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A Painter Poisoned While
Trying "The Grape Cure."

A Bankrupt Country.

Belgrade, Dec. 21.—The arrears of
unpaid taxes in Serbia amount to 30,000,000
francs. The country is in danger of
bankruptcy.

Steamer Ashore.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The British tank
steamer Wildflower, Capt. Livingston, from
Wilmington, Del., Dec. 2, for Rouen, is
ashore in the Seine. Tugs have gone to her
assistance.

Hunting Up Pedigrees.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Prince of Wales
is supervising a circular that will shortly
be issued for the purpose of founding a
society having for its object the carrying
out of historical researches concerning old
English families.

A Poor Patriot.

VIENNA, Dec. 21.—Louis Kossuth was
compelled recently to sell his library, the
collection of a life time. It was bought for
the National Museum by committee
formed in Buda-Pesth. Kossuth's needs
must have been great, as he was induced to
part with the whole for £130.

Monson's Trial for Murder.

EDINBURGH, Dec. 21.—At the trial to-day
of Alfred John Monson, indicted for the
murder of Lieut. Hambrough, the evidence
for the defense was closed. Mr. Alexander
Asher, Solicitor-General, addressed the
jury on behalf of the prosecution. He asked
the jury to find a verdict of guilty on
both charges of the indictment.

New Lines of Travel.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Comte de Donville
Maillefeu has been to Brisbane arranging
for a line of steamers to run between
Brisbane and San Francisco, calling at the
Fiji, Hawaii and New Caledonia Islands.
If this line be put in operation there will
then be three lines of steamers between the
Pacific coast and Australia.

The Women Were There.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—There has been a
general election in New Zealand, and the
Government were restored by a handsome
majority. It was the first election since
woman suffrage became a law, and the
ladies were conspicuous at all the polling
places. Nearly 5,000 women voted in the
north island alone.

Grand Vaccination Ceremony.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—A grand vaccination
ceremony took place yesterday at the
Ministry of the Interior. A heifer was
brought into the court yard, and the clerk
from the highest to the lowest grade, all
servants, children and porters were
ordered to be inoculated. The weather
was cold and damp, and therefore the
exposing of bare arms was a trying ordeal.

Capt. Williams' Death.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Times publishes
this morning a four column story of the
Matabele campaign written by Gerald
Paget, a scout who served with Capt.
Williams and his brothers in the forces
of the chartered company. He left Balu-
wayo on Nov. 13. After narrating with
great minuteness the events already pub-
lished, Paget tells of Capt. Williams' death,
which occurred while the scout was on the
sick list.

The Situation in Brazil.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 21.—Advices received
here from Brazil are to the effect that
Abraham and Solomon Bechmel, steam-
ship owners of Rio Janeiro, who were
formerly traders in Liverpool and Man-
chester, have been arrested in Rio Janeiro
and sentenced to be shot for allowing their
vessels to carry insurgents as passengers.
The execution of the sentence has been
delayed in consequence of the condemned
men appealing for protection to Portugal,
they being subjects of that country.

An Ill-Fated Squadron.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—A dispatch to Lloyd's
from Athens says that the British steam-
ship Humber, which collided with an
Italian bark near Matapan yesterday, was
run ashore to insure her safety. Another
dispatch states that the Humber had a hole
in her hull above the water line, and
is lying at anchor in Vatica Bay. When
the hole is plugged she will proceed to the
Piræus. The Humber is a screw steamer
of 1,600 tons. She is a store ship of the
Mediterranean squadron.

A Sorry Crash.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Daily News
prints a report on the state of the Libera-
tor Building Society relief fund, designed
to aid the severest sufferers from the
collapse of that concern. Already £33,000
have been subscribed. The amount re-
quired is £500,000, and the News makes
an urgent appeal for further help, saying
that the distress caused by the Liberator
failure was fifty-fold greater than that caused
by the Victoria disaster, while the response
to the appeals for the aid of the lost
mariners was much greater. Nearly 1,000
of the sufferers from the Liberator crash
are more than 60 years old, and many of
them are invalids.

A Communist Colony.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—A party of twenty
persons of different nationalities, including
Englishmen and Americans, will sail from
Hampton for East Africa in January to
start a communist colony in Macheland.
The colony will be based upon the ideas

of the Austrian economist, Hertzka, as set
forth in his book "Freiland," from which
the colony will take its name. Each emi-
grant has subscribed £250, and the general
public has raised many thousands more.

Among the contributors are several per-
sonal friends of the Liberator. The party
will lead the first party, which will be followed
a few weeks later by a party of 40 more.
Several doctors and engineers will accom-
pany the colonists.

Comments on Cleveland's Policy.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Pall Mall Gazette
to-day, commenting on Secretary Carlisle's
report, says that the American Treasury is
in a rather a bad way. The situation, it
adds, is particularly unfortunate owing to
the resolution of the President to remodel
the tariff. It is hoped that the difficulty
will not induce him to abandon his heroic
attempt to dislodge McKinley. Even-
tually a free tariff would lead to the pros-
perity of the country and the fullness of the
treasury, but the people are unreasonable
and cannot always reach their hand
through time to catch the profits of their
self-sacrifice.

Present to Dufferin's Son.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—Sir Edward Blount,
acting in behalf of the British colony, pre-
sented a silver silver today to Lord
Terence Blackwood, son of the Marquis
Dufferin, and Lady Blackwood, formerly
Miss Davis, of New York. The presenta-
tion took place at the British Embassy.

Replying to Sir Edward's speech
Lord Terence Blackwood referred to his
recent marriage, to the warm welcome
which his American wife had received in
England, and the cordiality shown by the
British colony in Paris. The kindness of
the British colony was valued most highly,
he said, by his wife, who had left for him
the friends and associations of her youth.

One Home Rule Bill at a Time.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—In the House of
Commons Donald Macgregor (Liberal),
member for Inverness-shire, asked if Mr.
Gladstone, when he re-introduced the
Home Rule Bill, would make it embrace
a scheme applicable to all the countries of
the United Kingdom with a view to re-
solving the Imperial Parliament of the con-
duct of local affairs.

Mr. Gladstone did not doubt if the
Government could obtain the same amount
of information from England, Scotland and
Wales as it could from Ireland, justifying
such a scheme. He could not say what
devolution was required and the neces-
sities of Great Britain, and it therefore
would be impossible to dispose of the
countries composing Great Britain in a bill
dealing with Ireland.

Poison in Grapes.

Edmund Yates: "The Swiss grape cure
has, I believe, comparatively few votaries
in England, but any of my readers who
meditate trying it would do well to take
warning by the extraordinary accident
which has befallen M. Emile Vautier, the
eminent French portrait-painter. In order
to strengthen himself for what promised to
be an unusually busy season in Paris, M.
Vautier spent a portion of the autumn at
Tortona, on the borders of Lake Lemano,
where he was induced to try a night's
grape cure. He was not, however, informed
that the fruit had been carefully and pro-
fusely sprinkled with sulphate of copper.
At the end of fifteen days he was suffering
from all the most painful and agonizing
symptoms of metallic poisoning. The lead-
ing doctors of Geneva, who first treated the
case, informed him that he was only one
of several victims. He was at last removed
with difficulty to Paris, but the inflamma-
tion and weakness of digestion thus occa-
sioned continue, and it will be a long time
before he regains his usual health. M.
Vautier is justly indignant with the Swiss
sanitary authorities, but hopes the other
travelers will profit by his misfortune."

