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Must Fight Or Surrender

Lord Kitchener's Answer to the Boer Commander,

Who Sought to Gain Time by Asking an Armistice—Fighting Was Then Resumed—Cronje's Army Believed To Be in a Hopeless Condition.

The Enemy's Main Army Making Their Last Stand—British Pressing Their Advantage—Three Thousand Fresh Troops Leaving for Africa Today—British Losses Up to Feb. 17, 11,208.

Cape Town, Feb. 23.—Thursday morning.—In reply to Gen. Cronje's request for an armistice of 24 hours to allow him to bury his dead,

Lord Kitchener told the Boer commander that he must fight to a finish or surrender unconditionally.

Gen. Cronje's position is reported hopeless.

The British have occupied Barkley West.

London, Feb. 23.—The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: Gen. Cronje's request for an armistice was

A MERE DODGE
to gain time to make trenches. Lord Kitchener refused, but gave him half an hour to consider whether he would surrender unconditionally or fight to a finish. The Boers have said that their intention had been misunderstood, and that they would fight to the end, the battle was resumed.

CAPTURED A KOPIE.
The Times has the following from Paardeberg, dated Feb. 21: We have expelled 500 Boers from an isolated kopje about a mile southeast of Gen. Cronje's laager.

The Times says editorially: "The fact that the Boers started to reinforce Gen. Cronje from Natal a few days ago is an additional reason why

LORD ROBERTS SHOULD FINISH WITH HIM

as promptly as possible. Small bodies of Boers, such as have already been broken up, are not very formidable; but a large body with guns and supplies would call for serious treatment, in which, no doubt, Gen. French would find congenial work. Lord Roberts at present sees the advantage of being nearer to his base than the Boers are to theirs; but that advantage will be reduced in proportion to his eastward progress, and it is important that bodies of the enemy should not hover on his right flank."

MUST SURRENDER.
Spencer Wilkinson, reviewing the military situation in the Morning Post, says: "Lord Roberts, who was once an artillery officer, will take care that the artillery fire is properly concentrated. Prolonged shelling will compel the Boers either to hurl themselves at the British infantry in the hope of forcing their way out, or to surrender. The best chance for Gen. Cronje would be to

MAKE A NIGHT ATTACK.
but the bayonet will serve the British at night as well as day. There are, of course, in war all sorts of chances. A party of Boers from the north or the south might conceivably fall by surprise on some point of the investing ring, and thus gain a chance to escape

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The doctors said she could not live a month. She is now cured. No knife or plaster. Send for name and particulars.

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and Free State railroads will be able to transport hurriedly great numbers of men and horses.
From the available information received here it appears that Lord Roberts completely surrounds Gen. Cronje with artillery, thus releasing the other armies, which military experts assert, he has plenty to defeat all reinforcements of the Boers as they arrive in detail, as he has already started doing. The fact that Gen. Cronje asked for an armistice points to great losses, as well as indicating that he recognizes that his hope lies in securing delay in order to allow Boer reinforcements to create a diversion in Lord Roberts' rear.

TALKED OF SURRENDERING.
London, Feb. 23.—The Daily News has the following dispatch from Modder River, dated Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 21: "The Boer forces under Gen. Cronje are estimated at 5,000 men. At 12 o'clock he asked an armistice of twenty-four hours, which was refused. Later he sent a messenger to say that he would surrender. The British general sent a reply telling him to come into camp. Cronje refused, saying there had been a misunderstanding, and that he would fight to the death. The bombardment was renewed, and four British shells set fire to the Boer wagons. We continued shelling the Boer laager through the night, and in the morning we resumed our attack with rifles, principally from the north side.

WASTE OF LIFE.
On Sunday there was much waste of life in attacking, and the same result will be achieved without it. During Monday night the Boers made an attempt to break through our lines, but they were captured, and their leader killed. Four were carrying letters. It is believed that there was one other who got through. Other prisoners say that Gen. Cronje marched from Maserfontein here without outspanning, a distance of 33 miles. Had he succeeded in the fighting he would have been one of the finest performers in the annals of warfare.

MORE ARTILLERY.
London, Feb. 23.—Artillery officers received hurry orders yesterday to proceed to South Africa with one-pound Maxim-Nordenfledt guns.

PUSHING ON SUPPLIES.
London, Feb. 23.—12:40 a.m.—The war office has issued the following from Lord Roberts: "Paardeberg, Feb. 22.—Methuen reports from Kimberley that supplies of food and forage are being pushed on as fast as possible. There will be enough coal to start the Boers' mines for ten days. By this means great misery will be alleviated. Hospital arrangements there are reported perfect. He hopes Prieska and the adjoining country will soon be settled."

At the same time the war office announced that nothing further would be issued tonight.

In Parliament.

TALK OF SETTLEMENT.
London, Feb. 23.—In the House of Lords yesterday the premier declared that the government had no arrangement whatever with any power in respect to the course to be taken in the ultimate settlement with the Boer republics. No power had asked or suggested the entering into of any such arrangement. Lord Salisbury also said he knew nothing of Gen. Cronje's proposed armistice.

Regarding Delagoa Bay, the parliamentary secretary of the foreign office, Mr. Wm. St. John Brodrick, declared the government was not aware there was any evidence showing contraband had reached the Transvaal through Delagoa Bay. General allegations had been made that the local authorities were not carrying out the instructions of the Portuguese Government, as completely as might be desired, but there was no proof.

Mr. George Wyndham, the parliamentary secretary of the war office, in the House of Commons, announced that he did not know the nature of the war office's decision on the matter, but it was described as "severe, but not dangerous."
Commenting upon Lord Salisbury's reply to Lord Teynham's question, regarding the assertion in Great Britain was bound by a secret treaty with Germany, which would secure some measure of independence for the Boers, the Times says: There would be no precedent for any interference unless the Boers were crushed, even if they felt bold enough or strong enough to try to rob the victors under unctious pretexts of humanity and mercy of the booty which was theirs. It is hard to see how the Boers could be strong enough to try who is at the same time hostile enough to England to wish to try. The Times then proceeds to argue that the British war was never stronger than it is at present, adding: "This war has given an immense experience, which will tend to make Great Britain stronger than ever before in a military sense, while

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the Indian troops and the colonists have evinced their loyalty in a time of adversity, which gives additional strength. What Germany has accomplished in the reichsland we will accomplish in the Boer republics. It is not enough for us to conquer the Boers; we shall not rest satisfied until they are loyal and patriotic Britons.

Carnage!

Graphic Description of the Battle of Paardeberg Drift.

And of the Two Days' Fighting That Followed.

Sunday's Death List Includes 18 Canadians and 63 Highlanders.

London, Feb. 23.—The official report gives 146 men killed at Paardeberg Drift Sunday, including 63 Highlanders and 18 Canadians.

Paardeberg Drift, Orange Free State, Tuesday, Feb. 22.—(Further details)—As night fell, after the terrific fighting which lasted all day Sunday, there was a sudden cessation of fire. Both sides were thoroughly tired and glad to rest. The work of collecting the dead and wounded proceeded, and the men slept where they had fought the whole day. The action was one of the most fearfully contested in the history of the war. The Boers were fighting solely for their lives and the British determinedly harassed them. The mounted infantry did good work, and the Highland brigade fought steadily and sternly. The whole force behaved well.

Sunday evening the cordon around the Boers was completely closed on every side in perfect silence. A few Boers came into camp during the night and confessed they were

SICK OF FIGHTING,
and that Gen. Cronje was being urged to surrender. Gen. Cronje's force occupies the river bed. All the animals and the men suffered terribly from thirst. It was impossible to transport water. A heavy thunderstorm in the afternoon, however, considerably relieved their sufferings.

LORD KITCHENER WAS PRESENT with the force. Gen. Macdonald was wounded in the foot, but not severely. Our men marched splendidly to overtake the retreating enemy. Deserters say that a great number of Boers lost their horses. Trek oxen are daily seen wandering over the plain, and may come into our lines. Monday morning found the Boers in the same place. During the night they had constructed entrenchments around the laager which was still threatened by Gen. Smith-Dorrien. The infantry rested after the terribly hard day's fighting on Sunday.

The mounted infantry and a battery of horse artillery started to observe the enemy, who was holding a kopje, but while riding around the southern side of the kopje they received a heavy fusillade and were obliged to move further out. They sustained no casualties. This was attributed to bad Boer marksmanship.

Pushing on, the detachment found that the kopje extended a considerable distance west, sloping gradually to the plain. They seized a good defensive position, which was garrisoned. They continued the movement, and

COMPLETELY TURNED THE BOERS.

whose left was held strongly by a farmhouse. This was vigorously shelled. The detachment returned to camp at nightfall, leaving a garrison on the ridge. Meanwhile a desultory bombardment of the Boer position was kept up and a good deal of rifle fire concentrated where the Essex were attempting to rush up the river.

About midday a cry that General French had arrived was passed down the ranks, but his division operated out of sight of our forces. When Lord Roberts arrived, he addressed several regiments, and was vigorously cheered.

BOERS WANT AN ARMISTICE.

Then followed the most wonderful scene it was ever this correspondent's lot to witness. Once before in the Boer war he had seen 110 guns in action, but never such a number of powerful guns concentrating their fire upon a spot about a mile square. The exploding lyddite shells raised great clouds of green smoke.

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engaging the Boer reinforcements. Every opportunity was given the Boers to surrender; but when towards afternoon there was no sign of any such intentions Lord Roberts determined to crush once and for all Gen. Cronje's resistance.

On the south bank of the river, at a range of about 2,000 yards, were placed three field batteries and two naval 12-pounders, and on the north bank, enfilading the whole river, one howitzer, three field batteries and three naval 4.7 guns.

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TERRIBLE EXECUTION.
The roar was deafening, yet with a spirit of desperate madness the Boers would now and again attempt to snipe the naval guns which were firing at a range of 1,000 yards. The long line of three batteries belched their death missiles, while on each side lay two battalions of infantry, whose Maxims sounded petty beside the roaring of the big guns.

What loss the Boers suffered is not yet known. This dispatch is being written in the middle of a sleeping camp.

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When Shakespeare employed this phrase he referred, of course, to healthy, able-bodied men. If he had lived in these days he would have known that men and women who are not healthy may become so by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. This medicine, by making the blood rich and pure and giving good appetite and perfect digestion, imparts vitality and strength to the system.

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He who knows most grieves most for wasted time.—Dante.

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WON THE CUP

London's Hockey Team Lands the O. H. A. Intermediate Championship—St. John's A. C. Boys Defeated at Glenora—Sarnia Curlers on a Tour.

