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KEEPS UP ELUSIVE SEARCH FOR CHILD

Alberta Farmer Vainly Seeks Eight-Year-Old Girl Lost Seven Months Ago.

Medicine Hat, Alta., Feb. 12.—A pathetic mission brought J. D. English into Medicine Hat this week. He is in search of his little 8-year-old daughter, who has now been missing from home more than seven months. On a Sunday morning in June last Mr. English set out from his ranch near Grassy Lake, en route for the town, taking with him two of his daughters. Their departure was hurried, and the little 8-year-old girl, not being ready to accompany her father, was left behind in tears. Determined not to lose the outing, she dressed quickly and ran after her father and sisters, who were now well on their way and did not notice her. She did not overtake them, and on the evening of the return of the party was the child missed, Mrs. English never having suspected that she was not safe under her father's care in the nearby town.

A search party was organized, in which all the neighbors for miles around, more than 100 in all, took part, but to no avail, and the conclusion was reached that the child had fallen into the river and had been drowned. Grappling proved fruitless, no trace of the missing child being discovered, and it appeared all hope of ever seeing her again was gone. As a last resort Mr. English consulted a clairvoyant, who informed him that he would find his daughter in the home of a certain Mr. Sanderson, in the district. A visit was paid to Mr. Sanderson, whose little daughter bore a close resemblance to the lost girl. Since that time Mr. English has consulted a number of clairvoyants, who have all assured him that his daughter is still alive. On this forlorn hope he has visited every spot in Southern Alberta where he thought she might be found. Recently he heard that there was a white girl in the Indian camp in Medicine Hat. He came here, explained his errand to Chief Melkilejohn and visited the encampment, only to find that the child he had heard about is a half-breed about the same age as his daughter.

It appears that, excluding warships, there were 450 vessels of 1,000,000 tons gross, under construction in the United Kingdom at the close of the quarter ended Sept. 30 last.

Have You Pains In Side or Back?

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NOT HELPFUL TO THE FARMER

Agricultural Policy of the Whitney Government Shown To Be Weak.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, Feb. 19.—Loud cries of "Order" started the Legislature out of wonted calm while the routine business was being disposed of yesterday. The cause of the commotion was Mr. Bowyer (East Kent), who arose to present a petition, without taking of his hat. The offending headgear was removed, and when the member sat down, a dozen kindly voices gave him permission to resume his hat. Another lap was covered in the debate on the speech from the throne. It was expected that would be concluded tomorrow, but the leader of the Opposition is credited with a desire to have it go over to next week. Messrs. Hugh Clark, R. A. Thompson and T. H. Lennox were the orators of the afternoon. Mr. Clark interspersed his address with his wonted quips. Mr. Thompson scored the Government's agricultural policy, and Mr. Lennox spoke on the improved administration of the crown lands department, and denied that the Government had introduced the spoils system. Before the orders of the day were reached, Col. Munro (North Oxford) rose to read a news article, and an editorial from the Toronto Telegram, referring to the Electoral Development Company's reorganization, and its probable effect on the Government's power policy. The Premier, in his usual heavy-handed fashion, said that Col. Munro was out of order, and Speaker Crawford ruled to the same effect, although Mr. MacKay claimed that Col. Munro was within the rules.

Hugh Clark. Col. Hugh Clark (Center Bruce), in resuming the debate on the speech from the throne, said that the changes which had affected the Legislature since the last election had been more felt by the Opposition than by the Government, as time always affected the weak more than the strong. It had become the custom during the present Parliament to congratulate at the opening of each session the new members of the Opposition. Hon. Mr. Graham, with great optimism, had reported that he found the recreants, the renegades and the recalcitrants returning to the fold, but Mr. Clark thought differently. Mr. MacKay, who once had to bear the cross alone—several times in fact—was now assisted by a following, although it was significant that four or five of the Opposition had decided they would not follow their leader in another election campaign. Mr. Clark, in closing his speech, said that the Government was disposed to cavil at such beneficial expenditure as the increased school grants or the railway taxes turned over to municipalities. Mr. Clark said that some Opposition critics had manifested a sort of contempt for the present Minister of Education. Mr. Clark said he could share this feeling only in case the minister left things in as bad a mess as he found them. For instance, there were subjects for which the textbooks had been trebled and quadrupled, while for one subject there were no less than seven text books. The prices of textbooks were also a hardship on the public, and Mr. Clark predicted that this evil would soon be remedied.

Mr. Clark charged Mr. MacKay with telling the farmers that the Government had taken the rural school trustees by the throat, in the matter of minimum salaries for teachers. Mr. Clark quoted the Globe, showing that Messrs. MacKay, Preston and Harcourt had all endorsed the minimum salary clause, and that the penal clause against trustees had been adopted at the suggestion of Mr. MacKay himself.

Touching on temperance and local option legislation, Mr. Clark said the three-fifths clause had not had a fair test. He accused Mr. MacKay of shirking the three-fifths clause in his three-fifths clause a good one, only from the fact that with such substantial odds against them, the liquor interests recognized the hopelessness of a fight, but in the case of a bare majority the helmet kept up a constant agitation to repeal.

Capital had been made by the Opposition of the fact that the Manitoba Government had not insisted upon a 60 per cent vote. Mr. Clark, however, said that the Manitoba proposal was not for a 60 per cent majority of the votes cast, but a 60 per cent majority of the voters on the list. Had such a provision been in force in Ontario, not a local option bylaw would ever have been carried. Mr. Clark, in concluding, said he would not make any prediction as to the coming election, but he claimed that the Government had carried out every one of its pre-election promises.

Avoiding the Facts. Mr. Thompson (North Westworth), in a half-hour speech, showed that Mr. Clark's statement regarding local option, were not borne out by the facts. He claimed that the people had no reason to thank the Government for any special aid to the agricultural interests. Three times as much money was invested in agriculture in Ontario as in manufacturing, yet the farmer got only 18 per cent return on his investment, while

the manufacturer got 32 per cent return. The membership of the farmers' institutes had dropped, simply because the department of agriculture was not energetic enough, but was pursuing a policy of drifting, while the minister was "taking things easy," going along with the lines, instead of mapping out new ones. There were Conservative farmers in the Province who did not even know the name of the Minister of Agriculture, so little had the minister kept his department before the public. The minister was shirking the responsibility devolving upon him in the matter of immigrant farm laborers, by allowing the control to go from the hands of the Province to those of the Dominion. The speech from the throne contained no reference to legislation benefiting the farmer, and altogether Mr. Thompson claimed, the Minister of Agriculture had failed to make an impression in the councils of the Government.

Mr. Lennox (North York) followed Mr. Thompson. He expressed pleasure at the tacit vindication of the Government by two members of the Opposition, Messrs. Preston (Brant) and Harcourt (Monck), who had no criticisms to offer of the Government's course.

Mr. Lennox spoke of the Montreal River pulp concession, which was canceled by the present Government and resold for a substantial sum. It made no difference whether the pulp was made into paper at Ottawa or at Quebec, as the original concession provided; the important fact was that the people of the Province had benefited to the amount of hundreds of thousands of dollars. Mr. Lennox reviewed the history of the Macdonald timber limit, and said that despite the fact that it had been made by the Liberal Government, and confirmed by two Liberal ministers of crown lands, the present minister had made the Georgian Bay Lumber Company pay \$50,000 for its transfer.

Mr. Lennox devoted the major portion of his address to a defense of the Government against the charge that it had introduced the spoils system. On the other hand, the Government deserved great credit for its treatment of civil servants. Personally, the speaker disapproved of the spoils system. The Government was between the devil and the deep sea for the Liberals blamed it for adopting the spoils system, while the Conservatives criticized it for not doing so. No other government ever found itself in the same position as the present one taking office, for it found nearly every civil position filled by men who believed that the Liberals had a divine right to rule the Province. Many of these men had been guilty of violent partisan acts, yet the majority of them were re-elected in their places and generously treated. Taking the justness of the peace, for example, Mr. Lennox said that of 77 J. P.s in North York before the new commission, the Liberal Government had appointed 12 Liberals and 1 Conservative. The new commission of J. P.s consisted of 38 Conservatives and 23 Liberals, and at the recent North York Liberal convention, of the place in nomination to oppose the speaker, six were J. P.s, recommended by Mr. Lennox himself.

STOESSEL TAKES BLAME Asks for Death Sentence If Court Decides Surrender Was a Crime.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 18.—The trial of Lieut.-Col. Stoessel reached the last act today, the prosecution waiting the privilege of putting in rebuttal to the defense. The last word was given to the accused general, who uttered only a few sentences in a firm voice and shouldered the responsibility for the surrender of Port Arthur. "If the court decides that the surrender was a crime," he concluded, "I ask for the death sentence."

The court is expected to close the proceedings tomorrow with its decision.

NARROW ESCAPE OF FORTY Explosion of Turpentine Causes Heavy Fire Loss at Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Feb. 18.—An explosion of turpentine today blew the door of the Capital trunk and bag factory today started a fire which caused a \$60,000 loss. The trunk factory was completely destroyed, the adjoining residence turned into the mass of flames, and other residences and the factory of the Eagle Trunk Company were damaged. One employee was slightly burned and forty others had narrow escapes from a second and more violent explosion which was caused by the first.

The inmates of Otto Schindler's residence and fifteen firemen working on the roof were ordered from the premises by the chief a few seconds before the house collapsed.

The losses are partially covered by insurance.

LETHBRIDGE COAL LANDS Regulations Under Which Leases Are Given—Ten Applications Granted.

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—Mr. Barker (Hamilton East) in the public accounts committee meeting today made inquiry regarding leases of coal mining lands in the Lethbridge district to C. A. Caldwell. H. H. Rowat, of the interior department, explained that under the regulations of 1906 only 820 acres of coal lands could be sold to any one applicant. On March 20, 1906, applications were received bearing the name of Mr. Caldwell and several others. Since then the department had received 236 applications on printed forms, signed by each case by Caldwell, as agent for the applicant. The lands covered by these applications aggregated 75,000 acres. Mr. Rowat said he had noticed in the press a statement that Caldwell had been going around the Russell House and getting bell boys and others to sign applications for these coal lands, and then giving them a dollar apiece to assign their rights to him. Mr. Rowat said that of the entire 236 applications referred to, only 2,920 cases.

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WHERE IS J. L. W. SPEARS?

President of Mining Syndicate Said To Be \$50,000 Short.

Toronto, Feb. 18.—W. H. Price, acting for Vice-President Warren, of the Bonanza Consolidated Mining Syndicate, said that it appears the shortage of J. L. W. Spears, the absentee president of the concern, is in the neighborhood of \$50,000, gathered, it is said, from the small investors in sums ranging from \$10 to \$300. These investors, it is alleged, were attracted by the lurid prospectus sent out broadcast, by the company's promoters. No trace has yet been found of Mr. Spears.

TALK ABOUT T. ABER Hon. Mr. Scott Replies to Questions Propounded in the Senate.

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—Senator McDonald, of British Columbia, asked in the Senate today, what Mining Syndicate was doing with regard to its timber areas in the west to protect the settlers from high prices for lumber occasioned by the action of speculators. Hon. Mr. Scott, secretary of state, said the Government had always used its best endeavors in the interests of new settlers.

To Senator Loughheed, Hon. Mr. Scott said that the Natal act, passed by the British Columbia Legislature, had arrived and had been referred to the justice department for a report. The debate on Senator Ross' proposal for under-secretaryships was resumed, after which Senator Ross withdrew his notice.

Senator Davis offered a resolution, declaring the railway commission should be enlarged and the telegraph systems placed under its control and investigated to assure the public of efficient service and equalization of rates.

ROBBED THE BOARDERS. Hamilton, Feb. 18.—J. M. Cushen, a young man, was in the police court this morning on a charge of stealing 25 cents from L. J. Brandon, a fellow-boarder. For some time it was suspected that Cushen, who is not very fond of work, was going through the

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pockets of other boarders in their absence and helping himself. Yesterday Constable May concealed himself in a clothes closet, and peeping through a small hole saw Cushen rifling Brandon's pockets, and arrested him. The young man admitted his guilt and was remanded for sentence.

TO PROSECUTE RACERS. Ottawa, Feb. 17.—The races on the ice track yesterday were attended by the police, who took all particulars and names, and prosecutions will follow by the Lord's Day Alliance. These will be the first prosecutions regarding to Sunday racing here, though such races have gone on for years. Part of the track is in Ontario, and part in Quebec, the division of the Ottawa River being the boundary.

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It was formerly customary for the habitual drinker to take the pledge regularly, sometimes once a year, and sometimes in every fit of remorse that followed his debauches, and then-break it. But now it is gradually dawning on the world that pledges do not stop drunkenness. When a man takes a pledge voluntarily he expects to keep it. Every man expects to keep his word, and every broken pledge costs the drunkard many fights as long as he can, then succumbs to the craving. The nervous system of the habitual drinker is diseased, and he must have treatment that will cure this condition. This Orrine will do, and is sold under a positive guarantee to cure the drink habit or the money will be refunded. No other treatment for the liquor habit is sold with such a liberal guarantee.

Orrine is prepared in two forms: No. 1, a powder, perfectly tasteless and colorless, which can be given secretly in any food or drink. Orrine No. 2, in pill form, for those who wish to be cured of the habit, and it should be taken by every one who swears off. No matter which form of Orrine is used the guarantee is the same. The price of Orrine is \$1 per box, mailed in plain seal, for free booklet on "How to Cure Drunkenness" (mailed in plain sealed envelope) by The Orrine Company, Washington, D. C. Orrine is sold by C. McCallum & Co. It's easy to be a philosopher if you have a good income.

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MACKENZIE TO THE RESCUE.

Mr. Wm. MacKenzie, the head of the Canadian Northern Railway, and of the Toronto Street Railway Company, admits that he has become the controlling factor in the Electrical Development Company, which supplies the city of Toronto with Niagara power.

It is represented that the credit of the Electrical Development Company has been destroyed by the Ontario Government's power policy, and that heroic measures have become absolutely necessary.

The company's bond-issue of \$8,900,000 was subscribed almost exclusively in Great Britain. The promoters claim that this British capital would not have been forthcoming but for the clause in the contract with the Province of Ontario which says that the company shall not be exposed to Government competition, and they charge the present administration with a breach of contract, and with bad faith toward British investors.

Mr. Whitney has replied that the Government is not entering into competition with the company, but is merely lending its credit and aid to the municipality; but whether the Beck power policy is or is not a violation of the spirit of the agreement, it has undoubtedly crippled the company. It has been impossible to raise further money for the completion of the plant, and the payment of current expenses, and it is said that there has been difficulty in meeting the interest on the bonds.

