, Dec. 18.—The hockey situation here, as far as the principal players are concerned, has come down to a question of dollars and cents as to which organization is the best situated financially.

That, particularly, is the case with the Montrealers and the Wanderers. The Montrealers are backed by the M. A. A. A., and the men that engage to play know that they will get their money, but in some cases there is a feeling that the Wanderers would be more congenial. This may serve as an example in the Johnson and Glass cases.

Salaries Enormous.
However, it is admitted that if the Wanderers are going to pay the enormous salaries they have agreed upon in some cases their total salary list

will amount, with regular expenses, to about \$10,000, and as two Stanley Cup matches cannot net them much more than \$2,000, it is a question as to how they can make ends meet at the end of the season.

Rink Behind Them.
However, it is intimated that they are being backed by the Arena Company, or individual members of the Arena Company, who are also members of the syndicate that are building the big new rink in Boston, and are agitating for a new hockey circuit for next year. Secretary George Gales of the Wanderers, who is a director in the Boston company, is said to be the representative of these interests.

Season Tickets.
The Wanderers are getting out books like the baseball people, admitting holders for \$5 to all Wanderer games during the season, and also to the practices, which are held here behind closed doors. The Arena people, however, are standing the expense of getting out the books. None are being gotten out for the other clubs.

TRUNDLING AT LIBERAL ALLEYS

Ward 3, under Captain James Murray, were the real pin swatters last evening, when they defeated Captain Arthur's fast East Enders three games in a row. There was a large gallery, and the bowling was good in some instances.

Scott was the best last evening, getting high score—231, and high average with 179 for the three games. He was closely pursued by Garney Arthurs, who rolled three very fine games for a total of 533. Tommy Dewar looked like a real bowler last evening, and was third, high.

Mr. Vic Brock started away like a real bowler, but soon fell back among the ordinary trundlers. Scotty Burgess did some beautiful work, picking off the corner pins, but, of course, he left a few of the others standing. Jimmy Murray has won several games by his trusty right arm, and last evening he said he had too

much honor, and let his team do the work. Jimmy simply was not right last evening. Young, for the losers, bowled fairly well, and Simpson had another bad evening. Wilkey also had hard luck. Russell was good at times.

Ward 3.				
Brook	180	149	126	455
Burgess	123	147	123	393
Scott	179	138	221	538
Dewar	176	187	164	527
Murray	130	125	136	391
Totals	788	746	770	2,304

Ward 5.				
Young	135	159	167	461
Simpson	129	145	108	382
Russell	146	157	136	439
Wilkey	128	102	156	384
Arthurs	195	172	166	533
Totals	722	735	732	2,189

INDOOR HANDICAPS AT THE "GYM"

No better handicapping has been seen in an athletic event in this city than was shown at the Y. M. C. A. weekly indoor games last night.

The results were as follows:

Potato Race.
First heat—1, Marsh (1 yard), B. Adams (6 yards), tie; 2, McCormick. Second heat—1, Mulvin (19 yards); 2, Strauch, (2 yards); 3, McLeod (8 yards).
Third heat—1, E. George (6 yards); 2, Graham (6 yards); 3, Crosbie (1 yard).
Fourth heat—1, Davidson (8 yards); 2, Sweeney (scratch); 3, Bryce (5 yards).
Fifth heat (dead heat)—F. George, v. Adams, Leudeman.
Sixth heat—1, Haylock (3 yards); 2, Crosbie (1 yard); 3, Rooke (5 yards).
Semi-finals—1, Mulvin (19 yards); 2, B. Adams (6 yards); 3, Marsh (1 yard).
Semi-finals—1, Davidson (8 yards);

2, F. George (8 yards); 3, E. George (6 yards).
Semi-finals—1, V. Adams (5 yards); 2, Leudeman (8 yards); 3, Haylock (3 yards).
Finals—Mulvin, Adams, Davidson (dead heat).
Run off—1, Mulvin (10 yards); 2, Davidson (8 yards); 3, V. Adams (5 yards).
Shot-Put.
1—Crosbie, actual put, 30 feet 10 inches; 2, V. Adams, actual put, 31 feet 10 inches; 3, Elmer Sage, actual put, 25 feet 2½ inches; 4, E. George, actual put, 28 feet 6¼ in; 5, W. Bryce, actual put, 25 feet 4 inches; 6, Muncie, actual put, 22 feet 7½ inches. Best actual puts were: Elmer Sage, 35 feet 2½ inches; Martin Strauch, 35 feet 1 inch; Vincent Adams, 31 feet 10 inches; Crosbie, 30 feet 10 inches. Preliminaries in high jump were run off and this event will be completed for the first Tuesday in New Year.

TO SWIM NIAGARA TO MONTREAL

New York, Dec. 18. — A long swim is being planned by Capt. Carlisle D. Graham, of Wilmington, Del., who is famous as the "hero of Niagara," because of his feat in passing through the rapids and whirlpool of the great falls in a cask in July, 1886. His plan is to start at Niagara Falls and swim down the St. Lawrence River, crossing Lake Ontario, a distance of 26 miles, on the way, his final landing-place being destined as Montreal.

This will mean a total of 350 watery miles for the captain to cover, and he intends to average about ten hours a day in the water, covering approximately fifteen miles in that time. During the crossing of the lake, however, Capt. Graham reckons that he will have to be in the water twenty hours. He will start training in June, and though 57 years old he is confident that he will be able to negotiate that full distance.

With the Puckchasers

An Epidemic of Hockey.
Woodstock Sentinel-Review: The whole country has the hockey fever, and the O. H. A. season promises to be one of the best in years.

To Begin Christmas Day.
Simcoe Reformer: The hockey season is here, and preparations are being pushed rapidly for a game with Ingersoll on Christmas.

Mercer Moving Around.
Port Hope Guide: Jack Mercer, of the champion Ontarios, and last year with Guelph, is in town for a few days. He will go to Ottawa this winter, and will line up with one of the Federal League teams.

A Fort William Import.
Port William Journal: Jack Clarke arrived in the city yesterday from Carberry, Man., to reside here for the winter, having accepted a position with the C. P. R. at Westport. Clarke is one of the best center players in the west, and will figure on the lineup of the Wanderers. He played last season with Moose Jaw.

Easterners in the West.
Portage la Prairie Exchange: J. Roy Coivill, secretary of the Portage la Prairie Hockey Club, writes that the team in his town is showing fine form in practice. They have five of the best of last year's team in Quinn, Dubeau, Hugh Ross, Art Serviss, and Ray Charlton. In the other positions there are Billy Lannon, "Newsy" Lallonde, Don Smith, and "Skinner" Poulton, all well-known players, and the chances of having a strong team in the plains town are particularly bright.

College Tour Abandoned.
Winnipeg Free Press: At a meeting of the Intercollegiate Hockey League,

held in Manitoba College, last night, it was decided to call off the proposed western tour for this year. Unexpected difficulties were encountered in the way of raising the necessary funds, hence the postponement of the trip, which a few weeks ago seemed assured.

