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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1896.

WHOLE NO. 10398

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

DIED. O'FARRELL-At the family residence, 45 Charlotte street, Dec. 24, Stanley, beloved son of George and Alice O'Farrell, aged 9 years and 4 months. Funeral private.

Boston, Mass., papers please copy. JAMES-On Dec. 23, 1896, in this city, George James, aged 71 years. Funeral from his late residence, 435 English street, on Saturdar, at 3 o'clock, services at 2:30 p.m. Friends and acquaintances, please accept this intimation.

Amusements and Lectures Advertisements under this heading

two cents per word or ten cents per line each insertion. RAND OPERA HOUSE-MR. AND Mrs. Robert Wayne. Tonight, "The Fegitive;" matinee tomorrow (Christmas), "Forgiven;" tomorrow night, "Buried Alive." Prices-10c, 20c, 30c.

HARD TIMES ARE NOT KNOWN AT the Music Hall, where Marks Bros.' Great Continuous Show is playing to large audiences nightly. Tonight, "The Lost Heiress," Christmas matinee, "An Irish Hero;" Friday night, "Driven from Ireland;" Saturday matinee, "Bessie's Burglar" and "Three Married Men;" Saturday night "The Great Dlamond Robbery." Admission 10c; reserved seats 15c.

CENTRAL AVENUE RINK-SKATING at Central Rink afternoon and evening band Tuesday night and Christmas afternoon

PRINCESS RINK-CHRISTMAS AFTER NOON and night; first-class music. Ad-ssion 10c and 15c. 97c LAST END RINK-CORNER DUNDAS Good toiles rooms; electric lighted throughout. Band Thursday evening, also Christmas Day.

DAISY RINK-CLARKS BRIDGE-BAND Christmas afternoon and evening. Ad-mission-Gentlemen 10c, ladies 5c. b OPENING BLACKFRIARS RINK-GOOD skating afternoon and evening. Admis-

Wednesday, Dec. 30. Prices, 10c, 20c and 30c. Every seat reserved. Plan opens box office Monday, Dec. 28th, at 10 a.m. b MERICAN LINE-WARM SOUTHERN A route across the Atlantic; New York to Southampton; nice for a winter trip to England. FRANK B. CLARKE, Agent, Richmond

A NTHISTLE'S NEW SKATING RINK—
Corner Grosvenor and Weilington
streets, will be open for skating tomorrow
afternoon and evening. Admission 5c and 10c. WHEN HAVING CHRISTMAS PARTIES and your friends to spend a jolly even-the wonderful Graphophone. Church

and school entertainments. J. C. Lockhart, PALACE DANCING ACADEMY—AD-VANCED class opens Jan. 6. New classes for beginners: Gentlemen, Jan. 4; ladies, Jan. 6; children, Saturday afternoon, Jan. 9. Day-TON & MCCORMICK.

PRIVATE LESSONS IN DANCING BY Mr. R. B. Millard, at his residence, 345 Princess avenue. Special attention given to the waltz, two-step, court waltz, two-step Jersey and the cycle. Satisfaction guaranteed. Lessons any hour.

Religious Services.

THE METHODIST CHURCHES WILL hold a union service in Dundas Center Church on Christmas morning. Service at 11 o'clock. Sermon by Dr. Daniel. Collection for DRESBYTERIAN UNION SERVICE IN St. Andrew's Church on Christmas morning at 11 o'clock. Speakers—Rev. J. G. Stuart, of Knox Church, and Rev. Thomas Wilson, of King Street Church.

Meetings. One cent per word each insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

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Male Help Wanted.

TOUNG MAN WANTED TO DRIVE Apply 348 Burwell street. 96c WANTED - AN IDEA - WHO CAN think of some simple thing to patent?

Protect your ideas; they may bring you wealth. Write John Weddernurn & Co., retent attorneys, Washington, D. C., fortheir 1,500 prize offer and list of two hundred in A GENTS-WANTED-\$20 PER WEEK-Apply to GEO, MARSHALL & Co., ton im-porters, 258 Dundas street.

Situations Wanted. First insertion 1c per word. One-half cert each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

EXPERIENCED LADIES' NURSE wishes engagement. Address box 17, 98k

Marriage Licenses. ARRIAGE LICENSES AT SHUFF'S William. Trolley cars pass the door. No wit

ARRIRON LICENSES ISSUED BY W. H. BARTRAM, 33 Dundas street. WM. H. WESTON, GROCER, ISSUES No bonds required.

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Successful.

It follows as a natural consequence that if you take a course at COO'S Shorthand Academy, 76 Dundas street, you will be successful in accuring a situation. Three of our

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Houses, Etc., To Let.

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TO LET-HOUSE-521 DUNDAS STREET, between Maitland and William; 4 bedrooms, parlor, dining-room, kitchen and summer kitchen, soft and hard water. Apply to Mrs. WILLIAM CAMERON, 531 Dundas street.

Wanted.

WANTED-BICYCLE - WANTED FOR cash. Address, with particulars, BART 94tf WANTED-LOAN OF FOUR HUNDRED ply J. W. Winnerr, barrister, 420 Talbot street city.

WANTED - 25 BICYOLE RIDERS TO get their low frames made high at HUTCHINSON'S, 651 Dundas street.

Agents Wanted. First insertion 1c per word. One-half

cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words. No better medium than THE ADVERTISER' for 10 words-three

insertions.