The company, now reinforced by the powerful MacKenzie interests, will pay off its floating indebtedness, and proceed to develop its business. No doubt it will be an aggressive rival of the hydro-electric commission. It has the advantage through its contracts with the Toronto Railway Company and Toronto Electric Light Company of already occupying the white field in the city of Toronto. Manifestly the business-like course for the Ontario Government, if it intends to push its programme, would have been expropriation. There would then have been no charge of bad faith toward British investors; no impairment of the confidence of British capitalists in Canadian undertakings, and no serious competition with the public ownership plans of the Government.

THE LICENSE QUESTION IN ALBERTA.

The new prairie provinces, having started with a clean sheet and a free hand, are writing some experimental legislation of a radical kind into their statute books. Their plans of dealing with the liquor traffic has not taken definite shape yet, but the subject is engaging much attention. A bill now before the Legislature provides for the establishment of a Government dispensary system, somewhat after the Gothenburg plan. The adoption of this scheme would mean the taking of the sale of liquor out of the hands of private individuals, and making a Government monopoly of it. Two wholesale dispensaries would be established, one at Calgary; and the other at Edmonton, while every municipality boasting of a hotel, or where the electors by a three-fifths majority vote in favor of the sale of liquor, would be entitled to a retail dispensary. The dispensers would be Government employees, and be required to possess educational qualifications, and furnish substantial bonds for the due fulfillment of their duties. No person would be able to purchase beyond a certain stated amount of liquor, and habitual drunkards would be placed on a prohibited list. The drinking of liquor on the premises where bought would not be allowed.

The advantages claimed for this plan are that it would discourage, if not abolish, the treating custom, to which much of the drunkenness of the present day is believed to be due; that liquor, being in Government hands, would be free from the "doctor-tongue," which it is said to be subjected to in some parts of the country; that the consumption of liquor would diminish, while at the same time there would be no interference with personal liberty. Opponents of the measure claim the loss of revenue is a serious objection; the promoters answer that the loss might be made up in part, if not wholly, by the profits on sales, which would pass direct into the Government treasury.

There are those in the province, claiming to be friendly to the temperance cause, who consider it unwise, in view of the fact that the province is only in its infancy, to rush legislation of this kind, believing it better for the temperance advocates to wait until they are prepared to go before

the Government with a well-considered plan, backed by public sentiment. In the meantime the old Territorial license system is being continued.

TIMELY AID FOR WESTERN FARMERS.

That the decision of the Government, backed by the approval of Parliament, to provide for the distribution of seed grain among the farmers of the west was most timely, is shown by the fact that many of the latter had made up their minds, as a last resort, to use frost-damaged wheat for seeding purposes. There is little doubt that it would have been ruinous to those making the experiment. It is to the farmers who lack the means to purchase the necessary seed—those who have not been long enough in the country to get the benefit of the first good crop—that the Government scheme will prove a godsend.

The regulations for the distribution of the seed have been prepared with the view of placing it where most needed, and where it will do most good, and care will be taken that only deserving cases will be considered. The duty of distributing the seed has been entrusted to the local improvement councils, whose first duty will be the consideration of applications. The evidence of the neighbors of each individual applicant will be taken, and by that the councils will be guided.

Prompt action is necessary. Unless signs are deceiving spring will open up earlier than usual, and if the farmers are to get the full benefit of the distribution no time should be lost.

The Government's instructions to the distributors are favorably commented on by western newspapers. The plan is to extend aid only where there is actual hardship and inability to purchase good seed grain, those who raised a marketable crop last season being regarded as not in need of assistance. It is the former who specially feel the effects of the financial stringency, and it is only by such assistance as is being furnished by the Government that it will be possible for them to resume operations on their land the coming season.

The seed grain, it should be mentioned, is not a gift to the farmers. Those who receive it will be required to pay for it within a given time.

The Federal Opposition has decided more talent for obstruction than construction. The first robin is alleged to have been seen in a neighboring county, but it will be well to maintain for a few weeks a cautious attitude toward maple sugar.

"A Million of Money" is the title of The Advertiser's next serial story, which begins on Saturday. The author, Arthur W. Marchmont, is a successful English writer of fiction.

Forty thousand men for railway work will be needed in Canada this year, which shows that the problem of the unemployed is merely one of placing them where they are needed.

In the four-year period, 1904-1907, British export trade increased 12.9 per cent, that of the United States 10.7 per cent, of Germany 6.9 per cent, and of France 3.5 per cent. That's a hard nut for the tariff reformers to crack.

Col. Hugh Clarke, of Center Bruce, has been cracking jokes in the Legislature. Being snowed up in Kincardine a large portion of the year, he acquired the habit in order to while away the time, and the people elected him out of gratitude.

Here is an extract from an article by Samuel G. Blythe in Everybody's Magazine, which explains why Americans of a certain class are so popular abroad:

"In time we Americans—visitors and residents—shall make a really habitable, comfortable, bright, pleasant place out of London—barring the climate. There have been more changes for the better in that old town since the Americans began coming in numbers than since the days of the Caesars. It is costly, but we do not mind that. We just grin and go on installing improvements and betterments, and put them on their backs. Cheer up, dear consuls, we have taught you much, and we shall teach you more."

AT LOW TIDE.

Wilfred was sitting upon his father's knee watching his mother arranging her hair.

"Papa hasn't any Marcel waves like that," said the father, laughing.

Wilfred, looking up at his father's bald pate, replied: "None, no waves; it's all beach."

"PANTS" AND "TROUSERS."

[Atlantic Monthly.]

Everybody talks well when he talks in the way he likes, the way he can't help, the way he never thinks of, the rest is effort and pretense. The man who says "trousers" because he likes to say it, and the man who says "pants" because he likes to say it are both good fellows, with whom a frank soul could fraternize; but the man who says "trousers" when he wants to say "pants" is a craven and a truckler, equally hateful to honest culture and wholesome ignorance.

WINNIPEG OPTIMISTIC.

[Winnipeg Telegram.]

During the past week retail merchants in Winnipeg confidently asserted that not only did business compare favorably with business of a corresponding period last year, but that there was even a possibility of improved conditions. Real estate dealers state that the dullness which has marked the real estate situation in Winnipeg for some time is not only passing, but that there is an increasing activity in buying and selling, and that while the movement in real property transactions

that distinguished last year may not be continued at the same rate and in the same manner as during the past few years, still the market for stable, conservative investment by home-seekers and business men will be sufficient to counteract any danger that reasonable real property was going to "slump out of sight." Instead of there being any disorganization of business, there is an increasing confidence that same investment in Winnipeg really was not only never more secure, but that with the coming summer and the passing of the stringency in the eastern money centers, there will be a fair building season and a conservation of present values.

MODERN IMPROVEMENTS.

[Philadelphia Press.]

"No, I'm not very well impressed with the house," said the prospective tenant. "The yard is frightfully small; there's hardly room for a single flower bed."

"Think so?" replied the agent. "But—er—mightn't you use folding flower beds?"

BEAUTY IN CONTOUR.

[Puck.]

I meet her while crossing the street. Her cheeks have a wonderful glow; She is pretty and stylish and neat. But her glance is a positive blow. For she screws up her features as though And I shrink—though I wish to show— She is merely adjusting her veil.

To see her at home is a treat. That only the fair can bestow; At the play she is perfectly sweet. But abroad she's the picture of woe. See her lips, how they quiver and fro! Is she suffering pain? Is she pale With physical anguish? Not so— She is merely adjusting her veil.

If she sticks out her tongue when you meet, Don't think you're insulted and go. If she gasps like a fish in the heat, Don't run for assistance—go slow. With proper grace and a little wit, Quite hardened, and not even quail At the sight, but may tell yourself, "Oh, She is merely adjusting her veil."

On the loveliest countenance, lo! This hideous serpent must trail. Is it toothache? Mumps? Chewing gum? No— She is merely adjusting her veil.

THE ONLY ONE THERE?

[Toronto World.]

Bryan, THE MAN, is worthy of emulation by our public men. Toronto is happy to have had the privilege of having A MAN within her gates.

COMPLIMENTS FOR FORMER LONDONER.

[Ottawa Citizen.]

Across a score of years we congratulate Mr. R. J. Devlin on his ability as a spring poet. It is not every bard who can have his poetical insouciance of youth brought under the public caudle without the blush of shame mantling the cheek of modesty.

DIDN'T LIKE IT.

[Harper's Weekly.]

A lady had great trouble with a Chinese cook, who could only be awakened in the morning by loud knocking and much calling at his door.

Finally she purchased an alarm clock, and, setting it at the proper hour, presented it to Sam, the cook, who received it with a profound obeisance, and a little speech upon the generosity of Americans.

The next morning, at the breakfast-table, Sam appeared with a solemn dignity returned the clock to his mistress, saying:

"Me no likey; him wake me up!"

COINS IN THE MOUTH.

[New York Press.]

"Women are addicted to many pernicious habits," observed a physician, "but I cannot consider one more heinous than the placing of coins in the mouth while the purse or money bag is being opened. Most women do this, especially in the street cars, and are doubtless mindful of the fact that they are thereby inviting dangerous throat and lung troubles. I have often watched women holding coins between their lips, and have been very strongly tempted to utter an admonishing word. Only today I saw a beautiful girl give a conductor a dime. Sitting opposite to her was a dirty-looking man, whose hands looked as if they hadn't been washed for a week. He gave the conductor a nickel, and the conductor handed it to the young woman in change. She placed it between her lips while she opened her money bag. Why does not some ingenious woman introduce a small pocket or some device in the shape of a coin that will take the place of the lips for holding coins? Certainly she would be a benefactor to her sex."

THE SEA SHELL.

[William F. McCormack.]

To my ear I held a sea shell, Listened, listened, listened to it; Heard the mazy, mazy, mazy sound that it was making, winding through it, Fairly like and wild.

Heard the mermaids' twining bugles Calling, calling, calling quaintly; Heard the ocean's far-off footsteps Falling, falling, falling faintly— But I was a child.

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WAR INEVITABLE SAYS HOBSON

He Predicts a General Combat Between the Yellow and White Races.

Washington Court House, Ohio, Feb. 18.—Insisting that war between Japan and the United States is inevitable, and hinting at complication through England's alliance with Japan, in a declaration that the United States must have a navy equal to the combined navies of Japan and England, half in the Pacific and half in the Atlantic, Congressman Richmond Pearson Hobson pleaded here tonight for liberalizing in navy building.

"The navy is America's only national insurance," declared Hobson. "Japan soon will make the attempt to control the Pacific, and war with the United States is inevitable," he declared.

"There is but one way for America to enforce peace, and that way lies in the building up of a great navy, and I believe that the whole world is looking to this nation to guarantee the peace of the world."

"The white race and the yellow race will clash, and the first war will be between the United States and Japan. This will be followed by a general war between the white and yellow races, unless by the building up of a great navy this country shows Japan the foolishness of engaging in a war with the United States."

\$125,000,000 for Warships.

"Japan has ordered \$125,000,000 worth of great warships since her war with Russia. Japan does not need these ships against Russia, China or Great Britain. Japan has added five divisions to her army since her war with Russia, and the military activities of Japan have more than doubled since the trouble came to a close."

"The United States has furnished the 750,000 rifles. Japan can put 200,000 soldiers aboard ships inside of four days. The Japanese have the fighting spirit, and that nation naturally is seeking control of the Pacific. They have their eyes on our possessions there and they are peering at the Pacific Coast. Today there are more Japanese soldiers in American possessions than there are American soldiers and militia combined in the whole United States."

"A Million in a Year." The Japanese could land 400,000 soldiers on the Pacific slope in four months another 400,000 in six months more, and a million men in a year. They could put ten soldiers to our one on the Pacific slope. Japan will have eight new battleships ready for service soon, any one of them equal in effectiveness to three of ours. If they get the Pacific Ocean they will take the Pacific slope.

"The Japanese have educated their people to hate Americans, and the people are only awaiting the Government's signal to go to war—the Government is awaiting only a pretext."

"The recent school troubles in San Francisco the United States Government was compelled to recede from our customs and laws to satisfy the ultimatum of the Japanese Government, all over \$6 worth of Japanese property."

REARME RENOMINATED

North Essex Conservatives Once More Make Him Their Candidate.

Windsor, Feb. 18.—North Essex Conservatives in convention here today renominated Hon. Dr. Reame, Ontario Minister of Public Works. The meeting was well attended. Besides that of Dr. Reame, addresses were delivered by Messrs. Downey, Revell, Sol White and Delos Davis.

JUDGE MONCK APPOINTED

Third Member of Hamilton Street Railway Conciliation Board.

Hamilton, Feb. 18.—Judge Monck has accepted the appointment as the third member of the board of conciliation that is to deal with matters in dispute between the street railway company and its employees. Judge Monck was named by the department of labor, the representatives of the men and company being unable to agree on a third man. William Bell, K. C., and J. G. O'Donohue, of Toronto, are the other two members of the board, the former representing the company, and the latter the men. It is not likely that the board will meet, excepting for organization purposes, until early in March.

PICKED UP AT SEA

Survivors of a Wrecked Sloop Rescued After Awful Sufferings.

Seattle, Feb. 18.—A dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer from Neah Bay says: The crew of the little six-ton sloop Teckla, lying at anchor here, were startled last night by a feeble hall from a steel lifeboat drawing up slowly in the light breeze. In the boat were the forms of four men, three living and one dead, survivors of the American ship Emily Reed, wrecked off the mouth of Nehalem River on the coast of Oregon, 200 miles from Neah Bay. Then men in the boat were: First Mate Fred Zube, Seaman Ewald, and Seaman Arthur Jahunko, ship's cook, name unknown.

The dead man was the ship's cook. The three living survivors were in frightful condition. Their tongues were swollen from thirst, so that at first they could scarcely articulate. They had had no food since last Sunday night and no water since they left the wreck of the Reed Friday morning.

IS SUED FOR CARRYING MAIL

American Express Company Is Charged With Violating Postal Laws.

Cincinnati, Feb. 18.—Violation of the postal laws by carrying first-class mail matter was charged against the American Express Company in a suit filed in the United States District Court here today by District Attorney McPherson.

This suit was the first gun in a campaign which the Government proposes to wage against common carriers for carrying first-class mail matter contrary to law. In the information which Attorney McPherson filed he alleges that the American Express Company, on Jan. 6, carried a letter from Belton, Texas, to Cincinnati.

Col. Holmes, postoffice inspector in charge, said: "The Government is very jealous of its right to carry the mails and insists on it always. When public carriers carry letters not bearing postage stamps and not pertaining to the business of the carrier, they are preventing the Government from deriving postage money from the sale of stamps."

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CANADIAN

Mr. Martha Neil, a well-known resident of Flesherton, is dead.

Galt council will contract for 800 h.p. from the Hydro-Electric Commission.

An ice jam at Port Stanley caused a bad flood, and considerable damage was done.

Mr. George Evey, a well-known resident of Stratford, is dead, after a brief illness.

The 28th Regiment at Stratford has organized a band with Mr. F. W. Hopson as leader.

Frank Windsor, for many years leader of the 22nd Regiment Band at Woodstock, has resigned.