This was not the only disappointment the intercollegiate hockeyists have run up against, as the St. Boniface Club reported that, owing to a disagreement with their faculty, they would be forced to drop out of the junior league.

OTTAWA FOR
TOM PHILLIPS

Ottawa, Dec. 18. — A telegram was received here last night by the Ottawa hockey club from its secretary, J. P. Dickson, who was quietly sent to Kenora last Thursday, announcing he had secured Tom Phillips for Ottawa at \$1,500, in face of the Wanderers' offer, which Phillips was said to have accepted. He has signed the contract and will be here on Saturday.

Meals "a la Carte" from 6:30 a.m. to 12 night, at Teumseh Grill.
26-n-xvz.
The total quantity of tea shipped from India during the year ending with March 31, 1907, amounted to 232,386,944 pounds.
Miss Mina Sillanpaa, a member of the Finnish Diet, a few years ago was a domestic servant. She now edits a paper, the Working Woman.

SPORTING GOSSIP

BY SOUTHPAW

SECRETARY L. J. WALKER, of the Thistle Curling Club, announces that the annual President-Vice-President match will be held on Christmas Day. These matches have always been productive of lots of sport and this year will probably prove no exception.

THE FOLLOWING letter should prove of interest to local hockey players. Any team desiring to take advantage of this proposition will kindly correspond with either the sporting editor of The Advertiser or the writer of the communication.

Sporting Editor, Advertiser:
Dear Sir,—We are trying to form a hockey league, including Sarnia, Petrolia, Stratford, London and Watford. As we do not know of any particular team in London which would be willing to come in, we are desirous that you put us next to a good one. If possible we would like you to see an officer of the team, tell him of our proposition, and impress upon him the necessity of acting at once as the time is short. We wish to have a fast and also a square bunch.

In order to keep up the interest we propose that each team put up six or seven dollars towards a tankard for the winning team.

Trusting this will not inconvenience you too much. I remain, yours truly,
D. W. FERGUSON, Secretary.

THERE IS AN old-standing joke to the effect that the English require a year's time to assimilate a joke. Well that may or may not be true. We think it untrue. However, no one ever accuses the English of being shy on springing jokes of some sort. Here is one from the London Daily Mail:

Alfred Shrub, the champion long-distance runner, who has been declared a professional by the Amateur Athletic Association, recently met and defeated Tom Longboat, the Indian who won the American Marathon race last April, in two traces over distances of a mile and three miles.

THE WESTERN UNIVERSITY hockeyists are still very much in evidence, and are making a strong bid for the vacancy in the city hockey league. The race lies between the Varsity bunch and a team from the Hub pool room, chiefly composed of remnants of the Hortons.

The officials of the Varsity team are as follows:
Managers, James Collins and Herb McGuffin; patrons, Dean Eccles, Dr. John D. Wilson, Hon. C. S. Hyman, Major Beattie, Mr. James Duffield, Hon. Adam Beck, Dr. J. B. Campbell, Dr. Geo. Clark.

THE FOLLOWING HOTSHOT is self explanatory:
Detroit, Mich., Dec. 17, 1907.

Mr. George Crispin, Care London Advertiser:
Dear Sir, Mr. Stewart says he will not agree to race you at the roller rink in London, so further challenges along this line will be useless, so save the paper and ink you are using. The rink is not suited for a speed race, and he refuses to consider your proposition.

I noticed paragraphs in a London newspaper stating that arrangements had practically been completed for a race in that place between yourself and Stewart. Did Stewart or myself ever make any such proposition to you? If you can not publish correct statements you had better not publish any at all, for you might make a mistake some time and make yourself ridiculous. You also stated through the press that Stewart wanted to meet you in Toronto. You yourself know that is not so. Talk of four-fushing, that is about the limit.

Stewart will meet you in Detroit any time you want to, providing a rink can be secured for the match. If you cannot agree to this, you may consider all other negotiations off. You must remember that it is not your place to name the rink in which a match race is to take place, as you were the original challenger, which leaves Stewart the dictator as to the time and place. Yours truly,
NORMAN T. FARR,
Detroit Journal.

ANSWER: In reply to the above sarcastic epistle the writer would say that in the first place Dan Stewart came to this city and hunted up Crispin, almost begging Crispin's manager, Frank Trafford, for a match. Crispin at that time was out of the city, but upon his return he at once communicated with the Windsor skater. Stewart pleaded that he had a match on in Pittsburgh, and could not accept at the time, but would race later. Finally a match was arranged to take place at Wolfe's Rink in Detroit. Crispin posted \$50 in my hands, while Farr notified us that he had on hand a like amount from Stewart. Everything was arranged, and it looked like a go. Then Stewart flunked cold. He stated that he had a match on somewhere up the state to take place a couple of weeks later. The idea of a skater canceling a match because he had another match on for two weeks later!

Then Farr wrote, saying that it would be impossible to race on Wolfe's Rink as the management refused to allow pumice stone on the floor. Crispin replied that he would meet Stewart, either in this city or in Toronto.

The above letter is the reply.
Now, if Mr. Stewart wants a match he can have it either here, in Toronto, or at St. Thomas, which has the largest rink in the Dominion of Canada.

And as for the local rink being unsuited for match racing, it need only be stated that Crispin has frequently beaten Stewart's time for two miles by many seconds.

Mr. Trafford stated recently that Stewart can have a side bet of anything up to \$500, providing the race takes place on a floor where pumice stone is permitted.

SOMETHING DOING IN NEW YORK

There is something doing in the athletic camps at New York. Following hard upon the heels of the request of the Irish-Americans for Tom Longboat's entry in a ten-mile scratch race comes the news that the crack athletes of Gotham want to take part in the Canadian indoor championship meet to be held under the auspices of the I. C. A. C. this winter. The Irish-Americans are especially anxious to come over and to have an Irish-Canadian team come to their games Feb. 8. Does this mean a revolt from James Sullivan's rule, precipitated by Sullivan's determination to send Matt Halpin, of the N. Y. A. C., to England in charge of the United States Olympic team?

CRACKERJACK DERBYS
LOSE TO THE MIDGETS

The Midgets proved to be too big for the one-time invincible Derbys last night on the Ideal alleys, and won out by two out of three games.

The bowling on the whole was very fair. Primeau's work being especially good, he having high average and high individual scores.
Tonight the Cubs and the Hermits meet. The Hermits have been coming up lately, and hope to redeem themselves in part for their poor showing in the past.

Midgets.				
Hickey	144	147	125	416
Sullivan	135	155	165	455
C. S. Moore	159	144	146	449
Primeau	125	191	185	501
A. Sheere	139	159	150	448
Totals	792	796	771	2,359

Derbys.				
McIntosh	156	129	131	416
B. Robinson	137	126	142	405
K. Murray	135	144	187	466
H. Murray	144	157	132	433
B. Smith	159	182	157	498
Totals	731	738	749	2,218

In 1839 the world contained only 210 miles of railway; now there are over 350,000 miles of line.