The Queen's Guard of Honor.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—During the Queen's
residence at Balmoral there are frequent
allusions in the official court circular to her
Majesty's guard of honor. The fact is that
the Queen is really "guarded" at Balmoral
by a few men of the "A" division of the
Metropolitan police, and the same arrange-
ment prevails at Osborne. The soldiers
never come near Balmoral, but they are
kept nine miles away, at Balmoral, where
their duty is to attend to the railway sta-
tion when royal personages arrive or de-
part. The guard (about 50 men and 3
officers) is usually furnished by the regim-
ent stationed at Edinburgh Castle. The
practice of sending a military guard to
attend to the Queen at Balmoral was in-
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began about 1857. The soldiers were
originally billeted on the villagers at Bal-
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table for them and inconvenient to the
inhabitants, so the present barracks were
built by the Government.

Disastrous Fire in Sheffield.

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field, caught fire this morning. Sixty
assistants of the firm were rescued with
difficulty. Five fire escapes were used to
take them from the buildings. The flames
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Markets.

The influenza is spreading fast in Mon-
treal.

Nicholas Connolly, in jail at Ottawa, is
suffering from lack of sleep and no appetite
for food.

Lady Aberdeen held her first "at home"
at Rideau Hall Wednesday evening. There
were about 250 guests.

Rev. Arthur Browning, an old Methodist
minister, will commence a series of special
meetings in Paris early in January.

Rev. J. L. George, of Belleville, late of
Dartmouth, N. S., has been elected mod-
erator of the Kingston Presbytery.

Rev. W. H. Kirby, of Hingham Street
Methodist Church, Hamilton, has been in-
vited to Dundas Methodist Church for next
year.

Six men were recently buried in an
abandoned mine in Beauce, Que., by the en-
casing of the earth, and were only rescued
with difficulty.

The Bank of Montreal announced the pay-
ment on Jan. 1 in London of the half-year's
interest then due on Dominion of Canada
4 and 3 per cent. loans.

THE OPEN FORUM

Where Are They?
To the Editor of the ADVERTISER:

In the valuable column, farm and garden, there is mention made of several western parties who make a business of breeding wild turkey to cross with other flocks. Their address would be thankfully received by an old subscriber through your paper, or to box 120, Leamington. J. E. Leamington, Dec. 20.

Fond of Walking.
ALBANY, Dec. 21.—Edward S. Weston the pedestrian, who walked from New York, arrived at the south door of the Capitol building at 9.25 this morning.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Congress will adjourn for the Christmas holidays to-day with more live-burning questions waiting than have been visible on similar occasion for many years past. The tariff, with only the views of the majority of the ways and means committee presented, and these views

net yet before the House; the big treasury deficit unprovided for, and not one feature of the numerous suggested plans for raising additional revenues finally agreed upon; the Hawaiian question still unsettled and practically shrouded in mystery—these and other matters, all unacted upon, will leave many broken strands to be pieced together again when Congress resumes its sittings.

"I—I hardly—How many lodges are you a member of, Hiram?"

"Not one, Katie; not one."

"Well, you may ask papa."

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Mr. Dole insists that the Queen was lost in the shuffle.

Lumbermen are not loggerheads.

A gross outrage—finding it a few packs ages short.

Scrofula, bad blood, pimples, blotches and skin diseases can be cured by B.B.B., the great blood purifier and tonic.

It is a consolation when another man is in trouble to think that it will prove

valuable lesson to him

Electors of Ward No. 6.

I HAVE BEEN REQUESTED to run for the position of School Trustee. I therefore offer myself as a candidate in the room and stand of Mr. J. S. Dewar, who intends retiring. Your votes are solicited.

A. GREENLEES.
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Collegiate Institute
Commencement Exercises.

Grand Opera House, this (Friday) evening at 8 o'clock.

The Board of Education extends a cordial invitation to the public to be present. A splendid programme has been arranged. Signed on behalf of

the Board,
J. S. DEWAR, R. M. McELHERAN,
Chairman. Secretary.

**The London & Port Stanley Rail-
way Company.**

NOTICE is hereby given that the annual meeting of the shareholders of the London and Port Stanley Railway Company will

to be held at the City Hall, in the City of London, on Friday, the 13th day of January, 1894, at the hour of 5.30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Dated at London, this 14th day of Dec., 1893.

W.M. C. CLO, secretary of the London and
Port Stanley Railway Company. 57kv

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"ONE OBSTINATE JURYMAN."

He Would Not Vote to Convict, for He
Himself Was the Slayer.

[London News.]

The most remarkable case of a jury "standing out" against what seemed irrefutable testimony, and all through the revolution of one man, occurred before Chief Justice Dyer. He presided at a murder trial in which everything went against the prisoner, who on his part could only say that on his going to work in the morning he found the murdered man dying and tried to help him, whereby he had become covered with blood, but when the man presently died he had come away and said nothing about it, because he was known to have had a quarrel with the deceased, and feared to get into trouble. The boykirk with which the man had been murdered had the prisoner's name on it. In other respects his guilt appeared to be established and the chief justice was convinced of it, but the jury returned a verdict of "not guilty."

This was Chief Justice Dyer's case, and he put some very searching questions to the high sheriff. The cause of the acquittal, said the official, was undoubtedly the foreman, a farmer of excellent character, esteemed by all his neighbors, and very unlikely to be obdurate or vexatious. "Then," said the judge, "I must see this foreman, for an explanation of the matter I will have." The foreman came, and after extracting from his lordship a promise of secrecy proved at once that the prisoner had been rightfully acquitted. "For," said he, "it was myself who killed the man."

It had been no murder, for the other had attacked him with a hayfork and, as he showed, severely injured him, but in the struggle to get possession of the weapon he had the misfortune to give the man a fatal wound. He had no fear as to his being found guilty, but the assizes being just over, his farm and affairs would have been ruined by a confession, though lying in jail so long, so he suffered matters to take their course.

He was horrified to find one of his own servants accused of the murder; he supported his wife and children while in jail, managed to be placed on the jury and elected foreman. He added that if he failed in this he would certainly have confessed to his own share in the business, and the judge believed him. Every year for fifteen years his lordship made inquiries as to the foreman's existence, and at last, happening to survive him, he considered himself free to tell the story.

WOMEN DO IT.

One Man Saved from the Gallows and
Three Rescued from Drowning.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 21.—Through the efforts of the Daughters of the Good Shepherd, Gov. Markham has granted a reprieve to John McNulty, a "longshoreman" sentenced to be hanged on Dec. 29 for the murder of Patrick Collins, another "longshoreman," five years ago. The date for McNulty's execution has been set five different times, and the probability is that the death sentence will be commuted to life imprisonment.

A GIRL SAVED THREE MEN.