A DAY SURE—SEND US YOUR ADDRESS and we will show you how to make \$3 a day, absolutely sure; we furnish the work and teach you free; you work in the locality where you live. Send us your address and we will explain the business fully; remember we guarantee a clear profit of \$3 for every day's work; absolutely sure; write at once. Imperial Silverware Co., Box K. C., Windsor, Ont. ywt 1 and Lyle streets. Largest rink in city.

and tonight; gentlemen, 10c; all others, 5c.

WANTED—SALESMAN, SALARY PAID

weekly, experience unnecessary, permanent. Brown Brothers Company, Toronto, Ont. MEN AND WOMEN OUT OF EM-learn of a permanent situation at good wages, by writing at once to P. V. H., Box 283, Augus-ta, Maine.

A RE YOU MAKING FIVE DOLLARS per day? If so, don't stop to read this; we cannot guarantee it, but we promise you ten per week (have some representing us making far more), and will teach you how to make it free. If you are not afraid of work, write immediately; both sexes, but no idlers. J. L. Nichols & Co., 33 Richmond street west, Toronto.

WE CAN GIVE POSITIONS—TO PERSONS of all grades of ability. Agents, bookkeepers, clerks. farmers' sons, lawyers, mechanics, physicians, preachers, students, married and single women. Widows. Positions are worth from \$400 to \$2,000 per annum. We have paid several of our canvassers \$50 weekly for years, Many have started poor and become rich with us. Particulars upon application. State salary expected. T. H. Linscott, Manager, Toronto, Ont. ywt&w

Lost and Found.

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AT LOST-ON TUESDAY, 15TH INST. name on it. Finder suitably rewarded on returning same to SMALLMAN & INGRAM. 96c

Articles For Sale.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words. TEAM VALVES, STOP COCKS (IRON Bros., 376 Richmond street. CHRISTMAS PRESENTS - SEND A Dominion Express order or Check Bank check to your friends. FRANK B. CLARKE, Richmond street, next Advertiser.

A T THOMPSON'S, 424 RICHMOND street—"Good Cheer" cooking stove: fine and cheap. "Art Amherst, a beautiful base burner, for little money. Call now. ywt THE KINGS DAUGHTERS AND SONS—
Temperance meeting, Somerset Hall.
Tuesday, 8 p.m. Address by the Bishop of Huron. Public invited.

Durner, for little money. Call now. yet

FOR SALE—FAMOUS ACTIVE RANGE
—In perfect order; using gas only reason for selling. 512 Piccadilly street. 84n yet NOW 18 HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Board of License Commissioners will meet at their office, No. 629 Talbot street, on Saturday, Jan. 2, 1897, at 4 p.m., to consider an application from Frank Campbell to have his license transferred to Oliver Scott, R. HENDERSON, inspector.

Set WZ

WE ARE SELLING BALANCE OF silver-plated and other Christmas goods at reduced prices; children's trunks at 35, 49 and 39 cents; much less than others charge. P. HENDERSHOTT & Co., 243 Dundas street.

NOR SALE—NEW AND SECOND-HAND

POR SALE—NEW AND SECOND-HAND Planos, One Piano \$30; Organs from \$10 upwards; \$1 and \$2 per month instalments, Heintzman & Co., 256 Dundas street. H. W. BUPNETT, manager. FOR SALE-ONE 39 HORSEPOWER automatic "Brown" engine, built by Goldie, McCul och & Co., Gat. Cylinder 19 inches, stroke 24 inches; can be run at 60 reve lutions, or as high as 90 revolutions; also one tubular exhaust feed water heater. The en gine is in daily operation and can be seen at The Advertiser office, London, Ont. 6tf-3:f

ONE THOMAS ORGAN AND A GOOD assortment of coal cook stoves to be sold cheap at the Ark, Market Square. 50 SET HARNESS FROM 87 UP. Blankets, Bells and robes. J. DARCH & SONS. 377-379 Talbot street. STOVES SOLD CHEAP AT KEENE'S stove and furniture warehouse, 12 Masonic Temple, Market Square. UBBER STAMPS, SEALS - RAZORS Co., sharpened; guns, rifles, revolvers and locks repaired. D. McKenzie & Co., 338 Rich-DIANOS, PIANOS—NEW AND SECOND HAND, also a beautiful assortment of music and musical merchandise for Christmas presents. Call into Anderson's Book Store, Nordheimer's Piano Agency, 183 Dundas street.

Real Estate.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words. OR SALE CHEAP -- TWO DOUBLE roughcast cottages, corner Duffering and Elizabeth street. Apply Lewis CLARK, 358 Rectory street. CHADWICK & SON - REAL ES-TATE Agents. Homes, Investments. Speculation. Call Room 2 Albion Building.

Veterinary Surgeons. J. H. TENNANT-VETERINARY SUR GEON-Office, King street, opposite Market House; residence, corner King and Vellington. Telephone. H. WILSON & SON-OFFICE991 KING street. London; residence, 846 Richmond treet. Telephone.

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First insertion ic per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words. MR. J. W. G. ANDRAS PREPARES
pupils separately for all university and
professional examinations; 803 Waterloo street,
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Accountants.