HOCKEY.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP.
Toronto, Feb. 22.—London landed the intermediate hockey championship of Ontario at the Mutual street rink here tonight. The score at half time stood 2 goals to 1 in London's favor. In the last half only one goal was scored, London winning by 3 goals to 1. The game was the hardest fought of the odd dozen battles in which London has been engaged in the struggle for the cup. In the Belleville westerners found antagonists worthy of them, but it was by no chance that London won. They spurred at times, and made the game so hot that the crowd of 500 onlookers became almost frantic with excitement. The last half witnessed the most brilliant play. The rushes of the London forwards and point were magnificent, and they shot accurately, but the easterners' defense was impenetrable. The goal in the last half was scored in two minutes after the face-off, and from that time to the end of the game it was impossible to again get the rubber through. More than a score of times the Londoners shot hotly on goal, only to have the puck blocked, generally by Winchester. Keeping has been equalled by any team previously pitted against the seven from the western metropolis.

The Londoners were accompanied to the rink by close upon 200 of their backers and admirers. A special C. P. R. train brought 150 admirers of the red, white and black here at 7:30 o'clock, after a fast run and headed by the famous Bagline Band of the Forest City. The crowd paraded the streets to the Iroquois Hotel. Belleville also ran a special train. The Belleville team are heavier than the Forest City, and their defense was more solid. The game was very fast on ice and clever in handling the puck. Their cover-point is a demure, but a brilliant and hard worker. Jones, King, referred, and had comparatively little to do. The game was largely devoid of rough play. Jack Brown, of London, had a two-minute rest for tripping. He was not the only offender, but was the only sufferer of the entire game. The Winnipeg seniors were among the spectators of the game, and Trainer Mark Hooper, a former Londoner, said after the game that the Londoners could make a good showing with the best of the seniors. The fee was inclined to softness, which was in favor of the well-trained Londoners. To this was doubtless due the fact that Belleville was forced to play so much on the defense in the last half. Emory, of the Belleville forward, was almost overcome ten minutes before the finish.

The teams lined up as follows, play being called at 9 o'clock:
Belleville—Goal, Winchester; point, Wallace; cover-point, Dubois; forwards, Maguire, Lang, Marks and Emory.
London—Goal, Johns; point, Peel; cover-point, Brown; forwards, Hobbs, Ashman, Brown and West. The Belleville stock took a sudden jump at the very outset. Westcott's offside play put the puck in front of the London goal, but the face-off was satisfactory, and the rubber traveled to the center of the rink. A little checking, and the big Maguire corralled the puck, and without a single check, carried it close to goal, and shot into the goal net. This was three minutes after the initial face-off. Three minutes more, however, and London evened matters by shooting a goal from a bunch in front of the Belleville house. The westerner's second goal was secured after a full ten minutes of hard work. The puck was carried up and down and across the rink in many beautiful rushes, and with much pretty passing and smart checking. Peel opened with a rush the full length of the rink. Several warm shots kept Johns busy. Then Brown rushed and carried the puck for a clean shot that failed. From

an offside play at center the puck was passed to Westcott, and the little idol of the team worked an intricate passage close to goal and shot. Score, 2 to 1. Hobbs and Ewing made a desperate but ineffective effort to add to London's score. A brilliant stop by Johns only saved a tie score. Here Brown was ruled off for tripping, and the referee caught Lang throwing the puck with his hand. Again the Bellevilles fought vigorously to score, but could not. Rushes by Peel, Hobbs and Ashman were features at this point. Ewing played cover.
London scored their third goal on a magnificent lift by Peel from his position to the other end of the rink. The puck sailed through the air so swiftly that it was not seen, but would have missed the goal by two feet had it not struck and glanced from Wallace into the net. Here the scoring ended. The Londoners struggled as never before to add to their margin, but in vain. Long shots and short ones; shots from side and from in front—it was all the same. A crowd of enthusiastic admirers carried the champions of 1900 from the rink, and amidst the wildest cheering the rag-time band struck up. "There'll be a hot time."

Peterboro, Feb. 22.—The first game of the finals of the O. H. A. Junior series will be played here on Monday night, between Stratford Juniors and Peterboro Colts.
Goderich, Feb. 22.—The fastest game of hockey ever played in Goderich was played here last night, when Stratford seniors and the Goderich team played an exhibition game. Score: Goderich 4, Stratford 2.
Thamesville, Ont., Feb. 23.—The Ridgeview intermediates came over last evening to play the intermediates of this town the return match of hockey. The ice was soft, and play was not as fast as the previous evening. The visitors were what outclassed, as the score shows. Score, Thamesville 19, Ridgeview 2.

Berlin, Ont., Feb. 23.—An interesting game of hockey was played in the Berlin rink last evening, when the Berlin intermediates defeated the Guelph Nationals by a score of 7 to 4. The game was fast, considering the condition of the ice.

Montreal, Que., Feb. 23.—The McGill hockey team last night easily defeated the visiting hockey team from the St. Nicholas Club of New York by 14 goals to 2.
PROTEST NOT ALLOWED.
The executive committee of the City Hockey League has thrown out the protest entered by the Crescents against the St. John's A. C. team, and fixed the final game for Wednesday next at the Jubilee rink. The semi-final match between the St. John's and Crescents was won by the former by 2 goals to 1, but the losers entered a protest on the ground that Kerigan had himself on the ice in front of the goal, and shoved the puck away, thus preventing the Crescents from tying the score. Referee Ewing and two members of the Crescent team appeared before the executive, who decided that the protest could not be allowed, and ordered the St. John's to play the Jubilee for the championship.

DEFEATED AT GLENORA.
The hockey team of the St. John's Athletic Club played a game at Glenora last night, and were defeated by a score of 5 to 2. The rink on which game was played was not bordered on the sides, and as a result the St. John's boys were unable to put up any kind of combination work. At half-time the score was 2 to 1 in Glenora's favor. The St. John's team comprised: Glover, goal; Flora, point; Kerrigan, cover-point; Labatt, W. Woolley, T. Woolley and McLoud. Glenora has been challenged to play a return game in this city.

SKATING.
LONDON BOYS' VICTORY.
An Alpena, Mich., exchange says: The largest crowd that has attended the Casino Rink since the roller skating season opened last fall was there last night to watch the two-mile championship race between F. W. Herig, the Michigan champion, and J. J. Harper, of London, Ont. The spectators were well repaid for their attention, for the two men put the best exhibition of the kind that has ever taken place here. The first mile was made in 3:10. The last lap was very exciting, with both skaters neck and neck all the way round, but Harper forged ahead a trifle at the last turn and crossed the tape about two feet ahead of the Detroit boy, giving the race to the Canadian skater. Time, 6:17. As the record for two miles is 6:02½, the time made is excellent, considering the fact that the rink is new to both the contestants.

Mr. Harper, winner of the race is a son of Mr. John Harper, of 688 William street, this city.
TURF.
YESTERDAY'S WINNERS.
At Tanforan, San Francisco—Artena, Espinazo, Zoroaster, Tempo, T. Walsin and Randio.
At New Orleans—Tobe Payne, Zackford, Top Gallant, Wolhurst, L. T. Canton and Bequeath.
CURLING.
Eleven rinks of Sarnia curlers went to various neighboring towns Tuesday evening, says the Observer, and met with varied success in their competitions with their opponents. Two rinks went to Thorndale, two to Parkhill, three

to Chatham and four to Petrolia. The showing made was very good, winning at Chatham and Parkhill, and losing at Thorndale and Petrolia, at the latter place by only one shot. The following scores tell the tale:

Sarnia.	Parkhill.
P. Clark, skip.	W. Mitchell, skip.
J. Chester, skip.	H. Elliott, skip.
Total.....41	Total.....27
Sarnia.	Petrolia.
J. McElhannon, skip.	C. Dempsey, skip.
F. McGibbon, skip.	A. M. McQueen, skip.
R. W. Fawcett, skip.	W. G. Fraser, skip.
A. D. McLean, skip.	W. F. Cooper, skip.
Total.....57	Total.....58

The scores in the Thorndale game were: Alex. Burnham's rink was beaten by 24 to 9, while John Dawson's was turned down by 20 to 10.

FURY OF THE FLAMES

(Continued from page 1.)

beyond temporary inconvenience, the society having been kindly offered by the Bank of Toronto the use of their offices as long as required. Mr. Pringle, the manager of the Bank of Toronto, wrote the offer at 5 a.m., while the fire was raging at its fiercest, and the society decided to avail themselves of the offer, and until they are permanently located all checks on the society will be paid at the Bank of Toronto. Through Messrs. John Christie and J. W. Jones, two directors, the Canadian Savings and Loan Company also offered the use of their offices. The offer was much appreciated, but temporary offices had been secured at 354 Richmond street.

NORTHERN LIFE.
Another tenant was the Northern Life Assurance Company. They had just settled in their new offices, and the manager, Mr. John Milne, had left yesterday afternoon for Toronto, in the interests of the company. He was informed of the fire this morning by a telephone message, and will be back to the city today. All the books and the company papers were in a vault. The vault was secured by the premises across the road immediately, and when the temple is rebuilt they will reoccupy their former offices.

OTHER TENANTS.
The offices next to these were occupied by the Great Northwestern Telegraph Company, and then came Mr. Joseph Nolan's cigar store, the Scottish Canadian Mining Company, the Federal Life Assurance Company, the Manufacturing Life Assurance Company, the Canadian Pacific Telegraph Company, Edward Shea's liquor store, Frank Butler and Turner Bros., brokers. The following tenants occupied the first floor: James A. Henderson, barrister, Police Magistrate Love, Col. F. B. Leys, the North American Life Insurance Company, Andrew Ellis, insurance agent, John Overall, accountant, C. Dunlop, E. J. MacRobert, insurance agent, Western Ontario Commercial Travelers' Association. The next two floors were occupied by the various Masonic lodges, by Victoria Club, and as a dwelling-place by Caretaker Tucker.

THE TEMPLE.
The Masonic Temple was built by the Masonic Temple Company, and dedicated in 1881, by Most Worshipful Bro. James A. Henderson, of Kingston. It cost about \$100,000, a considerable part of which was raised by the Masonic lottery. The architect was the late George F. Durand. A short time ago the building was sold to Col. Leys, M.P.P. It was insured for \$50,000 or \$50,000, well distributed, and this will about cover the loss, as the walls are standing and the foundations sound.