George Burling, Sen., of Cottam, attempted suicide by shooting yesterday. He has been despondent for some time.

The South Waterloo farmers' Institutes are not well attended and there is considerable complaint regarding this fact.

The Canada shipping act will be amended to compel licensed engineers to be in charge of all steam vessels over 150 tons.

Mrs. A. Andrew Austin, one of the oldest and best residents of Dresden, is dead. Her husband predeceased her but a few weeks.

The recount at Gorrie before Judge Doyle on the local option ballots leaves the count unchanged. The bylaw carried by four votes.

Ingersoll residents will ask for better protection for railroad crossings, and will engage counsel to appear before the Railway Commission.

J. L. Spears, of Toronto, president of the Bonanza Consolidated Mining Syndicate, is missing, and is said to be \$50,000 short in his accounts.

The Raleigh township council has resigned in view of the irregularities of the last municipal election, and court proceedings have been dropped.

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NO SENATE TOGA FOR ROOSEVELT

The President Decides Against Taking Post as Adviser To Successor.

Washington, Feb. 18.—What will President Roosevelt do after his present term expires a little more than a year hence? This is a question which many have asked, and which no one is able to answer. The President himself cannot answer it, for the simple reason that he does not know.

But there is one point to his future as to which he has finally decided definitely made up his mind. He will not accept a seat in the United States Senate. Within the past forty-eight hours the President has told personal friends of his decision as to this.

There has been a great deal of talk of the President going to the Senate as the successor of Senator Thomas C. Platt, of New York, who will step down and out the 4th of March, 1909.

For a long time the President himself looked upon this with favor. Without any time reaching a conclusion the idea appealed to him, and he talked it over with his friends, some of whom advised him to go to the Senate, and some of whom are radically opposed to the suggestion. Until quite recently it has been strongly believed by those in the confidence of Mr. Roosevelt that when the time came for a decision on this score—if ever it did come—the President would consent to wear the toga and sit in the "American House of Lords."

Unless Mr. Roosevelt again changes his mind this may now be regarded as out of the question.

The determining factor in this decision is found in the peculiar duties of a senator. The Senate is an executive council. It must give "advice and consent" to the President in all treaties and appointments. If Mr. Roosevelt were to become a member of the Senate the day he retires from the White House his duties as a member of that body would be seriously affected. If, for instance, Mr. Taft were to become President the same day, the former President, as senator, would find it necessary to champion the administration and acts of his successor or to criticize them from time to time, because, with Mr. Roosevelt there is no middle ground. Either would be embarrassing. The same is true if Mr. Bryan or another Democrat should enter the White House that eventful day in March next.

Senator Roosevelt would find it difficult to defend the policies of the new President. If he attacked them he would lay himself open to all sorts of criticism. As the President remarked one day to a friend: "When I leave the White House I do not wish to be placed in a position where I shall have to be telling the man who takes the job what he should do and what he should not do. I have so much of that myself I am resolved to keep my lips tightly closed."

When the epidemic broke out Dr. Crowley, who is in charge of the hospital, was not able to call in consultation of specialists, but he remembered a monograph received by the college some weeks ago describing the new serum discovered by the Rockefeller Institute which it was claimed, is a specific for spotted fever.

At once he telegraphed to President Goodell Frost, who is visiting in this city, asking that a supply of the new serum be sent at once. President Frost immediately telephoned to the Rockefeller Institute and Dr. Flexner prepared a quantity of the serum. With it Dr. Frost sped across town in an automobile and dispatched by train on its life-saving journey of 900 miles to the little hospital in Kentucky.

To win the fight with spinal meningitis will mean a great deal for Berea College's hospital. The poor mountaineers are reluctant to send their children away from home for "skiness," but if Dr. Crowley and the serum with their suspicions will be dispelled.

THEY FAVOR THE JAPS

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 19.—The Seattle Chamber of Commerce today addressed a memorial to President Roosevelt and Secretary Root to the effect that its members believe that a majority of the people of the Pacific coast are not in favor of any immigration law that will treat differently the people of Japan from the way the inhabitants of any European country are treated. This letter is sent to correct an erroneous impression of the attitude of the commercial and other important interests, the memorial says, owing to the action of a recent convention of Oriental exclusionists held in Seattle.

DUTTON. The Women's Foreign Missionary Society will hold a meeting in Knox Church on Thursday, at 3 p.m., sharp, when Miss McKay, the presbyterial president, will address the meeting.

THE HEIRESS OF DENSLEY WOLD

BY FLORENCE WARDEN

Leaving St. Quintin, therefore, to the care of his devoted nurse, James Ince went with the inspector to the park, and, finding the pond without difficulty, noted at once that in one corner of it the weed on the surface had recently been disturbed.

Of course, a small knot of idlers had followed the two men through the various gaps in the park wall, and now stood at a little distance, wondering what was going to happen.

It was a cold autumn day, and the mist hung about the trees of the park and hung in a thin veil over the silvery, evil-smelling surface. The old mansion, not far away, looked unpleasantly desolate with the fresh damage done to its lower windows in the doings of the previous night, and the leaves which had been shaken from the creepers lay in heaps under the walls.

James Ince was seized with a feeling of sickness and horror as he looked about him and thought that the mystery which he felt sure they were about to unravel had perhaps been the cause of the insanity or death of his dearest friend. He felt convinced, beyond all doubt, that there really was a secret hidden beneath their feet, which would give the clue to the assault upon St. Quintin.

Meanwhile the inspector was probing beneath the surface of weed and slime, and before long his stick touched something that he knew must be a box.

Advertiser Patterns

DESIGNED BY MARTHA DEAN.



996-628—AN ATTRACTIVE COSTUME.

There is something wonderfully graceful and becoming in the modish over-bustle effects, and the one here pictured is excellent for home development. The front of the blouse portion is laid in fine tucks and attached to a deep yoke, which affords excellent opportunity for elaboration. The back has a group of tucks at each side that converge toward the waistline. The short, wide Japanese sleeves fall gracefully over the under sleeve of lace. The skirt is a circular model, with a group of tucks stitched to yoke depth, the extra fullness thus produced giving a wide sweep to the lower edge, which may be in medium sweep round or short round lengths. Voile, henrietta, chiffon, broadcloth and silk are all suggested for the making. For 36 inches bust measure 1 1/2 yards of 44-inch material will be required for the waist and 8 1/2 yards for the skirt, if the band folds are used.

Ladies' Overbust, No. 996. Sizes for 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32 inches bust measure.

Ladies' Tucked Circular Skirt, No. 628. Sizes for 22, 24, 26, 28, 30 inches waist measure.

This illustration calls for two patterns, a waist and a skirt, which will be mailed to any address on receipt of 10 cents for each, in silver or stamps.

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"There's something hidden in the water," he said in a low voice to Ince. "We'd better get these yokes to give us a hand in getting it out."

He called some of the idlers to the edge of the pond, and finding among them one or two sturdy enough to venture into the silty depths, sent for a pitchfork and such other implements as seemed the most likely to be of service in dragging the concealed box to the shore.

There was a short space of intense suspense as the first man to venture into the pond announced that he had got something. He was armed with a hayrake with which he tugged at the unseen object below the green and black water.

"I've moved it, sir; it's coming, but it's mighty heavy," was his comment as he succeeded in dragging the bank which sloped the most something square and solid and of great weight. It was seized by half a dozen hands, and soon there lay upon the bank under the trees a square, shabby old portmanteau, stout and well corded and strapped and locked, and without any indication of its owner here was not even a luggage label on any of its four sides, or any card or letter whatsoever.

The dull eyes of the rustics began to gleam with cupidity and the love of sensation when they crowded round the prize, whispering to each other that it was full of gold "most like," and jewels "to make your mouth water." Already it had got abroad that there were two criminals connected with the outrage upon the young gentleman, that they had got away, and that they were suspected of more than one crime.

In the imagination of the villagers these crimes now took shape, and they pictured to themselves the two criminals, escaping from the justice that they feared was on their heels down in the south, "Lunnon-way," coming up here together engaging a cottage, and stealing out at night, as Miss Grey had already admitted they had done, with luggage for the road, which never reached that hostelry.

Surely, the villagers thought, the two men were burglars, who, fresh from a series of exciting and clever robberies, had come away with their booty and dropped it in this lonely spot, and neglected park, hoping to leave it safely hidden there until they should find means of coming to fetch it away.

Eager for unearned gain, the men asked themselves how much of the haul of diamonds and gold, rubies and emeralds and suchlike would fall to their share if they made themselves actively useful in recovering the stolen treasure.

Surely a handsome reward was in store for them! And so they crowded round the inspector and Ince, both of whom were very grave and silent, and by no means as jubilant concerning the find as the group around them.

The inspector indeed had had certain words whispered in his ear by James Ince which made him anxious to get rid of his too-eager assistants, who were pressing round in the hope of seeing the portmanteau forced open there and then.

Their disappointment was great when he declared that there was no need to open the portmanteau, as they knew what was in it. And the villagers were exchanging discontented murmurs, expressive of baffled curiosity, when the tall man who had fished out the prize called out that he had come upon something else. There was a rush to the edge of the pond again, and with a little more trouble a second box was got out, this being of a different shape, long instead of square, but with the same remarkable absence of label or name.

Curiosity grew stronger, but still neither the inspector nor James Ince made any attempt to open either of the trunks. The crowd, growing awestruck with suspense and a vague uneasiness, waited and watched, impatient and eager, while successive fishings brought up another and yet another prize, until

DAILY FADING AWAY

THE STORY OF A WOMAN MADE WELL BY DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS.

Bad blood means bad health. That is why Dr. Williams' Pink Pills mean good health. They actually make every nerve and every organ in the body. That is why people who use Dr. Williams' Pink Pills feel bright, active and strong. Mrs. Arthur Hamilton, Marshville, Ont., is a witness to the truth of these statements. Mrs. Hamilton says: "For nearly three years I suffered from anaemia (bloodlessness) and during that time consulted and took medicine from several doctors, without beneficial results. My complexion was a waxy pallor, my lips and gums were bloodless. I suffered from headaches, dizziness, and palpitation of the heart. My appetite was so poor that I did not care whether I ate or not and I grew so weak, and was so much reduced in flesh that my friends thought I was in consumption. As I have said I doctored without benefit, until the last doctor whom I consulted advised me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I followed his advice, and less than a dozen boxes have made me the well woman I am today. All the symptoms of my trouble have vanished and I enjoy the very best of health. I know there are hundreds of women who are drifting into the same condition I was in, and to all such I would strongly urge the immediate use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills do not act upon the bowels; they do not interfere with mere symptoms; they get right to the root of the trouble in the blood. That is why they cure common ailments like rheumatism, neuralgia, kidney trouble, headache and backache. St. Vitus' dance, and the special ailments that afflict many women and growing girls. Sold by all medicine dealers or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Brockville, Ont.

In the end two portmanteaus and two wooden boxes, all securely fastened, all heavy, all mysterious in their anonymity, stood in a line upon the brink of the pond.

Then, repeated searching having failed to bring up any further treasure, the crowd, exasperated and dismayed, were informed that it was not proposed to open the boxes then; that they were to be conveyed to the Doncaster police station just as they were.

By this time, owing to arrangements which had been made quietly by Ince while the search was going on, a covered cart had been gap in the park wall, and under the direction of the inspector, and watched by James Ince, the steadiest of the men assembled round were allowed to transport the mysterious boxes one by one to the cart, in which they were all deposited within a few minutes. All remarked upon the weight of the boxes, and grumbled at not being allowed to see the jewels and gold they contained.

When the task was accomplished James Ince and the inspector got into the cart and the driver whipped up the horse and started for Doncaster, followed for some distance by a wondering and whispering crowd.

For already the rumors had begun to circulate to the effect that the contents of the boxes might not prove to be untold treasure, after all.

The journey was made quickly and without much conversation between the inspector and James Ince, who had given all the information he could, and who now awaited the result of their investigations with sickening anxiety.

At Doncaster police station the boxes and portmanteaus were taken out and examined and then opened in the presence of the chief constable.

The first to be dealt with was an oblong portmanteau, which, on being opened, proved to contain a tin box wedged in between shavings and of crumpled newspaper, now sodden and wet.

The tin box was locked, and was forced open in its turn, and inside a mass of drab-colored hard substance met their eyes.

The inspector changed glances with James Ince, and they nodded in grave affirmation of the doubts already expressed by the latter.

A hammer was now employed to break up the Portland cement, of which they had by this time discovered the substance in the box to consist. Under repeated blows it gave way, and then the horrible discovery anticipated by the onlookers was made.

Inside the box, cased in Portland cement, which had hardened to stone round it, was a portion of a human body.

The ghastly process had to be gone through three times more, and with the same result, until it became practically certain, by the time the divisional surgeon had made his examination of the whole of the contents of the boxes, that the body of a man, dismembered and cased in cement, was contained in the four.

The head was there, although an attempt had been made to mutilate the features. But it was possible to ascertain certain particulars concerning the height, breadth of shoulder, color of hair and size of the skull, which enabled James Ince to verify his own suggestion that the body was that of the unfortunate Harold Burdock, the missing solicitor.

A telegram to London brought down by the next train a near relation of the murdered man, who was able to identify, practically without any doubt, the head, which was small and of unusual shape, as that of his brother. The same result, until it became practically certain, by the time the divisional surgeon had made his examination of the whole of the contents of the boxes, that the body of a man, dismembered and cased in cement, was contained in the four.

Justice was to overtake the rascal who had played a villain's game, and at the expense of the dupes whom the beauty of poor Dorcas Lane had attracted to his net.

But it was not at the hands of the police that he met his reward. They searched the country far and wide, and succeeded in catching him, Gurnall alias "Mr. Williams," just as he was running safely to earth in one of the lowest parts of London.

Mr. Leblanc evaded all pursuit for several days, and was found at last, unused and betrayed, hiding in a ditch on the borders of a field, not many miles from Doncaster. Fear and exposure, want and cold, had reduced him to a mere shuddering, quivering thing, gaunt, haggard and wretched beyond belief. At the first sound of the yells and exclamations which were raised by the party of men and boys who unearthed him, and who recognized at once in the wretch before them the vile murderer who was being advertised all over the country, he uttered a wild shriek, and dashing out of his hiding place, ran for his life, limping, panting, his eyes bloodshot, his tongue protruding, a horrible, sickening sight, straight for the stone quarry where he had hidden himself the day before.

He meant to creep again into a nook he had found there, concealed among thorns and briars, where he had lain securely for two nights.

But the crowd, yelling and hooting, cursing and shouting, gained upon him so that he knew he could never reach the corner which was his goal.

One moment he stood irresolute. Then, summoning all his strength, he turned, and the foremost man in pursuit came within a few yards, brandishing a stick, and red with rage, the murderer turned, made straight for the quarry's edge, and with one wild leap into the air, fell, a crushed and mangled mass, dead on the stone beneath.