Bridgport (Conn.) correspondence New York

Miss Annie D. Hallock, a young and pretty teacher and a skillful skater, saved three lives last night. Lacey R. Blackman ventured too far on Berkshire Pond and broke through. A. E. Culver, editor of the Bridgport Evening Star, went to his assistance, and he, too, broke through. T. W. Joyce attempted a rescue, when he also went into the water.

A crowd was watching the three men struggle for their lives, when Miss Hallock ran up, and, throwing herself flat upon the ice, shouted to the bystanders to fall down also and hold her by the ankles. In this manner she drew the men back to firm ice, one at a time.

Miss Hallock was half-drowned herself, as the thin ice kept breaking under her, letting her down into the water. She was carried to her home dripping wet, cold and chilled, but to-day she is none the worse for her heroic act. All three of the rescued men are married.

TOMMY'S PITIFUL FLIGHT.

His Mother Pawned His Clothes in
Order to Get Whisky.

The New York Recorder of Wednesday says: The wailing of a child was heard by Policemen Larry Coleman at First Avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street at 2 o'clock yesterday morning. Crouched in a doorway was a barefooted boy, 9 years old. His clothing consisted of a pair of worn knickerbockers and a thin cotton waist fastened with two pins.

"My mother turned me outdoors," he sobbed. "I'm Tommy Phelan. She heaved all my clothes, except what I've got on, to buy whisky."

The poor little fellow's face was blue with cold. He showed the way to the tenement at 416 East One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street, where he said he lived. Coleman's rapping aroused Mrs. Lucy Clark, a colored woman.

"If you send that boy upstairs to his mother, she will turn him out," said Mrs. Clark; "I'll take care of him for the rest of the night."

She kindled a fire in the kitchen stove and warmed some milk for Tommy. Then she made a bed for him on a sofa and he was soon asleep. Little Phelan was taken yesterday to the Harlem Police Court, where Justice Wolfe committed him to the care of the Welfare Society.

We Have Found

That no remedy in the market affords such prompt relief in toothache, neuralgia, and rheumatism as Nerviline, and its action in cases of cramps, colic, etc., is simply marvelous. Remark this to a physician of experience, he stated that from his knowledge of the composition of Nerviline no remedy could surpass it as a family remedy, and that in every household a bottle of Nerviline should be available for emergent demands. Readers of this paper should try Nerviline.

When you speak to a youth about book leaving these days he thinks you are just in from the race track.

Worms cause feverishness, moaning and restlessness during sleep. Mother Graves' Worm Expeller is pleasant, sure and effective. If your druggist has none in stock get him to procure it for you.

Ho—This is a bird's-eye view of my home; it—She—Yes; I notice it has a kind of jay appearance.

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

Jagson says you can't blame a theatrical company for being spiritless when the girls won't walk.

For all throat and lung diseases, coughs, colds, asthma, bronchitis, etc., Norway Pine Syrup is a sure cure.

THE PLEBISCITE CAMPAIGN.

Dr. McKay's Address at Orangeville—
Action of Kingston Presbytery.

ORANGEVILLE, Dec. 21.—The town hall was well filled Tuesday evening with

visitors to hear an address from Rev. Dr. McKay, of Woodstock, on prohibition. The reverend doctor spoke with much warmth and eloquence of the vote to be taken on Jan. 1. The vote was not for local or partial prohibition, but general and thorough-going prohibition. There was a tremendous temperance sentiment in the Province, but it required organization and earnest work to crystallize that sentiment into voters. He urged the importance of having outside supporters, who would show the voters the form of ballot and give them all necessary instruction. The revenue question was fully discussed. The opinions of Sir A. T. Galt and Sir Leonard Tilley were quoted, showing that the liquor traffic was a tremendous financial loss to the country. "It costs," says Sir Leonard, "\$20,000,000 to raise a revenue of \$5,000,000." The lecturer denounced those who use the authority of Scripture as a shield to protect the liquor traffic in the present day. The people here are aroused, and Orangeville will give a good account of herself on polling day.

KINGSTON PRESBYTERY'S RESOLUTION.

A public meeting of the Kingston Presby-

tery, held in St. Andrew's Church, Belleville, on Tuesday, was unanimously

resolved, on motion of Rev. J. L. George,

seconded by Rev. G. Porteous, "that the

attention of the office-bearers, members

and adherents of the church throughout

the Province be called to the decided stand

taken by the General Assembly with regard

to the evil of intemperance, and that all

the people of our church be urged to cast

their ballots in favor of the total repression

of the liquor traffic in our Province on

Jan. 1."

HEREAUX'S HEROIC MEASURES.

San Domingo's President Orders the

Shooting of a Whole Family—An

Uprising Expected.

KINGSTON, Jan., Dec. 21.—Intelligence

from San Domingo is to the effect that an

uprising against President Hereaux is

expected soon. A short time ago Presi-

dent Hereaux caused the arrest of one of his

prominent generals, who he suspected was

plotting against him, and ordered that he

be shot. Not content with the execution

of the general the President caused all the

members of the general's family also to be

shot.

The affair caused deep indignation

among the friends and relatives of the

general and they determined to seek revenge.

They have been materially aided, it is

said, by Haytian agents and it is probable

a very determined attempt will be made to

drive President Hereaux from power. The

party opposing him is reported to be a

strong one and severe fighting is shortly

expected.

Died in His Cell.

TORONTO, Dec. 21.—Yesterday morning

W. H. Roberts, of Clinton street, in jail on

a charge of beating his family, was found

dead in his cell.

Battling for Oysters.

SAGVILLE, L. I., Dec. 21.—The Beebe

Beach, eyesight, and several hundred

thousand bushels of oysters laid down at

Sagville Landing. Last night cyster

thieves began taking up the oysters in the

face of the armed watchers on shore, who

opened fire on the thieves, the latter re-

turning the fire. One hundred shots were

exchanged before the thieves were forced

to retire. It is not known whether any of

the thieves were killed or injured.

British Warships Sent to Bangkok.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 20.—The steamship

Empress of India, from oriental ports, this

morning brings the following appar-

ently significant item of news from Hong

Kong. It is found in the China Mail of

Nov. 25, the latest date to hand. It ap-

pears that the trouble between France and

Siam and England is not yet at an end, for

the British warship Swift, which only ar-

rived on Saturday from Bangkok with dis-

patches, is under orders to coal and pro-

vision with all speed and return to Hong

Kong. The British gunboat Severn has also

been ordered to proceed to Bangkok. Her

Majesty's gunboat Piquet received similar orders

to-day and sails for the Siamese capital to-

morrow evening. She, too, will coal and

at once proceed to Bangkok. Her Majesty's

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must not always be asking what may
happen to one in life, but one must
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—[PRINCE BISMARCK.]

London, Friday, Dec. 22.

THE LONDON ADVERTISER, with its morning and evening editions, covers the ground. With one exception, it is the ONLY DAILY MORNING DAILY IN ONTARIO, outside of Toronto.

—Only those communications to which the writers are willing to have their names appended in print will be published in these columns.

It is now alleged that the Toronto mayoralty fight will be three-cornered. Mayor Fleming will offer for re-election. Mr. Warring Kennedy is also a candidate, and Mr. W. F. McLean, M.P. for East York, threatens to run as a "Sunday car and anti-plebiscite candidate." The two planks naturally go together.