Giants are going to be mighty strong. "Then there are some more deals hanging fire in which the New York club is concerned, by which McGraw is likely further to strengthen his team. For that matter there are several deals involving an exchange of players that are hanging fire in the National League and are likely to be completed before spring. You will see a good race next season, I am sure. Billy Murray is going to have a good club in his Philadelphia aggregation."

Asked concerning the action of the American League in voting against an increase in the number of world championship series, Mr. Murphy said: "Well, there is one thing sure. The players of both organizations will regret it if the number of games is not increased, as it will deprive them from sharing in the receipts of five instead of four games. Billy Keeler remarked in New York, after the National League had voted to increase the number of world series contests: 'No club is ever going to win five straight games in a world series.'"

"I understand Comiskey is responsible for the action of the American League. Well, Commy is a pretty shrewd man in baseball."

The local National League magnate said the Cubs might figure in some of the uncompleted deals to be made in the old league before spring time, but that the local players so involved would be youngsters.

Joe Cantillon and Herman Schaefer left yesterday for Cairo, Ill., to join the Comiskey hunting expedition, which will sail south on the houseboat White Sox. President Comiskey himself will leave either tomorrow or Wednesday.

STANLEY CUP
DATES WON'T DO

Ottawa, Dec. 18. — According to Stanley Cup Trustee Foran, the dates suggested by Wanderers, Jan. 25 and

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Royal Mail Steamers.
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28, for the Winnipeg series for the trophy, are unsatisfactory, and the matches will have to come off earlier, probably during the first week in January, even if Wanderers are compelled to abandon their western tour. Dates have not yet been decided upon by the trustees, however.

Dog Show in City Hall on Dec. 27 Entries From All Over Are Expected

The Ontario Canine Association Will Hold a One-Day Exhibition.

Every dog has his day. Local dogs, St. Thomas dogs, Toronto canines, in fact dogs from all over, will be here in the city hall to greet visitors with their yelps on the 27th of this month. Like the wandering minstrel the dogs will show for one day only. There will be toy dogs, terriers, hounds, spaniels, collies, and dogs of every variety on hand, and their combined talk should drive City Engineer Graydon and other city employees to distraction.

LARGE HAY MARKET CUTS PRICES

There was a large assortment of hay on the market this morning, over 40 loads being on hand. The prices were somewhat lower than usual, too. Choice hay went for 15, although some farmers were fortunate enough to receive \$15.50 and \$16 early in the day. Three of the farmers in with hay journeyed twenty miles. They report the roads as being none too good. The farmers state that this fall was

"Northern Sparks" Bright as Ever

Mr. W. K. Atkinson, alias "Northern Sparks," who was city editor of The Advertiser a quarter of a century ago, has been in London for a couple of days, calling on old-time friends—and it is safe to say that about everyone who knew him was a friend. In his tour he took in Niagara, St. Catharines, Hamilton, London, Windsor, Alisa Craig (where he won the sobriquet of "Northern Sparks"), Parkhill and Biddulph. This is his first visit to London since he went away in 1884. Naturally he notices a vast difference between the London of today and the town whose daily doings were so happily recorded by his facile pen. But most of all he misses many a familiar face and warm friend. "W. K." who, with the aid of his two clever boys, Percy and Harry, has had a successful career in the paper business, is still a wide-awake, vigorous worker in the editorial rooms of his popular paper, being apparently good for another long term of active service. "May his shadow never grow less."

All-Red Route Men See the Premier

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Sir Thomas Brown, head of the Black and Red syndicate, is in the city today and had an interview with Sir Wilfrid Laurier in regard to the project. Sir Thomas also met some of the other ministers. He says that the British Government will not aid any project that does not include the Pacific as well as the Atlantic. This, Sir Thomas says, is not properly understood in Canada. It must begin at Liverpool and end at Sydney, taking in New Zealand. That was the view of the imperial conference. The parliamentary committee, of

NEW BELT FOR NORTH END

Continued From Page One. rapidly, and it would grow still more rapidly if there were better street railway accommodation. The amount of track necessary to meet the needs of the district would not be large, probably not over a mile. The Wellington street line could be moved a block west, and that would make it of great service to a large section of the city in the northwestern part. President Everett declared he had heard nothing of the matter until he came to the city, and he could not give an answer immediately. He was of the opinion that when the Ridout street line was proposed and built that the company was through with extensions for a time at least. However, he was willing to be fair with the city, as the relations between the company and the corporation had been most amicable. The city had been fair and he wished to be fair also. He realized the fact that the city was growing very rapidly. Plans of the proposed route were then discussed at some length. Alternative routes were proposed, but the one referred to above was the most favored by all, and was adopted. It was not too near the township, and would assist in building up the city.

Big Thing for City. I believe the removal of the Wellington street line block west will add a quarter of a million of assessment to the city," declared Vice-President Smallman. Some wanted to run the line up William to Chesapeake, and then to Waterloo street, but after considerable discussion, and with a full sense of the difficulties in the way of this route, the other was agreed upon by all parties.

Horton Street. The Horton street line was then couched. Director Moore thought something should be done. Then the company there. The present single-track is the cause of no end of trouble, and it would be of great benefit to the city were that street double-tracked. He could see no objection to

No Bachelor's Buttons

Buttons are sewed on to stay, which will be a boon to the single men—and the housewife too.



THE SUIT GOES ON

Complete Apology of Magazine Not Enough for Militia Minister.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—Sir Frederick Borden will press his libel suit, notwithstanding the complete apology of the Nineteenth Century Magazine. Copies of the last issue containing the apology have been received. Sir Frederick expressed satisfaction with the prompt and unreserved apology, but said his lawyers in London are under instructions to press the libel action through the courts. The retraction may reduce the amount of damages.

Oysters served in nice style; also nice steaks, at Tecumseh Grill. 26-2-112

Local Items

—Mr. Thorne, the manager of the new East End Rink, is offering a Christmas present to every lady in London by allowing her to skate free every afternoon this week.

—Last evening the A. Y. P. A. of Christ Church enjoyed the privilege of being addressed by Miss Wilson ("Union North"). Miss Wilson's subject, "How and What to Read," was handled most ably. The Swastika Chorus Club also sang in its usual brilliant style.

Ill With Pneumonia. Mr. Clarence Reid, manager of the Rogers Electric Company, is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Hygienic Institute. Tenders for the new hygienic institute on Ottawa avenue, the plans for which are in the hands of Moore & Henry, architects, close Thursday.

Sessions Resumed. The December sessions resumed today before Judge Macbeth. The Borne vs. Small case, which began on Saturday last, was continued today, taking of evidence will probably consume the day.

Painful Accident. Mrs. Larkin, of Hill street, met with a painful accident yesterday afternoon at her home. While going into the house she slipped and fell on the door-step and fractured her arm. Dr. Drake was called and attended to the injury.