"Mr. Williams" was thus left to take his trial alone. But there was no evidence to connect him with the actual murder of Harold Burdock; and though a good case might have been made out against him as an accessory after the fact, it was thought wiser to put him on his trial for conspiracy to defraud.

In support of the case for the prosecution a most valuable witness now came forward in the person of the governess, Miss Stanley, who, however, known a little more than she professed to have done, was now a useful ally in unmasking the plots by which the Leblancs had gained large sums of money at the expense of their victims.

(To be Continued.)

BRITISH

Indignation has been caused in the Warwickshire town of Atherstone by the refusal of military honors at the funeral of Joseph Burton, a Crimean and Mutiny veteran, on Jan. 25. He had served in the 82nd Regiment of Foot and distinguished himself.

Notices have been posted in the various shipbuilding yards in the northeast coast that, owing to the strike of shipwrights and joiners, work cannot be continued and that the yards will be closed a fortnight hence unless the strike is settled.

Sir Howard Vincent again presented in the House of Commons his bill to have the definition "Made in—" on foreign imported goods, replaced by the words, "Not British." Sir H. Vincent's contention is that labels like "Made in Germany" only serve to advertise foreign goods.

It was reported at the last meeting of the Strand Guardians that upwards of seventy applications had been received for forms to be filled up for the appointment of second assistant clerk, the salary attached to which is £1000 per annum, rising by annual increments to £1200.

The Bishop of London has started on a journey to Russia to visit the Anglican chaplains, and the congregations in that country are attached to the diocese of London. He will visit St. Petersburg, Moscow and Warsaw. He is due back in London on Feb. 23 next.

A Miss Gwynne, who was a judgment debtor at the Brompton county court, was said to be manager of a firm of advertising agents and to be in receipt of a salary of £1000 a year. An order for payment of the £58 owing, by instalments of £10 a month was made.

A fine of £20 and £10 10s costs has been imposed upon the Wholesale Tobacco Company, Limited, of Aldersgate, for selling cigars to which a false trade description, viz., "Havana," was applied. The cigars were got up like Havana, but were made by a firm in Whitechapel.

A motor road from Hammersmith to Windsor is the burden of a bill before Parliament. The scheme also provides for a tramway line on each side of the road, which is proposed to be sixty feet wide in the towns and eighty feet wide in the open country. Strong opposition is promised.

There is a young woman of good birth, and the heiress to £17,000 who prefers to live in the Cardiff slums with people of the lowest social order than to touch the money she is entitled to. The cause of her strange behavior is the nursing of wrongs done to her when she was a little girl.

During a storm on Monday a crane in the shipbuilding yard of Messrs. Beardmore & Co., Dalmuir, was blown down, doing a great deal of damage, and with two men, fell into the river. Both men were drowned. The crane was being used in connection with the construction of the battleship Agamemnon.

Mr. T. Hugh Simon, better known as Mr. St. Bernard Wytoun, has just been appointed curate of Holy Trinity Church, Shaw, Lancashire. Mr. Simon has taken leading parts in "The Prodigal Son" and "Cymbeline" in Manchester. Two years ago he left the stage and devoted himself to mission work.

At Llanelli on Monday Mme. St. Leonard was summoned for fortune telling. Several miners said an accident was predicted and some of them had not only refused to work at the time, but had since found work elsewhere. The defendant denied predicting a disaster, and the Bench reserved its decision.

The annual report issued on Tuesday of Moss Empires, Limited, states that a game for the past year, ending on Dec. 31, 1907, was a profitable one, amounting to £152,030; £6,000 is carried to reserve, and a dividend at the rate of 10 per cent on the ordinary shares is recommended, leaving a balance of £12,121 to be carried forward.

Presiding at a meeting of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals at Nottingham the Duke of Portland spoke of the cruelty inflicted on ponies in coal mines. He said that many times he had taken the law into his own hands, and inflicted great punishment on the cruel givers of horses.

It was mentioned during the hearing of a burglary charge at Marylebone police court that when the burglary was discovered at a Hampstead house, there were signs of the intruders having indulged in a wash. On the music stool in the drawing room was a bowl of water, with some soap and a towel. Ambrose Millard was committed for trial.

At Stepney Mr. Wynne Baxter held an inquest on Mary, a girl, aged 26, a hawker's wife, who died of syncope following bronchitis. She was taken suddenly ill, and the husband ran for a doctor. When he returned he found her lying on her back, her head on the floor, and her arms outstretched. She was dead.

Wearing a light gray suit, Mr. Albert Robinson, a manufacturer, was passing the house of Mrs. Mary Barber, of Henley, Huddersfield, when she deliberately emptied a bag of soot over him. "She was ordered at the police court to pay £4 10s for the assault. She pleaded that the complainant 'called her names'."

Major-General Irving Graham, of Montagu street, W.C., did not appear at the Bloomsbury county court on a judgment summons, but sent a letter asking for an adjournment, adding, "I wish a fund could be raised for veteran retired officers, who need it quite as much as the rank and file." The case was adjourned.

In December last a body found on the mountainside near Neath, was identified as that of a man named Davies, of Pontardulais, near Llanelli, who had been missing. The body was buried, and the supposed widow, a family went into mourning. A few days ago, however, the missing man appeared at his home.

Four convicts at Princetown—Harry Johnson, W. Phillips, John McCarthy and Benjamin Evans, have been given ten dozen lashes with the cat-o'-nine-tails as a punishment for their crime.

DATE OF GENERAL ELECTION

Not yet announced, but one certain thing the promoters with which "Putnam's" cures corns and warts. Sure results, no pain or scar. Better use Putnam's Corn Extractor.



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We allow no accumulations. We carry no goods over a season. By price-reducing events of the character of this one we periodically reduce stocks as "clean as a hound's tooth."

COME! Not necessarily with buying intentions. COME! Watch the goods move and your neighbors save. Buying here is a contagion. You'll catch it and you'll save astonishing amounts on every purchase. COME!



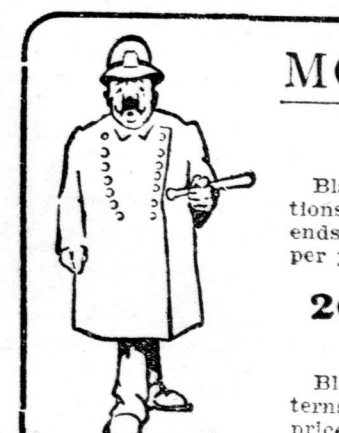
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35c Embroidered Hosiery, 23c

Ladies' Black Cashmere Embroidered Hose, all sizes

50c. Three Pairs for \$1

These are worth, and the value is always, 50c. Sale price, 3 pairs for \$1.00



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20c Veilings for 5c

Black Veiling, two patterns to choose from. Sale price 5c

MOVE ON!

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Luster Waistings, cream ground with crossbars and stripes; in pinks, pale blue, navy, black and lavender. Sale price 39c

20% Discount

To clean up in Blankets and Comforters we will sell them at a discount of 20 per cent.



MOVE ON!

\$1.25 Dressing Jackets for 75c

Made of Wrappettes; neat patterns; all sizes, 34 to 40. Sale price 75c

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duet as ringleaders in the recent dis- ager at the prison and the attack on officers. Six other convicts will forfeit all remission of sentence and other privileges.

Nearly a hundred of Mr. Alfred G. Vanderbilt's superb horses are leaving America shortly to take part in the running of the famous Venture coach between London and Brighton during the summer. Mr. Vanderbilt is to drive the Venture himself, and is anxious to beat the record of "Jim Selby, who drove the Old Times coach to Brighton and back in seven hours and fifty minutes. Mr. Walter Golden, the guard who was with Selby on this occasion, has been engaged.

EDWARD'S CIGAR ORDER

A New York Firm to Supply Five Hundred "Smokes" for \$1600.

New York, Feb. 19.—The King of England has placed with a New York firm of tobacco brokers an order for 500 cigars, which, in point of price, will be slightly behind what the royal smoker paid two years ago, when his bill for 1,000 cigars was \$3,000. For the 500 which are to be shipped from London and Brighton during the summer, Mr. Vanderbilt is to drive the Venture himself, and is anxious to beat the record of "Jim Selby, who drove the Old Times coach to Brighton and back in seven hours and fifty minutes. Mr. Walter Golden, the guard who was with Selby on this occasion, has been engaged.

"There is no exaggeration as to the price or the expense incurred," said a manager of a local company.

"The cost of the first 1,000 cigars was actually \$3,000, and the margin of profit was exceedingly small, because the manufacturer was eager to gain the prestige of having served royalty. The cigars were eight inches in length and at the thickest part, in the middle, one inch in diameter. They were made of the finest Vuelta Abajo tobacco. Each leaf passed through the hands of two selectors and it required the examination of thousands of leaves to obtain those that were uniform in color, uniform in size and free from large veins.

"When the cigars were finished the workmen received 55 cents for each cigar. The names of the guests were lettered in gold leaf on the body of these high-class smokes, and each was incased in a silken envelope. The thousand were packed in hermetically sealed cedar boxes and shipped to England.

"The time and expense was consumed principally in the selection of the leaf and in the extra price of gold leaf and silk, but, so far as the quality of the tobacco was concerned, it was not better than that smoked by many New Yorkers. It was unquestionably the greatest cigar order ever executed in the world. The 500 cigars are to go to England at Easter will have thin bands of gold on them, but they will not be wrapped in silk. The manufacturer expects to make a better profit than the man who filled the order for the 1,000 two years ago."

REVISES LEHAR'S FAILURE

George Edwardes Will Put On "Man With Three Wives."

London, Feb. 18.—The most painful "jar" that Londoners have had lately was the announcement from Vienna that Franz Lehar's new opera, "The Man With Three Wives," had failed to prove another "Merry Widow." George Edwardes bought it "unsight, unseen," and will, of course, produce the piece in London, but he admits that both the book and the score practically will have to be rewritten.

A bit of consolation has come along, however, in the shape of an announcement on the part of Alfred Buit, who is acting the part of the proverbial new broom at the Palace Music Hall, that he has secured a one act musical comedy, the score of which is by Lehar and the libretto by a new author, and will produce it within a few weeks.

The bill at the Palace is strengthened by the reappearance of Marie Dressler, who got such a reception upon her first appearance at this house as seldom has fallen to the lot of a foreign funmaker. She returns in her American sketch, "The Bonnet Shop." George Edwardes has been advised to star her in "The Dollar Princess."

LEAVE COLONIES ALONE

Lord Elgin Sees No Need for Conference on Asiatic Question.

London, Feb. 17.—Considerable interest was taken in the House of Lords today in Lord Amphil's question whether the Government did not consider the recent actions of the Canadian Government and the Transvaal Government regarding Asiatic immigration, both conspicuous demonstrations of the belief of the colonies in the paramount importance of Imperial unity, were sufficient proof that the Governments of the colonies would welcome an opportunity to further consider the important subject.

Lord Elgin replied that the question was discussed at the recent conference, and it would be unwise to call another conference as soon after the last. It was the essence of the arrangements which Canada and the Transvaal had made so soon after feeling had been excited there should be nothing whatever to throw any challenge on the validity of the arrangements. He added that the Government welcomed the action of the Canadian and Transvaal Governments. He sympathized with

the object of Lord Amphil, and would do his best to promote its conference should a real opportunity arise.

The Morning Post, commenting on the Japanese question in British Columbia, advocates the importation of white labor under contract from Britain, where the narrow hostility of the labor unions is the only main obstacle.

That hostlers are right-handed and left-handed is a new discovery by Sir J. Critchton-Browne. About 96 per cent have sharp teeth only on the right claw, but a few have those teeth on the left side.

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COLLINGWOOD MAY BE BARRED SAID TO HAVE PLAYED A "PRO"

Hamilton Protest May Result in Cancellation of the Games With the Local Intermediates.

Advices from our correspondent in Hamilton state that the Hamilton hockey team has entered a protest against Collingwood on the grounds of professionalism. It is alleged that Collins, the Collingwood point player, played professional hockey for the Portage La Prairie team in 1905.

If these charges are established, there is nothing for the O. H. A. to do but to place the Collingwood team under the ban, and throw out the games it has played with Collins on the lineup. This would include the contests recently played with Hamilton, which would then be London's next opponent after the game tonight with Preston.

When the London team was in Preston Monday night, it was rumored that Collingwood had a pro. player or two, but no attention was paid to the report. Now the remarks are being recalled, and are creating no end of discussion about the city.

HAMILTON'S CHARGE.

The Hamilton dispatch says: The Tigers have entered a protest against the Collingwood team which beat them here 9 to 6. There seems to be no loop-hole for the Collingwood team to escape, and if the O. H. A. follows the course it laid down at the beginning of the season, the whole Collingwood team will be professionalized, and Hamilton will still be in the running for the intermediate championship.

Tom Collins played coverpoint for Collingwood Monday night. Clifford Hudson, living in Hamilton, has made an affidavit, in which he says that he played with Collins on the Portage La Prairie team during the season of 1905 and 1906, and that both he and Collins were paid for their services and given free board by the manager of the team, a hotelman in that town. Hudson says in his affidavit that neither he nor Collins had any other occupation, and that they played for money.

The Hamilton management tried to have Hudson reinstated at the beginning of the season, but the O. H. A. would not entertain the idea for a moment. Collins admitted to Ralph Ripley he had played with Portage La Prairie, but denied receiving money. He received board for his playing, however, and played with Hudson, who has been professionalized. Dr. Carr is sending the protest to Toronto today, and the matter will be taken up in a day or two.

A CHANCE TO BE FIRM.

That sound amateur body, the Ontario association, is overlooking a good chance to show its firm hand by not asking Collins, the Collingwood coverpoint, a few questions. Collins played professional lacrosse in Winnipeg in 1905, and played hockey with Portage La Prairie in 1906. The latter was supposed to be an amateur team, but according to Hudson, who played with the team, every man was under salary. Hudson is not eligible to play in the O. H. A. and he cannot see why Collins should be. Hudson will take an affidavit that he saw Collins get money for his services with the Portage La Prairie team, and it is likely that the O. H. A. will take the matter up, as Referee McCord was given full particulars Monday night and will report the matter to the O. H. A. If the governing body takes any action, it is likely that Monday night's game and also last week's game in Collingwood will be thrown out.

Records of Major and Minor League Baseball Aggregations

Many Interesting Facts About
the Greatest of All Summer Sports.

The following are a few brief baseball records:

Greatest number of runs in a game—Chicago vs. Cleveland, July 24, 1882, 35-4.

Player who played in greatest number of games—Barrett of Detroit, 162 games.

Greatest number of times at bat—Brown of Louisville, 1882, 653 times.

Greatest number of one-base hits—Keefer of Baltimore, 1897, 243.

Greatest number of chances accepted by catcher—Schreckengost of Athletics, 1905, 899.

Greatest number of chances accepted by first baseman—Donohue of Chicago Americans, 1907, 1386.