WILL REBUILD.
A director of the Masonic Temple Company stated to The Advertiser that the building will be at once rebuilt with elevator and other modern conveniences. It is unlikely that the Opera House will find a place in it, its location being replaced by stores and offices.

NOTES.
Col. Leys is in Toronto, and cannot return before tonight owing to an important meeting in the house. All his books were destroyed.
Ed. Shea has secured the store on Dundas street, recently occupied by Joseph Cook, and will be open for business tomorrow.

In the rear of the Opera House, when the fire broke out, a number of men climbed into the windows of the dressing rooms, in order to learn the

extent of the damage. Some members of the Young Opera Company were there, and though they had lost all, they were perhaps, the cheeriest of all the losers; at least they appeared to be. As the searching party threw out scorched skirts, slippers, powder-boxes, and the what-not of theatrical appearances, the owners viewed them with shrugs and grimaces, and laughingly accepted the inevitable.

Stories of the Czar.

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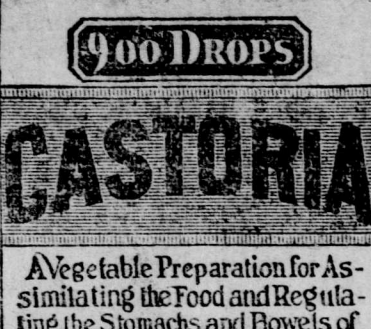
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The Boers and the Blacks.

The Rev. J. S. Moffat, writing from Cape Town recently, speaks of the intense interest with which the war is watched by the Bechuana natives, and quotes the following statement made to him by one of them: "If the English win, then we black men can breathe and live; if the Boers win, then we may as well die, for we shall no more be looked upon as men, but as cattle; so we shall all go home and pray to God to make the arms of the English strong."

These are the words of a native, and they harmonize with many things told by Olive Schreiner herself, and with the impassioned appeal just sent out by her sister. During a century that is past the Boer and the missionary have taken opposite sides on the great humanitarian question. We do not wish to maintain that every missionary has been perfectly wise, choosing always the right policy and doing everything in the proper way. In human life it is not possible to have all the good on one side. If it were, controversies might be easily settled. But we maintain that the South African missionaries, as a whole, have been brave, patient, noble-minded men. To the Boer they were merely meddlesome intruders, but as a matter of fact they had as much right to be in the country as he had; and if we believe in the principles of justice, we must admit that they had more right to teach the natives than he had to enslave them.

We can understand the desire of philanthropic people in Britain to avoid war with all its horrors, but now that it has come, we believe that the nation can, with a good conscience, strike a strong blow for righteousness. No sane man believes that after all the sacrifices that have been made Britain wishes to enslave the Boers, but certainly the Boer oligarchy, with its foreign adventures and its lavish expenditure on arms and spies, must be destroyed. Unless that power is checked, neither the English nor the natives can hold up their heads in South Africa. Mark the testimony of Mr. Moffat: "In the Transvaal a black man is not a human being—he is a lower link between man and the ape, created for the service of the white man. This doctrine, originating with the Boers, has infected the Uitlander, not slow to adopt a view so convenient to his selfishness, and reacts back upon the other colonies, where it finds a congenial soil. It is only the imperial connection and the moral influence of what is called 'Exeter Hall' by the colonists, that prevents a recrudescence of slavery in South Africa."

If we believe that blood was well spent crushing the slave power in America, we may well feel the same about Africa. It is well for us to know that our sons and brothers are dying in a just cause. We can then face with patience the present strain and the misunderstanding which in so many cases springs from jealousy.

Lord Rosebery.

In great days like these when the flower of British manhood is enduring hardships and facing great risks on the South African field, the people at home need the guidance of a strong, clear voice. As the Spectator says, the people are all right if they are only properly led. It is the same in politics as in war, with good leaders the rank and file of Britishers will steadily face all kinds of difficulties, and come successfully through the most severe conflict.

The famous correspondent of the London Times tells us that he was speaking with an intelligent foreigner, who had been investigating the life of London, and who was struck most of all with the wonderful calm of the people. Instead of hysterical excitement and wild rejoicings, he found only quiet determination, toleration for the Government and sympathy for the soldiers. That is a testimony which we, as Britishers, are glad to have, for certainly some of the journalists gave way to a feverish excitement which was not creditable.

But among the leaders, the voice that has been most courageous, cheering and inspiring is that of Lord Rosebery. In strange contrast with the weak apologies of Lord Salisbury and Mr. Balfour, it has had quite a tonic effect. It seems unfortunate that at the present time Lord Rosebery does not hold a responsible position, for he has certainly taken the most noble view of the situation. The British people are prepared to make sacrifices, and they desire to front the world with dignity; therefore any faltering on the part of their leaders is an unworthy thing.

This stern task which has been forced upon the nation has to be carried resolutely to a speedy and satisfactory conclusion. Therefore until this is accomplished the nation must be braced up to the highest pitch of heroic effort. There were times when we were afraid Lord Rosebery was spoiled by success, and was lacking in seriousness, but evidently the greatness of this crisis has put him on his mettle. He has rightly interpreted the national feeling and expressed the sentiment of the people. When Lord Salisbury was laying the blame on the British constitution, Rosebery passionately rebuked the noble impotence with all such solemn trifling.

The British constitution is equal to the emergency, if only British statesmen have the courage of their con-

viction and apply the resources of the empire in a right spirit. It is true that the burden of empire is a great one. It is hard to do great tasks in the presence of an unsympathetic or even a hostile world; but we must be ready again to do as our fathers did, and make great sacrifices that the cause of justice may prevail. Not for revenge do men like Lord Rosebery call, but for justice and for measures that shall safeguard the future of South Africa.

Vicarious Suffering in War Times.

One writer has remarked that in the present war Britain is "suffering vicariously," and that the lessons she learns by bitter experience will be appreciated and appropriated by other nations. The meaning of this is, that ever since the last big war, the small arms have been immensely improved, and it has become a much more dangerous thing to attack even a small force that is well entrenched in a strong position; and twenty or thirty thousand mounted Boers, with the latest artillery, cannot be called a small force.

Mistakes have in some cases been made, but already the more fair-minded of continental critics are beginning to acknowledge the bravery shown by British troops. If they have suffered, they have suffered nobly. There is an aptness in this phrase, "vicarious suffering," and is not the first time in Britain's history that she has undergone such suffering. In Egypt British blood has been shed to improve the position of the poor man, "Tommy Atkins" has stood the rush of the wild Sudanese warriors, and found a grave in the desert, that a great country might be rescued from barbarism, and made a part of the civilized world.

We do not wish to maintain that the British Empire is a pure piece of philanthropy, but we do insist that thousands of Britain's nameless soldiers, who got neither gold nor glory, have died that men of various races might taste the blessings of freedom.

The writer to whom we referred meant that through Britain's present losses lessons would be learned in the art of modern warfare. That is in our view the smallest thing. We would be glad if through this or some other war men could learn to dispense with war altogether. We believe that vicarious suffering has nobler uses, otherwise we would take a hopeless view of the government of the world.

We believe that through the present efforts of the British Empire there will come for South Africa a larger life and a more real freedom. Only with this conviction would it be right for Canadians, Australians, as well as other natives of Britain, to unite in crushing the Boer oligarchy, and in teaching a lesson to those who have stirred up the bitterness of race prejudice. The sufferings for the time are sad, and our sympathies great towards those who are directly affected, but we feel that in this, as in many other cases, the "baptism of blood" will not have been in vain.

A Connecticut man is building an ark in anticipation of another flood. He must be a former West Londoner.

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The average duration of imprisonment for a convict sentenced for life in New York State is ten years. It is this easy way of doing justice that makes the friends of so many prisoners use every artifice in their power to secure immunity for them from the death penalty. As long as a man is allowed to live, he has hope of escape from the consequences of his crime—in New York hope of speedy escape. There would be fewer murders in the republic if justice were as certain to be done as it is the case in Canada. Only two convicted murderers escaped the gallows in Canada last year out of fourteen condemned. One was a boy under 16, and the other a Pagan Indian, who killed an unoffending kinswoman under the impression—a species of insanity—that she was a "wendigo."

BLUNDERS OF FAMOUS GENERALS.

The general is most fortunate who makes the fewest mistakes, and there are not many generals in the world's history who have not at some early stage of their career made one or two serious errors.

Wellington fell into such discredit at Seringapatam, that, in the opinion of the army on the spot, he was only saved from disgrace from the fact that he was the brother of the governor-general. Yet he had already displayed most of the qualities which subsequently made possible his splendid life. He admitted himself that Talavera was a mistake, which could only be excused by his ignorance of the existing conditions in Spain at that time.

Wolfe's campaign against Quebec consisted of a series of failures up to the moment of his great triumph. Grant had to be saved from the censuring of an indignant country by Lincoln's phrase about "not swopping horses when crossing a stream."

Stonewall Jackson's great campaign in the Valley of the Shenandoah began with a distinct military defeat, which for the time alienated the confidence of his countrymen, though it afterwards proved to have been more valuable than most victories in disorganizing the plans of the enemy.

Frederick the Great ran away in despair from his first battle, though it ultimately became a great victory.

Give me health and a day and I will make ridiculous the pomp of emperors.—Emerson.

IN A TRAP!

The Battle Field in Which the Canadians Fell.

Description of Sunday's Terrible Fight—War Office Without Information Regarding Canadian Losses.

Paardeberg Drift, Orange Free State, Tuesday, Feb. 20.—Gen. Cronje's magnificent night march from Magersfontein, now appears likely to end in disaster. The main body of the Boers are inclosed in a terrible death trap. The enemy are hiding in the bed of the Modder, commanded by the British artillery, and inclosed on the east and west by British infantry. Sunday witnessed a gallant stand on the part of the retreating foe. Tired, harassed, they still maintained a bold front.

It is somewhat difficult to explain the Sunday action, in which all the British force was engaged, and in which Gen. Cronje, under difficult conditions, managed to hold his own.

On Saturday night the British mounted infantry came into touch with Cronje's rear guard, driving them back upon the main body. On Sunday morning the action was renewed, but the Boers who had entrenched the river bed during the night, prevented a further advance of the mounted infantry in this direction. Meanwhile the Highland Brigade, consisting of the Seaforth, the Black Watch and the Argylls advanced from the south bank, and the Essex, Welsh and Yorkshires formed a long line on the left which rested on the river, the extreme right being the Welsh. The whole line was ordered to envelop the Boers, who lined both banks of the river.

HEAVY FIRING.

The firing soon became heavy. The Boers, holding a splendid position, covered the left of the Highland Brigade, which advanced early up the river bed and partly in the open, while the rest of the brigade, with the other regiments, swung round the front of the Highland Brigade on the level, covered ground, exposed to a terrible fire, which obliged the men to lie upon the ground, as they did for the remainder of the day. This began at half-past seven in the morning. Through the dreadful heat and terrible thunderstorm, our men went to the position, answering the Boer fire, and shooting steadily. In the meantime the rest of the infantry completed the enveloping movement, the Welsh regiment having succeeded in seizing the drift, thus closing in the Boers, who fought throughout with splendid courage. Gen. Cronje's laager, full of carts, ammunition and stores, though the Boers were near the north bank. Gen. Smith-Dorrien collected a large body of men.

INCLUDING THE CANADIANS, and crossed the river by Paardeberg Drift, advancing toward the laager, which was being vigorously shelled. This force made a gallant attempt to charge into the laager, but failed. Before seizing the western drift the Boers occupied a kopje on the south bank, running down the river. Therefore their force is cut in two. The Boers hold the kopje, and have one Vickers-Maxim and probably one or two other guns.

Towards evening the battery on the south side opened, co-operating with the battery on the north side. A wonderful sight followed. The shells fell with amazing precision along the river bed, opposite the laager, which was shelled throughout, damaging everything it contained. The shells set on fire a small ammunition wagon, which burned nearly all day. Many other wagons were set on fire, and the glare was visible at a considerable distance far into the night. The infantry also maintained a terrible fire, which was answered vigorously. The scene toward nightfall was terribly picturesque, with the blazing wagons, the roaring artillery and the crackling rifle fire.

A BRAVE CHARGE. A Globe special says Cronje's army is completely surrounded. The British shells set the Boer wagons on fire. The Canadians, in attacking the force, made a brave charge. The utter defeat of the enemy is certain.

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Whatever the attractions may be through the week we never neglect Saturday and Monday. These are two of our best days, and the management is always on the alert to have some specials to show at interesting prices. The following are but a few of the many bargains you'll find in every department.

Priestley's Black, 59c

20 pieces 75c, \$1 and \$1 25 Black Dress Goods, the celebrated Priestley goods, at 59c

Skirts Made for 50c

New Dress Goods

Black Cords, Epingaline Repps, Broadcloths—all included in our special offer.

Prints & Sateens, 8c

Turkey Red Prints in stripes and spots, also Dark Ground Sateens in plaids and sprigs, all guaranteed fast colors, and worth 12½c yard; Saturday and Monday, 8c.

15 pieces Fancy Gingham, in fawn, green, pink and brown checks and plaids, worth 20c a yard, Saturday and Monday, 12½c.

10 pieces New Blue Saxony Ceylon Flannels, in stripes and checks, new goods, the correct thing for a nice dressing sacque or wrapper, worth 15c and 18c yard, Saturday and Monday, 10c.

15 pieces 32-inch Extra Heavy Print, in light grounds, garnets, lilacs, regular price 12½c yard, Saturday and Monday, 10c.

4 pieces only, Heavy, Dark Brown and Gray Shaker Flannel. Our price was 10c a yard. To clear, Saturday and Monday, 6½c.

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6 pieces Heavy Checked Cotton Shirting, real indigo blue, full weight and width, sold regularly at 12½c a yard. Saturday and Monday, 10c.

Saturday, FEB. 24.

The last day to order Skirts.

We limit orders to 25 for Saturday.

The last day you can get skirts made free and for 50c.

We can only take orders for 25 more skirts to be made. Goods purchased over \$1 per yard, made Free. Goods purchased \$1 and under, making 50c.

Store Closes 9:30 p.m. Saturdays.

HEMSTITCHED LUNCH CLOTHS, 75c.

16 only, Linen Damask Lunch Cloths, 33x33, hemstitched, heavy linen, worth \$1 each. Saturday and Monday, 75c.

11 only, Fine Damask Lunch Cloths, 36x36, lily of the valley pattern, worth \$1 40 each. Saturday and Monday, 95c.

6 only, Plain Linen Lunch Cloths, 33x33, embroidered corners, regular \$1 35 each. Saturday and Monday, \$1 00.

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208, 210, 210½, 212 Dundas Street, London.

Sir Charles Tupper's speeches on the subject of the losses of the Canadians in South Africa, concerning which, curiously enough, there is not a single word, official or otherwise, known or published here, except that two officers were wounded.

The Globe says: "The spirit in which a brave, strong nation should meet the trial is admirably illustrated by the temper displayed in Canada. The war, if it has done nothing else, has killed political bitterness and mere party strife in all the colonies. The contrast between Ottawa and Westminster is painful and humiliating."

The Times comments on the speeches of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir Charles Tupper in the House of Commons at Ottawa yesterday, in which reference was made to the casualties among the Canadian regiment. The Times says the speeches formed marked contrast to the depressing observations made by Lord Salisbury in his speech on Tuesday, and to the Earl of Kimberley's

speech at the National Liberal Club yesterday. The Times says Canada mourns with the spirit of imperial people. In referring to the meeting in the Pavilion at Toronto on Tuesday night, at which a resolution, endorsing the proposition made at Vancouver that 10,000 men should be offered to Great Britain by Canada, was unanimously adopted, the same paper says that though no such number of Canadians were needed, the offer itself is highly gratifying and a proof of the high spirit of the colony.

The Daily News declares that it is refreshing to turn from the faint-hearted maladroitness of Lord Salisbury to the timely, courageous spirit of the speech of Premier Laurier of Canada. An allusion is also made to the patriotic meeting at Toronto, the Times remarking what an effective commentary all this is on Lord Salisbury's lugubrious liels. "We hope," it says, "that these demonstrations on the part of free and democratic Britons beyond the seas may have significance for our own democrats."

WAR OFFICE NOT NOTIFIED.

London, Feb. 22—6:50 p.m.—The war office is still without any information in regard to the casualties among the Canadian troops in South Africa, referred to in Premier Laurier's speech, and the officials do not know from what source the lists can be issued. The war office deprecates any premature publication, and is inclined to hasten the slim details called here from Canada. A representative of the Associated Press has been informed that an arrangement exists that the Cape government notifies the other colonial governments of the casualties in their forces when the list is received at Cape Town from the commander-in-chief, thus insuring simultaneous publication in Great Britain and in the colonies. This mode evidently was not followed, as Lord Roberts so far has not mentioned the Canadian losses, except in the case of two officers wounded. The Canadian commissioner here and the colonial office are in just as much ignorance and anxiety regarding the truth as the many relatives in England of those serving with the Canadian contingent.

London Boys.

PTE. FINCH SERIOUSLY ILL. London, Feb. 22.—A Cape Town dispatch says that Pte. C. E. Finch, B Company, the London company of the Royal Canadian Regiment of Infantry, is seriously ill. He was a member of the Seventh Fusiliers, London, before enlisting.

IN MEMORY OF PTE. DONEGAN.

Chatham, Ont., Feb. 22.—From the flagstaffs on the postoffice, schools, banks and other building the Union Jack floats at half-mast in memory of Chatham's soldier boy who laid down his life for the empire. Pte. J. A. Donegan, whose name appears among the list of those belonging to the London company, Royal Canadian, killed in action in South Africa, was a resident of Chatham, enlisting from here for service. When the call for volunteers was made Donegan threw up his position in the C. P. R. freight office, and was among the first

New Homespuns

75c, \$1, \$1 25, \$1 50 per yard. New greys, fawns, plaids and checks, all included in our special offer.

New Silks

Checks, stripes, overchecks and plaids, in pink, helio and blue, very special, per yard, 50c.

Hosiery Department

Children's Wool Hose, Ribbed and Plain, regular 25c pair, Saturday and Monday, 15c and 17c.

Boys' Heavy Scotch Wool Hose, double heels and soles, regular price 50c and 60c, a pair, Saturday and Monday, 39c.

Ladies' Ribbed Cashmere Hose, extra heavy, double soles and heels, very special Saturday and Monday, per pair, 25c.

Ladies' Cotton Hose, Herms dori dye, extra fine quality, worth 15c, a pair, Saturday and Monday, 10c.

Ladies' Vests and Drawers, regular price 50c, Saturday and Monday, 39c.

Kid Gloves

A special line of Kid Gloves, undressed, 2 clasps, heavy, embroidered back, in tans, modes, greys and blacks, worth \$1 25 a pair, Saturday and Monday, 75c.

Our price was 10c a yard. To clear, Saturday and Monday, 6½c.

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Headache

Biliousness, sour stomach, constipation, and liver ailments cured by
Hood's Pills
 The non-irritating cathartic. Price
 25 cents of all druggists or by mail of
 C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

BOARD OF WORKS

Wishes to Make an Offer to the
 Street Railway Company

Regarding the Use of Richmond Street
 Licenses for Contractors.

A meeting of No. 2 committee was held last night at the city hall, and a rather large number of somewhat important matters received the attention of the members. There were present Chairman Winnett, Aldermen Brenner, Gerry, Bartlett, Douglass, Malloch, Engineer Graydon and Secretary Bell.

The Proof Line Road Company, having abandoned that portion of their road on Richmond street, north of St. James street, the council will be recommended to allow the street railway company to transfer their tracks from Wellington street north to Richmond street, between St. James and Huron streets.

The city solicitor submitted the agreement between the city and the Canadian Packing Company, and a special meeting of the committee will be called in order to pass a bylaw authorizing its execution. The committee will recommend the council to extend the breakwater on Front street, provided that the ratepayers sign an agreement releasing the city from all further claims.

A number of ratepayers residing in the vicinity of East Dundas, Charlotte, Dorinda and Quebec streets, asked that means be devised to prevent the damage to their property suffered by reason of the large overflow of water from Carling's Creek. They believed that if Queen's avenue were opened it would mitigate this evil. Referred to the engineer and the chairman to report.

A letter from the city engineer advising the issuance of licenses to contractors, to insure the proper relaying of pavements instead of the present mode of deposits, was filed. According to the engineer's suggestion, no contractor would be given a second license should he fail to repair the pavement in a satisfactory manner.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers asked for the city hall for a ball, in order to raise money for the Victoria Hospital. Referred to the engineer with power.

A second communication from Edmund Weid, in regard to the condition of a drain in East London, was laid on the table. This communication was filed once before.

City Clerk Kingston asked that the committee submit its estimates for 1900 by March 15, and the request was laid on the table.

A petition against laying a cement walk between Dundas and York streets on Wellington was referred to the assessment commissioner.

A petition for a sewer on Victoria street was also referred to the assessment commissioner with power.

The matter of compensation for Christopher Sigsworth, who had been incapacitated by falling on Richmond street was referred to the mayor and Inspector Bell to act.

The secretary reported that the city was paying for ten telephones at a total cost of \$222.50. FIVE-11.

VERY FEW PEOPLE

Are Free From Some Form of Indigestion.

Very few people are free from some form of indigestion, but scarcely two will have the same symptoms.

Some suffer most directly after eating, bloating from gas in stomach and bowels, others have heartburn or sour risings, still others have palpitation of heart, headaches, sleeplessness, pains in chest and under shoulder-blades; some have extreme nervousness, or in nervous dyspepsia.

But whatever the symptoms may be, the cause in all cases of indigestion is the same—that is, the stomach, for some reason, fails to properly and promptly digest the food eaten.

This is the whole story of stomach troubles in a nutshell. The stomach must have rest and assistance, and Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets give it both by supplying those racial digestive which every weak stomach lacks, owing to the failure of the peptic glands in the stomach to secrete sufficient acid and pepsin to thoroughly digest and assimilate the food eaten.

One grain of the active principle in Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets will digest 2,000 grains of meat, eggs, or other wholesome food, and this claim has been proven when it is understood that they are composed of vegetable essences, aspeptic, pepsin, diastase and Golden Seal, which mingle with the food and digest it thoroughly, giving the overworked stomach a chance to recuperate.

Diets never cure dyspepsia, neither do pills and cathartic medicines, which simply irritate and inflame the intestines.

When enough food is eaten and promptly digested there will be no constipation, nor in fact will there be disease of any kind because good digestion means good health in every organ.

The merit and success of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are world-wide, and they are sold at the moderate price of 50 cents for full-sized package in every drug store in the United States and Canada, as well as in Europe.

For the information of those interested a little book will be mailed free by addressing F. A. Stuart, Co., Marshall, Mich., giving briefly the symptoms of the various forms of stomach weakness, causes and cure.

gear wheels for the steam roller, at a cost of \$22. The Haverburg company, who supplied the roller, asked \$220, exclusive of duties, to do this work. Tenders will be called for the cleaning of the asphalt for 1900. Last year, in eight months, this work cost \$1,400.

The corporation pay sheet during the week ending Feb. 21 amounted to \$71.58.

The matter of supplying a telephone for the mayor's residence was referred to the council.

A number of unimportant matters were dealt with, and the routine accounts were passed.

HOW TO MAKE HOME BEAUTIFUL

Interesting Papers at the First Public Meeting of the London Horticultural Society.

The first public meeting of the London Horticultural Society was held in the Auditorium last night. About one hundred and fifty horticultural enthusiasts were present. The platform was artistically decorated, being hung with flags and bunting, and set with graceful palms and other plants. The chair was taken at 8:30 by Mr. John Balkwill, the president, and with him on the platform were Rev. Dr. Bethune, Very Rev. Dean Innes, and Mr. T. H. Race, of the Mitchell Recorder. The proceedings opened with the singing of "Ours is the Queen," by Miss Winnie Hooper and Mr. A. G. Stevens, with accompaniment by Miss Smallman.

In his opening remarks, President Balkwill referred to the recent organization of the society and the encouraging outlook for its future success, and enumerated the advantages which membership in the society gives. He regretted that there were not more ladies on the membership roll.

On rising to deliver his address on "The Moral Influence of Horticulture in the House," Mr. Race humorously impressed upon the audience the fact that his own somewhat attenuated figure was not to be attributed to the fact that he was a horticultural enthusiast, but rather to the fact that he was an editor of a country weekly, a position which entailed considerable worry. He referred to London as being a favored city in its own natural advantages, and the fact that its surrounding agricultural district was one unsurpassed on the continent, and perhaps in the world. The horticultural exhibit at the Western Fair is one unequalled by any other exhibition.

Mr. Race then went on to speak of the purposes for which the society was formed, one of the chief of which was to encourage horticulture, and the beautifying of home surroundings among farmers, and to do this it was thought the best way was to start with people in towns and cities, and get them interested. Mr. Race then told a good story of a Port Huron man who, to correct certain impressions formed by his family as to the character of Canadians, impressions gained largely from observations of French-Canadians, and supposedly Canadian tramps, took his wife and children on a driving tour through Western Ontario. As they drove along through the lovely scenery between Grimsby and Hamilton, the 13-year-old girl turned to her father and said: "Papa, I don't like the Canadians we saw in Michigan any more, and the Canadians here so nice." "Why, my daughter?" asked he. "Because only a mean man would leave this beautiful country to go to Michigan," she replied. The secret of so many young people leaving the farm, and going to larger centers of population is because the home is not made more attractive, the doing of which, Horace Greeley said, was the best investment a farmer could make.

This is a country of homes, and it is for the welfare of the nation that the home should be beautiful. The more attractive the homes are made the better manhood and womanhood will be built up. There is no better patriotism than that inculcated by such methods, for if you each do your love its home, it will love its country when it grows up. If children were taught of God more through the beauties of nature, and less through the dogmas of religion, it would be better. It is an obligation resting on us to beautify our homes with nature's provisions. The first man was surrounded by trees and shrubs and flowers, and if it was necessary to him why not now? If man is to work back to the state of perfection enjoyed by the first man, he needs the refining influence of these things. Mr. Race then quoted from Burns and Byron, showing their appreciation of the beauties of flowers. He went on to contrast the two kinds of homes most met with in the rural districts. One, the neglected, untidy place, where no beauty or kindness exists; the other, the neat, orderly home, with the refining influence of trees and flowers and grass, with their results of brighter, better conditions for the family. A good way to educate the young to these things is in the school, where the teacher has a great opportunity to implant the love of the beautiful in the hearts of the children. "If you wish to have a beautiful rose in your garden," said Mr. Race, "you must first have one in your heart."

Miss Hooper sang "A May Morning," followed by Mr. A. G. Stevens in a stirring patriotic ballad, Mrs. A. A. Campbell gave three enjoyable recitations. Rev. Dr. Bethune's address concluded the evening's interesting programme. He spoke instructively on the many insects which are such a source of annoyance and loss to the horticulturist, and showed how horticultural societies had done good work in providing remedies for their extermination, either by the use of chemicals, or by the propagation and introduction of other insects, which were not injurious to plant life, but preyed upon the insects which were.

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Homespun.**Spring Season, 1900.**

Chic styles for ladies' skirts and costumes have been put on the counters in our Dress Department today—New Tweeds and Homespuns—the latest production of leading makers; correct fashion for the season.

AT \$1.00—Very handsome designs in finely finished Homespun Tweed, fifty-four inches wide. We consider this a particularly good bargain. See it—\$1.00.

AT \$1.25—Pretty Checks in subdued tones. A beautiful fabric, will produce superb effect in skirt or costume.

AT \$1.35—Plaids, Checks and Plain Homespuns, in a variety of styles and colors, 54 inches wide. One of the leaders for this season's selling, we venture to predict.

AT \$1.50—Fifty-four inches wide, only three styles at this price. An ideal tailor effect, made from selected stock, beautifully colored and finished, will sell at sight.

This is a very choice range, and we would suggest an early inspection and selection, for many of above lines cannot be repeated at the price now selling at.

SASH BUCKLES.—A snap in new Belt Buckles; 56 dozen put on sale today; sample dozen sent to a Canadian jobber by a French maker; they are worth from 25c to 75c. Come and get the best at 19c each.

Bayley's.

—T. A. Hastings, Toronto; C. E. Cameron, Iroquois. Appointed—F. N. Nudel, Toronto; Stephen Grant, London. Grand Trunk Express—E. Patterson, Seaford; W. R. Teuton, Breton; T. W. Milne, Fergus. Grand Auditors—Henry Barber and George Clay, Toronto. Grand Medical Examiner—J. M. Cotton, M.D., Toronto.

The sum of \$500 was voted as a contribution to the Canadian Patriotic fund. It was also decided to keep the members of the order on service in South Africa in good standing, a sum being devoted to this end.

The grand lodge adjourned at 6 o'clock last evening. Committees for 1900 were appointed, and it was decided to hold the next annual session in Hamilton.

A THRILLING TALE.

Mr. Peter Jacques, the commission merchant of the Queen City, tells a remarkable story of midnight adventure.

"I came home rather late on Tuesday night," he says, "and went immediately upstairs to my bedroom. I had been over at a friend's house all evening and assisted in the disposal of a Welsh rarebit, didn't waste any time in proceeding to undress, and in less than five minutes I was ready to turn out the gas. Once in bed I dropped off to sleep almost instantly."

"I must have been two hours later when I became conscious that something was wrong, and I was being forcibly held down in the bed. I tried to sit up, but could no more than raise my head from the pillow. My hands were held at my side. I tried to speak but distinctly felt a grip on my throat. I could hear nothing but the blood singing in my ears."

"I laid there in an eternity of suspense for five long minutes, the cold perspiration of horror breaking out from every pore. Then I suddenly felt the bed sink from under me, and knew I was being lifted. It was lanky dark, and I could see nothing. I felt myself carried gently for a little distance, and then set down, when, to my horror, I felt that my legs were swinging in space. I was on the edge of something, possibly on the railing of the banister on the landing. I felt a hand on my shoulder, and a voice said, 'If you are a decent fellow, and if left unsupported, bound, as I was, I must fall.'"

"That is exactly what happened. I was released from the balancing grip; I tottered dizzily, and then I felt myself falling. Oh, the agony of that fall. It was the longest journey I ever embarked on. I fell, fell, fell, and kept on falling. My nerves were all at the utmost tension, waiting for the inevitable shock. But the shock didn't come. Finally, however, it did come, and my strained nerves relaxed. I had fallen on my back in my own bed. It was the Welsh rarebit."

I got up, took a Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablet from my vest pocket and swallowed it, and went back to bed and slept the rest of the night, like a policeman."

Ontario Legislature.

Toronto, Feb. 22.—Before the legislature resumed the debate on the address this afternoon, Premier Ross gave expression to the feeling of grief and sympathy with which the house had heard the sad news of the Canadian losses in South Africa. It was a subject of rejoicing, however, that these brave young men had died in fighting for the recognition of the principles of British justice that we enjoy. Mr. Ross touched on the nearness of the province, whose relatives were among the wounded and the dead. He was glad to believe that our losses would bind us closer to the empire. He knew that he voiced the sympathy of both sides of the house in view of the sad circumstances. (Applause.)

Mr. Whittey said he was very glad, indeed, under the circumstances, to have the opportunity of joining with the premier in expressing sentiments similar to his.

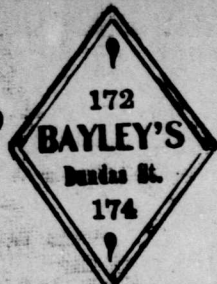
Mr. Peckham resumed the debate on the address, dealing with the charges of corruption against the Liberal party. Mr. Hoyle followed, speaking principally on the West Elgin election irregularities.

Col. Matheson asked when the report of the commission appointed to inquire into the provincial finances would be brought down.

Mr. Ross said it was not usual to bring down reports until the debate on the address was ended. The house adjourned at 5:45.

The bill extending the modus vivendi on the French treaty shore has passed the final stages in both houses of the Newfoundland Legislature.

The United States Senate in executive session on Thursday ratified the treaty between the United States and Great Britain and Germany affecting claims growing out of the joint control of the Samoan Islands.

**Double Trading Stamps**

Thursday, Friday, Saturday,
 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday,
 Feb. 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 26th, 27th, 28th.

NEW SPRING GOODS

Bargains in Every Department.

NEW COTTONS. NEW TOWELS. NEW LAWN

NEW CURTAIN MUSLINS. NEW PRINTS.

Everything New, Low Price and Up-to-Date

A. S. Creation & Co.**The Dominion Savings and Investment Society.**

Temporary Offices

Have been secured at

No. 354 Richmond Street.

The former offices will be rebuilt as soon as possible and reoccupied by the society.

NATHANIEL MILLS, Manager.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT

Lively Discussion Over the Improper Use of the Franking Privilege by the Late Government.

Ottawa, Feb. 22.—In the house today a warm discussion took place over an answer by Mr. Mulock, in which he charged the late government with franking through the mails campaign literature and patent medicine advertisements.

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"Very well," was the reply. "Three get it and meet I here again at four o'clock."

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BOARD OF WORKS

Wishes to Make an Offer to the Street Railway Company

Regarding the Use of Richmond Street—Licenses for Contractors.

A meeting of No. 2 committee was held last night at the city hall, and a rather large number of somewhat important matters received the attention of the members. There were present Chairman Winnett, Aldermen Brenner, Gerry, Bartlett, Douglass, Malloch, Engineer Graydon and Secretary Bell. The Prof. Line Road Company, having abandoned that portion of their road on Richmond street, north of St. James street, the council will be recommended to allow the street railway company to transfer their tracks from Wellington street north to Richmond street, between St. James and Huron streets.

The city solicitor submitted the agreement between the city and the Canadian Packing Company, and a special meeting of the committee will be called in order to pass a bylaw authorizing its execution. The committee will recommend the council to extend the breakwater on Front street, provided that the railway sign agreement releasing the city from all further claims.

A number of ratepayers residing in the vicinity of East Dundas, Charlotte, Dorinda and Quebec streets, have taken means to be devised to prevent the damage to their property suffered by reason of the large overflow of water from Carling's Creek. They believed that if Queen's avenue were opened it would mitigate this evil. Referred to the engineer and the chairman to report.

A letter from the city engineer advising the issuance of licenses to contractors, to insure the proper relaying of pavements instead of the present mode of deposits, was filed. According to the engineer's suggestion, no contractor would be given a second license should he fail to repair the pavement in a satisfactory manner.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers asked for the use of the city hall for a ball, in order to gain funds with which to furnish a room in the Victoria Hospital, was referred to the engineer with power.

A second communication from Edmund Weld, in regard to the condition of a drain in East London, was laid on the table. This communication was filed once before.

City Clerk Kingston asked that the committee submit its estimates for 1900 by March 15, and the request was laid on the table.

A petition against laying a cement walk between Dundas and York streets on Wellington was referred to the assessment commissioner.

A petition for a sewer on Victor street was also referred to the assessment commissioner with power.

The matter of compensation for Christopher Sigsworth, who had been incapacitated by falling on Richmond street was referred to the mayor and Inspector Bell to act.

The secretary reported that the city was paying for ten telephones at a total cost of \$22.50. Filed.

The Stevens Manufacturing Company will be instructed to supply

VERY FEW PEOPLE

Are Free From Some Form of Indigestion.

Very few people are free from some form of indigestion, and scarcely two will have the same symptoms.

Some suffer most directly after eating, bloating from gas in stomach and bowels, others have heartburn or sour risings, still others have palpitation of heart, headaches, sleeplessness, pains in chest and under shoulder-blades; some have extreme nervousness as in nervous dyspepsia.

But whatever the symptoms may be, the cause in all cases of indigestion is the same—that is, the stomach, for some reason fails to properly and promptly digest its food.

This is the whole story of stomach troubles in a nutshell. The stomach must have rest and assistance, and Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets give it both by supplying those natural digestive juices which every weak stomach lacks, owing to the failure of the gastric glands in the stomach to secrete sufficient acid and pepsin to thoroughly digest and assimilate the food.

One grain of the active principle in Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets will digest 8,000 grains of meat, eggs, or other wholesome food, and this claim has been proven by simple experiments, and anyone can perform for himself in the following manner: Cut hard-boiled egg into very small pieces, as it would be if masticated; place the egg and two or three of the tablets in a bottle or jar containing warm water, heated to 35° (the temperature of the body) and keep it at this temperature for three and one-half hours, at the end of which time the egg will be as completely digested as it would have been in the healthy stomach of a hungry boy.

The point of this experiment is that what Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets will do to the egg or meat in the bottle it will do to the egg or meat in the stomach, and nothing else will rest and invigorate the stomach so safely and effectually. Even a little child can take Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets with safety and benefit if its digestion is weak, and the thousands of cures accomplished by their regular daily use are easily explained when it is understood that they are composed of vegetable essences, aspeptic pepsin, diastase and Golden Seal, which mingle with the food and digest it thoroughly, giving the overworked stomach a chance to recuperate.

Dieting never cures dyspepsia, neither do pills and cathartic medicines, which simply irritate and inflame the intestines.

When enough food is eaten and promptly digested there will be no constipation, nor in fact will there be disease of any kind because good digestion means good health in every organ.

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gear wheels for the steam roller, at a cost of \$73. The Harrisburg company, who supplied the roller, asked \$290, exclusive of duties, to do this work. Tenders will be called for the clearing of the asphalt for 1900. Last year in eight months, this work cost \$1,401.

The corporation pay sheet during the week ending Feb. 21 amounted to \$71.58.

The matter of supplying a telephone for the mayor's residence was referred to the council.

A number of unimportant matters were dealt with, and the routine accounts were passed.

HOW TO MAKE HOME BEAUTIFUL

Interesting Papers at the First Public Meeting of the London Horticultural Society.

The first public meeting of the London Horticultural Society was held in the Auditorium last night. About one hundred and fifty horticultural enthusiasts were present. The platform was artistically decorated, being hung with flags and bunting, and set with graceful palms and other plants. The chair was taken at 8:30 by Mr. John Balkwill, the president, and with him on the platform were Rev. Dr. Bethune, Very Rev. Dean Innes, and Mr. T. H. Race, of the Mitchell Recorder. The proceedings opened with the singing of "Soldiers of the Queen," by Miss Winnie Hooper and Mr. A. G. Stevens, with accompaniment by Miss Smadman.

In his opening remarks, President Balkwill referred to the recent organization of the society and the encouraging outlook for its future success, and enumerated the advantages which membership in the society gives. He regretted that there were not more ladies on the membership roll.

On rising to deliver his address on "The Moral Influence of Floriculture in the House," Mr. Race humorously impressed upon the audience the fact that his own somewhat attenuated build was not to be attributed to the fact that he was a horticulturist, but rather to the fact that he was an editor of a country weekly, a position which entailed considerable worry. He referred to London as a favored city in its own natural advantages, and the fact that its surrounding agricultural district was one unsurpassed on the continent, and perhaps in the world. The magnificent exhibit at the Western Fair is one unequalled by any other exhibition.

Mr. Race then went on to speak of the purposes for which the society was formed, one of the chief of which was to encourage floriculture, and the beautifying of home surroundings among farmers, and to do this it was thought the best way was to start with people in towns and cities, and get them interested. Mr. Race then told a good story of a Port Huron man who, to correct certain impressions formed by his family as to the character of Canadians, impressions gained largely from observations of French-Canadians, and supposedly Canadian tramps, took his wife and children for a drive through Western Ontario. As they drove along through the lovely scenery between Grimsby and Hamilton, the 13-year-old girl turned to her father, and said: "Papa, I know why the Canadians are so mean, and the French-Canadians here so nice." "Why, my daughter?" asked he. "Because only a mean man would leave this beautiful country to go to Michigan," she replied.

Mr. Race then said that he had seen many young people leaving the farm, and going to larger centers of population because the home is not made more attractive, the doing of which, however, is the best investment a farmer could make. This is a country of homes, and it is for the welfare of the nation that the homes should be beautified, for the more attractive the homes are made, the better manhood and womanhood will be built up. There is no better patriotism than that inculcated by such methods, for if you teach a child to love his home, it will love his country when it grows up. If children were taught of God more through the beauties of nature, and less through the stories of the Old Testament, it would be better. It is an obligation resting on us to beautify our homes with nature's provisions. The first man was surrounded by trees and shrubs and flowers and fruits, and if it was necessary then, why not now? If man is to work back to the state of perfection enjoyed by the first man, he needs the refining influence of these things. Mr. Race then quoted from Burns and Bryant, and their appreciation of the beauties of flowers. He went on to contrast the two kinds of homes most met with in the rural districts. One, the neglected, untidy place, where no beauty or kindness exists; the other, the neat, orderly home, with the refining influence of trees and flowers and grass, with their results of brighter, better conditions for the family. A good way to educate the young to these things is in the school, where the teacher has a great opportunity to implant the love of the beautiful in the hearts of the children. If you would have a beautiful rose in your garden," said Mr. Race, "you must first have one in your heart."

Miss Hooper sang "A May Morning," followed by Mr. A. G. Stevens in a stirring patriotic ballad, "Mrs. A. Campbell gave three enjoyable recitations. Rev. Dr. Bethune's address concluded the evening's interesting programme. He spoke instructively on the many insects which are such a source of annoyance and loss to the horticulturist, and showed how horticultural societies had done good work in providing remedies for their extermination, either by the use of chemicals or by the propagation and introduction of other insects, which were not injurious to plant life, but preyed upon the insects which were.

The meeting closed with the "National Anthem."

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ELECTED OFFICERS

Grand Lodge A. O. U. W. Adjourns After a Very Successful Session.

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Grand Master Workman—Capt. T. M. Cornett, Gananogue (acclamation).

Grand Past Master Workman—Geo. P. Graham, M.P.P., Brockville.

Grand Foreman—Joseph Gibson, M. P., Ingersoll (acclamation).

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Grand Overseer—George Ross, Hamilton.

Grand Guide—Charles Kelly, Chatham.

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Grand Outside Watchman—Robt. Ingersoll, Ottawa.

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Homespun.**Spring Season, 1900.**

Chic styles for ladies' skirts and costumes have been put on the counters in our Dress Department today—New Tweeds and Homespuns—the latest production of leading makers; correct fashion for the season.

AT \$1.00—Very handsome designs in finely finished Homespun Tweed, fifty-four inches wide. We consider this a particularly good bargain. See it—\$1.00.

AT \$1.25—Pretty Checks in subdued tones. A beautiful fabric, will produce superb effect in skirt or costume.

AT \$1.35—Plaids, Checks and Plain Homespuns, in a variety of styles and colors, 54 inches wide. One of the leaders for this season's selling, we venture to predict.

AT \$1.50—Fifty-four inches wide, only three styles at this price. An ideal tailor effect, made from selected stock, beautifully colored and finished, will sell at sight.

This is a very choice range, and we would suggest an early inspection and selection, for many of above lines cannot be repeated at the price now selling at.

SASH BUCKLES.—A snap in new Belt Buckles; 56 dozen put on sale today; sample dozen sent to a Canadian jobber by a French maker; they are worth from 25c to 75c. Come and get the best at 19c each.

Bayley's.

—T. A. Hastings, Toronto; C. E. Cameron, Iroquois. Appointed—F. N. Nudel, Toronto; Stephen Grant, London.

Grand Trustees—George Paterson, Seaforth; W. R. Teuton, Breton; T. W. Milne, Perth.

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Grand Medical Examiner—J. M. Cotton, M.D., Toronto.

Committees for 1900 were appointed, and it was decided to hold the next annual session in Hamilton.

A THRILLING TALE.

Mr. Peter Jacques, the commission merchant of the Queen City, tells a remarkable story of midnight adventure.

"I came home rather late on Tuesday night," he says, "and went immediately upstairs to my bedroom. I had been over at a friend's house all evening and assisted in the disposal of a Welsh rarebit. I didn't waste any time in proceeding to undress, and in less than five minutes I was ready to turn out the gas. Once in bed I dropped off to sleep almost instantly.

"I must have been two hours later when I became conscious that something was wrong, and I was being forcibly held down in the bed. I tried to sit up, but could no more than raise my head from the pillow. My hands were held at my side. I tried to speak but distinctly felt a grip on my throat. I could hear nothing but the blood singing in my ears.

"I laid there in an eternity of suspense for five long minutes, the cold perspiration of horror breaking out from every pore. Then I suddenly felt the bed sink from under me, and knew I was being lifted. It was lanky dark, and I could see nothing. I felt myself carried gently for a little distance, and then set down, when, to my horror, I felt that my legs were swinging in space. I was on the edge of something, possibly on the railing of the banister on the landing. I felt in a deadly anxiety to get up, and if I left unaided, bound, as I was, I must fall.

"That is exactly what happened. I was released from the balancing grip; I tottered down, and then I felt myself falling. Oh, the agony of that fall. It was the longest journey I ever embarked on. I fell, fell, fell, and kept on falling. My nerves were all at the utmost tension, waiting for the inevitable shock. But the shock wouldn't come. Finally, however, it did come, and my strangled nerves relaxed. I had fallen on my back in my own bed. It was the Welsh rarebit.

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Ontario Legislature.

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Mr. Whitney said he was very glad, indeed, under the circumstances, to have the opportunity of joining with the premier in expressing sentiments similar to his.

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"Very well," was the reply. "Thee get it and meet me here again at four o'clock."

The farmer and the boy met at the appointed hour. "Hast got thy character?" was the query.

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The Face Behind the Mask

A Romance.

"Fairly rejected!" said the count, with a passing shade of mortification on his brow; "and my words, I am sure, were not meant to offend you. But, Leoline, you have yet to learn whom you have discarded."

Clinging to her lover's arm, the girl grew white with undefined apprehension. Leoline, the count removed his face, and she saw, with a gasp, and a face well known to Leoline, from pictures and description, turned full upon her.

"Sir!" she cried in terror, falling on her knees with clasped hands.

"Nay, rise, fair Leoline," said the king, holding out his hand to assist her. "It is my place to kneel to one so lovely, instead of having her kneel to me. Think again. Will you reject the king as you did the count?"

"Pardon, your majesty!" said Leoline, scarcely daring to look up; "but I must!"

"So be it! You are a perfect miracle of truth and constancy, and I think I can afford to be generous for once. In fifteen minutes we start for Oxford, and you must accompany us as Lady Kingsley. A tiring woman will wait upon you to robe you for your bridal. We will leave you now, and let me enjoy my expedition."

And while she stood still too much astonished by the sudden proposal to answer, both were gone, and in their place stood a smiling lady in white, a cloud of gossamer veil in her arms.

"Are those for me?" inquired Leoline, looking at them and trying to comprehend that it was all real.

"They are for you," said the mistress Stuart, herself. "Please sit down, and all will be ready in a trice."

And in a trice all was ready. The shining, jetty curls were smoothed, and fell in a glossy shower, and Leoline, with jewels, the pearls Leoline herself still wore. The rose sash was discarded for another of bridal white, perfect of fit and splendour of texture, and the gossamer veil fell like a cloud of silver mist over all, from head to foot; and Leoline was shown herself in a mirror, and in the sudden transformation could have exclaimed, and not in vain, "tune lady of Mother Goose, shorn of her tresses while in balmy slumber."

"As sure as I'm a living woman, this is no more of it!" But she was never, however, who stood listening like one in a trance to the enthusiastic praises of her waiting maid.

Again there was a tap at the door. This time the attendant opened it, and George reappeared. Even for a moment looking at the silver shining vision, and so lost in admiration that he almost forgot his message. But when Leoline turned the light of her beautiful eyes fell on him, and he managed to remember it, and announced that he had been sent by the king to usher her to the royal presence.

With a fast-throbbing heart, flushed cheeks and brilliant eyes, the dazzling bride followed him, unconscious that she had never looked so incomparable before in her life. It was but a few hours since she had dressed for another bridal; and what wonderful things had occurred since then—her whole destiny had changed in a night. Not quite sure yet but that she was still dreaming, she followed on—saw George throw open the great doors of the audience chamber, and found her self suddenly in what seemed to her a vast concourse of people. At the upper end of the apartment was a brilliant group of ladies, with the king's beautiful favorite in their midst, gossiping with knots of gentlemen. The king himself stood in the recess of a window, with his brother, the Duke of York, the Earl of Rochester, and Sir Norman Kingsley, and was laughing and relating animatedly to the two peers the whole story. Leoline noticed this, and noticed, too, that all were traveling dresses—most of the ladies, indeed, being attired in riding habits.

The king himself advanced to her rescue, and, drawing her arm within his, he led her up and presented her to the fair Mistress Stuart, who received her with smiling graciousness; though Leoline, all unused to court ways, and aware of the lovely lady's questionable position, returned it with almost cold hauteur. Charles being in an unusually gracious mood, only smiled as he noticed it, and introduced her next to his brother of York, and her former short acquaintance, Earl Rochester.

"There's no need, I presume, to make you acquainted with this other gentleman," said Charles, with a laughing glance at Sir Norman, "Kingsley, stand forward and receive your bride. My lord of Canterbury, we await your good offices."

The bland bishop, in surprise and state, and took in a hasty step from a distant group and advanced. Sir Norman, with a flush on his cheek, and an exultant light in his eyes, took the hand of his beautiful bride, who stood lovely and blushing and downcast, the envy and admiration of all. And

"Before the bishop now they stand, The bridegroom and the bride, And who shall paint what lovers feel In this, their hour of pride?"

Who, indeed? Like many other pleasant things in this world, it requires to be felt to be appreciated; and for that reason is a subject on

which the unworthy chronicler is altogether incompetent to speak. The first words of the ceremony dropped from the prelate's urbane lips, and Sir Norman's heart danced a tarantella within him. "Wilt thou?" inquired the bishop, blandly, and slipped a plain gold ring on one pretty finger of Leoline's hand, and all heard the old, old formula: "What God hath joined together, let no man put asunder." And the whole mystic rite was over. Leoline gave one earnest glance at the ring on her finger. Long ago slaves wore rings as a sign of their bondage—is it for the same reason married women wear them now? While she yet looked half doubtingly at it, she was surrounded, congratulated and studded with a sudden clamor of voices; and then, through it all, she heard the well-remembered voice of Count L'Estrange saying:

"My lords and ladies, time is on the wing, and the sun is already half an hour high. Off with you all to the courtyard, and the mounted and dismounted Kingsley changes her wedding-gear for robes more befitting travel, and joins us there."

With a low obeisance to the king, the lovely bride hastened away after one of the favorite's attendants, to do as he directed, and don a riding-suit. In ten minutes after, when the royal cavalcade started, she turned full upon the post-stricken city, too—and fairest where all was fair, by Sir Norman's side rode Leoline.

Sitting one winter night by a glorious fire, while the snow and hail lashed the windows, and the wind without roared like Bottom, the weaver, a pleasant voice whispered the foregoing tale. Here, as it passed abruptly, and seemed to have done with one thing, it naturally began to ask questions. What happened to the dwarf and his companions? What became of Hubert? Did Sir Norman and Lady Kingsley go to Devonshire and did either of them die of the plague? I felt, myself, when I said it, that the last suggestion was beneath contempt, and so a withering look from the king, at being mounted on a white charger, was graciously pleased to acknowledge them; and Hubert became the Marquis de Montmorency, and in the fullness of time took unto himself a wife, even of the daughters of the land, and lived happily for ever after.

And Sir Norman and Lady Kingsley did go to the old manor in Devonshire, where, with tradition and no information, there is to be seen to this day an old family picture, painted some twelve years after, representing the knight and his lady sitting serenely in their "salon de nuit," with their family around them. Sir Norman, a little portlier, a little graver, in the serious dignity of pater familias; and Leoline, with the dark, beautiful eyes, the falling, shining hair, the sweet smiling lips, and lovely, placid face of old. Between them, on three hassocks, sat three little boys; while the fourth, and youngest, a miniature Sir Norman, leans against his mother's shoulder, and looks thoughtfully in her sweet, calm face. Of the fate of those four, the same ancient lore affirms: "That the eldest afterwards bore the title of Earl of Kingsley; that the second became a lord high admiral, or chancellor, or something equally hifalutin; and that the third became an archbishop. But the highest honor of all was reserved for the fourth and youngest," continued the narrating voice, "who, after many days, sailed for America, and in the course of time became president of the United States."

Determined to be fully satisfied on this point, at least, the author investigated all her spare change in a catalogue of the said president, from George Washington to Chester A. Arthur, and after a diligent and absorbing perusal of that piece of literature, could find no name named as Kingsley whatever; and has been forced to come to the conclusion that he must have applied to congress to change his name on arriving in the New World, or else that the informant was laboring under a falsehood when she told her so. As for the rest,

"I know not how the truth may be; I say it as 'twas said to me."

[The End.]

Light and Shade.

A man is happiest when he is giving a woman advice on a subject of which he knows nothing.

"What made you suppose that old Crossgrain had dyspepsia?"

"Why, I like to take a charitable view of everybody, and dyspepsia is the best excuse I could think of for his disposition."

Edith—When I get engaged, I don't intend to have any mystery about it. Ethel—I don't see how you can help it, dear. Everyone will regard it as a mystery.

Mrs. Slimtable (clinging to a floating spar after the wreck)—Oh, Henry, I'm afraid this board won't sustain me.

Her Husband—This a judgment sent upon you, Maria. Many a poor man who has paid you \$4 a week has said the same thing.

Facetious Passenger—How often conductor, does your car kill a man? Conductor (tartly)—Only once.

"What we need," said the editor, "is higher criticism."

Thereupon he issued orders to have the book reviewer and the dramatic critic given offices on the top floor—Chicago Post.

It should be our desire to say only good of others, and to scatter flowers, instead of briars, along our earthly way.

Township Councils.

WEST NISSOURI.

West Nissouri Municipal Council met Feb. 14. The auditors presented their report of the treasurer's accounts for the past year, which, being finally audited by the council, was received and adopted. An order was issued for their fees, \$11 each. Mr. Thomas Howay complained about the west town line being fenced in by Samuel Stevenson, thereby preventing his cattle from getting to the river for water. He referred to Mr. Harris and the council on motion of Mr. Elgie, seconded by Mr. Morrison, Mr. Patterson was paid \$167.37 for concrete tile for public use; J. H. Foreman, \$2.63 for tile. On motion of Mr. Strittit, seconded by Mr. Morrison, W. C. Bryan was paid \$34.40, being part of gravel contract. Mr. Strittit moved, seconded by Mr. Morrison, that \$300 be appropriated to each ward for the improvements of the roads, the money to be expended in grading, graveling, ditching, and for the erection and repair of culverts, not more than 20 feet in length. Carried. Bylaw No. 113, in conformity with this resolution, passed. Mr. Strittit moved, seconded by Mr. Harris, that this council pay 40 cents per cord for gravel during the present year, and that in the event of this price not being accepted, the matter be settled by arbitration, as authorized by statute. Carried. Bylaw No. 114, appointing path masters, pound keepers, fence viewers and other officers was drafted, duly read and passed. Adjourned till second Wednesday in March. W. Lee, clerk.

EAST WILLIAMS.

The above council met at Nairn on Feb. 12. The following accounts were paid: Meredith & Fisher, account in English cash, \$64.29; fees for advice re C. T. R. Block drain, \$2; R. Haskett, repairing culvert, \$50; James McLean, plank, \$2.65; Donald Morrison, two-thirds value of 8 sheep killed by dogs and 19 worth, \$55.16; Archibald McLeish, two-thirds value of 1 sheep killed by dogs, \$5.32; G. McGugan, gravel, \$47.94; J. A. Smith, two-thirds value of 2 sheep worried by dogs, \$10; Mrs. Ben Lumby, two-thirds value of 1 sheep killed by dogs, \$5.32; Alex. Johnston, repairing culvert, \$50; George Rivera, tile, \$20; E. Leslie, D. R. O. \$4; Angus McKay, poll booth for election, \$4; D. A. Stewart, registering births, marriages and deaths, \$10; George stationery, etc., \$3.35; J. Milliken, overcharge of taxes, \$1.90; John Heard & Co., tile, \$27.54; Gazette-Review, printing, \$8.75.

The report of the auditors was adopted. Mr. Tweedle was asked to examine Mr. McDonald's sheep worried by dogs and report at next meeting. The auditors were instructed to examine the two culverts, and to report at next meeting. Tenders for printing will be received next meeting. The clerk was instructed to procure four copies of the minutes, and to distribute the use of the council, and two copies of the Municipal World for the use of the reeve and clerk. The next meeting takes place on the second Monday in March at 10 a.m. Changes will be made in the road lists. Interested parties should be present.

D. A. STEWART, Clerk.

ABBOTT ON MOODY

His Answer to the Question, "What Is the Secret of Mr. Moody's Extraordinary Power?"

The question which the Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott endeavors to answer in his article in the February number of the North American Review is, What is the secret of Mr. Moody's extraordinary power? The question is much answered by the intellectual discernment, the warm sympathy with religious aspiration and the lucid style which characterize his best work. He discovers the answer to his question in the spiritual hunger of the human soul for forgiveness of the errors of the past and for the opportunity for higher achievement to the future. And in the authority with which Mr. Moody ministered to those overmastering desires. Dr. Abbott represents the attraction exercised by the church as a marvelous phenomenon.

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DIOCESE OF LONDON

Official Lenten Regulations for the Year 1900.

The following are the Lenten regulations for the Diocese of London:

1. All days of Lent, Sundays excepted, are fast days.
2. By a special indulgent from the Holy See, A. D. 1894, meat is allowed on Sundays at every meal, and at one meal on weekdays, except on Saturdays, Sundays, and Holy Saturday.
3. The use of flesh and fish at the same time is not allowed in Lent.
4. The use of wine is not allowed on weekdays, except on Holy Saturday.
5. From abstaining, persons under 21; and from either or both, those who, on account of ill-health, advanced age, or other cause, are unable to observe the fast.
6. Doubtful cases should be consulted by the pastor.

Lent may be used in preparing fast-food during the season of Lent, days of abstinence throughout the year, by those who cannot easily procure butter.

Pastors are required to hold in their churches, during Lent, devotions and instructions suited to the holy season, and they should earnestly exhort their people to attend these public devotions, and to observe the fast with devotion and accuracy. Besides the public devotions, family prayers, especially the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin, should be encouraged in every Catholic household of the diocese.

By order of the bishop.
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A LOCAL BUDGET

—Miss Gertrude Black Edmonds is at the Tuncash House.

—Two drunks were discharged at the police court this morning.

—The average cost of Hamilton's cement walks is 15 cents per foot; while in London it is 20 cents.

—Mr. H. H. Sabine, of Spital, Sabie & Co., who was confined to his home for over six weeks, is able to be out again.

—Messrs. McIntyre and McCartney, of St. Thomas, are shipping again this week several car loads of young cattle to the West Indies.

—The result of passing the hat among the staff and employees of the London Asylum for the Insane is a fund of \$2 50 to the Canadian patriotic fund.

—Rev. Richard Hobbs, of Wingham, has been elected to the St. Thomas seat on the Council of the St. Thomas, Ontario, and is busy in his new charge, preaching against dancing, skating and curling.

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—The office of Col. F. E. Leys has been removed to the London Hat, Cap and Mantle Manufacturing Company's building, 387 Clarence Street, for the present.

—A. E. Welch, manager of the Scottish-American Mining and Development Company, has taken quarters at the old office, 136 Dundas street. He was one of the tenants ousted out of the Miss Lettie Hillier, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. D. Thomas, 420 Piccadilly street, returns to Samaria on Wednesday next to visit her sister, Mrs. S. T. Madden, before she leaves for Winnipeg and Vancouver on March 7.

—J. H. Wilkey (son of ex-Adm. Wilkey), a member of the Strathcona Horse, wires his father that he will be home on a visit on Sunday next, and will remain in the city a week here before leaving for his home in England.

—The concert in the Auditorium to-night, under the auspices of the Man-dolin Club promises to be largely attended. Gertrude Black Edmonds, accompanied by her husband, will sing other numbers, a patriotic song, entitled "Her Majesty."

—There was a great crush at the Grand Opera House box office yesterday morning. Hundreds of citizens gathered to purchase tickets for the benefit play, "For Canada and the Empire, or On to Pretoria," for the benefit of the Red Cross fund.

—About twenty ladies of Wellington Street, Methodist Church met in the parlour on Thursday afternoon and passed the time in singing hymns and recitations. The ladies are very enthusiastic, and intend having a handsome contribution for the next transport.

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presided, and opened the meeting with a short address. Music by the Y. M. C. A. Mandolin Club, a patriotic song by Mr. A. E. Leys, and a collection on the piano by his brother, followed with encores. At the close a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Boomer and those who assisted in the entertainment, was passed. The entertainment, seconded by Mr. John Higginbottom. A goodly sum was realized for the Red Cross.

ELECTED PRESIDENT.

Dr. H. R. Abbott, of this city, was elected president of the Ontario Dental Society at the annual meeting held in Toronto yesterday.

VETERANS OF 1866.

Col. Holmes states that he would be delighted to have the veterans take part in the demonstration that will follow if Lady Smith is relieved. They will, in attendance, be allotted the space between the front of the parade and the members of the council and school board.

CRISPIN-ADAMS.

A very pleasing event took place on Wednesday, Feb. 21, at the family residence, con. 3, of Delaware, when Miss Sophia, eldest daughter of Mr. Thomas Adams, was united in marriage to Mr. Joseph Crispin, Regina. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Cossens, of Lambeth. The bride was given away by Mr. Thomas Adams, while the bridesmaid was Miss Annie Leary of London, acted as bridesmaid, while the groom was assisted by the bride's brother, Mr. Joseph Crispin, Regina. The bride and her assistants were suitably attired in white, carrying white bouquets. At the conclusion of the ceremony the bride and groom, accompanied by the bridesmaid and groomsmen, left for their home in Regina. The wedding breakfast was served at a very good table, after which they spent a very so-ber evening. There were guests from the surrounding villages. The wedding was a very successful one, and the bride and groom were very happy. The wedding breakfast was served at a very good table, after which they spent a very so-ber evening. There were guests from the surrounding villages. The wedding was a very successful one, and the bride and groom were very happy.

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