Church Cantata. An interesting entertainment will be given by the children of Chalmers Church on Thursday, when their anniversary entertainment will be given. The cantata, "Winterland," with all the different characters represented, will form an excellent programme.

Special Meeting. No. 1 committee will hold a special meeting this evening at 8 o'clock, when the street railway extension in the north end and the double tracking of Horton street will come up for consideration.

Off for England. Ald. Garratt goes to England tomorrow. It is understood that he will be a candidate for aldermanic honors again. Twice he has been elected an alderman while absent in England.

Ladies Thrown Out. A black pony, attached to a cutter in which were two ladies from the country, ran away on Dundas street last evening, and threw the occupants out at the Market Lane. After running around the block, the pony was caught at the fish market. The ladies were badly shaken up, but suffered no injury. The rig was not damaged.

A Presentation. The pupils of form lower 5, of the London Collegiate Institute, presented Miss Kisco, the class-teacher, with a handsome piece of china this morning as a Christmas token. The presentation was made by Miss Amy S. Simola, who expressed the kindly feelings the class bore to the teacher. The latter made a brief reply.

Found Guilty. A police court case was heard at the town hall, Mount Brydges, before Squire Betts on Monday, when F. J. Asker appeared on a charge of assault and abusive language preferred by S. J. Bond. Asker was found guilty and was assessed \$5 and costs, or eight days in jail by the magistrate, while the question of binding him over to keep the peace was taken under advisement.

Still Another. Another valuable fox terrier dog has been lost, the hands of the despicable dog poisoner. Mr. George Murray owned a very valuable little terrier. A few days ago the dog was found suffering from poisoning, and died shortly afterward. The matter has been brought to the attention of the Ontario Canine Association, but no definite plan of action was decided on. It will go hard with the poisoner, however, if he is located.

London Litigant Scored. Before the high court, Toronto, in the case of the London Rolling Mills Company vs. Syracuse Smelting Works, Casey Wood for plaintiffs, appeared from order of Master in Chambers allowing application of defendants to set aside interlocutory judgment signed on behalf of plaintiffs. W. E. Middleton, for defendants, contra. Order of Master amended by striking out direction that notice of assessment stand as notice of trial. Costs of appeal costs in cause.

Death of Mr. Gaze. The death occurred yesterday at 698 Colborne street of Mr. Earl Gaze, a well-known and highly respected resident of this city. Mr. Gaze was 55 years old, and besides his wife, is survived by two sons and two daughters—Messrs. Fred. E. and J. E. of this city; and Misses Florence and Lillian, at home. Deceased was a member of the I. O. E., the A. O. U. W., and the W. O. W. The funeral will take place from his late residence on Thursday afternoon to Woodland Cemetery, the services being conducted by Rev. F. E. Malott.

Court Forest City Officers. At a well-attended meeting of the members of Court Forest City, No. 444, A. O. F., at Foresters' Hall, Dundas street east, last evening, the following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing year: S. C. R. J. Bartlett; C. R. W. Huddleston; S. C. R. Ronald R. H. Emery; S. W. R. Timmon; J. W. H. E. Mair; S. B. H. Smith; J. B. G. Borge.

The following were re-elected: Secretary, W. Richards; treasurer, J. W. Boyle; medical officers, Drs. Seaborn and Pingel; auditors, H. Dyson and T. Le Seclleur; corresponding secretary, A. O. F. Ronald R. A. Emery.

Mr. Albert Dyson was initiated into the mysteries of Ancient Forestry. There are now three Dyson brothers members of this court. Mr. Albert Dyson having two brothers well up in the order, Bro. H. Dyson, D. C. R., and Bro. C. Dyson, P. C. R.

The court has made substantial progress during the year, and the outgoing officers are to be congratulated on the success attending their efforts to forward the interest of the court and the order in general.

Late Harry Hodgins. The funeral of the late Harry Hodgins, who died in New York recently, was held this afternoon from the residence of his uncle, Mr. James McMartin, 236 Talbot street, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. Canon Damm. The pallbearers were Messrs. A. Hodgins, Fred McMartin, Frank McMartin, J. M. Young, George Young and A. Ross.

Against Sovereign Fire Company. The writ issued by Thomas Baker, of London, was against Addison H. Hoover, William Dineen, Cyrus A. Birge, R. E. Weidie, A. F. Webster, E. E. Shepherd, J. H. King, James Dixon, F. W. Hall, G. H. Adams, W. M. German, E. Guss Porter and the Sovereign Fire Insurance Company of Canada, not the Sovereign Life.

DEATH OF ESTEEMED WEST LONDON LADY

Mrs. Harriet Ball, of West London, Died, Aged 77 Years.

The death occurred at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. Luke Jeffries, 99 Mount Pleasant avenue West London, of Mrs. Harriet Helen Ball, widow of the late John Ball, in her 77th year. The deceased was predeceased by her husband sixteen years ago. She was a daughter of the late Captain Shea, and was born in Demerara, British Guiana, in South America. She had lived in this district for over thirty-five years, and had made a host of friends, all of whom are very sorry to hear of her death. She is survived by the following family: Messrs. F. W. J. Ball and F. A. Ball, of this city; W. J. Ball, who a few weeks ago went to Costa Rica with a party of London railwaymen from the G. T. R.; Mrs. W. A. Hodgins, of Bay City, Mich.; Mrs. W. J. Wilkinson, of Cleveland; and Mrs. Luke Jeffries of London.

The funeral will be held to Mount Pleasant Cemetery at 4 o'clock, on Thursday afternoon, services at the house at 3:30.

NO CANDIDATE YET

He politely informed them that he was in the field, and was in to stay. He was not going to back down.

Kept It Up. The trouble lasted until a very late hour, and as there seemed no possibility of a solution of the difficulty, the meeting adjourned until Friday evening, when another attempt will be made to patch up the trouble.

The convention idea was that of Ald. Cooper, who still thinks that he can beat Ald. Matthews in a straight fight with the whole party represented. Ald. Matthews is also certain he can take a chance on a convention without losing.

Weak Opposition. The Gray-Beattie faction last night did not make much of an effort to prevent Ald. Matthews from running. His uncompromising attitude made it impossible for them to insist on the candidature of Ald. Beattie, although his friends were convinced beyond a peradventure that Ald. Beattie was the best man for the position.

CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES

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LATEST STOCK MARKET REPORTS

H. C. Becker, stockbroker, received the following by private wire from Bartlett, Frasier & Carrington today:

New York, Dec. 18.—The market this morning was of the same professional order with a rather better tone. Reading in the later session advanced quite sharply. The coal road question is the question among all coalers, and there does not seem to be heavy liquidation among them. Should the Temple Iron Company return its bonds and separate the holdings into their several parts there may be some way found out of the present dilemma. Situation at any rate does not look demoralized, and that is encouraging.

New York Central declared regular dividend. Air Brake deferred its dividend, not naming any time for action on same. New York Central earnings for quarter and for year were not encouraging. Seven hundred thousand was engaged, and the currency premium was around 1 percent.