Greatest number of chances accepted by second baseman—Evers of Chicago Nationals, 1904, 899.

Greatest number of chances accepted by third baseman—Collins of Boston Nationals, 1899, 691.

Greatest number of chances accepted by shortstop—Allen of Philadelphia Nationals, 1892, 955.

Greatest number of chances accepted by fielders—Slagle of Washington, 1899, 424.

Greatest number of games pitched—Hutchinson, Chicago, 1892, 70.

Pitcher giving greatest number of bases on balls—Rusie, New York, 1892, 261.

Greatest number of stolen bases—Stovel, Athletics, 1888, 156.

Longest game, major league—Athletics vs. Boston, at Boston, Sept. 1, 1890, 24 innings, 4-1.

Longest game, minor league—Pargo vs. Grand Forks, July 18, 1891, 25 innings, 6-0.

Greatest number of championship games in one day—Three games, Sept. 1, 1890, Brooklyn vs. Pittsburgh, score 10-9, 2-2, 8-4.

Smallest number of chances by first baseman—At New York, May 25, 1906, in the New York-Chicago American League game of that date a major league record was made. Jiggs Donohue of Chicago had but one chance at first base, an assist, which he accepted in the eighth inning. In major league history it had never before happened that a first baseman should go through an entire game without a putout.

Largest attendance, major league—Oct. 10, 1905, New York Nationals vs. Philadelphia Athletics, world's championship series, 24,992.

Largest attendance, minor league—Sept. 1, 1907, at Columbus, O., Columbus vs. Toledo, 20,521.

Unassisted triple plays—Paul Hines, St. Louis, 1902.

Providence, R. I., May 8, 1878; Harry O'Hagan, Rochester, at Jersey City, Aug. 18, 1902; Larry Schaffy, at Portland, Ore., June 10, 1904.

Greatest number of consecutive games lost—26, Louisville, Louisville American Association, 1889; 22 games, Pittsburgh, National League, 1899.

Greatest number of strikeouts by pitchers—304, Waddell, Athletics, in 1902.

Greatest number of consecutive games won—20, Providence, National League, 1884; minor league, 21, Lancaster, Atlantic League, 1897.

Shortest game on record—44 minutes, Atlanta vs. Shreveport, Sept. 24, 1904.

Games in which no player reached first base in nine innings—130, John M. Ward, pitching for Providence, vs. Buffalo, 1904; Cy Young pitching for Boston, vs. Athletics.

Greatest number of victories in one year in major league—Chicago Nationals, 116, in 1906.

Longest playing season—California League, March 31 to Dec. 31, 1901.

WORLD'S RECORD

Davey K. Puts in a Sensational Mile at Montreal.

Montreal, Feb. 19.—A world's record on ice was established at Delorimier Park on Monday by Davey K., owned by W. Hodson, of Montreal, who came home in front of Miss Syracuse in the great time of 2:16. The former record, 2:17, was held by Fiebon W., and was made at Ottawa. Summary:

Free-for-all, purse \$400:

Davey K., Hodson, Montreal..... 1 2 1 2

Miss Syracuse, Matty, Syracuse..... 3 1 2 1

Gretchen, Wm. Long, Oswego, N. Y..... 2 4 4 2

Blackbird, Willoughby, Toronto..... 5 3 3 4

Merriman, Legace, Montreal..... 4 5 5 6

Time—2:16, 2:19, 2:18, 2:19.

2:16 pace, purse \$200:

Anita, Matty, Syracuse, N. Y..... 1 1 1 1

Shadow, Allen, Hornsbyville, N. Y..... 2 2 2 3

Sam Lee, St. Denis Stable, Mon. treal..... 3 3 3 4

Cyclone, Farley, Plattville, N. Y..... 4 4 4 2

Time—2:19, 2:19, 2:19.

THE TURF.

WINNERS YESTERDAY.

At New Orleans—Warden, 10 to 1; Dunning, 5 to 1; Joyful Lady, 9 to 5; Prytanis, 20 to 1; Plinticker, 18 to 5.

At Los Angeles—John C. Rice, 7 to 2; Antioch, 4 to 5; Lord Nelson, 11 to 5; Meelick, 1 to 2; Crepps Beckham, 10 to 1; Aucasm, 5 to 2.

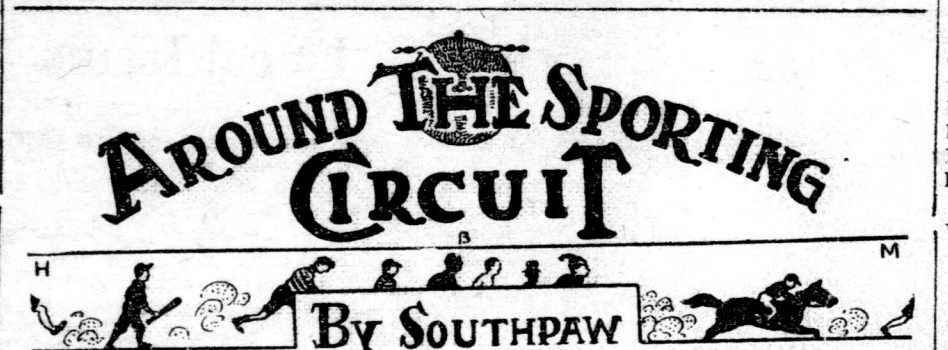
At Oakland—Be Thankful, 4 to 1; Silva, 25 to 1; Arcourt, 16 to 1; Towns, 12 to 5; Cuernavaca, 10 to 1; St. Senicus, 12 to 1.

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For some time past we have been trying to dope out London's chances with the northerners, and now, just when we have it all down fairly pat, along comes these tidings from the burg by the bluff and throws everything away. Will the O. H. A. find Collins apro? And if they do, will the Bay-side team be thrown among the discards?

THE HAMILTON HERALD SAYS:

George Crispin, of London, yesterday deposited \$25 with the sporting editor of the Herald to bid a match with Alex. McMaster, of this city, for the roller skating championship of Canada. Crispin claims that he has not been defeated in 23 years, and recent issued a challenge, which McMaster accepted. The match was to be for \$100 a side, and if McMaster covers the \$25, Crispin will put up the balance of the side bet on the day of the race.

CRISPIN PAID THIS OFFICE A VISIT YESTERDAY and stated that he was going to carry a wad of local coin to the village by the mountain to wager on his chances against McMaster, who is said to be about as fast as they make 'em. George can travel a few himself, however, and should give a good account of himself in any company.

The race will come off Thursday night, and will be for two miles. Crispin leaves here tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

A ST. MARYS EXCHANGE says that Dick Grant, the clever long-distance runner, who has appeared in London on several occasions, will reside in the future in the city of culture and beans, Boston. The article says further:

The removal of Dr. Dick Grant, that veteran long-distance runner, who is so well known throughout all Canada and the United States, to Boston Tuesday, is a matter of keen regret to every citizen of St. Marys. Dr. Grant was the promoter of the St. Marys-Stratford Marathon road race, and made it a great success. In all many sport he was willing to lend a helping hand, and he spent much of his time in developing young men in town in athletics. Whatever he undertook, he worked hard to make it a success, and nothing was too much trouble for him if he could do anything to aid those with whom he came in contact.

HURROOH! THE SAINTLY VILLAGE IS ABOUT TO HAVE ANOTHER "REEL" LIVE "ORRSE" SHOW. And it is coming off directly after the London Fair has held its annual show fest. The Journal says:

At a meeting of the executive committee of the St. Thomas Horse Show Association on Saturday night it was decided to hold a two days' Horse Show again in September of this year to follow the London Fair. The executive appointed Mr. J. W. Coulter, Mr. W. F. Wardell, Mr. Chas. McCall and Mr. Kingsmill to revise the prize list.

It is the intention of an amateur dramatic company, under the management of F. W. Bartholomew, to put on a theatrical performance during the Easter holidays under the auspices of the St. Thomas Horse Show Association.

THE LONDON BOWLERS AT THE BIG TORONTO TOURNEY WILL PRESENT PERHAPS THE NEATEST APPEARANCE OF ANY OF THE COMPETING TRUNDLERS.

The management of both the National and Ideal bowling alleys have purchased uniforms for the players and they will look more like millionaires out for a little outing than trundlers about to compete for the championship of the world.

The National bowlers' costumes are of white flannel, and include coats, trousers and blouses. Across the breasts of each blouse is the word "Nationals".

The Ideal Bowlers will also be attired in gala regalia, but their suits will probably be of a different color to that of the Nationals.

SECRETARY POWELL, OF THE LONDON, this morning stated that he had talked with Mr. Hewitt, of the O. H. A. over a long distance phone yesterday and that it had been intimated that a protest was looked for from the Hamilton team against Collingwood. The O. H. A. executive will meet the same day that the protest is received, and the result of the meeting will be made known at once to Londoners.

The reason given by the O. H. A. for its action in allowing Midland to draw a bye, and make London play off with Collingwood was that Midland had just taken a four-day trip to play off with Sudbury and was more entitled to consideration on that account.

Hamilton will in all probability be London's next opponent if Collingwood is thrown out.

TOO BAD THE LONDON CUR- LERS DID NOT CLEAN UP AT ST. MARYS. Tinware is always in order, besides Billy Fulton, Bert Glover and some of the rest all have plenty of space in their garrets for cups.

THERE IS AT LEAST ONE RE- GRETTABLE FEATURE to the Collingwood incident to be, and that is

"DID THEY OR DID THEY NOT?" Is the question everybody is asking about Collingwood at present. Wonder how the O. H. A. will answer it?

WORLD'S BOWLING RECORDS BROKEN

Archie Wengler, of Chicago, Rolls 699 Points in His Singles.

Cincinnati, Feb. 19.—With the breaking of the world's record for individual bowling by Archie Wengler, of Chicago, who bowled 699 points in his singles, all American bowling congress and Canadian Bowlers' Association records have been broken at the present meet.

"It's Tossells, of Chicago, who made 2,876 points, broke all five-men team records, Chalmers and Kline, of Chicago, who bowled 1,254 in the two-men events, also broke all records in the five shifts of two-men events. A. E. Lequesne and Dick Morgan bowled 1,247, and thereby obtained the second place in the two-men team race. W. Polack, of Buffalo, bowling in the same shift with Wengler obtained the third place in the individual events by bowling 668 points. Robt. Menninger, heretofore in first position, having only one more pin.

All the way from Vancouver, B. C. a jaunt of over 3,000 miles, came six bowlers, who arrived in Cincinnati today to take part in the tournament. One of the sextet, H. F. Maskill, is minus the trunk in which he carried his clothes. The party includes Maskill, R. H. Cibur, H. V. Sharples, J. M. Hodgkin, A. L. South and W. L. Lukes.

The biggest score of the morning was made by A. E. Lequesne and Dick Morgan, of Cleveland, who bowled themselves into second place with a total of 1,247, thereby beating out by a single pin a pair of their fellow-townsmen, Frey and Hoffman, of Cleveland, who had been next to the top with 1,246.

LAST NIGHT'S HOCKEY SCORES

O. H. A. Senior.
St. Georges 12, Kingston 9.
Northern League.
Harriston 7, Listowel 4.
Pro. League.
Berlin 8, Brantford 9.

THISTLE'S BEAT STRATFORD

Curling Scores at St. Mary's for Western Ontario Tankard.

St. Marys, Feb. 19.—The London Thistles defeated the Stratford rink at St. Marys yesterday in the Western Ontario tankard series, but were in turn beaten by Paris later on.

The finals will be played today. Summary:

London Thistles..... 3
Stratford..... 2
W. Thomson, F. Close,
W. Boughner, W. Stevenson,
B. W. Glover, A. Monteith,
J. Purdon, skip..... 13
J. Wilson, A. Turnbull, skip, 8
R. Wilson, J. Nasmith,
S. Swift, J. Orr,
W. Govenlock..... 15
C. Nasmith..... 18

Total..... 33
Thistles, 7 shots up.
Sarnia..... 2
H. Johnston, D. Durham,
W. Nickell, D. Pickering,
R. Mackenzie, E. Wolfe,
Dr. Haynes, W. Hunter,
J. Ireland, skip..... 12
W. Vollett, J. Brown,
J. Hunter, J. Telford..... 7

Total..... 28
Sarnia, 12 shots up.
Paris..... 10
C. Tait, W. Thomson,
T. Regan, W. Boughner,
J. K. Martin, B. W. Glover,
J. A. McTavish, skip..... 27
J. Purdon, skip, 8
J. Flack, R. S. Wilson,
F. Hayden, A. Talbot,
D. Brockbank, S. D. Swift,
W. Patterson, skip..... 13
W. Govenlock..... 22

Total..... 40
Total..... 39
Sarnia..... 10
H. Johnston, W. Nickell,
R. Mackenzie, Dr. Haynes, skip.
Dr. E. P. Smith, H. Watson,
W. F. Cox, A. J. Johnston,
F. G. Rumball, J. McGibbon,
P. N. Allen, skip..... 13
D. McGibbon, skip.

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S. Swift, J. Orr,
W. Govenlock..... 15
C. Nasmith..... 18

Total..... 33
Thistles, 7 shots up.
Sarnia..... 2
H. Johnston, D. Durham,
W. Nickell, D. Pickering,
R. Mackenzie, E. Wolfe,
Dr. Haynes, W. Hunter,
J. Ireland, skip..... 12
W. Vollett, J. Brown,
J. Hunter, J. Telford..... 7

Total..... 28
Sarnia, 12 shots up.
Paris..... 10
C. Tait, W. Thomson,
T. Regan, W. Boughner,
J. K. Martin, B. W. Glover,
J. A. McTavish, skip..... 27
J. Purdon, skip, 8
J. Flack, R. S. Wilson,
F. Hayden, A. Talbot,
D. Brockbank, S. D. Swift,
W. Patterson, skip..... 13
W. Govenlock..... 22

Total..... 40
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Sarnia..... 10
H. Johnston, W. Nickell,
R. Mackenzie, Dr. Haynes, skip.
Dr. E. P. Smith, H. Watson,
W. F. Cox, A. J. Johnston,
F. G. Rumball, J. McGibbon,
P. N. Allen, skip..... 13
D. McGibbon, skip.

COLLEGIATE HAS BEEN
THIRSTING FOR GORE

In the general order of things sporting a "has-been" always takes a seat in the extreme rear, and offers nothing but silence, and very little of that.

With the grade of the Collegiate Institute the order of things has been reversed, and the "has-beens" of bygone school days, prodded on by the irrepressible Jerry McColl, have issued a challenge to the seven from the big place of learning.

The contest, say the "has-beens," can take place on the street corner if there is enough ice, on Lake Erie or in the Prince's Rink, preferably the latter place.

Any old night that will suit the Collegiate stick-handlers will be suitable to the "once-wases," and all back talk should be directed by phone to Hon. Jerry McColl at 32.

The "has-beens" will line up as follows:

M. Wood, goal; J. McColl, point; P. Bowman, cover; Colling, rover; McColl, center; J. Orr, right wing; Progers, left wing.