General Manager Seagrave says that the taxation tax on coal costs the road alone \$200,000 a year. No wonder that it is hard to make ends meet on Canadian railways. The Canadian Pacific Railway is said to be one of the best paying roads in America. It is not a loop line, and there is no need for the ends meeting. —[Canadian Manufacturer.]

This rejoinder is intended for a joke. But it is in no degree meets the statement of fact chronicled.

Mrs. Hollinsworth has given to Birmingham some rentable houses, simply as an endowment for a city. The town council accepted, with the hope that this "will be the first of a long line of such gifts." Not a bad idea. Birmingham some time ago bought tumble-down houses in the center of the city, rooted them out, and leased the land for a term of years for business premises. At the close of the leases the stores and lands become the property of the corporation, and Birmingham will be able to rid herself of many taxes by the income derived therefrom.

Much has been said about the Chicago mayoralty recently owing to the tragic taking-off of the late incumbent. A short sketch of the career of the new mayor of the lively western capital may interest many readers. John P. Hopkins is Chicago's youngest man ever elected mayor in 1888. He was born in Buffalo in 1858. During the last fourteen years he has lived in Chicago. In 1880 he entered the storekeeping department, and was soon after promoted to timekeeper of the general time-department, and again to general time-keeper. Other promotions followed, until in 1883 he was made paymaster of the company. In 1885, with Fred Seagrave, he opened a general store in Kensington. The business has continued to increase until it is now the largest retail store south of Congress street. During this time Mr. Hopkins maintained a lively interest in politics. While paymaster of the Pullman Company in 1885 he was also treasurer of the town of Hyde Park, and for five years he was school treasurer of Calumet and Hyde Park. Mr. Hopkins has been president of the Cook county Democracy. He was a delegate to the National Democratic convention last year and one of the Cleveland workers on the floor. Last summer Mr. Hopkins was appointed receiver of the Chemical National Bank by the Comptroller of the Currency. Personally Mr. Hopkins is most agreeable. He is well built, tall, erect, broad-shouldered and well-proportioned. His election at so early an age shows the possibilities that there are nowadays for the pushing man.

A MODEL CANDIDATE.

Mr. McLean, of the Seaford Examiner, has been selected as Liberal candidate for the Legislature in South Huron. Mr. McLean conducts his influential journal with ability, tact and moderation, and he is certain to represent the riding with credit to himself and for the benefit of his constituents. There has recently been much talk about the necessity for class or sectional interests. Mr. McLean's position should silence any debate in that regard in South Huron. Though conducting his journal in a town, he works with and for his country patrons just as earnestly and faithfully as he labors for those whose fortunes are cast in towns or villages.

LANDLORDISM INCREASING.

Landlordism is on the increase in Canada, in every Province except Prince Edward Island. It is found from the recent census that in 1891 Ontario had 144,212 occupiers of farms who were also owners, and 27,341 occupiers who were tenants. At the last enumeration we had 224,034 occupiers who are owners, and 60,483 occupiers who are tenants. Thus there were 16 per cent. of the farmers tenants in 1871, and 21 per cent. tenants in 1891. In Quebec the situation is even worse, there being 19,079 in that Province now against 7,895 twenty years ago. The N. P. has not enriched the farmers—that is certain—and those responsible for that pernicious class law cannot get rid of their responsibility by the cry "Oh, blame Mowat for it!" Sir Oliver Mowat has always supported the policy of trade freedom, and he believes in getting as near as possible to the British system, while his opponents sent to Washington for the man who arranged the N. P. imposition.

BAD FOR BOTH TOWN AND COUNTRY.

At the meeting of Mr. Davin, M.P., with his Northwest constituents recently, a resolution strongly favoring tariff reduction was carried with but two dissenting votes. Mr. Davin, while claiming to be an "infant industry" protectionist, said he was not in favor of a system "that will take the farmer and throw him into the hands of monopolists, as the early Christians were thrown to the lions." That is just what "protection" has accomplished in Canada. No system of "protection" can prevent that result. By the way, can Mr. Davin or any other person tell us of an instance in which a government has found a so-called "infant" industry ready to acknowledge that it is no longer infantile, and willing to exist without fiscal props. Is it not a fact that the longer "protection" is extended to the favored few, the stronger becomes their protest against the withdrawals of their privileges, and the more weak they pretend to be. No infant industry worthy of the name needs to be placed upon the paper list.

Sometimes we find it stated that "protection" is needed because it provides employment. This is not a well-founded argument. Rev. Dr. Galbraith, of Toronto, a well-known friend of labor, told a Toronto meeting, called the other day to discuss the question of "How to employ the unemployed," that "one cause of the lack of employment was the fiscal system, which discriminated against farmers in favor of manufacturers. Farmers in this province, he said, had been crushed by it, and had been compelled to seek employment as street car conductors and to crowd into the thronged avenues of unskilled labor in the cities. His remedy was the increase of primary production, by the relief of agriculture from an unfair fiscal policy, suppression of the liquor traffic and practical Christianity, which would care for men's present as well as their hereafter." Who is there that can gainsay these propositions?

Not the Dominion Government, which found it necessary to make a burlesque of the Dominion census in its attempt to save the "N.P." How it was done is shown by Dalton McCarthy, M.P., according to the late Sir John Macdonald, "the brains of the Conservative party." In his speech at Port Hope, Mr. McCarthy said:

"The proportion of manufacturers returned in the census was 19 out of every 100 of the population, but the proportion dependent upon protection was materially reduced when it was stated that 36,600 'manufacturers' were engaged in making dresses and bonnets, 15,000 makers, 45,000 carpenters, 3,000 brick-makers, 18,000 saw and planing mill owners. Placing the number dependent on the National Policy at ten, the master came down to this, that in order that 10 out of every 100 might live 90 had to pay."

The men who caused every shoemaker's shop, every dressmaker's room and every tailor's shop to be recorded as a "manufactory" were hard up for an excuse for the policy of high taxation, but not more so than the formulators of the system, of whose action Mr. McCarthy speaks as follows:

"As I have stated at another meeting, and in regard to which I have been misunderstood, perhaps, we (the conservative leaders) became protectionists because the Mackenzie Government would not free trade; but supposing the Mackenzie Government had taken up protection, we then would have been free traders."

A pernicious system, entered into with so little regard for principle and kept going by gerrymanders, seat steals, wholesale corruption of constituencies, and, as a last resort, by making a laughing stock of the census can scarcely be defended by a frantic appeal on behalf of "infant industries" that will not bear investigation. Mr. Davin will have to support freedom of trade out-and-out or he will deserve the fate of the Conservative candidate in Winnipeg and the fate of every "trimmer" in this great question of the right and wrong of taxation.

THE PLEBISCITE BALLOT PAPER.

Here follows a copy of the plebiscite ballot, properly marked. Mark your ballots as you see it marked below and it will be all right. Vote as early as convenient on the forenoon of polling day.

Are you in favor of the immediate prohibition by law of the importation, manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage?

YES ☒ X

NO ☐

[NOTE.—The ballot for male voters is printed on yellow paper; the ballot for female voters is printed on blue paper. In all other respects the ballots are the same.]