Reported by C. N. Spencer, Stockbroker, Market Lane, for The Advertiser.

Open High Low 2 p.m. Amal. Copper, 43 43 42 42 1/2; American Sugar, 9 1/2 9 1/2 9 1/2 9 1/2; American Tobacco, 25 1/2 25 1/2 25 1/2 25 1/2; American Foundry, 20 20 20 20; American Refining, 6 1/2 6 1/2 6 1/2 6 1/2; American Cotton, 7 1/2 7 1/2 7 1/2 7 1/2; American Lumber, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Oil, 8 1/2 8 1/2 8 1/2 8 1/2; American Paper, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Steel, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Wire, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Zinc, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Lead, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Tin, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Nickel, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Silver, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Gold, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Platinum, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Iron, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Coal, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Gas, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Electric, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Telephone, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Telegraph, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Cable, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Steam, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Ship, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Marine, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Insurance, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Bank, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Trust, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Real Estate, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Land, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Water, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Power, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Light, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Heat, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Cold, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Fire, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Protection, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Security, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Assurance, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Indemnity, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Compensation, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Reimbursement, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Redemption, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Ransom, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Rescission, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Release, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Discharge, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Exemption, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Absolution, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Remission, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Forgiveness, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Pardon, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2; American Commutation, 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1

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Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—
"Soon after my marriage my health began to decline. My appetite failed me; I was unable to sleep, and I became very nervous and had shooting pains through the abdomen and pelvic organs, with bearing-down pains and constant headaches, coming me much misery. The monthly periods became more and more painful, and I became a bundle of nerves. I was unable to do any kind of housework, and I was in a state of constant nervousness. I was told that I was suffering from 'female troubles,' and I was advised to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I began to feel better after I had used it for a few days, and I continued to use it until I was completely cured. I am now as well as ever, and I am able to do all my household work and to enjoy life again. I am very grateful to you for having discovered this great medicine, and I am sure that it will do much good for many other women who are suffering from the same troubles."

If you have suppressed or painful periods, weakness of the stomach, indigestion, bloating, pelvic catarrh, nervous prostration, dizziness, faintness, "don't-care" and "want-to-be-left-alone" feeling, excitability, backache or the blues, these are sure indications of female weakness, or some derangement of the organs. It is such cases that this medicine is intended to remedy. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

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BIG HAY DAY ON THE MARKET

Christmas Trade in Produce and Poultry Promises To Be Good.

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Hay was in large supply, as there was 40 loads offered. Prices were lower at \$15 to \$16 50 per ton, as there was only a couple of loads selling at the higher figure.
Straw was more plentiful at \$8 per ton.
Oats were easier, at \$1 42 to \$1 48 per cwt., most of the sales being made at \$1 44 per cwt.

WEEKLY REVIEW.

The markets last week were not as large as the previous week.
The Christmas trade promises to be a brisk one, as so far there has been nearly as much produce and poultry sold as a year ago, which was then considered a record one.
Although the prices of poultry is not as high as a year ago there is a firmer tone to the market than was the case a couple of weeks ago.

Hay is a little easier, while the prices of live and dressed hogs are considerably higher.

Grain—Oats are easier at \$1 42 to \$1 48 per cwt. Wheat is selling at 90c per bushel.

Hay and Straw—At present the demand for hay is slow. The supply is not as large as the same month a year ago, when there were 500 loads marketed. So far the present month the number of loads offered is only 312. If the roads are in good shape we will see farmers coming quite a distance, as already there have been some loads of hay brought over 100 miles, which would indicate that the farmers are ready to take advantage of good prices that are being paid. Sales are made at \$15 to \$16 50 per ton. Straw is selling at \$8 and \$8 25 per ton.

Butter and Eggs—The demand for butter is brisker than it was ten days or so ago. Prices are firmer at 25c to 26c for crocks and 27c for the best pound rolls. Fresh-laid eggs are exceedingly scarce at 30c per dozen, wholesale. For held stocks, 25c per dozen is most frequently paid.

Potatoes—Trade is slow and prices are inclined to be easier. For the loads, 80c per bag is paid and 85c for the five-bag lots.

Apples—The market is about as dull as it possibly can be, as the supply greatly exceeds the demand. Sales are made at 45c to 80c per bag, or \$1 10 to \$2 per barrel.

Poultry—Turkeys are in good demand at 9c per lb alive and 11c to 12c dressed, the latter price for hens; the dealers prefer the turkeys dressed, as they have not the time to prepare them for the market. Ducks sell at 9c per lb dressed and 7c per lb alive; geese are dull of sale, at 8c per lb dressed; chickens are in fair demand, at 9c to 10c dressed and 7c to 7 1/2c alive; old fowl and live ducks will sell well after the holidays, when the dealers will be able to ship, and there are of the opinion that prices will be higher than at present.

Dressed Hogs—Prices are higher and the demand is good; sales are made at \$7 50 to \$7 85 per cwt, nearly all selling at \$7 75. Trade in this line is likely to be slow, as poultry will cut quite a figure for table supplies.

Live Hogs—The price for next Monday's shipment will be \$5 50 per cwt; there does not seem to be any great quantity of hogs ready for the market at present; small pigs sell at \$1 50 each.

Butchers' Meats—Beef is selling fairly well at 8c to \$6 50 per cwt; Christmas beef is about \$1 per cwt higher; lamb is selling at 9c to 10c per lb by the carcass; mutton, 8c to \$8 50 per cwt; veal, \$7 to \$8 10 per cwt.

Hides—The market is 1c per lb lower than last week's quotations.

OIL MARKETS.

OIL CITY, PA., Dec. 17.—Credit balances, \$1 73.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Petroleum, American refined, 7d; spirits, 7 1/2d.

ANTWERP, Belgium, Dec. 17.—Petroleum, 22 francs.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 18.—Oil opened and closed at \$1 78.

SUGAR MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Sugar—Raw firm; fair refining, 13 1/2c; centrifugal, 9c; test, 3.85c; molasses sugar, 5c to 5.05c; refined firm. Molasses—Steady.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Sugar—Centrifugal, 11s; Muscovado, 9s 9d; beet sugar, December, 8s 8 1/2d.

TORONTO, Dec. 17.—Sugar—Firm; Montreal granulated, in barrels, \$4 40; yellow, \$4; Acadia, \$4 25; Ontario beet, \$4 25; in bags, 5c less.

DAIRY MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Butter—Firm; creameries, 20c to 22c; dairies, 17c to 25c. Cheese—Steady, 1 1/2c to 1 3/4c.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Butter—Firm; receipts, 6,500 packages; imitation creamery, 15c to 16c; creamery, 17c to 18c. Cheese—Steady and unchanged; receipts, 5,500 boxes.

LIVERPOOL DAIRY REPORT, WEEK ENDING DEC. 6.

[Hodgson Bros. Letter.]
Cheese—Market steady, with perhaps a shade more demand, chiefly, however, confined to the ripe qualities, at 2c to 3c per cwt below choicest grade. There has also been some inquiry for lower grade Swiss half-mats.