SULLIVAN STILL TALKS TROUBLE

A. A. U. Magnate Is Kept Busy Worrying About Affairs of Others.

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The foregoing may or may not accord with ideas of how a fighter should be dieted, but Roche will want for nothing that may in any way conduce to his well-being.

CLASH OVER LONGBOAT

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CHARLES SWEZEY DYING

Famous Player of the Old Cincinnati Reds at Death's Door.

New York, Feb. 19.—Suffering from rheumatism of the heart, Chas. J. Swezey, a noted baseball player, and a member of the famous old-time Cincinnati Red Stockings, is dying in a Newark N. J. hospital, according to the times.

Swezey was born in Newark in 1847, and after a few seasons with amateur teams in New Jersey, was second baseman on the Cincinnati team in 1869 and 1870. Baltimore, St. Louis, Cleveland and Boston were other cities in which he played National League ball.

While playing in the minor leagues in the early eighties he contracted rheumatism, from which he will never recover.

HOCKEY.

The arts and divinity students went down to defeat at the hands of the Collegiate seven at the Sincere Rink last night in the local Inter-Collegiate series, by a score of 8 to 1.

The line-ups:

L. C. L's..... A's and D's.
Hodge..... Goal..... McDonald
MacRoberts..... Point..... Copeland
Lackey..... Cover..... Tennant
Aldhouse..... Rover..... Hawkins
Gilles..... Center..... Nixon
Woods..... L. Wing..... Henderson
Melburn..... R. Wing..... Follinsbee
Referee—Jack Brown.

WIG SAVES UMPIRE BOB EMSLIE'S LIFE

A Crowbar Falls and Hits the National League Diamond Autocrat on Head.

St. Thomas, Feb. 18.—Nothing but the fact that the upper portion of the head of the veteran National League umpire, and St. Thomas' old boy, "Bob" Emslie, is covered by a stout and natural-looking wig, saved his life last night.

While the popular baseball dictator was skipping at a St. Thomas rink in the Colts' Curling League he became overheated and talked to the side of the rink to cool off.

An attendant was cleaning off the snow from the ice, and let slip his crowbar, which glanced down through the open window and struck Emslie on the head, glancing off the wig and taking a slice of the scalp with it.

The umpire was dazed for a moment, but escaped serious injury, remarking afterwards, "I'm accustomed to dodging baseballs and don't mind a crowbar or two."

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Revival of Sports On the Thames

Fred. W. Browne Writes From N. Y.

Recalls the Regatta of Three Years Ago—Hopes Move Will Succeed.

Mr. Fred. W. Browne, of New York, a former Londoner, writes the following interesting letter in regard to water sports on the Thames:

"Editor London Advertiser:

"I recall with extreme pleasure the regatta of three years ago, and I was struck at that time that such an elaborate programme could not but prove a great impetus to rowing, both as a sport and as a pastime.

"It is not a great pity that the utility of the Thames along this line should not be realized?

"London has earned the plaudits of her old boys all over the States by her relay races and her hockey.

"Why Not Rowing?

"We were not taught at the 'Old Union' that London was on the Grand Trunk, or Carling's Creek. We had it drilled into us that London was on the Thames—the prettiest stream in the province.

"I trust we will see a long step forward in the way of shell oarsmen, ship and sculling this year on the old river, and I think the good fellows who are working to this end so manfully in the Thames Boat Club deserve the heartiest commendation.

"FRED. W. BROWNE."

"New York, Feb. 17, 1908."

Commissioners Abolish Flat Rates

Big Consumers To Pay By Meter

Matter of Waterworks Extensions Was Not Touched Yesterday.

The water commissioners did not touch the water question at the meeting yesterday afternoon, but a special meeting will be held next Monday when a scheme of some sort will be brought down.

It is not known what scheme is favored by the commission.

Exit Flat Rates.

It was decided by the commission to dispense with flat rates for meters, and compel every consumer to pay for the actual water used.

Secretary Ellwood and Engineer

Raised a Row and Was Put in Jail

John Warwick, a young man who has been in court several times, was arrested last night on a charge of being disorderly.

It is alleged that Warwick went to the house of a relative, who is lying very ill with pneumonia, and started to put everybody in the house out.

The police were called in and Warwick spent the night in jail.

He pleaded hard to be allowed to go, but the magistrate remanded him for a week.

89 Per Cent Interest Case in Toronto

The Toronto News has the following story about money-lending, which is of interest locally:

Among the many stories of hardship which the present winter has brought forth comes that of a man who, on a loan of \$25, has been called upon to pay for its use the sum of \$22.25, equivalent to 89 per cent interest.

A legal authority points out that chapter 32 of the money lenders act of 1906 provides that no money-lender shall stipulate for, allow or exact on any negotiable instrument, contract or agreement, concerning a loan of money, the principal of which is under \$500, a rate of interest or discount greater than 12 per cent per annum.

The borrower in this particular case had a wife and three children, and they were on the verge of starvation. They did not want to ask for charity. With \$10 which he borrowed from a loan broker's office, the husband bought coal and food. He secured \$5 two weeks later, but when the payment was due, he had no money to meet it, for he has not worked all winter. On relating his story to the broker, he received \$10 more, making \$25 in all, the agreement being that he pay \$45 for the first month, \$40 for the second month, and so on for nine months, the payments to be 5 cents less each month. The bill as made out by the broker, is as follows:

\$45, Feb. 1.

\$40, March 1.

\$35, April 1.

\$30, May 1.

\$25, June 1.

\$20, July 1.

\$15, Aug. 1.

\$10, Sept. 1.

\$5, Oct. 1.

The borrower's wife states that the loan was secured without her consent on a chattel mortgage. The furniture is hers, and she had signed nothing, although he had to sign her name as well as his own. They have no money with which to meet the payments, and they have received notice from the broker that the furniture will be seized.

Section 32 of the money lenders act, quoted above, points out that every money-lender is guilty of an indictable offense and liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or to a penalty not exceeding \$1,000 who lends money at a greater rate of interest than that authorized by the act—12 per cent.

It is also pointed out by a legal authority that a chattel mortgage, not signed by the owner of the goods, cannot be enforced as a mortgage on the goods. If the wife is the owner of the chattels, a husband has no right to sign her name to a mortgage unless he is authorized to do so.

"If it is a fact that more than 12 per cent is being charged for a loan," said the legal gentleman to whom the case was referred, "the crown attorney should be seen with a view to having a charge laid in the police court against the money-lender."

Weekly Whist at the Liberal Club

The weekly whist match of the Liberal Club will be held this evening in Hyman Hall.

The C. A. S. Has Elected Its Officers

The adjourned annual meeting of the Children's Aid Society was held yesterday afternoon, when the elections of officers took place. There was a good attendance of those interested in the work.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

Patronesses—Mrs. C. S. Hyman, Mrs. Thomas Coffey, Mrs. Adam Back and Mrs. S. Stevely.

President—Sheriff Cameron.

Vice-Presidents—Mrs. Yarker, Mrs. Leonard, Rev. D. S. Hamilton, W. H. Wortman.

Treasurer—Mr. J. I. A. Hunt.

Secretary—Joseph Sanders.

Honorary solicitors—McKillop and Murphy.

Auditors—Mr. F. G. Jewell and Mr. Andrew Deane.

Board of Management.

Mrs. P. P. Betts, Miss Boyd, Mrs. George T. Brown, Miss Bullen, Mrs. T. H. Carling, Mrs. F. Cooper, Mrs. F. C. Drake, Mrs. H. Dreaney, Mrs. T. C. Duncan, Mrs. Thomas Galpin, Mrs. H.

WELL-KNOWN CITIZEN DEAD

Antonio Maiorana, Local Fruit Dealer, Has Passed Away.

Antonio Maiorana, one of the oldest and most highly esteemed Italian residents of this city, died at his home, 553 Richmond street, this morning.

Mr. Maiorana was a native of Sicily and came to this city twenty-five years ago. He engaged in the fruit business and was well-known and esteemed by everyone. His wife survives. The funeral will be held on Friday morning at St. Peter's Cathedral, interment being made at St. Peter's Cemetery.

Peculiar Wages Case Heard in Court

The wages case of Cox vs. Sifton, which was to have come up before Squire Chittick this morning, was adjourned until Saturday at 10 o'clock on account of the absence of one of the witnesses.

The story of Fred Cox, the plaintiff, was to the effect that he had come to this city about three months ago from Detroit, where he had been paid \$40 in a one-night lodging-house.

After being robbed, Cox, who is an Englishman, made his way to Windsor and then walked to London.

At Arva, in London Township, Cox had met Mr. Sifton, who is a farmer. Mr. Sifton, so the young man claimed, offered him work on his farm at \$1 a week and board. After working 12 or

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PRIESTLEY'S Reseda Poplin (silk and wool), Ranola (fine wool suiting), Sicamoose (wool etamine), Fine Voiles (all wool), Fine Voiles (silk stripe), Fine Taffetas (silk striped), Cardigan Lustres, Knebyouah Lustres.

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Young's moderate prices are prominent all through the showing.

Elegant values in BLACK VOILES, at 50¢, 75¢, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50

New Dress Nets, black, white and cream, 50¢, 75¢, 90¢, \$1.00.

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Local Items

—The cut on the sporting page, of Homer Pearson, was made from a photo by Mr. Geo. A. Henry, the popular photographer.

The Sterling Accident and Guaranty Company of Canada, as orderers are, have appointed Mr. W. J. Underwood as the representative in the industrial department in the place of E. A. Peacock. Mr. Underwood has his office at No. 377 Richmond street.

Mayor Stevely is in Detroit today, and Ald. Gerry is acting mayor.

Taken to Hamilton.

Detective Blakely of the Hamilton police force, arrived in this city this afternoon and took Alfred Roach back to Hamilton with him. Roach will be tried for snatching a purse from Miss Fanny Gillies.

Mrs. Hobbs Appointed.

Mrs. Hobbs was this morning appointed caretaker of the Grand Trunk waiting room, in place of Mrs. White who was recently placed on the pension list.

Visiting in London.

Mr. F. E. MacArthur has been visiting his parents at 485 Dundas street, this city, for the past few days. Mr. MacArthur will shortly take charge of a branch of the Bank of Toronto at Rossburn, Mann.

T. transferred to Berlin.

Mr. Jack Tove has been transferred to Berlin and holds one of the best positions in the Bank of Toronto in that place. He was taller, and laterally, and more energetic here. His many friends wish him much success.

Bennett's Big Bill.

Bennett's bill this week is so good that all should see it. The Japanese act alone is worth the money, while the act of Relf Brothers is a revelation. The bill is one continuous round of music, laughter and novelty.

A Club Meeting.

A meeting of the club committee of the A. O. U. W. was held in the City Hotel last night, the attendance being large. Progress was reported all along the line. Another meeting will be held on Thursday night, when very important matters will be taken up. The meeting will be a joint one.

Car-Breaking Cases.

The investigation into the thefts from Grand Trunk cars is still being carried on. The police are looking at present for a young man who is thought to have left the city, and is alleged to be one of the most important of those implicated in the thefts.

Death of Mrs. Cornish.

Mrs. Bertha Cornish, wife of Mr. Charles Cornish, of 698 York street, died at Victoria Hospital last night. Mrs. Cornish was 19 years old and was most popular with a wide circle of friends. The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Death of C. L. Smith.

The death occurred at Brantford on Monday of Charles L. Smith, formerly of this city. Mr. Smith was in his 32nd year and had lived in Brantford for some time. The funeral, which was of a private nature, took place this afternoon from the residence of his brother, Mr. F. T. Smith, 758 Waterloo street.

Old Resident Dead.

James Johnston, an old and highly esteemed resident of Westminster Township, died yesterday at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Arthur Cousart, Masonville. Mr. Johnston was in his 81st year. The funeral will take place on Thursday morning to St. Peter's Cathedral. Interment will be made at St. Peter's Cemetery.

Again on Sunday.

The London Bible Class, under whose auspices Pastor Russell was brought to this city, secured W. J. Mills also of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, to give two illustrated chart talks in the city hall next Sunday afternoon and evening. Mr. Mills is an able Bible student and elo-

Meanest Sneak-Thief Resides in London

"The meanest sneak thief in the world resides in this city."

So said Sheriff Cameron this morning in relating what took place at the office of the London Electric Company yesterday when a sneak thief entered the place and stole the little glass box which the Children's Aid Society had placed there for receiving contributions toward their noble charities.

Fifty Cents in Coppers.

There was about fifty cents in coppers at the time, and much indignation is being expressed by those who are aware that the box has been stolen.

It is not known how the box came to be stolen. No suspicious looking characters were noted around the office yesterday, and the mystery of it all is how any one could commit the deed without detection.

Sheriff Cameron stated that he did not think the matter would be reported to the local police, but that if the thief is found it will certainly go very hard with him.

Tenders for the New Isolation Hospital

The plans and specifications for the isolation hospital will be ready for the committee meeting on Monday night next, and it is then expected that tenders will be called for.

The work will be commenced as soon as it is possible to do so.

We want the hospital ready by Jan. 1 next, and we will do our best to get it ready," said Ald. Stewart, chairman of the special hospital committee.

City Engineer On Dundas St. Pavement

"I do not see why all this fuss is made about the Dundas street pavement," said City Engineer Graydon this morning. "The council has decided the matter, and that is all there is to it. Gravel will make just as good a foundation as broken stone. The pavement on Park avenue clearly shows that."

"The question is this, whether it is better to spend from \$9,000 to \$10,000 in the city, or let the money go elsewhere?"

"If gravel is used, that sum of money will be spent among the citizens of London for gravel and teaming, which otherwise would be spent in St. Marys and with the Grand Trunk."

"If that is worth something to the city, there should be no trouble about the contract. The gravel will do just as well as the crushed stone."

LONDON POLICYHOLDERS

Continued from Page One.

Out of the reserve fund, but not very much.

Owing to the fact that the life line policies cost more than the assessment plan policies, the holders of the former would receive the preference when the time came for making a settlement.

The company has about \$2,000,000 insurance policies in Canada and has a deposit with the Dominion Government at Ottawa of \$265,000 for their protection.

To Protect Canadians.

A statement given out is as follows: "The winding-up order was necessary for the protection of the Canadian policyholders. Negotiations are on foot for the reinsurance of all Canadian policyholders in a substantial Canadian company. The arrangement, if consummated, will mean that a portion of the reserve now held by the Canadian Government will be used to purchase this reinsurance. It is expected a substantial surplus will remain of this reserve after affecting reinsurance of policies now in force and payment of all death claims to be handed over to the New York receivers."

The Windsor home guard of the Old Boys has organized to receive the Old Boys this coming summer. Frank Hutton was elected president and Charles L. Barker was chosen secretary.

In the meantime the position of the Canadian policyholders, who hold the old plan policies, is exceedingly satisfactory, as the winding-up order

Difference in Price.