CEO. W. HAYES, ACCOUNTANT. AS-SIGNEE, Insurance Agent-Represent-ing Northern Assurance Company, Keystone Fire Insurance Company, Equitable Loan and Savings Company, Agents wanted to canvass, Call on me for particulars, All business promptly attended to. Money to loan. GEO. W. HAYES, 5 Masonic Temple Building. ywt OGC'S ACADEMY, 76 Dundas Street. M. A. Dillon, ACCOUNTANT 652 New Dressing Trays and Manicure

Storage.

STORAGE — MERCHANDISE, PIANOS venient. Western Storage and Commission Company, 420-422 Ridout street. Livery Stables.

STAR LIVERY-OPEN DAY AND NIGHT -Hacks, coupes, etc. Light livery a specialty. Thos. TREBILCOCK, 623-633 Rich mond street. Phone 423. LILLEY'S LIVERY—NO. 619 DUNDAS street, East London, Ont. Telephone

Dental Cards.

DR. JEFFREY N. WOOD-DENTIST. Higgins' Block, over 212 Dundas street. PR. GEORGE C. DAVIS, DENTIST—Graduate R. C. D. S., Toronto, 1879, graduate Philadelphia Dental College, 1893, Specialties: Preservation of natural teeth; crown, porcelain and bridge work. 170 Dundas street, London, Ont. Telephone 975.

McDONALD, DENTIST, Office, 1831 Dundas street, London.

Telephone 702. PR. J. H. SWANN-DENTIST-OFFICE 2071 Dundas street. Telephone 1,131. AYOOLVERTON & BENTLEY, DENTISTS VV —216 Dundas street, next Edy Bros., over Cairneross & Lawrence, druggists. Tele-J. ELLIOTT HOLMES, L.D.S., ROOM 3, Duffield Block, Dundas and Clarence streets. Phone 897.

NOMINATIONS FOR

Separate School Trustees WILL BE HELD IN ST. PETER'S School House, Park avenue, on Dec. 30, at 12 c'clock noon.
980 M. O'SULLIVAN, Secretary.

AUCTION SALE W. JEFFREY HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED to sell by public auction
the contents of a seven-roomed house, No. 5
Hamilton road, on Dec. 28; fine piano, parlor
suite, carpets, hanging lamps, pictures, whatnot, sideboard and mirror, lounges, two cases
beautiful foreign birds, extension and kitchen
tables, wardrobe and dining chairs, cook stove,
parlor stove with oven nearly new, dinner parlor stove with oven, nearly new, dinner and tea sets, china; other articles too numerous to mention. Sale sharp at 1:30. No reserve, as the parties are giving up housekeeping. A. W. JEFFREY, City Auctioneer. 94c twt

FOR SALE \$185 will buy LARGE PLATING PLANT and outfit in perfect condition. Only used three months. Cost \$600. Sickness reason for selling.

J. D. THOMPSON. 332 Seaton Street, Toronto. 97c xwt

ELECTORS WARD NO. 1

Ladies and Gentlemen, -Your vote and influence respectfully solicited for

F. G. Rumball

As Alderman for 1897.

TO THE ELECTORS OF NO. I WARD:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, -Your vote and influence are respectfully solicited for

For Alderman for No. 1 Ward, 1897.

ELECTORS NO. 2 WARD. Your vote and influence respect-

fully solicited for George Olmstead AS ALDERMAN FOR 1897.

ELECTORS NO. 2 WARD

Your vote and influence solicited for the re-election of

Dr. John D. Wilson As School Trustee for 1897.

To the Electors of No. 2 Ward-

Your Vote and Influence for

AS ALDERMAN FOR 1807. 98i wty NO. 3 WARD

TO THE ELECTORS-Your Vote and In-Samuel Stevely

AS ALDERMAN FOR 1897. NO 4 WARD

Your vote and influence respectfully solicited for N. HUNT

As Alderman for 1897 NO. 4 WARD. TO THE ELECTORS: Your vote and influence respectfully so-

Walter H. Morgan As School Trustee for 1897.

TO THE ELECTORS OF No. 5 WARD LADIES AND GENTLEMEN-Your vote and influence respectfully solicited for

Frank Plant THE WORKINGMEN'S CANDIDATE AS ALDERMAN FOR 1897.

The Powers Tire of the Sultan's Dilly-Dallying Policy.

Their Squadron Prepared to Enter the Bosphorus in Ten Days.

The Stronghold of Gibraltar Said to be Threatened With Modern Spanish

A FASTER GOES CRAZY. Paris, Dec. 24.-Succi, the Italian faster who has given exhibitions of his endurance in America, became insane yesterday evening after a performance here and was taken to a hospital.

A ROUGH VOYAGE. Southampton, Dec. 24.-The Amerian Line steamer St. Louis, Capt. Randall, from New York, Dec. 16, arrived at her dock here at 2 a.m. this morning. The steamer had a rough voyage, during the first four days of which she encountered violent gales and snow storms.