We report today's values as follows: Finest Canadian colored, 62c to 65c per cwt; do, white, 50c to 51c; do, earlier-made Canadian, white and colored, 57c to 58c; a few States, chiefly half-mats, white and colored, 51c to 55c.

Butter—The demand is not active, but prices are steady, and strictly choicest, which is in limited supply, is fairly well cleared as it comes to hand. Danish is unchanged, and the cable quotation for next week remains unaltered, the present price being equal to 11s 6d, f.o.b. Medium grades are in a little improved request. U.S. creamery, choicest Canadian creamery, in 56-lb boxes, nominally 11s to 11 1/2c per cwt; choicest Danish, in 56-lb boxes, 10s 6d to 10 1/2c; secondary grades, do, 9s to 10s; choicest American and New Zealand, new goods, 11s to 12s; choicest Irish creamery, scarce, 11s to 12s; choicest States creamery, States process creamery, States ladies, imitation creameries and Canadian dairies, none.

PRODUCE MARKET.

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Toronto, Dec. 18.—Shipping in various

parts of the Province is reported as greatly improved by the recent snowfall, and grain traders are looking to increased receipts at country points. Some prominent operations are said to have obtained several lots of barley which was fine in color, but a little light in weight, at 70c. Ontario wheat is a little off, and Manitoba grades are unchanged. Prices are: Wheat—Manitoba No. 1 northern, 81c; nominal, at \$1 14 1/2; No. 2 northern, 81c; No. 3 northern, 81c; feed wheat, 60c to 61c; No. 2 feed, 50c to 51c; at lake ports: Ontario, No. 2 white or red, 95c to 96c outside; No. 2 mixed, 92c to 93c outside; No. 2, 85c. Flour—Ontario winter wheat patents, for export, \$3 60 asked; Manitoba patents, special brand, \$5 50 to \$6; seconds, \$5 20; strong bakers, \$5 10. Barley—No. 1, 70c to 72c; No. 2, 68c to 70c outside; No. 3 extra, 45c to 47c; mixed, 45c to 46c outside. Peas—\$3 75 cask. Rye—No. 2, 75c. Corn—No. 3 yellow American, 70c to 71c; Toronto freight, new No. 3 yellow, 64c to 65c; delivery after Jan. 1, new No. 3 yellow, 64c to 65c; stages, 65c to 66c. Buckwheat—62c outside. Milled—Rye, \$19 to \$20, in bulk, outside; shorts, \$21 to \$22. Butter, Cheese and Eggs—Steady and unchanged.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Cattle—Receipts, about 21,000; market strong to 10c higher; beef, \$3 40 to \$3 50; veal, \$4 10 to \$4 20; hogs, \$5 10 to \$5 20; calves, \$5 to \$5 75; westerns, \$3 20 to \$4 75; stockers and feeders, \$2 30 to \$4 25.

Hogs—Receipts, about 45,000; market mostly lower; light, \$4 30 to \$4 75; mixed, \$4 30 to \$4 80; heavy, \$4 30 to \$4 75; rough, \$4 20 to \$4 75; few at \$4 50; bulk of sales at \$4 50 to \$4 70. Sheep—Receipts, about 23,000; market steady; natives, \$5 to \$5 25; westerns, \$4 50 to \$4 75; yearlings, \$4 to \$5 25; lambs, \$3 75 to \$5 20; westerns, \$3 75 to \$5 10.

EAST BUFFALO, Dec. 18.—Cattle—Receipts, 600 head; dull; prices unchanged. Veals—Receipts, 250 head; active and steady.

Hogs—Receipts, 1,000 head; 15c to 20c lower; heavy and mixed, \$4 15 to \$4 85; Yorkers, \$4 65 to \$4 75; pigs, \$4 50 to \$4 85; non-pregnant, \$4 45 to \$4 75; to \$5 75; dairies, \$4 30 to \$4 75. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 16,000 head; very slow sheep steady, lambs 5c to 35c lower; lambs, \$5 to \$5 25; wethers, \$4 75 to \$5 25; ewes, \$4 to \$4 75; sheep, mixed, \$2 to \$4 50; Canada lambs, \$2 to \$4 50.

OLD COUNTRY PRICES.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Canadian cattle are firmer, at 11c to 12c per lb, dressed weight; refrigerator beef is quoted at 9c per lb.

ENGLISH MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 18.—Wheat—Spot, No. 2 red western winter steady, 7s 7d; futures strong; December nominal; March, 8s 7d; May, 8s 7d.

Corn—Spot firm; prime mixed American, new, 5s 4 1/2d; do, old, 5s 6d. Futures firm; December nominal; January, 5s 3 1/2d.

Peas—Canadian quiet, 3s 9d. Flour—Winter patents quiet, 3s 3d.

Hops (in London)—Pacific coast quiet, 42s to 45s.

Beef—Extra India mess firm, 9s 3d. Pork—Prime mess western steady, 8s 3d. Hams—Short cut, 14 to 16 lbs, steady, 43s 6d.

Bacon—Cumberland cut, 25 to 30 lbs, steady, 55s 6d; short ribs, 15 to 24 lbs, dull, 55s 6d; long clear middles, 25 to 30 lbs, no stock; 35 to 40 lbs, no stock; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs, strong, 53s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs, firm, 55s; shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs, firm, 56s 6d.

Lard—Prime western, in tins, quiet, 41s 9d; American refined, in pairs, quiet, 43s 9d.

Cheese—Canadian finest white, new, steady, 6s 6d; do, colored, steady, 6s 6d. Tallow—Prime city weak, 23s 6d; Australian (in London), steady, 25s 6d.

Turpetine—Spirits—Dull, 34s 6d. Rosin—Common dull, 9s 3d.

Wholesale—Refined turpentine, 7s 7d. Lined Oil—Weak, 23s 9d. Cottonseed Oil (Hull refined)—January, April, 25s.

COTTON MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Cotton—Futures closed steady. Closing bids: December, 12.25; January, 12.25; February, 12.25; March, 10.75; April, 10.75; May, 10.85; June, 10.85; July, 10.75; August, 10.60.

Spot, medium upland, middling upland, 11.90c; middling low, 12.15c; sales, 2,500 bales.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Cotton—Futures opened steady; December, 11.20c bid; January, 10.50c; March, 10.75c; April, 10.75c; May, 10.85c; June, 10.85c; July, 10.75c; August, 10.60c.

HAY MARKET.

TORONTO, Dec. 17.—Baled Hay—Timothy is quoted from \$17 50 to \$18 per ton on track here.

Baled Straw—Quiet, at \$9 50 to \$10 50 per ton on track here.

STOCK MARKETS.

TORONTO, Dec. 17.—Morning Afternoon.

Canadian Pacific, 149 1/2; Ask. Bid. 149 1/2.

St. Catharines, 75; Ask. Bid. 75.