"As for the difference in price, I do not think there will be much difference. Gravel will cost the company about \$2.50 a cord, besides delivering, which will amount to considerable more. Then there will be the additional cost of cement, more of which will be used for the gravel than with crushed stone. Competent pavement men have told me that they can lay two more surface yards with a cord of crushed stone than they can with gravel. That will amount to a considerable sum."

"The chief argument used by the pavement company respecting their attitude to the contract was that the shorter time with gravel than with stone, and they will be subjected to delay. Otherwise they figure out there will be no difference. Nothing can be done now in the matter any way, as it is settled."

Tickets Going Rapidly for Banquet

Mr. A. W. White, chairman of the banquet committee of the board of trade, reports that the members have taken up 125 tickets for the coming banquet.

There are about 50 tickets left, and they will be offered for sale to the public.

There is a great demand for them, and those who desire tickets are requested to send their application to Mr. White immediately.

The tickets will be allotted in rotation.

board members are congratulating themselves in seeing Hon. Mr. Lennex and Prof. Shannon as their speakers, as they are recognized as two of the leading speakers of the continent.

will prevent any lapses. The liquidator, when negotiating is sufficiently advanced to enable him to do so, will advise the Canadian policyholders of the arrangements made."

MR. INKSTER'S INDUCTION

Ceremony Will Be Held on Thursday Afternoon, Feb. 27.

Arrangements for the induction of Rev. J. S. Inkster as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church have been completed. The ceremony will begin at 2 o'clock on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 27. The report will be made by the interior moderator, Rev. Mr. Henderson, Rev. Dr. Ross, of St. Andrew's, will address the minister; Rev. Dr. Monroe, the congregation, and Rev. Mr. Nichol will preach the sermon. At 6 o'clock members of the presbytery will be entertained at luncheon. The mayor, chairman of the board of education and a few invited guests will be present.

Mr. Inkster will preach his first sermon on Sunday evening, March 1, his pulpit being occupied in the morning by Rev. Mr. MacKay, of Crescent Street Church, Montreal. On Monday evening, March 2, Mr. Inkster will be welcomed by the congregation at a reception.

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MOTION TO COMMIT

Will Be Made in Connection With Power Shut-Off Case.

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It was stated today by one of the gentlemen interested that there were no new developments in the case, the facts in which were published in The Advertiser yesterday, beyond that the firms whose employees were on strike were taking steps to procure power from another source, and expected to resume operations in a very short time.

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SMALL MARKET
MANY BUYERS

LOCAL MARKET.

London, Wednesday, Feb. 19.—The number of buyers who put in an appearance at the market today was not equal to the small number of loads of hay, straw and oats that were marketed, consequently sales were slow for the ten loads of hay offered, which sold at \$14 to \$15 50 per ton. Straw sold at \$8 50 per ton. The supply of oats was light, and sold at \$1 52 and \$1 53 per cwt.

WEEKLY REVIEW.

The supply of farm produce at the markets held here the past week was sufficient for all requirements. For a few days there was a shortage in the supply of butter and eggs, but so far this week there has been an increase in the amount offered. While prices fluctuated considerably during the week, there is at present no material change from those paid a week ago.

Grain.—The prices of oats are firm at \$1 52 and \$1 53 per cwt. Wheat is selling at 92c per bushel. The supply is light. A few loads of barley sold at \$1 35 per cwt., which is about 65c a bushel.

Hay and Straw.—The delivery of hay has been heavy during the week. Trade is fairly active, considering the large number of loads that have been marketed. Prices range from \$14 to \$16 per ton. Straw is in fair demand at \$8 and \$8 50 per ton.

Butter and Eggs.—Butter was scarce at Saturday's market, and prices were higher. Since then there has been a considerable quantity offered, and prices are easier at 23c for choice rolls and 27c for crocks; store rolls sell at 25c for large rolls and crocks. Eggs sold at 25c on Saturday, and 26c and 30c per dozen, wholesale. At Tuesday's market they could be obtained at 26c and 27c per dozen by basket. The outlook is for lower prices.

Poultry.—There is little or nothing doing in this line. Sales are at \$1 25 to \$1 75 per barrel, or 40 to 50c per bag.

Potatoes.—The demand in this line is fairly active at 80c to 85c per bag, wholesale. The most of the sales are made at the higher figure.

Poultry.—The dealers claim that the supply is ample for all requirements, and quoted the following prices: Chickens, 10c per pound, alive, or 11c dressed; ducks, 10c to 12c, alive, or 12c dressed; turkeys, 12c to 13c, alive, or 13c to 15c dressed. The latter price is for hen turkeys.

Dressed Hogs.—The supply has decreased considerably, and the demand at present is fairly brisk. Nearly all of the sales are made at \$7 per cwt.

Live Hogs.—Although the price paid here last Monday was \$5 10 per cwt., which was considerably more than was paid at most shipping points, it did not seem to be a sufficient inducement for the farmers to bring in their hogs. The numbers offered have been small.

What the price for next Monday's shipment will be has not yet been decided upon, but is expected to be about the same as last week. There is only an occasional pen of small pigs brought to the market, and are slow of sale at \$3 per pair.

Butcher's Beef.—The demand in fair demand at \$8 75 to \$9 50 per cwt.; mutton, \$6 to \$8 per cwt.; veal, \$7 50 to \$9 per cwt.; lamb in good demand at 11c per pound; pork, 8c for front quarters, and 9c for hind quarters.

Sides.—The market is firm at 5c for No. 1, 4c for No. 2, and 3c per pound for No. 3 grades; calfskins, 6c per pound, and sheepskins, 7c to \$1 50 each.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—Cattle—Receipts, 17,000; strong, \$1 80 to \$1 90; cows and heifers, \$1 80 to \$1 75; Texans, \$1 75 to \$1 80; calves, \$2 25 to \$2 30; westerns, \$1 75 to \$1 80; stockers and feeders, \$1 70 to \$1 80.

Hogs—Receipts, 25,000; 5c to 10c higher; heavy, \$1 20 to \$1 25; roughs, \$1 25 to \$1 30; pigs, \$1 20 to \$1 25; bulk of sales at \$1 25 to \$1 30.

Sheep—Receipts, 12,000; strong, natives, \$2 25 to \$2 50; westerns, \$2 25 to \$2 50; roughs, \$2 25 to \$2 50; lambs, \$2 50 to \$3 00; westerns, \$2 50 to \$3 00.

EAST BUFFALO.

Feb. 18.—Cattle—Receipts, 200 head; steady; prime steers, \$5 00 to \$5 25; cows and heifers, \$4 50 to \$5 00; calves, \$5 00 to \$5 25; stockers and feeders, \$4 50 to \$5 00.

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Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 9,000 head; steady; sheep active, lambs slow; lambs, \$2 50 to \$3 00; at a few at \$2 25; yearlings, \$2 25 to \$2 50; wethers, \$2 25 to \$2 50; ewes, \$2 25 to \$2 50; sheep, mixed, \$2 25 to \$2 50; lambs closing active.

DAIRY MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—Butter—Firm; creameries, 21c to 22c; dairies, 20c to 23c. Cheese—Steady, 10c to 12c.

NEW YORK.

New York, Feb. 18.—Butter—Firm; receipts, 12,721 packages; creamery specials, 22c; do, held, 21c; extras, 20c to 21c; thirds to firsts, 19c to 20c; ewes, 18c to 19c. Cheese—Firm and unchanged; receipts, 5,737 boxes.

OIL MARKETS.

OIL CITY, Feb. 18.—Credit balances, \$1 78.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Petroleum—American refined, 6 1/2-16; spirits, 7/6d.

ANTWERP.

Antwerp, Belgium, Feb. 18.—Petroleum, 22 francs.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 18.—Oil—Oil opened and closed at \$1 78.

SUGAR MARKET.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Sugar—Raw steady; fair refining, 3 1/2c; centrifugal, 90 test, 2 5/8c; molasses sugar, 2 1/2c. Molasses—Quiet.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Raw sugar—Centrifugal, 11s; Muscovado, 9s 9d; beet sugar, February, 8s 3d.

SUGAR REDUCED.

Local wholesalers were notified yesterday that St. Lawrence granulated and yellow sugars had been reduced 10c.

COTTON MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Cotton—Futures closed barely steady. Closing bids: February, 10.50c; March, 10.50c; April, 10.70c; May, 10.80c; June, 10.70c; July, 10.80c; August, 10.80c; October, 10.80c; December, 10.90c.

Spot closed quiet, 10c to 10 1/2c higher; middling upland, 11c; middling gulf, 11.70c; no sales.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 18.—Cotton—Spot in fair demand; prices 5 points higher; American

middling, fair, 6.75; good middling, 6.80; middling, 6.14; low middling, 5.90; good ordinary, 5.80; low ordinary, 5.75. The sales of the day were 8,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export, and included 1,800 American Receipts, 4,000 bales, including 20,000 American.

Futures opened steady and closed quiet. American middling, C. O. C. February, 5.90; March and April, 5.90; May, 5.90; June and July, 5.90; August, 5.90; September, 5.90; October, 5.90; November, 5.90; December, 5.90.

New York, Feb. 18.—Cotton—Futures opened steady; February, 10.50c; March, 10.50c; April, 10.70c; May, 10.80c; June, 10.70c; July, 10.80c; August, 10.80c; October, 10.80c; December, 10.90c.

ENGLISH MARKET.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 18.—Wheat—Spot weak. No. 2 red western winter, 7s 10d. Futures steady; March, 6s 8 1/2d; May, 6s 9 1/2d; July, 6s 10 1/2d.

Barley—Quiet; prime mixed American, new, 5s 2 1/2d; do, old, 5s 4 1/2d. Futures quiet; March, 5s 2 1/2d.

Wheat—Canadian steady, 7s 8 1/2d. Flour—Winter patents dull, 20s. Hops (in London)—Pacific coast steady, 2s to 2 1/2s.

Best—Extra India mesut easy, 86d 3/4. Prime western easy, 76d 3/4. Hams—Short cut, 14 to 15 lbs. quiet, 40s 6d.

Chase—Finest Canadian white, new, steady, 62s 6d; do, colored, new, steady, 62s 6d.

Bacon—Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs. quiet, 26s 6d; do, 16 to 20 lbs. quiet, 26s 6d; long clear middles, light, 23 to 24 lbs. quiet, 25s 6d; do, heavy, 25 to 26 lbs. quiet, 25s 6d; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs. quiet, 25s 6d; do, 14 to 16 lbs. quiet, 25s 6d; shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs. quiet, 25s 6d.

Lard—Prime western, in tierces, easy, 37s; American refined, in pairs, dull, 38s 2d.

Butter—Good United States firm, 55 10s to 56s.

Turpetine—Spirits—Easy, 35s 6d.

Rosin—Common easy, 3s 3d.

Cottonseed Oil (Hull refined)—Spot steady, 23s 9d.

BEAN MARKETS.

DETROIT, Feb. 18.—Beans—Spot, \$2 25; February, \$2 25; May, \$2 25; all nominal.

PRODUCE MARKET.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Feb. 18.—A thaw is threatened throughout the Province, and traders are predicting a continuance of light delivery. This is a favorable factor for the market, but there is not much expectation of anything but a dull market for this week. Buyers are not anxious, as they say that the domestic supply is very light. Prices are quoted as follows: Wheat—Manitoba grades are dull, with prices lower; No. 1 northern is quoted at 17c to 18c; No. 2 at 16c to 17c; No. 3 at 15c to 16c; No. 4 at 14c to 15c; No. 5 at 13c to 14c; No. 6 at 12c to 13c; No. 7 at 11c to 12c; No. 8 at 10c to 11c; No. 9 at 9c to 10c; No. 10 at 8c to 9c; No. 11 at 7c to 8c; No. 12 at 6c to 7c; No. 13 at 5c to 6c; No. 14 at 4c to 5c; No. 15 at 3c to 4c; No. 16 at 2c to 3c; No. 17 at 1c to 2c; No. 18 at 0c to 1c; No. 19 at 0c to 1c; No. 20 at 0c to 1c.

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Mr. McLean said industries had been ruined in Canada because the railways would not provide cars or forward freight. This grievance, he held, extended all over Canada.

Hon. Mr. Graham said that any facility afforded to transportation added to the value of the products transported. Nothing would be gained by attacking the men whose money was invested in railways. Canadians were co-investors in transportation companies and must be fair. Canada, he said, had more miles of railway per head than any country in the world. One person in six obtained livelihood from the transportation interests, so that question was an important one. Reciprocal demurrage was largely an experiment, and none could tell what the effect would be if introduced in Canada. He paid a tribute to the work of the railway commission, which, he said, had commended itself generally. He would within a few days introduce a bill to increase the membership of the board, and to embrace telephones and telegraphs under their jurisdiction. In regard to the telegraph a position of reciprocal responsibility must be taken. He would give the railway commission power to deal with the matter in a bill providing for enlarging the commission. This would, he thought, be preferable to placing an inflexible law upon the statute books that might not work out well. There was no difference of opinion as to the necessity for solution of the question.

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DISEASE THROUGH BILLS.

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New Circuits.

The United Offices did not like Morris' habit of forming new circuits, and when Klaw & Erlanger was bought out Morris received an offer of \$25,000 a year to go overboard. He refused, and almost immediately began organizing the new circuit, which it is promised will prove an even stronger opposition than Klaw & Erlanger, Morris slipped over to Europe quietly the other day, leaving the matter in the hands of his associates. He is now in New York, and is expected to return to the United States in a few days.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 18.—The commission of national defense has almost finished its discussion of the plans for the rebuilding of the fleet. It is rumored that many of the naval officials are advocating the construction of big and small battleships, and a mosquito fleet, a report of the commission will not be made public before its submission to the Duma.

The competition for the plans for four large ships, the construction of which is to begin this year, has been closed. The chief competitors of the Russian firms being Vickers, Sons & Maxims, of England. Representatives of the Cramps and the Newport News Shipbuilding Company visited Russia to investigate the possibilities, but they departed last week, finding they said that the conditions were impossible from an American point of view. The Americans, however, will be competitors in the bids for the construction of three large submarines of 400 tons or more, included in the 1908 programme. An American firm also is a contender in the competition for a big order, composed of a carrier, a belt, and a gun, which closed yesterday.

Another Parnell Case?

London, Feb. 17.—It is expected that the next list of cases before the divorce court will include one in which the defendant will be one of the most prominent members of the Irish National party, and equally well known in the United States, where he has been a comparatively frequent visitor. His wife is an American woman, who has attained some distinction as a playwright.

Strenuous efforts are being made to keep the case out of court, and as long as there is a chance of success the principals will preserve the veil of secrecy. I understand, however, that the lady has a will of her own and will not be influenced by the fear of publicity, which would cause irreparable damage to her husband, who, besides his political affiliations, is well known in literary and journalistic circles, where the stain would be hard to remove, for, politically, the case does not amount to much, although the respondent is not without influence in his party.