THE GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY BALLOT.

Do you favor the Grand Trunk Railway Company to the Municipality of the City of London?

FOR THE BY-LAW ☒ X

AGAINST THE BY-LAW ☐

[NOTE.—This ballot is printed on green paper. Marked as above, it is in favor of granting a bonus to the G. T. R. Company to secure the concentration of their car shops in this city.]

TRAMPS, BEWARE!

London Jail May Have No Plague This Winter—Since-Breaking Likely to be in Order.

The board of works met last night and spent some time talking over a communication from T. R. Robson, clerk of Middlesex county, asking that the committee meet the County Council to discuss some means of keeping the prisoners in the jail at work.

Ald. Garratt was rather inclined to take no action in the matter. Some few years ago, he said, stones had been supplied for these winter boarders, and it had proved an admirable cure for tramp trouble. He thought it was an insult to the committee, which was supposed to hear something of the kind, that they had received no notices from the County Council as to repairs, etc., and were only called on to supply stone for the prisoners to break.

Ald. Jones moved that the County Council be requested to meet the committee in the City Hall on Thursday next, when some arrangement will probably be made by which stone will be supplied to the committee. Mr. T. C. Bartlett asked that a walk be laid in front of the Foresters' Hall, Dundas street east. It was referred to the engineer in order that the levels might be taken, and if a proper fall should be found from the door to the cutting a walk would be laid. The engineer reported that there was not a proper fall, and it was decided to refer the matter to Chairman Dreaney and Engineer Graydon, who will request that the applicant give the city a guarantee against claims for damages should the walk be laid as requested.

The city engineer's application for a new cabinet for his office was referred back to the committee. The former recommendation

tion that one be secured at a cost of \$65 will be again sent to the council. The usual number of accounts were passed and the committee adjourned. Present: Ald. Garratt (chairman), Thomas Jones, Shaw, Dreaney, Secretary Bell and Engineer Graydon.

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DECEMBER 22.
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- 1st—Fancy Bordered Handkerchiefs, 10 for 25c; worth double
- 2nd—Fancy Lace Handkerchiefs, worth 20c, to-day 10c.
- 3rd—25 dozen Fancy Silk Handkerchiefs, worth 20c and 25c, to-day 10c.
- 4th—Ladies' Handkerchiefs and Ties, worth 35c, to-day 20c.
- 5th—A large assortment of Embroidered Silk and Cambric Handkerchiefs, at 25c, at 35c, at 45c, at 60c, at 65c, at 75c. Beautiful goods and bargains.
- 6th—Fancy Silk Shoulder Shawls, worth \$1.40, for 78c.
- 7th—Ladies' Kid Gloves, worth \$1.25, to-day 98c.
- 8th—Bargains in Dressing Cases, Manicure Sets, Perfume Sets, at bargain prices.
- 9th—100 Beautiful Albums, bound in Leather, worth \$4, \$5 and \$6, Bargain Day only \$1.50.
- 10th—Ladies' Black Cashmere Hose, worth 60c, for 42c.
- 11th—Children's Gray Lamb Collars and Muffs, worth \$9, for \$5.
- 12th—Ladies' Black Fur Muffs, worth \$2, for \$1.
- 13th—Ladies' Black Fur Collars, worth \$2, for \$1.
- 14th—Children's Gray Lamb Caps, worth \$3.50, to-day \$1.50.
- 15th—Ladies' Beaver Capes, worth \$50, to-day \$36.
- 16th—Ladies' Sable Capes, worth \$35, to-day \$24.
- 17th—Four pieces Flannel Embroidery, 30 inches wide, worth 50c yard, to-day 25c, in Blue, Cardinal, Cream and Fawn.
- 18th—Five pieces 6-4 Cloth Dress Goods, worth 75c, for 39c.
- 19th—Three pieces Extra Heavy Serge, worth 75c, for 47c.
- 20th—Fifteen pieces Heavy Bengaline Dress Goods, worth 75c, for 47c.
- 21st—One table of Dress Goods, Serges, Brocades and Shot Effects, worth 50c, 65c and 70c; your choice 25c.
- 22nd—Eleven Dress Patterns, worth \$1 yard, for 50c.
- 23rd—All our Pongee and China Silks, worth 30c and 35c, for 19c.
- 24th—Nineteen pieces All-Wool Serge, worth 35c, for 15c.
- 25th—Ten pieces Tweed Dress Goods, worth 20c, for 10c.
- 26th—Chenille Curtains—Your choice of the stock Friday at one-quarter off. Bargains here.
- 27th—Bargains in Gents' Triple-Plated Collar and Cuff Buttons.
- 28th—Gents' Cream and Colored Brocade Silk Handkerchiefs, only 49c to-day.
- 29th—Gents' Four-in-Hand and Knot Ties, 21c.
- 30th—Gents' Light and Dark Mufflers, only 25c.
- 31st—Gents' White Hem-Stitched Handkerchiefs, only 5c.
- 32nd—Initial Scarf Pins in Pearl and Plated, only 20c.
- 33rd—Colored Silk Handkerchiefs, two for 25c.
- 34th—Gents' Astrachan-Back Kid Gloves, only 65c.
- 35th—Gents' Unlaundersed Shirts, three for only \$1.25.
- 36th—Twenty pairs All-Wool Blankets, worth \$3, for \$2.40.
- 37th—Twenty pieces Molleton Flannel, worth 38c, for 25c.
- 38th—Ladies' Mantles, worth \$10, to-day \$7.50.

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- Quadrille—La Reinde Navarre.....D'Albert
- Gallop—Whirlwind.....Macke
- Selection—Pirates of Penzance.....Sullivan
- Waltz—Our Last.....Malloy
- Lancers—Erminie.....Jacobus
- Mazurka—Flower Show.....B. E. Chadwick
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BAD FOR MRS. BURLEIGH.

While She Was Away from Home Four Men Carted Off All the House-hold Goods.

WINDSOR, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Burleigh owns a house on Howard street, this city, and works in Detroit. She had not been in the house for several weeks until this morning, when she found it had been stripped of everything—stoves, dishes, furniture and pictures to the value of several hundred dollars.

Neighbors saw four men go to the house with teams two weeks ago and load up everything. As they knew Mrs. Burleigh was in Detroit they did not interfere, supposing she was moving across the river.

POLITICAL POINTS.

Thomas Blizard, M.P.P., Renominated by East Peterboro Liberals.

A well-attended meeting of the East Peterboro Reform Association was held at Norwood on Thursday. Edward Haw-
thorne, reeve of Hammond, was in the chair. Thomas Blizard, M.P.P., was unanimously chosen to again carry the standard for the party in the approaching contest for the Provincial Legislature.

Mr. Alexander Smith, secretary of the Ontario Liberal Association, has his office in room 40, No. 34 Victoria street, Toronto.

Smallpox in a Hamilton Boarding House.

HAMILTON, Ont. Dec. 21.—A machinist named Benj. Jackson, 35 years of age, who lives at Mrs. Jackson's boarding house, Sheffield street, is suffering from a mild case of smallpox. The authorities have isolated the premises. One man, whose name could not be learned but who slept with the sick man on Sunday night, left the city on Monday morning and is gone away somewhere in the country. The health authorities would like to know his present whereabouts.