Rio Janeiro Tram, 32 1/2; Ask. Bid. 32 1/2.

Sao Paulo Tram, 115 1/2; Ask. Bid. 115 1/2.

Toronto Railway, 94 1/2; Ask. Bid. 94 1/2.

Twin City Railway, 82 1/2; Ask. Bid. 82 1/2.

Northern Nav., 122 1/2; Ask. Bid. 122 1/2.

Bell Telephone, 93 1/2; Ask. Bid. 93 1/2.

City Dairy, 30; Ask. Bid. 30.

City Dairy, pfd., 82 1/2; Ask. Bid. 82 1/2.

Dom. Steel, com., 41 3/4; Ask. Bid. 41 3/4.

Dom. Steel, pfd., 15 1/4; Ask. Bid. 15 1/4.

Dom. Steel, pfd., 115 1/2; Ask. Bid. 115 1/2.

Woods, com., 70; Ask. Bid. 70.

Mackay, com., 51 1/2; Ask. Bid. 51 1/2.

Mackay, pfd., 60 1/2; Ask. Bid. 60 1/2.

Mexican L. & P., 40 1/2; Ask. Bid. 40 1/2.

Min. & St. Paul, 77 1/2; Ask. Bid. 77 1/2.

Montreal Power, 84 1/2; Ask. Bid. 84 1/2.

Montreal Railway, 177 1/2; Ask. Bid. 177 1/2.

Nipissing Mines, 54 1/2; Ask. Bid. 54 1/2.

N. S. Steel & Coal, 55 1/2; Ask. Bid. 55 1/2.

N. S. Steel, pfd., 108; Ask. Bid. 108.

Ogilvie, com., 250; Ask. Bid. 250.

Ogilvie, pfd., 115; Ask. Bid. 115.

R. & O. Navigation, 60; Ask. Bid. 60.

Rio Janeiro, 32 1/2; Ask. Bid. 32 1/2.

Sao Paulo Tram, 115 1/2; Ask. Bid. 115 1/2.

Toledo Railway, 10; Ask. Bid. 10.

Toronto Railway, 94 1/2; Ask. Bid. 94 1/2.

Twin City Railway, 82 1/2; Ask. Bid. 82 1/2.

Shawinigan, 54 1/2; Ask. Bid. 54 1/2.

Bank B. N., 122 1/2; Ask. Bid. 122 1/2.

Bank of Commerce, 159; Ask. Bid. 159.

Merchants' Bank, 151 1/2; Ask. Bid. 151 1/2.

Mohawk Bank, 150; Ask. Bid. 150.

Bank of Montreal, 235; Ask. Bid. 235.

Quebec Bank, 122; Ask. Bid. 122.

Union Bank, 101; Ask. Bid. 101.

Dom. 7 1/2, tile, pfd., 80; Ask. Bid. 80.

Textile, com., 44; Ask. Bid. 44.

Dom. Cotton, bds., 95; Ask. Bid. 95.

Dom. Steel, bonds, 71 1/2; Ask. Bid. 71 1/2.

Havana, bonds, 88; Ask. Bid. 88.

Mex. Electric, bds., 74; Ask. Bid. 74.

Mex. Power, bds., 80 1/2; Ask. Bid. 80 1/2.

Mont. Power, bds., 90; Ask. Bid. 90.

Ogilvie, bonds, 115; Ask. Bid. 115.

Rio, bonds, 74; Ask. Bid. 74.

Textile bonds, A., 82 1/2; Ask. Bid. 82 1/2.

Textile bonds, B., 78; Ask. Bid. 78.

Winnipeg Elec. bds., 100; Ask. Bid. 100.

Afternoon Sales: Woods, common, 20 at 71, 60 at 70, 5 at 71; Mexican, 2 at 40 1/2; Laurentide, preferred, 75 at 101, 10 at 102 1/2; Power, 25 at 94 1/2; Iron, preferred, 10 at 40 1/2; do, common, 25 at 14 1/2, 25 at 14 1/2; Scotia, 5 at 55; Woods, bonds, 1,000 at 111 1/2; Bank of Toronto, 10 at 202; Bank of Montreal, 2 at 225 1/2, 1 at 225; Woods, preferred, 2 at 102; Twin City, 25 at 81 1/2; Textile, preferred, 4 at 78 1/2, 32 at 78 1/2; Montreal Railway, 35; Toronto Cotton, bonds, 3,000 at 93; Toronto Railway, 5 at 94 1/2, 2 at 94 1/2; Detroit Railway, 25 at 35 1/2, 75 at 35 1/2, 6 at 35 1/2.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.

Open. High. Low. Close.

Amal. Copper, 42 1/2; Ask. Bid. 42 1/2.

Am. Locomotive, 34 1/2; Ask. Bid. 34 1/2.

American Sugar, 95 1/2; Ask. Bid. 95 1/2.

American Smelting, 69 1/2; Ask. Bid. 69 1/2.

Anacosta, 25 1/2; Ask. Bid. 25 1/2.

Atchafalpa, 69 1/2; Ask. Bid. 69 1/2.

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Ladies' Watch, gold-filled, 25-year case, Waltham movement	\$8.50	Repeating Alarm Clocks, guaranteed	90c
Ladies' Watch, gold-filled, 25-year case, 15-jewel, Waltham movement	\$9.50	Eight-Day Oak Clocks, half-hour strike	\$2.25

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London, Dec. 18.—The examinations now being conducted in the schools of this city are revealing the fact that many children are greatly retarded in their studies through defective eyes. Headache, nervousness and weak stomachs are generally the result of eye strain.
We would suggest to parents that the Tait-Brown Optical Company, 237 Dundas street, be consulted, as they are giving special attention to children's eyes, at special prices.
All examinations carefully conducted without the use of injurious drops.

The value of settlers' effects taken into Canada by American immigrants in 1906 fiscal year was \$1,155,933, against \$11,223 by British immigrants and \$6,244 by all other immigrants.

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A tame crow escaped from a cage at Poole, England, and tried to join a colony of crows in a neighboring grove. But the wild crows resented the intrusion and killed it.
A monument has been erected to Anna Holzel in the Schlossgarten at Mannheim, Germany. She was the wife of a carpenter, who, in 1784, saved the poet Schiller from a debtor's prison.
During 1906, 10,000 miles of new Government of Chile telegraph line were put up. The Government at the end of the year had 329 telegraph offices.

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Men's High-Cut Slippers, "Bommes," "Nullifiers," and "Jesters," of soft-felling kid, in the new golden brown and chocolate colors. \$3.00 and \$2.50. Some in the Romeo style at \$2.00.

Men's Soft, Smooth Kid Slippers in the "Opera" and regular pattern, black or brown, fancy patent leather trimmed, \$2.00, \$1.65, and \$1.50.

Men's Comfortable Slippers, in tans, chocolate and black, made of kid and other fancy leathers, patent trimmed, \$1.25, \$1.00.

Men's Fancy Slippers, in velvet or leather, suitable for gifts, 75c and 65c.