DON CARLOS' CLAIMS. Rome, Dec. 24.-It is now asserted that the abdication of his pretensions

to the throne of Spain by Don Carlos in favor of his son Don Jaime is only postponed until the terms can be arranged. The statement that he was and thus enable the representatives to abdicate which originated here a of the powers at Constantinople to be short time ago was afterwards denied. THE QUEEN'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY. London, Dec. 24.-The St. James' Gazette says the Queen will personally dictate and revise the biography of her Majesty, which will appear in 1897. The work will tell the story of the longest reign in the history of England as the Queen herself regards

SPAIN'S WARLIKE PREPARA-

TIONS. London; Dec. 24.-A dispatch from Rome to the Daily News says: "All here seems to prove that Spain is preparing for warlike complications with the United States. The hurried manufacture of a large quantity of cartridges has been ordered at Brescia, and four cruisers have been ordered on the Ansaldo Yards in Genoa. Constantinople, Dec. 24.-Fresh arrests have been made of members of the Young Turks party, bringing up the total number of prisoners to four hundred. The names of the men re

from former persons arrested. The latter was lodged in prison to compel them to divulge the names of their associates in the political movement referred to. SMALLPOX IN JAPAN. The officers of the steamer Belgic,

cently made prisoners were obtained

which has arrived from Yokohama, report that a smallpox epidemic is raging in Kobe and Tokio. In Kobe, for two months before the vessel left that port, there had been 1,784 cases of the disease reported, and when the steamer was in port the disease was defying disease was alarmingly on the in-

crease, 283 cases having been reported in the first thirteen days of November.

GRUESOME RELICS. Sofia, Bulgaria, Dec. 24.—The trial bouloff has her late husband's hands or might even then turn in (which were so terribly mutilated by the knives of his murderers that they est promised was not quite so (which were so terribly mutilated by our the knives of his murderers that they est had to be amputated previous to his large as in a country having no such death), preserved in the room in which pledge of peace.

the mutilated corpse.

PRINCE CHIMAY'S DIVORCE SUIT. Belgium, Dec. 24.-The action for di-Caraman, in Belgium, against his wife. who was formerly Miss Clara Ward, daughter of Capt. Eber B. Ward, of Detroit, Mich, commenced before the civil tribunal at Charleroi, behind closed doors. After a statement of the case by M. Delacroix, of the prince's counsel, the details of which were not disputed by the defense, except as to minor points, the case was adjourned until Jan. 19. The Princess of Chimay and Caraman, formerly Miss Clara Ward, of Toronto and Detroit, who had been a brilliant figure in Parisian society, eloped in November last with a Hungarian gypsy musician, who was accustomed to play in the cafes of Paris. She had been married to Prince Joseph when she was 17 years old, and her great wealth and beauty gave her a social leadership in her circle. The troubles between her husband and herself have been of public notoriety for some time past. She is the mother of two children.

MAY BE IN DANGER.

Gibraltar Threatened by Modern Guns

in a Spanish Fort.

London, Dec. 24.-Sir Robert Biddulph, the Governor of Gibraltar, has lamp exploding while feeding cattle. been called to London to confer with the War Department and the commander-in-chief. It appears the British Government awakened to the fact that the new batteries, with formidable armaments recently constructed by the Spaniards at Algesiras and other points on the mainland, render a remodeling of the defense of the oncereputed impregnable rock absolutely necessary. The range of modern guns and the power of the latest discovered explosives have altered the whole conditions of the defense of this important stronghold, and in case of a con-flict between England and Spain the present works could not long resist

bombardment from the more mod-NSURE YOUR PROPERTY IN THE Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance company. All classes of insurance at lowest

to examine the subject and report without delay on the best and most prompt means to meet the emergency. The War Department hopes that be-fore the end of a year Gibraltar will once more be in a complete state of defense against all and any attack.

THEY MEAN BUSINESS.

The Powers Tired of Turkey's Dilly Dallying-Ten Days' Notice Given the Sultan. Constantinople, Dec. 24. - All the ambassadors have now received

instructions to concert fresh proposals with the view of improving the situation of the Ottoman Empire. 'All the powers, including Russia, as repeatedly announced, have agreed in principle to the expediency of emprinciple to the experiency of employing some form of coercion should the Sultan be recalcitrant.

London, Dec. 24. — As frequently announced from various capitals since the vist of the Czar to the Queen at Element in Sentember last the Balmoral in September last, the powers have finally become convinced that the Sultan's promises amount to nothing, and they are determined to begin a policy of coercion. All information points to the accuracy of

the news received today from Con-The Marquis of Salisbury on Monday last summoned the ambassadors to the Foreign Office and communicated to them the views of the British Government on the definite proposals of Russia for joint intervention, in order that each ambassador might communicate them to his own Government

properly instructed.

There is reason to believe that unless the Sutan within the next ten days shows a deference, of which at present he is little suspected, very decisive steps will be undertaken in the name of the joint powers. In this connection the Novoe Vrem-ya, of St. Petersburg, says it is probabe that within a few days the Russian Black Sea fleet will appear in the

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Bosphirus, where it will be joined by the squadrons of the other powers

from the Dardanelles.

The Anglo-American Treaty Nearly

Other European Investments in American Securities and

Universal Peace.