Scarfth Honors a Departing Citizen.

SEARFORTH, Dec. 21.—The hall of the Y. M. C. A. was crowded this evening with a representative gathering of the people of Scarforth, for the purpose of bidding farewell to Mr. H. J. Crawford, B.A., who is leaving to take a responsible position in the Jamieson Avenue Collegiate at Toronto. His services have done much to place the Collegiate Institute in the present highly successful condition. The pupils laid in the afternoon presented Mr. Crawford with a diamond pin, and Mr. James Killoran, on behalf of the Huron football team, presented him with a handsome secretary.

The Cordage Combine.

MONTREAL, Dec. 21.—R. D. McGibbon, counsel for the Consumers' Cordage Company, was asked this morning for an explanation of the advertisement by the company of the notice of application to Parliament for powers to convert stock. He said the company's capital stock is now \$5,000,000. It is the intention to ask Parliament for authority to divide the stock into two classes—\$1,000,000 to be preferred stock, entitled to 7 per cent. preferential cumulative dividends, and the balance, \$4,000,000, to be common or deferred stock, on which no dividends will be paid until the preferential dividends have been paid.

Dispute Regarding an M. C. R. Depot.

AMHERSTBURG, Dec. 21.—The Michigan Central depot here is situated a mile from the town. Sometimes ago the depot was burned, and the town council offered a bonus of \$5,000 to the railway company if the line were extended into town and the depot built here. The proposal was accepted, and everything is in readiness for the work of extension to proceed, but the township of Andover, in which the terminus is now situated, has taken steps to restrain the company from taking the limits of Andover. It is claimed by the township officials that the agreement with Amherstburg is a breach of good faith of the bylaw and agreement between the railway and township whereby a bonus of \$15,000 was paid by the township to the railway.

THE WHEEL.

WHEEL VS. HORSE.
Paris, Dec. 21.—A bicycle race, a bicycle rider, will shortly enter in a race for 2,500 francs, against Capt. Cozy, who will ride horseback. Capt. Cozy will be allowed ten mustangs and M. Louis will be allowed to change his machine whenever he pleases. They will race four hours a day for three days. The contest will take place at Bordeaux.

IN HAWAII.

Anxiety to Know the Purport of Willis' Instructions.

The Provisional Government Prepared to Oppose Queen Liliuokalani's Reinstatement—Action at the Foreign Affairs Committee of Congress.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—The steamer Mariposa brings advices up to Dec. 14 as follows: "The United States cutter Corwin arrived here this morning, bringing dispatches to Minister Willis, the contents of which have not yet been disclosed. The general belief here is that he is instructed to make every effort to restore the Queen short of using force. The Provisional Government has prepared a manifesto declaring their intention to resist with military force all attempts to overthrow them. The Corwin's arrival created severe alarm. The Cabinet sat nearly as soon as the captain landed with his dispatches. After the President's message less apprehension was felt by most of the members of the Cabinet. The Provisional Government has framed an ultimatum in which it declines to negotiate for the restoration of the crown, and declares that it will resist with military force, any and every attempt to overthrow the Provisional Government. This ultimatum was held ready to be sent to Minister Willis should he enter upon the fulfillment of his instructions. One hundred and fifty picked provincial troops sleep on their arms, and arrangements have been so perfectly made and such thorough discipline is enforced that, on the slightest menacing attitude of the royalists or their sympathizers, fully 1,500 men, thoroughly equipped, could be called into the field in ten minutes. Around the place two heavy Krupp guns and two Gatling guns have been stationed, in addition to 10 small pieces. When the Mariposa sailed, a detachment of provisional soldiers were digging rifle pits.

ACTION IN CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The House committee on foreign affairs tabled the resolution of Mr. Boutelle (Republican, Maine), condemning the action of the present administration in the Hawaiian matter, and reported a substitute for it condemning the landing of troops at the time the Queen was deposed, and Minister Stevens' action in the matter.

"A FAIRY LAND OF BEAUTY"

Fittingly Describes W. J. Reid & Co.'s Establishment at the Present Time.

One of the handsomest and most attractive displays to be seen by the passer-by on Dundas street at the present time is that which adorns the windows of W. J. Reid & Co.'s china and fancy goods establishment. In the east window—that section of the exhibition which will probably attract the attention first—are to be seen a collection of onyx-top cabinets, tables, and piano and parlor lamps. These are of a variety and elegance which cannot but appeal to every eye. In the west window are a number of heavy cut-glass articles, selling at a discount of 25 per cent., and, intermingling are beautiful specimens of tea sets, candelabra, and wine services. Entering the door, situated between these two indications of the treat which awaits within, the observer finds himself in a magic realm of endless and fascinating excitement. On all sides the objects of surpassing loveliness. No description, however elaborate, could possibly do them justice. Seeing, in this case, is appreciating. Who, with any artistic sense, could view without feelings of admiration the almost unending variety of silver-plated ware, bronze statuary and smoker outfits contained in those cases of black and gold to the right hand; or turn to view without admiration, on the opposite side of the store, the Royal Worcester, Crown Derby, real Dresden, Doulton Raddstadt ware, contained in walnut cases which make a pleasing background—every description of art curios in beautiful designs, rose-jar, perfume bottles and bonbon trays. Underneath these are exhibited an assortment of jardiniere, with pedestals to match, which have been specially imported by the enterprising firm. In the central portion of the ground floor are shown a choice collection of parlor lamps which are offered at 25 per cent. off the regular marked price. Near by are seen 5 o'clock tea and solitary sets, accompanied by appropriate china trays, embellished with exquisite coloring and rich dead gold designs. These were all secured in the celebrated factories of Colport, Menton and Limoges, and are being sold at a reduction of 25 per cent. The assortment tables (there are several), the offerings upon which range in price from 25 cents to \$20 will be found interesting, while the toy department contains every enjoyment-producer in this line that the youthful mind can picture.

Ascending to the showroom upstairs one is struck by the innumerable number of hanging lamps here presented, going at prices as greatly reduced that visitors could scarcely believe until one has been purchased. All the superlatives in the language might be employed in describing the dinner and tea sets which are also to be had at all prices and in every design. This firm uses six delivery wagons, and customers will surely secure prompt attention to orders. Now for the rush!

IN LABOR'S DOMAIN.

Special Meeting of Detroit Printers in re Reducing Wages.

The Detroit News says: "The printers of Detroit on next Sunday will discuss the question of a reduction of the rate for hand composition. The introduction of machinery has thrown out of employment a large number of men formerly engaged in the newspaper offices. Added to this is the fact that nearly all of the brief work at one time done in the job offices is now turned out by machinery, as is also the composition upon many of the weekly publications in this city. The number of men out of work is very large, and this class is strongly in favor of reducing the present prices for morning paper work from 35 cents to 33 1/3 cents per 1,000 ems, and the evening paper and book rates from 50 cents to 45 cents to 50 cents. During the past summer several printers worked upon the streets for \$1.50 per day and were glad to get it. Many of the unemployed have families dependent upon their wages, and they are about forced to the point of abandoning the union and working at whatever wages they can get. Thirty signers have been obtained to the call for a special meeting tomorrow. It is argued that it is much better to compete with the machinery that is now in, than to uphold prices and further encourage its introduction.

BREAD FOR 40,000.

New York, Dec. 21.—By the recent purchase of about 50,000 pieces of print cloth at a cost of more than \$1,000,000, the over-stocked market for print cloth has been relieved, and the Fall River mills

have received orders which will keep them running throughout the winter, thus providing for 25,000 mill hands, and in all, about 40,000 persons dependent upon the mills for their support.

WHAT THE LEHIGH STRIKE COST THE BROTHERHOOD.

A Terre Haute dispatch says: Secretary Arnold estimates the cost of the strike to the Brotherhood at \$35,000. He estimates the cost of the strike to the other 600 tradesmen, \$35,000; conductors, \$20,000 and telegraphers \$10,000. The total makes the next largest outlay by organized railway labor to that of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy strike, which cost the engineers \$1,000,000 and the firemen \$500,000 in cash.

A FORTUNE FOR A PAUPER.

The Death of His Father Makes an Inmate of the Bridgeport Almshouse Rich.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 21.—The Farmer says that Henry Dobson, until within a week an inmate of the almshouse, has come into the possession of a handsome fortune by the death of his father in Bridgeport, broken in health and penniless.

A month ago he saw in an English paper an announcement of his father's death, and sent a letter of condolence to a member of the family. Through this letter he was traced by the executors of his father's estate, to which he is the sole heir. A week ago R. D. Peate, a lawyer from York, England, arrived. He brought Dobson a draft for \$5,000 and the information that the estate would amount to \$150,000. Dobson has exchanged the almshouse for quarters better suited to his changed circumstances.

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Exercises—Grand Opera House.
Jag Found—Rosa House.
Servant Wanted—232 Central Avenue.
Notice—C. A. Kingston.
Frieze Ulsters—Oak Hall.
New Goods—Carnations & Lawrence.

COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

Latest Market Reports by Mail and Telegraph.

London Money Market.
London, Dec. 21—12:30 p.m. Consols, 98 1/2 for money, 98 1/2 for account; Mexican, 14 1/2; Mexican Central, 44 1/2; Pacific, 6 1/2; Rio, 10 1/2; Argentine, 10 1/2; Canadian, 10 1/2; New York Central, 10 1/2; Illinois Central, 9 1/2; Bank of England, 10 1/2; 2 percent, open market, discount, 2 1/2 to 2 1/2.

Toronto Stock Market.
Toronto, Dec. 21—12:30 p.m. Consols, 98 1/2 for money, 98 1/2 for account; Mexican, 14 1/2; Mexican Central, 44 1/2; Pacific, 6 1/2; Rio, 10 1/2; Argentine, 10 1/2; Canadian, 10 1/2; New York Central, 10 1/2; Illinois Central, 9 1/2; Bank of England, 10 1/2; 2 percent, open market, discount, 2 1/2 to 2 1/2.

Montreal Stock Market.
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New York Stock Market.
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COMMERCIAL.

Local Market Quotations.

Reported by A. M. Hamilton & Son.

London, Thursday, Dec. 21.

There was a good attendance of both buyers and sellers on this market today. Grain prices were mostly confined to oats and wheat, with a few loads of barley and corn. Oats were quite firm, and averaged a little higher price. Corn was easier, and the rest of the list unchanged.

Both plentiful and lower values ruled. Dressed hogs were the only kind of meat that caused much stir, and sold at 10c and 11c per lb. Potatoes, cabbage, turnips and celery were about the only kind of vegetables offered, and prices ruled firm. Apples steady at 75c to 80c per bag, and 80c to 85c per bushel, according to kind and quality. Hay was scarce; all choice qualities sold at 80c. One small lot of clover seed offered the first bid was 85c per bushel, but the closing bid was 80c; sample moderate. General values for day as follows:

Wheat, white, fall, 100 lbs., 83 to 87
Wheat, red, fall, 100 lbs., 83 to 87
Wheat, spring, 100 lbs., 83 to 87
Oats, per 100 lbs., 83 to 87
Corn, per 100 lbs., 83 to 87
Barley, per 100 lbs., 83 to 87
Rye, per 100 lbs., 83 to 87
Buckwheat, per 100 lbs., 83 to 87
Beans, per bushel, 83 to 87

PROVISIONS.
Eggs, fresh, single, doz., 17 to 19
Eggs, fresh, double, doz., 17 to 19
Butter, fresh, store lots, per doz., 17 to 19
Butter, fresh, single rolls, per doz., 17 to 19
Butter, per lb., 10c to 11c
Lard, per lb., 10c to 11c
Chickens, per lb., 10c to 11c
Ducks, per lb., 10c to 11c
Turkeys, 10c to 11c per lb.

VEGETABLES AND FRUIT.
Apples, per doz., 10c to 11c
Pears, per doz., 10c to 11c
Oranges, per doz., 10c to 11c
Lemons, per doz., 10c to 11c
Grapes, per doz., 10c to 11c
Cabbages, per doz., 10c to 11c
Celery, per doz., 10c to 11c
Pumpkins, per doz., 10c to 11c
Onions, per doz., 10c to 11c
Carrots, per doz., 10c to 11c
Beets, per doz., 10c to 11c
Turnips, per doz., 10c to 11c
Parsnips, per doz., 10c to 11c
Lettuces, per doz., 10c to 11c

MEAT, HIDES, ETC.
Beef, carcasses, per lb., 10c to 11c
Lamb, carcasses, per lb., 10c to 11c
Pork, carcasses, per lb., 10c to 11c
Hides, No. 1, per lb., 10c to 11c
Hides, No. 2, per lb., 10c to 11c
Hides, No. 3, per lb., 10c to 11c
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Hides, No. 9, per lb., 10c to 11c
Hides, No. 10, per lb., 10c to 11c

Calcutta, dry, each, 50 to 55
Rheumatism, each, 50 to 55
Lambkins, each, 50 to 55
Wool, per lb., 50 to 55
Tallow, rendered, per lb., 50 to 55
Wool, rough, per lb., 50 to 55
Wood, 50 to 55

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PEAS—No. 2, 51c to 51c.
BARLEY—No. 1, 40c to 41c.
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GRAIN—No. 2, 51c to 51c; No. 1, 52c to 52c; No. 3, 50c to 50c; No. 4, 49c to 49c; No. 5, 48c to 48c; No. 6, 47c to 47c; No. 7, 46c to 46c; No. 8, 45c to 45c; No. 9, 44c to 44c; No. 10, 43c to 43c; No. 11, 42c to 42c; No. 12, 41c to 41c; No. 13, 40c to 40c; No. 14, 39c to 39c; No. 15, 38c to 38c; No. 16, 37c to 37c; No. 17, 36c to 36c; No. 18, 35c to 35c; No. 19, 34c to 34c; No. 20, 33c to 33c; No. 21, 32c to 32c; No. 22, 31c to 31c; No. 23, 30c to 30c; No. 24, 29c to 29c; No. 25, 28c to 28c; No. 26, 27c to 27c; No. 27, 26c to 26c; No. 28, 25c to 25c; No. 29, 24c to 24c; No. 30, 23c to 23c; No. 31, 22c to 22c; No. 32, 21c to 21c; No. 33, 20c to 20c; No. 34, 19c to 19c; No. 35, 18c to 18c; No. 36, 17c to 17c; No. 37, 16c to 16c; No. 38, 15c to 15c; No. 39, 14c to 14c; No. 40, 13c to 13c; No. 41, 12c to 12c; No. 42, 11c to 11c; No. 43, 10c to 10c; No. 44, 9c to 9c; No. 45, 8c to 8c; No. 46, 7c to 7c; No. 47, 6c to 6c; No. 48, 5c to 5c; No. 49, 4c to 4c; No. 50, 3c to 3c; No. 51, 2c to 2c; 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Births, Marriages and Deaths

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SMITH—On Dec. 21, 1903, at the family residence, lot 3, con. 5, London township, Wm. R. Smith, aged 63 years and 6 months. Funeral Saturday from above address at 1 p.m. for Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances will please accept this intimation.

WESTLAKE—On Wednesday, Dec. 20, Francis Westlake, aged 75 years, 2 months and 9 days. Funeral from his late residence, 62 Wharncliffe road, on Saturday, at 4 p.m.; services at 5:30 p.m.

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Toronto, Dec. 21—11 p.m.—A general depression is setting in throughout the Northwest, extending southward to Texas. It is accompanied by higher temperatures and is moving eastward. Higher temperature prevails throughout the lake district. It is fair and moderately cold in Eastern Canada.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Edmonton, 14°—32°; Medicine Hat, 34°—44°; Qu'Appelle, 6°—22°; Winnipeg, 4°—44°; Port Arthur, 20°—22°; Toronto, 24°—30°; Kingston, 22°—30°; Montreal, 20°—30°; Quebec, 8°—30°; Halifax, 16°—38°.

TO-DAY'S PROBABILITIES.
Toronto, Dec. 22—1 a.m.—Probabilities for the next 24 hours for the lower lakes region (covering the peninsula and as far east as Belleville) are: East to south winds; mostly fair and decidedly milder weather.

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Water Breaks into Oak Hill Colliery—Three Men Drowned.
POTTSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 21.—A large body of water that was imprisoned in the old abandoned colliery which was worked by the Harpers in Black Valley, near Minersville, 30 years ago, broke into the Oak Hill colliery at the Delaware, one mile north-east of Minersville, last night about 8 o'clock, and three men who were at work in the gangway were drowned. They are Giles Elount, miner, Minersville, aged 52 years, leaves a widow.
Joseph Stanick, laborer, of Mine Hill Gap, leaves a widow.
Paul Alex, laborer, of Delaware, single. Thirteen others were at work at the time, but they were warned in time to escape.

Badly Battered.
OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—A man named Alexander Beaupre, while repairing the trolley wire of the electric railway this forenoon, fell from the elevated wagon used for the purpose, which is about 30 feet high, and fractured both knees, as well as injuring both arms badly. His head was also severely bruised.

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—Christmas shopping has begun in real earnest.

—M. Leomans, formerly of this city, has opened a studio in Vancouver, B. C.

—The engagement of Miss Maggie Dunlop, of Hamilton, and J. W. Nesbitt, Q. C., is announced.

—Mrs. Herbert Gates, London, is in the city, the guest of Mrs. Frank MacKellan.

—W. Howard, formerly of this city, at present located in Glenburg, Ill., is visiting the "old folks at home."

—Mr. Wm. H. Brown, of Milwaukee, Wis., is visiting his parents on Elias street east. Mr. Brown is doing well out west.

—Don't put off your Christmas purchasing until Saturday night. You will get better bargains if you will go to-day or to-night.

—McWilliam & Everett, commission merchants, Toronto, were in the city yesterday purchasing a carload of turkeys for the Christmas trade.

—Andrew Thompson, a barber in the Masonic Temple, it is alleged, got very drunk last night. P. C. Wallace attempted to arrest him, and, though ultimately successful, was roughly handled. The prisoner was charged with assaulting a constable.

No. 6 company, Seventh Fusiliers, made a very successful attack on well-spread tables at Deacon's hotel Wednesday night led by Sergt. Palmer, the chairman. The annual supper was very enjoyable, as were the speeches and songs. Sergt. Palmer presided, and Messrs. Johnson and MacGregor comprised the committee.

—There was an interesting gathering at the residence of Mr. Joseph Street, 464 York street, last evening, when that gentleman's youngest daughter, Marie Joseph, was married to Mr. W. A. Tane, son of the well-known soda water manufacturer. The bridemaid was Miss Etta Street, sister of the bride, Mr. J. A. Tane being groomsmen, while Rev. Dr. Antiff conducted the ceremony. The popularity of the young couple was shown by an interesting collection of useful and valuable presents.

—At the annual meeting of Victoria Lodge, No. 2, L. O. B. A., held in their lodge room, Hunt's Block, the following officers were elected for 1904: Merdames Bloomer and Rodgers being scrutineers; Worthy mistress, Sister McDonald; deputy mistress, Sister Amor; Sister Ray, C. H.; Sister Brady, recording secretary; Sister Martin, mistress of ceremonies; Sister Davis, financial secretary; Sister Tydd, treasurer; Sister Ward, P. G.; Dr. Campbell, medical officer. The lodge is in a prosperous condition.

—The prohibition campaign in East Middlesex is being pushed with great vigor and the prospects of success are bright. Good meetings were held on Tuesday evening in the Methodist Church on Brick street, Westminster, and on Wednesday evening in the school house at Masonville. Mr. Tenker, barrister, of this city, the secretary of the association for the ridings, addressed both meetings. Rev. Mr. Redmond, of Birr, also spoke at Masonville. Mr. Weekes has the subject well in hand, and handles it in a clear, logical style that carries conviction.

—The neighborhood of Komoka is sounding the praises of those who gave the programme of a grand concert in the village school house on Wednesday evening under the auspices of Court Western Brigade, A. M. The music of Chadwick's orchestra of London, in particular, was praised, and the songs of James Flemming and S. Drennan, of London, brought down the house. Other contributors were: Solos and quartets by Messrs. P. Rossiter and Parker and the Misses Rossiter and Holman; club singing by Miss Ackland; dancing by Miss Murray; instrumental music by Mr. W. Stewart. The court has 30 members and initiated four at the last meeting.

—The grip, or its after effects, has proved fatal in a number of cases of late. Mr. Wm. Smith, of London township, died yesterday at his residence, lot 3, con. 5, aged 53 years and 6 months. Some time ago the deceased was taken ill with the grip, which turned into inflammation of the lungs, which resulted as stated. Mr. Smith was a highly-respected resident, was born in England and came to this country when but 13 years of age. On arrival in Canada he settled in Haldimand county, and there remained till eighteen years ago, when London township was made his place of residence and the scene of his labors. Here the deceased resided ever since. There are left a widow and five sons and two daughters, all grown up. The funeral will take place from the family residence on Saturday at 1 p.m. for Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

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Electorates are again reminded that the civic nominations are booked for to-day. Between the hours of 10 and

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