Men's Patent Leather Dancing Pumps, with bow, very correct, \$2.50.

Men's Hockey Boots, in tan and black, \$2.50.

Men's Hockey Boots, in black, \$2.00.

Men's Over-Gaiters, black or fawn, 85c.

Women's Party Slippers, distinctly stylish, patent leather, with high heels. A variety of designs and effects, \$3.00, \$2.75, \$2.50 and \$2.00.

Women's Patent Leather or Soft Kid Slippers, with straps, \$1.50 to \$2.00.

Women's Cosy Felt House Slippers, in the Juliet (high-cut) style, with fur trimming, soft flexible soles, in red, maroon, brown, gray and black, at \$1.75, \$1.50, \$1.25 and \$1.00.

Women's Warm Felt House Slippers, in black and other colors, at \$1.00 down to 50c.

Women's Black High-Cut Leggings, \$1.25, \$1.00.

Women's Black Three-Quarter Cut Overgaiters, \$1.00, 75c, 65c.

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LONDON AND DISTRICT

—Mrs. Dawson, of Wingham, is spending a couple of weeks with friends in the city.

—Mrs. Wm. Southam, of Hamilton, is the guest of Mrs. James Reid, of Central avenue.

—Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Holden, of Frankford, Philadelphia, are spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Holden's father, Mr. W. J. Anderson, 288 South street.

—Mr. J. M. McWhinney, formerly clerk of the Synod of Huron, but now of Toronto, has been appointed general manager of the Union Trust Company, with headquarters in Toronto.

Weekly Whist.
The regular weekly whist match will be held at Hyman Hall tonight. All are invited.

Mr. Bowen to Lecture.
The Rev. F. J. Bowen, district secretary of the Bible Society, formerly at Dawson City, is to speak on the work in the Northwest in First Presbyterian Church lecture hall tonight.

Wire Broke.
Owing to the breaking of a trolley wire in front of the Congregational Church last night the system was tied up for half an hour. Monday night up the Wellington street. Horton and Otway cars were tied up for several hours owing to the power being inadequate.

Masonville Christmas Tree.
The annual Christmas tree and entertainment will be held in the Masonville schoolhouse on Friday evening, Dec. 20, under the auspices of the Masonville Sabbath school. A good programme is provided and a large turnout expected. Masonville school will close for the Christmas vacation on Thursday, Dec. 19.

Left for the West.
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Watson, of No. 20 Queen's Place, started yesterday morning on their way to Pincher Creek, Alberta, which is to be their future home. Quite a number of their friends were at the railway station to bid them good-bye and wish them a safe journey and a prosperous future.

Orient Club Officers.
At a meeting of the Orient Club, held recently, the following officers were elected: President, Frank A. Carter; first vice-president, John Bottrill; second vice-president, W. V. Brown; third vice-president, Dr. Windsor; secretary-treasurer, J. R. McLeod; assistant secretary, Sam Turner; auditors, J. M. Doyle and J. Turner. It was decided to hold a minstrel show during the winter, and rehearsals will commence shortly.

Won the Prizes.
Three large American seed firms some time ago offered good prizes for the largest specimens of mangel roots from their seeds in 1907. All three first prizes were won by Mr. Abel Steele, of Ferguson, P. O., Ont. The weights of the specimens were 58 pounds, 54 pounds and 49½ pounds, respectively. Mr. Steele received all three checks yesterday. This is the twenty-third time he has won such prizes.

A Big Laugh.
Bennett's bill this week boasts of one act at least which as a laugh-producer is unbeatable. It is that of Welch, Francis & Co. It is not generally known that Mrs. Welch is the mother of Mrs. Elms, wife of the popular manager of Bennett's Adelaide Theatre. Mrs. Welch is a lady of refinement. On the stage she takes the part of a rather breezy, boisterous Irish

lady, with a fund of humor, but nothing suggestive or offensive. The act is all and more than has been said for it. Certainly, it is only modesty that prevents Manager Elms "boosting" her as it deserves. He doesn't like to put his own relatives ahead of other people, but they certainly deserve it. In the act are also two very clever young ladies, one of whom sings splendidly. The other acts on the bill will be found to be entertaining.

Installation of Officers.
At the regular convocation of London R. A. Chapter held last evening, Right Ex-Comp. R. W. Evans installed the following comps. as officers for 1908: Ex-Comp. J. E. Johnson, Z.; Ex-Comp. T. H. Baker, P. Z.; Ex-Comp. Finley Marshall, H.; Ex-Comp. George Bott, J.; Ex-Comp. J. E. Keays, treasurer; Ex-Comp. C. C. Reed, Scribe E.; Comp. R. W. Glover, Scribe N.; Comp. F. E. Harley, Prin. Soj.; Comp. G. W. Reed, Sen. Soj. Comp. H. J. Heath, Jun. Soj.; Comp. W. A. Young, janitor.

BLAMES S. W. TRACTION CO.
Union Village Has a Grievance—Mr. Rumball Explains.

At the last meeting of Yarmouth Township Council a deputation from Union waited on that body in regard to the Southwestern Traction Company, which they allege has not lived up to the agreement made with the residents of that district. It seems the company built its road through Yarmouth without a bylaw being passed by the council to that effect, and now that the bylaw has been drafted, and received its first reading, they did not want it to be finally passed until their grievances with the company had been settled, the complaint being that road crossings, culverts, etc., had not been left in proper shape.

Mr. Rumball, president of the Southwestern Traction Company, said he was surprised at the attitude the people of Union had taken, because when the first survey was mentioned to go about a mile east of Union, they came to the company with a large deputation, asking that the road be constructed through the village, which was done. He acknowledged they had not paid all the farmers for their land, but this was the first complaint regarding other differences that had ever come to his ears. He wanted the road to pay, they wanted the business, and they wanted the people to be satisfied. He also mentioned that the rates, as stated by some, were not mentioned in the bylaw, nor had they anything to do with it.

Much discussion followed, and finally the motion to have the bylaw read the second time was voted down, and the council adjourned. This throws this bylaw out completely, and a new one will have to be drafted and passed by the council of next year.

—Miss Mabel Burnes, of Ingersoll, is visiting London friends.

—Miss Isabel Dudley, of Grand avenue, has returned home after an extended visit of seven months to England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and France.

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Emmanuel Willifong is suing Meyer Cohen, proprietor of the Berlin Opera House for \$900 damages for breach of contract, because Meyer did not play Willifong's Uncle Tom's show according to contract.

Cecil Elliott, Norman Hopkins, and Elbert Hopkins, Toronto, have been found guilty of fraud. The trio used to fall off cars, and collect damages for injuries received or alleged to be

received. They got away with a large sum of money in this manner.
The late A. J. Cassatt, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, used to pride himself on never losing his temper, no matter what the provocation. Liang Tun Yen, the new Chinese minister to the United States, studied three years at Yale, leaving at the end of his junior year in 1881 to become secretary to the viceroy, Chang Chi

Fun.

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