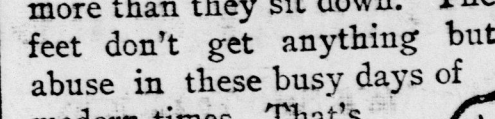


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A writer in the Edinburgh Review emphasizes the fact that dirt, bad air, and unsanitary buildings are the chief causes of consumption, which is therefore easily preventable.

There need be little waste land, if there is intelligent cultivation. The great bogs of California, at one time regarded as practically valueless, are now turned to account to grow very good celery.

The Baltimore Jewish Comment wonders that the Jewish people who fled from Russia on account of religious persecution should not seize the opportunity in the United States to show greater regard for their faith. The reason probably is that in Russia the bracing air of persecution kept them faithful; whereas easiness and prosperity and absence of persecution caused their religious sinews to relax.

The Montreal Gazette, which is the leading Conservative paper in Eastern Canada, has this to say on the question of prohibition:

"It is a sign of the times in Ontario that some of the religious weeklies, confronted by the Privy Council decision on the provincial prohibition issue, are beginning to admit that it needs more than a law on the statute books to stop the sale of liquor. They are getting back to the theory that a community which can enforce a prohibitory law will be so sober that it will not need one."

They have been solving an old legal conundrum in England. It is "When is a ship a factory?" This query was raised under the Workmen's Compensation Act. A painter employed by a firm who were getting a liner ready for transport service to South Africa met with an accident while the ship was in dock. Were the firm in "occupation" of the ship, and was the ship, when in dock, a factory? The English Court of Appeal says "Yes" to both questions to the astonishment of the employers.

It is probable that the Dominion Parliament will meet either on the 6th of February or the 13th of February—the Ministers preferring the earlier date, if the improvements in the building are completed in time. The reports are about all ready for presentation, and a short and non-contentious session ought to ensue. But one can never tell what may turn up, or what long windiness may develop in the professional orators. Fortunately the crop of this Parliament is smaller than in that elected in 1896.

Failures in the War.

Conan Doyle, in a new edition of his "History of the War," thus sums up the causes that have been at the root of our troubles:

"Every train of thought brings the critic back always to the great horse question, and encourages the conclusion that there, at all seasons of the war and in all scenes of it, is to be found the most damning indictment against British foresight, common sense, and power of organization. From the telegram, 'Infantry preferred,' addressed to a nation of rough-riders, down to the failure to secure the excellent horses on the spot, while importing them unit for use from the ends of the earth, there has been nothing but one long series of blunders in this, the most vital question of all."

The great trouble in the war has been the failure to obtain and to put in the field good fighters on horseback—men who knew how to fight at close quarters, when necessary, but who could also beat the Boers at their own tactics of keeping out of sight on every available occasion, and thereby saving many valuable lives that otherwise are doomed to be lost. At Paardeberg, for example, the day might have been won with less than half the sacrifice of life if the view of the Canadian officers had prevailed. It would not have been won at as early an hour, but it would have been won not the less surely, if the tactics taught by the experience in the rebellion of 1855 had been followed out. That war, with a people like the Boers, if carried on in a dress parade kind of way, must always be costly and unsatisfactory, the experience of the last two years has abundantly proved. And we believe it is because the Canadian men have been inclined to adopt different tactics, and to meet the Boers with their own methods, that our experienced horsemen have again been solidified to go to the aid of the imperial forces. As to the horses, our information is that if there were mounts that were broken down in the field, they were not Canadian horses, which have borne the long sea journey and the change of climate better than any of the horses pressed into the service. There may be differences of opinion as to the management of the war, and no doubt the British military managers have learned of a great deal that needs improvement, but the matter of the horse supply from this country is an ascertained fact, and the knowledge of it, now in possession of the British authorities, through the energy of Premier Ross, of Ontario, and others, is likely to prove of great value to Canada as a horse-breeding country.

The Great Inter-oceanic Waterway of America.

The treaty for the repeal of the Clayton-Bulwer convention having been adopted by the United States Senate, it is now among the possibilities that at an early date, the United States will begin the construction of the inter-oceanic canal through the Republic of Nicaragua as a government work. As far back as 1850, the idea of a canal to join the two oceans, by the route now proposed, was entertained by the Portuguese, then a very vigorous exploring people. It was not until 1825, however, that the subject was first officially considered by the United States. At that time the Minister to Washington of the Central American Confederation, drew the attention of Mr. Clay, then Secretary of State, to the advantages of the San Juan River and Lake Nicaragua for the construction of an inter-oceanic canal. No definite action was then taken, however, and an attempt of a New York man to build a canal by private means proved a failure in the following year. From that time, the question was revived, and the Nicaraguan Government peddled around a charter to the French and other governments, offering them the right of way to build the waterway. As the result of the inquiries of a commission, appointed in 1872, by President Grant, it was found that the Nicaragua route "possesses, both for the construction and maintenance of a canal, greater advantages and offers fewer difficulties from engineering, commercial and economic points of view than any of the other routes shown to be practicable." This finding did not prevent the French capitalists from pouring their money into the scheme to dig a canal through the Isthmus of Panama, but there can be no doubt that it cooled the enthusiasm of those who were anxious to carry out the scheme of a canal through Nicaragua, and it is not surprising to find that the earlier efforts to get the United States Congress to aid the scheme failed. They were, of course, also opposed by the very strong trans-continental railroad interests. Failing in obtaining national aid, a large number of capitalists in 1889 formed themselves into the Maritime Canal Company, and a construction company subsequently started the work, which was carried on until 1892, when it was stopped for lack of funds, and here the matter has remained till now, when once more there is a proposition to grant from the treasury of the United States the sum requisite to complete the waterway. At first the estimated cost was only \$65,000,000, but as time has passed, and experts have estimated the rate, the cost increased to \$100,000,000, and now we are told that it will be at least \$150,000,000. No one need be surprised, indeed, if it goes up to \$200,000,000, in view of the experience of the abortive Panama Canal.

It is interesting to take a brief glance at the route of the proposed great waterway and the advantages that it is intended to confer on the United States, to a large extent on Canada, as well as to other maritime nations. The canal, as originally intended, is to be twenty-eight feet deep and 230 feet wide. It may, under the new order of things, be both wider and deeper. From Graytown on the Atlantic, to Brito, on the Pacific terminus of the canal, the distance is 169½ miles. The actual excavation required, however, is only 26½ miles, of which 15½ miles are between Greytown and the San Juan River, and 11½ miles between Lake Nicaragua and the Pacific. The distance traversed by the canal to the San Juan is 31½ miles, of which 18½ will be through artificial lakes or basins. The course of the canal between the lake and the ocean will also be through an artificial lake 5½ miles long. For the greater part of the distance between the two oceans, 66 miles of river and 56 miles of lake navigation will be utilized. Three locks, within fourteen miles of the Atlantic will lift the canal 106 feet above the level of the ocean, and the natural incline of the river, which is three-fourths of an inch per mile from the lake to the point of junction, will raise it to the summit level, 110 feet. Three locks within three and a half miles from the Pacific will lower it to that ocean. The summit level of the canal will be 153½ miles long. Much of the cutting will be of rock which will be utilized to construct great breakwaters at the two ports, and the necessary dams in proximity to the divide. There is ample water-power along the route to drive the excavating machinery, provide electric lights, etc.

It is the saving of time for ocean craft sailing to and from the two great oceans that the value of this colossal waterway lies. Steam vessels will be able to pass from ocean to ocean in twenty-eight hours, and the chief engineer estimates that it will be able to carry annually 11,680 vessels, with an aggregate of 20,440,000 tons, which is double the present traffic through the Suez Canal. As the canal will save 10,753 miles for sailing vessels, and 8,267 for steamers, between New York and California and British Columbian ports, and 7,993 and 5,867 respectively, for the same craft between Liverpool and the Pacific states and British Columbia, there seems little doubt that it will very soon command a traffic equal to, if not greater than that of Suez. Properly regulated, and run in the interest of the commerce of the world, rather than that of any one state, the great waterway may be of great advantage as a promoter of trade and commerce and a regulator of freight rates in the public interest, and Canada as a continental nation, with increasing commerce, is much interested in its successful construction and fair management.

Still Sowing Tares.

Le Journal, the leading Conservative paper in the French language in Quebec Province, continues to berate the Dominion Government for sending another contingent to South Africa without first having received the consent of Parliament. That is the Opposition policy in Quebec. In this Province the opposition papers and public men take the opposite extreme, and denounce the Government for not compelling the British Government to accept payment in full, out of the Canadian treasury, of all the expenses of sending the contingent! Yet they tell us that they are a united party, with one policy for all parts of the Dominion! One wonders how Mr. Borden and his allies can keep their face straight when they make such a statement.

The Reply to Col. Denison.

Col. Denison takes a laudable interest in the defense of the empire and in matters pertaining to Imperial Federation. That is an important point of view, but it may be necessary to be careful in view of the whole world of politics and commerce from that particular standpoint. Prof. Shortt, of Queen's University, Kingston, makes an effective reply to the Colonel in the Globe of the 12th inst. He says: "Col. Denison refers to the large excess of British imports over exports, as proof of the assertion that trade with Britain is to the advantage of the foreigner to the extent of over £200,000,000 a year. Now, I have often wondered why it has never occurred to those who make this innocent use of statistics, that Britain should long ago have been in the world's poorhouse. Yet the fact is, she prospers and meets all her foreign obligations without the loss of her bullion, and with no serious embarrassment in her money markets. Obviously, there are claims against the foreigner, arising out of British trade and investments, which do not figure in the table of exports and imports." But this is just what many people forget, namely, that even a set of figures cannot be considered merely in themselves; one must remember that they represent one set of facts out of a large variety of groups. The following words, also, of the Professor's reply merit careful consideration. Speaking of the present conditions of keen competition, he says: "The only safe terms under which it is possible to meet these conditions, are to keep our own industrial processes up to date, and to secure for her people a plentiful and cheap supply of food and raw materials. Now, there is no reason why she should not obtain more of these from the colonies, except the very sufficient one that they do not choose to send her more. It seems reasonable to suppose that our share in the development of that trade should depend upon our own industry and enterprise, rather than upon an added burden to the British taxpayer, who, just at this period, is not in special need of extra blood-letting."

A Little Sunshine.

Sarcasm.—Mrs. Fuss—"I have kept my last hired girl a month!" Mrs. Flip—"Dear me! Do you keep her locked up?"—Ohio State Journal.

No Objection.—"An' den Santa Claus he come down de chimney!" "Doan he get his face all black wit' soot?" "Wal, he doan mind dat when he's a-calling on cullud chillun!"—Puck.

The Plancie.—Mrs. Malaprop—"That's young Mr. Jenkins. He's engaged to be married, you know." Mrs. Gabbie—"Indeed? And is that the young woman with him now?" Mrs. Malaprop—"Yes, that his fiancée!"—Philadelphia Press.

He (just introduced)—"What a very homely person that gentleman near the piano is, Mrs. Black. She—'Int he? That is Mr. Black." "How true it is, Mrs. Black, that the homeliest men always get the prettiest wives!"—Tit-Bits.

Straight tip—"I hear your engagement with young Gotrox has been broken off." "said the first fair daughter of Eve. 'Well, you are entitled to another hearing,' rejoined fair daughter No. 2, as she held up a graceful hand on which a solitary sparkling diamond was set for the first time. 'I am still in the ring.'—Chicago News.

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THE ISTHMIAN CANAL TREATY

Ratified by the United States Senate

By a Vote of Seventy-two to Six, After Nearly Five Hours' Discussion.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The senate yesterday ratified the Hay-Pauncefote Isthmian Canal treaty by a vote of 72 to 6, after almost five hours' discussion behind closed doors. The debate was confined exclusively to a discussion of the merits of the agreement, and the policy of its provisions.

The principal speech was made by Senator Teller in opposition to the treaty, and he was followed in rapid succession by twelve or fifteen other senators, who spoke briefly either for or against the motion to ratify.

Senator Clay was one of the Southern senators who spoke in advocacy of the treaty. He contended that the treaty should be ratified, because it secured the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty.

Senator Mason made a strong plea for the treaty, expressing his gratification that American diplomacy had succeeded in securing such a triumph over the treaty with the original Hay-Pauncefote agreement.

Senator Bacon's speech was made in connection with the motion to amend the treaty. He said he was in favor of a canal, and would vote for the treaty with the Davis amendment. He opposed the treaty because he did not believe it would give the United States full control of the canal. He said that Great Britain rejected the amended Hay-Pauncefote treaty, and that the new treaty was identical with the former treaty as amended except as regards the Davis amendment. He considered this as the most important feature of the whole controversy.

There was an exceptionally full senate, and the adverse votes on the amendments succeeded each other quickly.

Senator Culbertson offered an amendment to insert the Davis fortification amendment of the last session, this was defeated by 52 to 45.

Senator Bacon offered an amendment, striking out of the preamble in the reference to the Clayton-Bulwer treaty the words "without impairing the general principle of neutralization established in article VIII of that convention," also the following words in article II: "subject to the provision of the present treaty," also all of article III relating to the neutralization of the canal; also of article IV, declaring change of territorial sovereignty. All of this was embodied in one amendment and defeated 62 to 18. The treaty was then ratified by a vote of 72 to 6.

A MESSAGE FROM

QUEEN ALEXANDRA

Will Become Patroness of Victorian Order of Nurses—Three Canadians Victims of Enteric Fever.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 16.—Her Majesty Queen Alexandra has sent the following telegram to the Countess of Minto: "With pleasure I will become patroness of the Victorian Order of Nurses and of your hospital."

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Dec. 16.—The following cables have been received by Lord Minto from Mr. Chamberlain:

"I regret to inform you that Arthur Timlick, S. A. C., died of wounds on the 9th of December at Krugersdorp. His father is R. Timlick, New Westminster."

"(Signed) CHAMBERLAIN."

"Dec. 13.—Regret to inform you that Sgt. George Armstrong, S. A. C., is dangerously ill of enteric fever. His father is W. L. Armstrong, Bulah, Manitoba."

"(Signed) CHAMBERLAIN."

The casualty department at Cape Town cables, under date of Dec. 13: "Schwieb's Mrs. Sophia Johnson, Georgetown, P. E. I., that her son, Charles Johnson, Canadian Scouts, died of enteric fever at Pretoria, the 8th of December."

"(Signed) CASUALTY DEPT."

ANOTHER IMPORTANT LABOR CONFERENCE.

Charles M. Schwab Willing to Work to Heal the Breach Between Labor and Capital.

New York, Dec. 17.—Brought together through the good offices of the national civic federation, leading representatives of labor and capital met yesterday to discuss plans to minimize wage and industrial disputes. Among them were several prominent students of economics and leading figures in the religious world, and the opening session was notable for a number of striking expressions and comments.

The storm in Eastern Pennsylvania prevented Gompers, Mitchell, Schaffer and other leading members of the American Federation of Labor from reaching New York in time for the meeting yesterday, but they will participate today.

Oscar Strauss, former minister to Turkey, who acted as chairman, announced that it was planned to form a general executive committee, with representation divided among labor, capital and the great public, and that it was hoped that it would become a tribunal of peace where the conflicting interests might meet on even footing and settle their differences in spirit of conciliation and mutual toleration.

Senator M. A. Hanna, Charles M. Schwab, of the United States Steel Corporation, Archib. Jop. Ireland, Bishop Potter, S. R. Callaway, of the American Locomotive Works; D. L. Garrison, secretary of the industrial commission; R. M. Eastley, of the National Civic Federation; James Ryan, of the International Typographical Union, and Marcus Marks, president of the National Clothing Makers' Association, were among the men who attended the opening meeting.

Charles M. Schwab declared that he was opposed to the labor unions as they were now constituted, and said that they must fall, as the trusts had failed, for seeking to limit the output and control prices. "I am here," he said, "with a mind that labor and capital could be brought together, I believe that the day is at hand for

their peace, and I am willing to give the best that is in me while life lasts to bring labor and capital together. A settlement of the question will do more for good government, good morals, good social relations than anything else that we could accomplish. To the end of all this I freely give whatever service I can render to this association."

Archbishop Ireland said that all Europe looked to the United States to heal the breach between the two great interests. As a minister of religion, as member of the church whose pontiff had declared that the most important duty of the church was to maintain peace between labor and capital, he was present to do his duty in a movement that made for peace and harmony and brotherhood among men. He believed, he said, that the realization of what Americans owed to one another as men and children of God was needed to bring those opposed together. He approved the idea of creating some channel for an exchange of ideas and the mutual flow of the feeling of brotherhood.

Deaths of a Day.

New York, Dec. 17.—John Swinton is dead, in Brooklyn, aged 70. He leaves a widow. Swinton was for years a writer on labor topics, and had become widely known as the Glasgow Times, and subsequently became editor of the world and "champion of the under dog."

Swinton's father was an adventurous Scotchman who settled in Warsaw, Ill., where young Swinton was born and learned the printer's trade. John took part in the John Brown war in Kansas after floating to New York city and entering a medical college. To eke out a slim purse he wrote scientific articles for the New York Times, and subsequently became editor of the New York Sun.

It was the Tompkins square riot in New York city in 1874 that thrust John Swinton forward in the labor movement. Justus Schwab unfurled the red flag, and the police wrapped it around him and took both to the police station. Swinton denounced the proceedings and held an indignation meeting in Cooper Union, where he delivered a fiery oration. He was nominated for mayor by the Socialists and made a vigorous campaign. He afterwards went before the legislature and advocated labor measures.

In 1882 Swinton resigned from the editorship of the Sun and started John Swinton's Paper, one of the most original of publications, though financially unsuccessful. He was in good circumstances when he started his paper, but during the four years of its existence he spent the whole of his fortune, ruined his health and nearly lost his sight.

Detroit, Dec. 17.—On the doorstep of Hackett's drug store, on Sunday, Robt. J. King was stricken down with apoplexy, and died in a few minutes. Mr. King was 65 years of age. He was one of the best-known furniture dealers in this city, and a prominent member of the First Presbyterian Church.

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Windsor, Dec. 17.—There was a jail delivery at the Windsor police station Saturday evening, and the escaped prisoner is still at large. Peter Craig is the name of the person who took French leave of his cell while the officers were at supper, and he is wanted on the charge of highway robbery and assault. It is thought by the officers that Craig is now in Detroit, as a man answering his description crossed on a ferryboat shortly after the escape was made from the police station.

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New York, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Katharine Wichman, whose home is on the second floor of a house on the Ferry road, Guttenburg, N. J., was hanging out some clothing. She lost her balance and pitched forward. Luckily for Mrs. Wichman, a stout part of her dress caught on a hook and prevented her from falling far. There she hung, 25 feet from the ground, until she was rescued by her father.

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This is one of the leaders. It's having a big run everywhere.

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P. S.—A Handsome Christmas Calendar to each purchaser of 50c and over next Saturday, Monday and Tuesday.

ROSS'


FURS FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS...

We have a large assortment of Fine Furs suitable for Christmas presents.

Astrachan and Electric Seal Jackets, Capelines, Ruffs, Boas, Muffs, Collars, Gauntlets, etc.

You pay less here for first-class Furs than elsewhere, and at the same time are assured that you are purchasing the exact quality you ask for.

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Christmas Novelties.

We handle only goods of the best quality, and our prices are such that anyone contemplating the purchasing of Jewelry or Silverware for presents should not pass our Watches, Diamonds, Solid Gold, Gold-Filled and Silver Novelties, including a splendid assortment for table and toilet.

STORE OPEN EVERY NIGHT.

WARD, The Jeweler,
374 Richmond Street.

London Advertiser.**A LOCAL BUDGET.**

—Mr. Chas. Christie, of the G. T. R. office, Toronto, is in the city.

—Mr. John Fowell, who had his leg cut off last week, is now pronounced to be out of danger.

—Mr. Clark T. Wallace, representing the coal department of the D. L. and W. Railway, was in the city yesterday.

—Special Christmas services will be held at the Y. W. C. A. rooms on Dec. 22. The association will keep "open house" on New Year's Day.

—Mr. Walter Toll, son of Mr. Peter Toll, has returned from Franklin, Pa., and is spending the holidays with relatives.

—Mr. A. Wolf is in receipt of a letter from Mr. John D'Arcy, of this city. Mr. D'Arcy is in San Antonio, Texas, and is much improved in health.

—At the regular meeting of the Y. W. C. A. managers highly encouraging reports were received. The total attendance during November was 4,089, an increase of 2,387. All the clubs and the Noon Rest particularly, were well attended.

—W. P. Reekie, B.A., of Toronto, will give two fine lectures on Egypt and Palestine in the Talbot Street Baptist Church, on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, the 18th and 19th. They will be splendidly illustrated by stereopticon. Admission 10c.

—Rev. R. R. McKay, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Woodstock, and formerly of this city, caused great surprise by his congregation Sunday night by the announcement that he was about to resign the pastorate. He will take a church at Brandon, Man.

—Saginaw (Mich.) Courier: Special Ont. Fred. Lowden, of the Pere Marquette, has caused the arrest of John Douglass, who says he hails from London, Ont., and charged him with breaking into the company's depot at Almont and stealing several articles of wearing apparel, principally underclothing. The man is now in jail at Leeper. He has some of the goods on his person, and was wearing among other things, a red undershirt which was made for the female form.

RIVER GOES DOWN.

The Thames River has gone down three or four feet since Saturday, and the present cold snap has removed all danger of flood. Quantities of slushy ice are coming down the river.

CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY.

Inspector Sanders, of the Children's Aid Society, has placed a bright lad in a foster home in Middlesex county. The society has several more lads of tender years for whom good homes are desired.

IMPROVEMENT AT THE RINKS.

Mr. Whit Lancaster has been making decided improvements at Westminster Rink. He has erected an arc lamp in front of the door for the safety and convenience of patrons, and has installed a new lighting system in the waiting rooms.

POSTAL INFORMATION.

A number of small parcels to England, at this season of the year, are mailed at the London postoffice short paid and without the customs declaration. These parcels are sent to the dead letter office and delayed for a considerable time. Postage to England is 16 cents per pound or fraction, and 12 cents for each additional pound.

MISS ROBLYN'S ABSENCE.

Miss Eva Roblyn, who has been in New York, was unable to reach the city Sunday owing to the washouts along the line of the Lehigh Valley Railway. Her place in the choir of Dundas Center Methodist Church was ably filled by two of her pupils, Miss Lilywhite singing in the morning, and Miss Brownlee in the evening.

RUNAWAY STOPPED.

As Dr. W. M. English and Mrs. English were driving along Dundas street Sunday, their horse took great fright near Wellington street, and dashed westward. Dr. English retained the lines, but the animal ran for three

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blocks. At Talbot street, P. C. Walter Smith caught it just as it was turning into the City Hotel corner. The united efforts of the doctor and the officer checked its progress, and all concerned escaped without injury.

WILL NOT DELAY SAILING.

The recruiting of nearly 300 more men will not delay the departure of the rest of the force. The uniforms of the 600 odd troops already enrolled will be ready in ten days, and the clothing for the remainder will be in readiness some days before the anticipated date of sailing from Halifax. It should be explained that not only is the clothing made in this country, but the cloth itself is manufactured by a Canadian firm, thus saving what strides we have made in the matter of home manufactures.

FORMED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

The members, graduates and undergraduates of the Western Medical College have formed an Alumni Association. Much enthusiasm was manifested by those present, there being about two hundred and fifty who will join. The object is threefold; first, unity in the interests of the university on all questions affecting it; second, protection against unjust aggression, and, third, the forming of an advisory board to the faculty. The officers elected were: honorary president, first graduate of the college, Dr. R. C. McLeod; president, Dr. Robert Ferguson; first vice-president, Mr. Geo. Seaborn; secretary-treasurer, Dr. Alexander; executive committee, Dr. MacKinnon, Dr. Shaw and Mr. Joan A. Little.

ELECTED OFFICERS.

Lodge Chelsea, No. 37, S. O. E. B. S., held their regular meeting last Friday in their rooms, Albion Building, and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: W. president, Bro. Rathbone; vice-president, Bro. Martin; chaplain, Bro. Philpott; financial secretary, Bro. Spettigue; treasurer, Bro. Luxton; surgeon, Bro. Eilston; assistant secretary, Bro. Bartlett; first committeeman, Bro. Ditchfield; second committeeman, Bro. Gray; third committeeman, Bro. Smith; fifth committeeman, Bro. Caldwell; sixth committeeman, Bro. Copeland; correspondent to official journal and city papers, Bro. R. Manness. Election for inside and outside guard were left over until next meeting, the hour being too late owing to the adverse contest of the several other offices.

Ministerial Alliance.

The London Ministerial Alliance held their regular meeting in the Y. M. C. A. building yesterday morning. In the absence of Rev. Dr. Johnston, president, Bro. T. S. Johnston presided. The following were present: Rev. Messrs. W. M. Walker, A. K. Birks, Dr. Beaumont, G. J. Bishop, G. M. Cox, Archibald Davis, J. H. Moore, house, C. C. Owen, C. T. Scott, E. B. Sage, J. G. Stuart, D. S. Hamilton, W. J. Clark, S. Salton, D. S. Hamilton, W. H. A. Clarris and A. Stewart. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Plans were made for holding union services between 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. in the Y. M. C. A. building during the week of prayer. Dr. Beaumont's resolution regarding the coronation oath evoked a general and interesting discussion, in which was manifested both a loyalty to Protestantism and a readiness to recognize much good among those holding the Roman Catholic faith. It was finally decided to lay the motion on the table for the present. Owing to the lateness of the hour, the reading of the paper, to be given by Rev. G. J. Bishop was postponed until the next regular meeting of the alliance.

IT IS IMPORTANT**To Know What You Are Taking When Using Catarrh Medicine**

Catarrh is the short route to consumption, and the importance of early and judicious treatment of catarrh, whether located in the head, throat or bronchial tubes, cannot be too strongly emphasized.

The list of catarrh cures is as long as the moral law and the forms in which they are administered, numerous and confusing, from sprays, inhalers, washes, ointments, and salves to powders, liquids and tablets.

The most convenient and the most effective, but with nearly all advertised catarrh remedies it is almost entirely a matter of guesswork as to what you are taking into your system, and the proprietors, while making all sorts of claims as to what their medicines will do, always keep it a close secret as to what they are.

The success and popularity of the new catarrh cure, Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, is largely because it not only cures catarrh but because catarrh sufferers who use these tablets know what they are taking into their systems. Stuart's Catarrh Tablets are composed of Red Gum, Blood Root and similar valuable and antiseptic ingredients, and are pleasant to the taste, and being dissolved in the mouth they take immediate effect upon the mucous lining of the throat, nasal passages and whole respiratory tract.

The cures that Stuart's Catarrh Tablets have accomplished in old chronic cases of catarrh are little short of remarkable, and the advantage of knowing what you are putting into your stomach is of paramount importance when it is remembered that the cocaine or morphine habit has been frequently contracted as the result of using secret catarrh remedies.

Stuart's Catarrh Tablets meet with cordial approval from physicians, because their action is entirely natural, renders them perfectly safe for the general public to use and their composition makes them a common-sense cure for all forms of catarrhal troubles.

All druggists sell them at 50 cents for full sized packages.

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GET DOUBLE STAMPS On Your Christmas Goods

The Festive Season...

Is coming and we have a rare choice in rich, black fabrics, for drawing-room skirts, reception and evening dresses. A good suggestion, too for a Christmas gift for your wife.

The Figured Poplins give promise of being the most popular this season. There will be other favorites and we have them, but those rich Silk and Wool Poplins will hold first place. Our patterns are select, the designs entirely different, all new, at prices that gradually increase from

50c a Yard to \$2.75.

Black Suitings—We have repeated our favorite Cheviots, brilliant black, medium weight, per yard.....
.....75c, 88c and \$1.00

Black Broads and Vicunas—Correct weight and style for the pleated and tucked skirts so much in vogue. Handsome suit and costume cloths, at this wonderful range of prices, per yard, 75c, 85c, 90c, \$1, \$1.10, \$1.25, \$1.35, \$1.40, \$1.50, \$1.65 and \$1.75

Double Trading Stamps on All Goods Bought This Week.

Elevator to Mantle Department.

Jackets Worth \$8.00, Tomorrow For \$5.00.

These are a collection of higher priced Jackets, in odd sizes, to sell tomorrow at a uniform price. Some of them sold even higher than \$8.50. They are all well made and correctly tailored. Black, fawn or brown beaver. Every size is here, but they are odds, only one or two jackets of a kind. A bargain if you are going to buy a jacket this week.

Jackets Worth \$12.50 for \$8.50.

In this lot are jackets of the very latest style, 30 inches long and semi-fitting back, lined throughout with twilled satin, stitched collar and cuffs, black and fawn only, sizes 36, 38 and 40-inch. If your size is in this lot don't fail to see them. Special tomorrow.....\$8.50

Plush Worth \$3.50 Yard for \$1.00.

About 60 yards to sell, fancy stripe plush in pretty shades, suitable for capelines or children's garments. Regular price \$3.50, tomorrow, per yard.....\$1.00

Christmas Goods of all descriptions, from the cheapest to the most luxurious ones made on two continents.

Men's Furnishing Goods of All Sorts.

Pocketbooks	Gloves	Laces and Neckwear
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Perfumes	Ladies' Umbrellas	Cigarette Cases
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