Consequently it will in no wise be parallel to the case of Parnell. In this instance there is no moralist's lesson to be read in the Irish constituent's lesson on social ethics, and if it would listen to it, so great has been the change of thought in the last 25 years.

The co-respondent in the present case is generally mentioned as a musical comedy actress of the first rank.

WIN \$126,000
BY BAD CHECKTwo Boston Men Make Fortune
Out of Pure Wind and
"Nerve."

Boston, Mass., Feb. 18.—Monumental nerve that enabled them to bluff through a bad deal without the use of a cent has brought a fortune of \$126,000 to two stockbrokers who came here a year ago from New Orleans, where they ran a small brokerage office.

The two men are W. A. Baldwin and his brother Charles. When the \$50,000 worth of New York bonds were advertised for sale a few weeks ago the two men put in bids at 104 for a little over \$4,000,000 worth of them, that price being a fraction of a point higher than the bid made by the Morgan syndicate. With the bid they sent a check for \$108,000, 2 per cent of the purchase price, although, as Charles Baldwin admitted today, they did not have enough in the bank to pay protest fees. But their figures were the highest. If their check was the good New York must sell them the bonds.

Today the comptroller of New York sent the check over for collection. In the meantime the bonds were selling in Wall street for over 107, and the Baldwin brothers had no trouble arranging with a bank to take care of the check. Incidentally the bank made them an offer, which they have accepted, which gives them just \$126,000 to turn over their bonds.

MUST DIVIDE THE DUTIES

Mother Country Gets a Share From the Fulford Estate.

Toronto, Feb. 18.—The Government of Ontario will get only about half the succession duties on the estate of the late Senator Fulford, owing to a reciprocal arrangement with Great Britain, whereby estates located in both countries pay a share of duties to each.

The late Senator Fulford estate amounted to about \$750,000, the succession duties in all totalling about \$30,000. One of the Fulford proprietary companies, however, was organized in England and capitalized at \$1,000,000 or \$485,000. The succession duties on this amount aggregating \$15,000 or \$16,000, sum yet paid over in this way by Canada to the mother country.

THE BALKAN CRISIS

Satisfactory Arrangement at Hand Between Russia and Austria.

Vienna, Feb. 19.—While semi-official assurances are given here that the prospects are brighter for an amicable settlement of the difficulties arising out of the Austrian railroad troubles, through mutual concessions, both the Austrian and Russian Governments being sincerely anxious that there shall be no disturbance of the Muerstegg agreement, it is declared that a satisfactory arrangement is in Anglo-Russian diplomatic circles compared with the best plans in the world.

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City and District

—Stanley Wootton, of this city, is visiting his uncle, George Strong, in Wallace town.

—Clare McKee, night operator on the Pere Marquette, in this city, is spending a couple of weeks at his home in Dutton.

—Miss Alice Le Sueur, of Belle Vue, Tecumseh avenue east, entertained a number of her friends to a Valentine party last Friday evening, and a very pleasant time was passed.

—G. A. Hinch, auctioneer, conducted a very successful sale last week for Thos. Middleborough, of London township. Cows sold as high as \$52 each. Horses, grain and implements also brought big figures.

—The 50-acre farm belonging to Mrs. Sissons, near Byron, was yesterday sold by Anderson & Hatch, real estate agents, Bank Toronto, Chambers, to Mr. B. Langford, of Biddulph, for the sum of \$4,950 cash.

—Two freight cars took fire in the C. P. R. yards in the east end early on Monday morning, and the Italian workmen in them had to escape in a hurry. Many of them lost their belongings. The cars were completely destroyed.

Ice Harvest.
It is expected that the ice harvest at Port Stanley will finish this week. It is estimated that 2,800 tons of ice have been stored there this winter.

Verger Injured.
Mr. E. Pinnell, verger of St. Paul's Cathedral, slipped and fell on the steps leading into the cellar yesterday morning, and sustained painful injuries.

Sergeants of Seventh Regiment's Annual Dinner.
The sergeants of the Seventh Regiment will hold their annual dinner on Friday evening, 21st inst., at the Tecumseh House.

Paardeberg Ball.
The non-commissioned officers and men of the R. C. R. are making great preparations for the Paardeberg ball, which will be held in the city hall on the 27th inst.

Captain Nagle Arrives.
Captain A. P. B. Nagle has arrived at Wolseley Barracks, and taken over the command of K Company, Royal Canadian Regiment, Vice Captain Hilly transferred.

Good Roads.
The good roads committee of the county council will be received by the Minister of Public Works, Toronto, one week from next Tuesday, in reference to the grant of one third on work performed under the old law which was repealed.

Medie. Calve.
Woodstock Sentinel-Review: The Woodstock party which went to London last evening to hear Medie Calve and her concert company felt well repaid. Calve herself was in fine voice, and was most gracious and

Clearing Sale of RUBBER BOOTS

Men's Knee Boots, in several weights, some bright, some dull finish, sizes 6 to 11. Regular \$4.00. Clearing price, **\$2.75**

Men's Hip Boots, extra fine quality. Regular price \$6.25. Clearing price..... **\$4.50**

Boys' Hip Boots. Regular \$4.25, now..... **\$2.75**

Boys' Knee Boots. Regular \$3.25, now..... **\$2.25**

Women's Finest Quality Boots, bright finish, fleece lined. Regular \$2.50 quality. Clearing price..... **\$1.75**

Children's, as above, sizes 6 to 10 1/2. Regular price \$1.75. Clearing price..... **\$1.25**

Misses', as above, sizes 11 to 2. Regular \$2.00. Clearing price..... **\$1.50**

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MARCH 1st WE MOVE

All Furs must be sold—every piece at a price.

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liberal in her responses to the calls of the audience.
A Close Call.
Mr. Frank Karn, manager of the Home Bank, suffered severely from an attack of ptomaine poisoning in Toronto a few nights ago. Mr. Karn, after the theater, went to a restaurant for a lunch, and was taken violently ill after eating a sardine sandwich. He has completely recovered.

Purchased His Discharge.
Corporal Harry Lane, R. C. R., has purchased his discharge from K Company, and has left for his home in Woodstock, Corp. Lane was a South African veteran, and a former member of the R. C. R. and R. C. D., and has many friends in London. The boys were very sorry at his departure as he was a great favorite and a good soldier.

A Bartenders' Union.
St. Catharines Star-Journal: Mr. Fred Harding, of London, is in the city to reorganize the defunct bartenders' union. A meeting was held on Saturday evening, when the names of all who are willing to rejoin were received. A meeting will be held on the evening of Monday, the 24th inst., when the work of reorganization will be completed.

Sues City of St. Thomas.
W. L. Wickett, barrister, acting on behalf of Mrs. Victoria R. Gregory, of this city, has issued a writ against the city of St. Thomas, claiming damages for injuries received. Mrs. Gregory, on Nov. 28, 1907, was walking along St. Catharines street, when she tripped on the rail of the switch leading to the gas works, and was thrown against a telegraph pole. She received injuries which confined her to the house for some time.

Successful Pupils.
The following pupils of Mr. Bert Weir were successful at the recent examinations held at the London Conservatory of Music: Intermediate piano—Edith Marshall, first-class honors; Miss Hattie Carnell, first-class honors; Junior piano—John Fitzgerald, first-class honors. Primary piano—Arthur Birks, first-class honors. Intermediate harmony—Miss Hattie Carnell, honors; Miss Lettie Ward, honors. Junior harmony—John Fitzgerald, pass. Primary rudiments—Arthur Birks, honors. Primary harmony—Laura Nicholson, first-class honors.

EVANGELISTIC MEETING

Second of Series Held Last Night in Empress Avenue Church.

The second of a series of evangelistic meetings which it is intended to hold every night this week in the Empress Avenue Church was given last night before a large audience. The service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. I. B. Wallwin, who is being assisted by Rev. S. J. Oaten, of Milverton. The choir of the church will be present at all the meetings and render an excellent programme of sacred music.

Bus-ride parties supplied. Reasonable rates. Hueston's Liveries.

It is now up to some elastic promoter, native of the U. S. A., to find out from what breed of cattle the golden calf comes and organize a stock company for the exclusive control and management.

Laura Secord and the War of 1812
A Fine Lecture By Major Sheppard

At a Largely-Attended Meeting of the London Historical Society.

One of the most interesting and best-attended meetings that the Historical Society has ever had was held last night in the Normal School, when Major Sheppard, of Queenston, gave a stirring account of "Three Historic Days on the Niagara Frontier."

Major Sheppard has lived all his life in the vicinity of the decisive battles of the war of 1812, and in his youth was acquainted with many of the veterans, from whom he gathered important details.

The American Attack.
After a short account of the causes of the war, the forces available, and the plan of campaign, Major Sheppard told of the attack of the Americans by way of Lewiston on June 17, 1812.

General Brock, he said, was a very brave man, although at times, rash, and his attempt to recover Queenston Heights was criticised by many. However, letters that have been found since show that it was principally with the object of recovering the guns that the attack was made, and this in a soldier's eyes was second only in importance to saving the colors.

Brock Killed.
Brock was twice struck while ascending the hill the second time, falling, and dying shortly afterwards. Lieutenant FitzGibbon, who took command of a small party, proved so harassing to the Americans that on the night following the battle they sent a force to capture him.

City Solicitor Meredith has given his opinion that the city cannot lease the Port Stanley property to Mr. Price for any long term of years. The communication of that opinion to the London and Port Stanley board has been made, and the board will deal with it shortly.

There is considerable discussion on the subject and many differences of opinion have been expressed.

Alderman Puzzled.
"It sounds funny to me," said an alderman this morning. "We can lease the property to the Pere Marquette for any term of years, either 10, 20 or 30 years for that matter. The company can then turn around and sub-lease it to Mr. Price for an equal term, and the city can do nothing about it. I must confess I hardly know what to do about it."

May Go Elsewhere.
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The force numbered about 600, and on the way they stopped in the evening to rest at the house of Mrs. Laura Secord.

Mrs. Secord was ill, and the officers, to try and cheer her up, played several games of cards with her.

Laura Secord.
While playing, she learned their plans to ambush FitzGibbon's force.

She evaded the sentry under the pretense of turning her cow out to the field, and hurried to FitzGibbon.

She had several encounters with Indians on the way, but explaining her mission, they allowed her to proceed.

FitzGibbon, forewarned, was able to dispose of his forces so skillfully, that although the Americans outnumbered him 10 to 1, they failed, and surrendered.

FitzGibbon obtained some much-needed supplies of guns and ammunition from the American forces, and he was busy all the rest of the day disposing of his prisoners.

Fort Erie.
On the third day the Americans crossed the river at Fort Erie.

General Drummond had placed his heavy artillery at Lundy's Lane.

The fight here was terrific, the Americans making seven desperate attacks to capture the British guns, which were doing tremendous execution to their troops.

Finally the British troops made an attack and captured many American guns.

This closed the fighting, and the Americans retreated to Chippewa.

A very hearty vote of thanks to Major Sheppard was moved by Mr. Henry Macklin and seconded by Professor Dearness.

Solicitor Against It.
"I understand that the city solicitor's opinion is against any such long-term lease, but I do not know the reason why," said Mayor Stevely this morning. "It cannot be leased, and that is all there is about it."

A misunderstanding seems to have arisen regarding the terms asked by Mr. Price. He stated that he wanted the ground during the lifetime of the building, so that the persons investing money in it would not lose it until such a time as they had opportunity to get an adequate return from it. The 99-year term was not his suggestion.

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Permits for use of track and rent of stalls, grounds, etc.....	560 00
London District Agricultural Society grant.....	365 70
East Middlesex Agricultural Society grant.....	151 81
Ontario Government grant.....	1,109 00
Cheese and butter sales, including competition, butters, etc.....	1,496 23
Deposits, re rental.....	170 00
Interest on bank deposits.....	322 30
Special Prizes Donated.	
American Abolition Angus Association.....	\$ 60 00
American Cotswold Association.....	15 00
Donation to Swine Breeders' Association.....	100 00
Holstein-Friesian Association.....	50 00
Ontario Yorkshire Swine Breeders' Association.....	50 00
Hon. Adam Beck.....	20 00
Bank of Toronto, London.....	25 00
Bank of B. N. A. London.....	25 00
Sovereign Bank, London.....	10 00
Imperial Bank, London.....	50 00
Johnston Bros., London.....	50 00
Canadian Express Co.....	50 00
Per agricultural committee.....	7 00
Subscription, London Street Railway Company.....	100 00
Per Dog Show committee.....	238 00
Total.....	\$15,145 72
Disbursements.	
Horses.....	\$2,678 00
Speed.....	240 00
Cattle.....	1,635 00
Swine.....	1,080 00
Sheep.....	960 00
Poultry.....	915 50
Agricultural.....	420 00
Dairy and honey.....	711 50
Fruit and flowers.....	885 00
Ladies' work, fine arts, etc.....	1,001 75
Dogs.....	379 33
Judges' fees.....	462 50
Special prizes—Silver cups.....	\$12,415 38
Printing, advertising and posting.....	32 00
Office expenses, postage, rent, salaries.....	2,802 96
General expenses.....	399 00
Grounds and buildings.....	2,727 62
General net.....	1,296 41
Special repairs and improvements.....	2,608 89
Less received from city (\$25 00), and from W. C. T. U. (\$100).....	\$1,589 00
Total.....	\$2,430 92
Expenses—	
Games and ticket departments.....	\$70 45
Live stock and poultry.....	229 12
Agricultural, horticultural and dairy.....	326 15
Machinery and carriage.....	60 00
Main building.....	239 50
Dog show.....	233 46
Attractions, fireworks, music, etc.....	4,582 59
Cheese and butter sales, paid exhibitors.....	1,384 93
Deposits refunded.....	170 00
Furniture and chattels.....	83 40
Balance in bank.....	10,742 82
Total.....	\$15,145 72
Assets.	
Real estate payments made on the property conditionally held by the City of London (not including interest paid on mortgages).....	\$3,900 00
Construction or permanent improvements on land and buildings held or owned by the city.....	25,031 11
Dairy building and equipment.....	10,022 34
Furniture and chattels, at cost, as per ledger account.....	4,750 19
Balance in bank.....	\$2,430 92
Trustees' account.....	\$2,430 92
Current account.....	2,386 63
Total.....	\$62,470 97
Liabilities—None.	
As announced in The Advertiser of yesterday, the officers will be practically the same as the past year.	

CLAN FRASER HAD SPLENDID TIME

Smoker Held After the Regular Meeting Last Night.

The regular meeting of Clan Fraser which was held in the lodge rooms in Foresters' Hall, Albion Block, last night, proved to be a most enjoyable affair.

After the business of the meeting was concluded, the remainder of the evening was given over to a smoker.

A musical programme, consisting of numbers by the Sons of Scotland Male Chorus, Messrs. Cameron, Patterson and McLaren, added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening.