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On Wednesday, Dec. 16, in London township, Mrs. Mary Draper, wife of the late James Draper, daughter of William Draper, Esq., of Roscommon county, Ireland, aged 66 years.
Funeral will leave her late residence, lot 13, con. 4, London township, on Saturday, at 9:30 a.m. Friends and acquaintances will please accept this intimation.
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THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Dec. 16-11 p.m.—The depression over Eastern Ontario yesterday in new energy. Colder weather is following it over Ontario and Quebec, and strong winds from the westward are general over the whole lake and eastern districts. Higher pressure is setting in over Ontario. In Manitoba the pressure is high and the weather fine and cold. Further west there is a tendency to lower pressure and higher temperatures.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Calgary, 10°-22°; Qu'Appelle, 4°-24°; Winnipeg, 10° below; Port Arthur, 4°-24°; Toronto, 17°-30°; Kingston, 26°-44°; Montreal, 24°-36°; Quebec, 18°-26°; Halifax, 24°-50°.

Local temperatures—Highest, 30°; lowest, 23°.

TO-DAY'S PROBABILITIES.

Toronto, Dec. 17-1 a.m.—The indications for the next 24 hours for the lower lakes region (covering the peninsula and as far east as Belleville) are: Fresh to strong north to west winds; fair and decidedly cold.

Ales, Ales.

We have now in cellar in fine condition for Christmas trade:

200 Dozen Carling's Ale,

200 Dozen Labatt's Ale,

100 Dozen Bass' Ale,

100 Dozen Allsopp's Ale,

50 Dozen Guinness' Quarts,

50 Dozen Guinness' Pints.

In Wines and Liquors our stock is now complete. Native Wines, white and red, in fine condition.

W. HORNER

ON THE CORNER.

—ywt—

London Advertiser.

Telephone Numbers:

167.....Business Office.

168.....Editorial Rooms.

216.....Job Department.

—Ex-Deputy Reeve Pritchett has declined to accede to numerous requests that he be an alderman candidate for Ward 6. Mr. Pritchett served the district well in the past, but his business prevents his accepting office just now.

—George Buskin delivered an interesting address Tuesday evening in the Y. M. C. A. rooms in the interests of the Algoma Evangelical and Colportage Mission. A prayer and praise meeting was held after the address had been given.

—A correspondent writes warning the public against any alderman candidates who have been concerned in "jobs" of an indefensible nature in the past. He says there is danger of their squeezing into the council unless the public in the several wards are vigilant.

EQUAL TREATMENT AND FAIR PLAY TO ALL

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LONDON AND ENVIRONS.

She's neither rich nor pretty, And in speech she isn't witty, She isn't cultured in the things that beauty brings.

But I've learned to love her, All there's naught a prize above her, And she has promised by and by to be my charming wife.

I see her going early To and from her duties daily, And while I know she's not so fair as other women are,

She doesn't climb off backward, With a tumble rump and awkward, I'll marry her because she knows just how to leave a car.

—Four non-payment of statute labor cases will come up before the police magistrate on Friday.

—Two drunks were in the Police Court dock yesterday. One was fined and the other discharged.

—Chas. F. Knapp, Penman, N. Y., a former resident of this city, is on a brief visit to old friends here.

—R. Roland Johnston, of Detroit, late of London, is visiting friends in the city during Christmas holidays.

—The Model School Board of Examiners will meet on Saturday in the county buildings to complete their duties and agree upon reports.

—The sale of the Martin House property Tuesday was postponed owing to the inclement weather and poor attendance. The reserve bid was not reached.

—Another Empire Quadrille Club ball and supper was held Tuesday night in Jeffrey's Hall in London West, a large number of young enthusiasts being present.

—The materials used in the Craig street sidewalk not being according to contract, the contractor was Tuesday ordered to tear up the walk and follow specifications.

—Mr. T. C. Thornhill referred to in the paragraph stating that a Talbot street umbrella vendor abandoned a few days ago.

—R. J. Blackwell is spoken of in Ward 6, as a most suitable candidate for one of the vacant seats at the Board of School Trustees. It is possible he will consent to nomination.

—Each municipal election costs the city in the neighborhood of \$500. The person from whom the booth is rented gets \$5, the deputy returning officers \$5 each, polling clerks \$3 and constables \$1.50.

—Through the breaking of a steam gauge glass in one of the engines in the G. R. roundhouse Monday evening, David Britt was badly scalded about the back and shoulders. He will be laid up for several weeks.

—The aldermen of No. 3 ward have decided on the location of the two new electric lights for that ward. One of them they want placed on the corner of Simcoe and Mainland streets, and the other on the corner of Colborne and Gray streets.

—The polling booth of subdivision No. 4, Ward 2, for the municipal elections, has been changed from Padfield's store, on the southwest corner of Oxford and Richmond streets to George Glasgow's store, across the road, on the southeast angle of the same streets.

—Rev. John McNeill, the eminent Scotch Presbyterian preacher, who was asked to speak in this city on a recent trip, but could not spare the time, has decided to leave Old London and to undertake evangelistic work in Scotland. He will prove a great force for good.

—A bus load of city folks went Tuesday night to the Methodist tea meeting at Kilworth. Among those who took part in the musical proceedings were Miss Howard and Messrs. Reynolds, Sennack, J. L. Humphrey, Sharp, Crews, the church choir, Rev. Mr. Thompson, the pastor, and C. Sifton, chairman.

—A copy of the proceedings of the Baptist Council in regard to W. P. Nelson, late pastor of Port Burwell and Jubilee Baptist Churches, has been received by the ADVERTISER. The gist of these proceedings, by which Nelson's expulsion is approved and church members warned to be careful how they admit strangers to their pulpits has already been published in these columns.

—We understand that several cases of cruelty by boys to dogs and other animals, including torturing and killing—have been engaging the attention of the detectives and also the office of the humane society. What is alleged is that there is at least one question among themselves, pledged to concealment, with a paid membership. It is said that they have been inflamed by the reading of vicious literature, and are likely to get into serious trouble unless a new leaf is turned over. Parents cannot be too careful in such matters, as one evil concerted action is apt to lead on to another, and possibly a more serious one. We understand the object in investigating the matters referred to is not vindictive, but rather prompted by desire to put a stop to improper proceedings of the sort alluded to—proceedings which, if not checked, would later on mean ruined lives. Meantime, it is understood that the authorities have

taken steps to keep themselves thoroughly and promptly informed as to what goes on in future.

The Work Continued.

The great religious interest created by Mrs. Payer's meetings bids fair to be continued and enlarged. Messrs. Ranton and Hathaway, two young Canadian evangelists of consecrated zeal and special aptitude for the work, have begun revival meetings, the first being held Tuesday night at Queen's Avenue Methodist Church.

Mr. Ranton spoke to a large audience on "Heaven" and produced a profound impression by his forcible address. Mr. Hathaway is his musical companion. He plays the guitar and has a fine voice which he uses with splendid effect. The services will be continued in the same place every evening commencing at 7:45 p.m. In Ottawa they had an average daily attendance of 1,500 people for three weeks.

The W. C. T. U.

The W. C. T. U. held a special meeting Tuesday afternoon, 30 members being present. Mrs. Thornley opened the meeting with devotional exercises, and a few words of encouragement in regard to special answers to prayers. A new member was nominated for membership. Mrs. Jones gave a very encouraging account of progress in the industrial school. On Dec. 12 57 girls were present and 9 teachers.

Mrs. Thornley's report on the scientific temperance was also one of progress. A communication was read from Mrs. Mary Lathrop, expressing her willingness to lecture in this city on Jan. 26, when a rare treat may be expected. After a two-hour session of close business the meeting was adjourned to meet again Dec. 22.

Tried to Escape.

The Kingston Whig says: "John A. Graham, manning the Dominion detective agency, London, arrived in the city Tuesday afternoon with the prisoner Willis Thompson, convicted on Nov. 30, at London, to five years in the penitentiary on the charge of two for housebreaking and the other for the larceny of a wagon and harness. On the road own to the train the prisoner pleaded hard for the officer to remove the shackles from his feet, but knowing well the character he had to deal with the detective refused. The prisoner contrived every means of escape, but to no avail. When between Cobourg and Brighton he was granted permission to enter the closet, while Graham stood guard at the door. He was there but a few minutes when he attempted to escape, but the vigilant eye of the officer detected his movements in time."

The Cousins Alimony Suit.

Before the master-in-chambers in Toronto Tuesday a motion was made to nullify and dismiss the action for alimony which Mrs. Catharine Cousins, of Detroit, Mich., has brought against her husband, John Cousins, of Montreal, formerly of this city. The couple were married in Detroit in 1884, and lived together there until July, 1889, when, as Mrs. Cousins alleges, her husband deserted her and fled to Canada. The motion to dismiss was made on the ground that Mrs. Cousins being a resident of a foreign country, and as their marriage was celebrated in the State of Michigan, where the alleged desertion was also committed, as the defendant now resides in Quebec, Mrs. Cousins had no standing in an Ontario court. Mr. Synthe replied that Mrs. Cousins was at present domiciled in Windsor, and consequently could proceed against her husband's possession in Ontario. The defendant, John Cousins, Mr. Synthe pointed out, had just inherited from his deceased father, John A. Cousins, of this city, property and money to the extent of \$7,000. The master reserved judgment on this point as to whether or not Mrs. Cousins could sue in a Canadian court.

A counter irritant—An impudent dry-goods clerk.

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At 213 Dundas Street, Dundas Block, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day.

Mornings and evenings specially for ladies and children. ENGAGEMENTS made for public entertainments and private houses. Write for terms.

Exhibition Phonographs for sale, \$300 for complete outfit. Commercial Phonographs for sale, \$150.

LAWSON, COLE & CO., Agents for Western Ontario.

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At 75c to \$1—Dozens of kinds of Men's Velvet Embroidered, patent leather trimmings, in opera tie and Everette styles. Boys' in like variety. Ladies', Misses', and Children's Slippers in endless kinds, styles and patterns.

At \$1.25 to \$1.50—It is utterly impossible to form a just idea of the great variety and extent of our stock from the few styles quoted without a personal visit. The following are only a few of the styles shown at these prices—Men's Plush and Velvet, in blue, wine and crimson colors, with or without leather trimmings; Ladies' and Misses' French and Dongola Kid Slippers without number.

At \$2 to \$2.50—Men's very choice styles of Dongola Kid, Alligator, and all colors of Silk Plush Slippers, Patent Leather and Kid Dancing Pumps, etc., and if possible a greater variety of Ladies' Slippers.

Hundreds of splendid bargains in Felt Boots, Slippers, Overshoes and warm-lined goods just suitable for present season. Skating Boots in endless variety.

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"DON'T" think of buying Millinery until you have seen what our prices are for Hats, Bonnets and all Millinery goods. To give you an idea how our prices take hold of the ladies, on last Saturday we sold something over 100 Hats and Bonnets. Our low prices kept them booming. See over \$1 and \$1.25 Ladies' New Felt Hats for 25c.

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