Washington, Dec. 23 .- The final cirand the United States relating to the arbitration treaty is now being exchanged and will probably be completed in time to enable the President to lay the treaty before the Senate after the holiday recess, and there is no doubt that it will be promptly con-

Experts in finance have assured Secretary Olney that the pledge of per-manent peace between the two countries will add greatly to the feeling of confidence among financiers in the se-curity of American investments. They anticipate that millions of pounds l attempts to stop it. In Tokio the sterling will be invested in American sease was alarmingly on the income at all without the treaty. effect may not be sudden and apparent, but it is believed that the consideration will be a potent one with the British investor that his money can be placed in a country with of the assassins of ex-Premier Stam- which the British Empire can never be bouloff was continued today, and is at war. This consideration might turn proceeding slowly. A newspaper draws investments in our direction where attention to the fact that Mme.Stam- all other considerations were equal,

he died. They are crossed like a pair of fencing gloves under a glass case, above which hangs a photograph of market in times of political and diplomatic excitement which will prevent such panics as occurred over the message of President Cleveland on the Venezuela boundary a year ago. The Treasury lost at that time more than vorce by Prince Joseph of Chimay and \$3,000,000 in gold in a single day because of the bare suggestion of the possibility that the United States might go to war with Great Britain. Such a possibility will no longer exist under the treaty of arbitration. European financiers declare that the ex-

istence of the treaty will surely attract British and other European capital to this country. A powerful influence upon the relations of the other States is expected to follow the conclusion of the bitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain. It is hoped that other countries will ask to be admitted to the union, the final result being the disbandment of

MIDDLESEX NOMINATIONS Division, No. 2—Trafford Campbell, reeve of East Williams, Simon Mc-Leod, reeve of West Williams, and D. F. Stewart, a former reeve of Ailsa Craig, are the candidates for this di-

great standing armies.

A RIDGETOWN BLAZE. Ridgetown, Dec. 23.-George W. Butler, of Palmyra, lost his barns, sta-bles, sheds and contents by fire at a.m. yesterday. Loss, \$1,400; partly nsured. The fire was caused by a insured.

PLAGUE SPREADING. Bombay, Dec. 23.-It is officially stated that the plague is increasing here and at Karachi. The seaport of Sinde is also declared to be infected.

Steamship Arrivals. Dec. 22. cc. 22. From
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Hood's Sarsaparilla purifies the

blood, overcomes that tired feeling,

creates an appetite, and gives re-

freshing sleep. LADIES, LOOK .- Feather and down cushions, 50c each, for Christmas presents. Large stock of feathers, pillows; ticks filled with feathers on shortest notice. Telephone 997. We will deliver them to any part of the EDWARD Tows, general agent. Office 412 shortest notice. Telephone 997. We Richmond street, over Bank of Commerce, Condon. Money to loan on real estate at 5 and very control of the city. JAMES F. HUNT & SONS, 593

ern Spanish attack. A special commission, before which Sir Robert Biddulph will appear, has been formed BAKING

Absolutely Pure.

A Cream of Tartar Baking Powder, highest of all in leavening strength. Try our Powder when you wish to make some delicious Tea Biscuits and cakes.

25 CENTS A POUND. FOR SALE ONLY BY

Cairneross & Lawrence.

Chemists, etc., 216 Dundas St., London, Ont. Branch-Corner Richmond and Piccadelly.

THE CHRISTMAS MARKET Not as Large as Was Expected-Plenty

of Poultry at Nominal Prices. The market this morning was not so large as most people expected it would be, and in the sleighs which have superseded the wagons, a large quantity of poultry was exposed for sale, the demand for which was not any too keen, nor such as would warrant an advance in price. Seven and 8 cents per pound was the ruling price. Butter and eggs still come forward

in the same large quantities, and the price remains almost stationary. Each section of the market has its own peculiarities. Pig vendors and the man with clarified honey for sale may be found near together. The farmer with a crate of quacking ducks and excited chickens sandwiched in between a load of apples on one side, and potatoes and cabbages on the other; the grain men mixed up with the seller of hay and straw; the woman with a dozen eggs for sale sitting next to a woman with a hundred pounds of butter; poultry enough to feed a regiment, and the man with tripe on a stick always near the man with a patent lamp chimney appar-

But on the auction mart on days such as these there are many striking. incidents. A pile of second-hand furniture, stoves, whips, harness, rigs, etc. always, of course, as good as day, with three or four silver-tongued expert expounders of the worth of these articles in a dead-set opposition, and each trying to excel in rapid speech and louder tones. Along the back wall of the Masonic Temple Washington, Dec. 23.—The final cir-stands a variegated assortment of respondence between Great Britain studies in human nature, in black and white, basking in the sun, while the passage-way on the other side of the mart and around the goods for sale stand an anxious crowd, looking for bargains. Three auctioneers will begin together, one to sell a pony, another a bedstead, and the third a stove, while a fourth sells whips and har-ness. Then follows a jumble of something—"\$5 I am offered for this pony—" "and there's the slats and springs belonging to it—" "it's a fine little beast-" "why, it's worth more than that as old iron—" "pony for \$15—" "couldn't buy a suite like that for \$20 -" "won't cost much to feed it-"slats and springs—" "stove for 20 cents—" "look at that whip—" "not a bug in it—" "had it on—" "stove for that money, it'll burn-" "bed slats, bureau, wash-stand, springs-"any advance"— "on that beautiful tail—." This jumble continues until the hungry auctioneers go home for

A DEFEAT.

dinner.

What the Spaniards Have Claimed as

Victory. San Francisco, Dec. 23 .- Private advices from Manilla, Philippine Islands, verified by an account that appears in the Hong Kong press, deal with the attack by the Spanish on the Noveleta Isthmus, and the attempt of the Spanish to dislodge the insurgents in Ca-vite and Vijo. It is now learned that the great victory that the Castillians predicted ended in ignominious defeat. The rebels hold Noveleta against warships and troops. The Spaniards retired after suffering heavy loss.

To the aged, with their poor appetite, feeble circulation, and impoverished blood, Ayer's Sarsaparilla is a boon beyond price. Its effect is to check the ravages of time, by invigorating every organ, nerve, and tissue of the body. See Ayer's Almanac for the new year.

Spectacles and Eye-glasses in Gold, Gold-filled and Nickel. Scientific testing free. J. E. Adkins, Jeweler and Optician.

For Fancy Sleighs and cutters see Gray & Sons' warerooms, 154 Fullarton street, London.

COMFORT

Those SHOES you MEN have been wearing right up to now won't protect your feet thoroughly from the penetrating cold and dampness. We'v. got the shoes that will, though. Calf, Box Calf and Russets,

J.P.Cook

173 Dundas Street.

Irs. Sternaman

Will Spend Her Christmas Behind

Deal for Writ of Habeas Corpus Disase Goes to the Supreme Court.

Buffalo, Dec. 24.-Mrs. Offve Adell Sternaman, who is now incarcerated in Erie county jail, charged with the murder of her husband, George W. Sternaman, who died in Rainham, Haldimand county, Ont., will not only spend Christmas behind the bars, but probably will remain in custody here for some weeks to come, while her lawyers are taking an appeal to the United States Supreme Court from Judge Coxe's decision. Mrs. Sternaman was arrested in Buffalo on a warrant issued by Justice Wm. Par-ker, of Haldimand county, Ont. Upon examination before United States Commissioner Fairchild she was held for extradition to Canada on the charge of murder, the complaint being made by John Wilson Murray, of To-ronto. Her attorneys applied for a writ of habeas corpus and certiorari to review the action of the commissioner. The matter was argued before Judge Coxe in Utica on Dec. 15.—Yesterday Judge Coxe handed down his decision, which a dispatch from Utica last night succinctly stated to be the dismissal of the writ, and a finding that the facts were sufficient to warrant holding the accused for extradition. foday the clerk of the United States District Court here received the full text of the judge's opinion. In concluding his decision Judge Coxe says: "Upon complete and careful analysis,

The Cuban Revolution.

will be found, I think, that the offi-

cer authorized to conduct proceedings placed before the commissioner facts

sufficient to warrant action upon his part in holding the accused."

Reported Death of Another Insurgent General.

Spanish Losses - Filibusters Landed Sympathy of Brazilians With the Islanders,

Havana, Dec. 24.-Private advices from the interior represent that the insurgent general, Jose Maria Aguirre, who held the chief command of the insurgent forces in Havana Province, was mortally wounded in a recent engagement with the Spanish forces near Campo Florido.

Tampa, Fla., Dec. 24.—One of the

Cuban leaders here has news from Havana confirming the reports reently received of Spanish losses sustained near Santiago and other towns near, while attempting to capture the to Deschiaine for aid. A train was year. It has exclusive control of the made up, but the train was dynaticle by Cubans. The terrified and questions arising between them. wreck only to receive a withering fire the roadbed. The Spaniards fought bravely for a few moments, but the odds were too much, and they fled in all directions.

Key West, Fla., Dec. 24.-Passengers from Cuba last night reported that the Three Friends expedition has landed at Gianabo.

New York, Dec. 24.—The Herald's correspondent in Rio Janeiro, Brazil, telegraphs that the denial of the Brazilian Ministers in Madrid that his Government intends to recognize the belligerency of the Cubans was personal and was not authorized by cable from the Brazilian capital. The Cuban question is assuming a serious aspect in Brazil. The Spanish colony in Rio Janeiro is becoming greatly excited over the recent actions of the Cuban committee, and the meetings have been held in favor of the rebels. A serious encounter occurred between members of the Spanish colony and Cuban sympathizers Wednesday, in which several persons were wounded.

STREET CAR HELD UP.

Masked Men Take \$12 from a Minne apolis Conductor. Minneapolis, Minn. Dec. 24.—Minneapolis has experienced the first hold-

up of a street car since the operations of the Barret brothers, several years ago, and for which crime and the of the driver they were

ed a Bryn Mawr car at the end of the self has not passed within sight of the line, and at the point of a revolver island since 1889, when he secured an excellent photograph of it from the motorman by this time had entered the car, and one of the robbers covered him while another went through him. His pockets contained only 1 cent, and this the robbers returned to

WHERE CAPITAL DOESN'T COUNT Chicago, Dec. 24 .- Nelson Morris, the cape from being gored by a Texas steer while inspecting cattle.

THREE CHILDREN CREMATED. Pittsburg, Dec. 24.—Three children of Mrs. McKim, who lives near Frankevening at their home while their moher was away visiting a neighbor.



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FRESHTE, OUT.

Questionable Course

Of a Michigan Pastor Who Went

To Get Materials for a Sermon Un pleasant Experience.

Jackson, Mich., Dec. 24.—Rev. David M. Kirkpatrick, until three years ago pastor of the Congregational Church at Grass Lake, has been arrested at Rochester, N. Y., where he now holds a Universalist pulpit, on the charge of impersonating an officer. The story, as told by a Rochester dispatch is as told by a Rochester dispatch, is

peculiar. For some time an unknown man wearing a large rubber overcoat, has been wandering about at night, fright-ening women and children. Mrs. Annie Adner complained to the police that a man whom she has identified as Rev. Kirkpatrick followed her, accosted her, seized her by the arm, said he was a policeman, and tried to compel her to go with him.

Mr. Kirkpatrick denies that he is the rubber coat man, but admits he spoke

to certian women on the streets at night, claiming he was getting material from the seamy side of life for use in sermons. He denies emphatically that he has done anything im-

At Grass Lake Mr. Kirkpatrick seemed to have a desire to "soar," so Grass Lake people thought. He advanced such radical, unorthodox views that the Congregational Ministers' Associa-tion called him to account. He was sustained by a vote of his parishion-ers, but the ministers voted to remove him. He was classed as a man of ability, but of erratic views.

After his dismissal he changed his religious views and applied for a church in Rochester, N. Y.

NEW GREATER REPUBLIC

The Central American Combination

Recognized by Uncle Sam. Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—President Cleveland, in a significant speech yesterday, formally recognized the new Greater Republic of Central Ameria, composed of Salvador, Nicaragua, and Honduras, by receiving in the east room of the executive mansion the envoy of the Diet of the new Government, J. D. Rodriguez. Secretary Olney presented the Central Americans. The President expressed hope that the new republic would soon include Costa Rica and Guatemala, the two richest and most progressive of the Isthmian countries, and is expected to have considerable weight in expediting their this week. Her little sister Effie will adherence to the new arrangement. The Governments of both these countries are favorably disposed towards the union, but are prevented by their constitutions from joining it without the cargo of a filibustering vessel. The tries next June, and in turn to the Spanish soldiers poured out of the Its constitution provides for dropping the word when joined by Guatemaia and Costa

Juan Fernandez.

The Famous Fabled Home of Robinson Crusoe

Believed to Have Been Destroyed by

San Francisco, Dec. 24.-A few action of the Juan Fernandez Island. famous as the fabled home of Robin-

The report was not given credence at the time by scientific men, and many details were printed in papers and magazines. But Capt. Powell of the British ship James Kerr, now in the treasury, the great increase of ore in sight since this company was organized, and the reports of the increasing value and chairman referred to the high esteem width of the vein in the Rachel Mine below the 180 foot level, it is not in the British ship James Kerr, now in port, asserts that the story is generally believed by seafaring men all over the world.

The James Kerr recently arrived from Newcastle, N. S. W., where she was laid up for four months on account of the coal strike. Capt. Powell met a large number of master mariners there, and says that the destruction of the island was a matter of common gossip among them. The captain himdeck of his ship. He says that some of the captains who rrived in Newcastle while he was there verified the report that the island was missing.

THE BISHOP'S PASTORAL.

The Annual Christm s Greeting to the Diocese of Huron. The following pastoral has been is-

sued by the Bishop of Huron: To the Laity of the Church of England throughout the Diocese of Huron: Dear Friends,—I write to remind you of our custom to devote the offertory on Christmas Day to the clergymen of the parish. I trust this pleasing habit will not be neglected at the time of the approaching festival. The abundant harvest of the last autumn should awaken in us all a very liberal and generous spirit. May I not therefore bespeak a substantial evidence of your good-will towards these earnest and devoted men, who have labored with so much zeal and selfdenial for your best and truest interests? Not a few of these men are laboring with sorely insufficient means, and are greatly crippled for the want of that which you can so liberally supply. At such a time as Christmas, when God's great gift to man is the theme of every pulpit, may your generous hearts be stirred to remember those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord. Wishing you all the spiritual and temporal blessings of holy day, I remain, yours in

MAURICE S. HURON. "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth, and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty."—Proverbs xi., 24.



Fifty Years Ago.

President Polk in the White House chair, While in Lowell was Doctor Ayer; Both were busy for human weal One to govern and one to heal. And, as a president's power of will Sometimes depends on a liver-pill, Mr. Polk took Ayer's Pills I trow For his liver, 50 years ago.

Ayer's Cathartic Pills

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were designed to supply a model purgative to people who had so long injured themselves with griping medicines. Being carefully prepared and their ingredients adjusted to the exact necessities of the bowels and liver, their popularity was instantaneous. That this popularity has been maintained is well marked in the medal awarded these pills at the World's Fair 1893.

50 Years of Cures.

The Sunday school of St. George's Church, Thorndale, intend treating the children to a Christmas tree on the 27th of December. Nilestown is losing one of its village go with her.

A Wolverton correspondent writes:
"Miss Mabel Vrooman, of Mount
Brydges, died Monday morning at the
residence of her aunt, Mrs. S. Curry. full approval of their legislatures, which will probably be secured in a few months. The Diet of the new Greater Republic, which met in Amapala, Salvador, last June. and remains there are selected in a was taken with tonsilitis, but seemed to be getting along as well there a year, will be transferred to the capital of one of the other countries next June, and in turn to the paniards were routed and they wired capital of each of the others for a severe shock to her friends at home as well as here."
The entertainment given in the

school house of section No. 3, Mc-Gillivray on the evening of Dec. 21 was "greater" from its title a brilliant success, both in attendance and in the quality of the programme. The old time prestige of No. 3 is such that before the hour to commence had arrived the hall was packed to suffocation, and large numbers were turned away. The following musical and literary bill of fare was presented: Orchestral music, McFarlane and Robson Band; tableaux, "The Fairies," school girls; "Song of the Fairies," Miss Ida Hodgins; song, Mr. Zwicker; reading, Miss A. Hodgins; instrumental duet, Misses Fraser and Hodgins; solo, Miss Patterson; reading, Miss Cameron; club swinging, Misses Jell and Elliott; solo, Capt. Robson; orchestral music; duet, Patterson brothers; reading, Miss Simpson; duet, Miss and Mr. Patterson; reading, Mr. East; song, Mr. Zwicker; reading, Miss gramme was the presentation by the pupils to the retiring teacher, Miss son Crusoe. The master claimed to have seen the catastrophe from the deck of his vessel.

Alie Hodgins, of a handsomely bound volume of poems. This was accompanied by an affectionately-worded out the section, and the profound regret experienced at parting with a teacher who has been so eminently successful in the school for the past

> LAKE SHORE-BOSANOUET. Lake Shore, Bosanquet, Dec. 22.-The Ravenswood school took a novel

three years.

method of giving everyone an opporent to their teacher, Mr. McKaughn, who leaves at Christmas. They first gave a school entertainment, and the admission fee was a part of the business, the proceeds of which amounted to about \$22, with which they purchased some fine presents for Mr. Mc-Kaughn. Mr. Duncan Whyte is to be the new teacher, but as he always puts in a term of years in any school he teaches, they will probably not soon be called upon to give him a parting gift.

The Kents, of Warwick, will all be home for the holiday season—Miss Mary, from Cairo, Mich., where she has enjoyed a nice long visit; Miss Eleanor, from Essex Center, where Miss Annie, from school section No. 7,

The London Jubilee Singers gave a concert in Ravenswood Methodist Church on the 21st inst., and they had a full house. They are much appreciated in small places, which more famous singers are inclined to slight, Mrs. James Maylor, of Forest, died

GRANTON.

Advertiser Business Agent, J. A. Grant Granton, Dec. 23.-Mr. James German and family have gone to spend Christmas with relatives in Lexing-ton, Mich. Messrs. Clark, of Cleveland, and R. Henderson, of Columbus, and their families are visiting friends here dur-

ing the holiday season.

Mrs. John Beamish has gone to visit for a time at the home of her daugher, Mrs. Ferguson, of Strathroy.
The Mawbray and Lawton families this morning received the sad intelligence of the sudden death of a near relatives, Miss Fearless, of St. Marys. This is the third near relative of these

Presbytery were present: Revs. Dr. Hamilton, Dr. Grant, Panton, Gray, Cameron, McKippen and Leitch, and three elders; Rev. Mr. Dewar, of Alsa Craig, was also present. In the foremon at 11 o'clock Mr. Smith underwent the usual examination before Messrs. McKippen, Panton and Leitch. At 2 p.m. a large audience from Ailsa Craig, Lucan and Granton assembled to witness the ordination and induction ceremonies. Rev. Mr. Leitch, of Stratford, acted as moderator and callon the Rev. Mr. Cameron to preach to the congregation. The sermon was able and impressive, and was listened to with rapt attention throughout. Rev. Mr. Graham was then called upon to address the newly-inducted minister, after which the Rev. Mr. Grant, of St. Marys, addressed the people. Rev. Mr. Leitch then led in prayer, during which the members of the Presbytery advanced and performed impressive ceremony of the laying on of hands. After a cordial reception by the members of the Presbytery, the people were asked to come forward and be introduced to their new pastor. The combined cholrs of Lucan and Granton conducted the praise services. In the evening a for-Lucan and Granton conducted the praise services. In the evening a for-mal reception was held in the church, at which addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Grant, Dewar and Har-rison, and also the new pastor. Music was furnished by the Lucan choir, together with local talent. A genuine social and happy time was indulged in throughout the whole proceedings. Mr. Park, our popular merchant, is clearing out the balance of his stock, regardless of price, and will give up business in Granton about Jan. 1

AILSA CRAIG

Advertiser Agent, Chas. Walker. Ailsa Craig, Dec. 23 .- Mrs. Margaret Graham, who arrived here from Cable, Wisconsin, last October, had her household effects detained at Sarnia ever since Oct. 30 for 50 cents customs fees. The G. T. R. officials here were unable to trace them up until a friend had located them at Sarnia. Mrs. Graham is overjoyed at the arrival of her goods after their have been over two months on the way. She will start housekeeping at

Mr. V. E. Simons, of the Business University, Detroit, is the guest of the Misses Henderson, con. 18, East Williams. Mr. Neil R. Gray, of the Collegiate Institute, London, is home for his Christmas holidays. A number of our village ladies went to Granton to witness the ordination and induction of Rev. E. F. M. Smith, which took place there on Tuesday

Miss Joan Campbell, public school teacher from the vicinity of St. George, is home for the Christmas holidays. Rev. D. L. Dewar returned from his visit to the eastern part of the Prov-

TRAIN ROBBED. Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 24.—The fourth hold-up in Blue Cut, the historic spot of the operations of the Jesse James gang, took place last night. The St. Louis and Chicago ex-press was flagged and robbed by masked men, who overpowered express driver, Frier, and took from him the keys of a safe, which they opened, appropriating several packages of money—how much is not

Gold Ring Mining Stock. Toronto, Canada, Dec. 23, 1896. Mr. John A. Moody, Mining Broker,

London, Ont.: Dear Sir,—I am instructed by the Board of Directors of the Gold Ring Consolidated Mining Company to notify you that offers of stock at 20 cents per share will not hold good af-ter Jan. 15, 1897. That date is fixed because some orders have been given to brokers, good until then, and it is desired to treat all alike.

As frequent inquiries are made as to the operations of the company, I am directed to inform you that you are authorized to state that the board have determined, before erecting a the Rachel Mine to a depth of 400 feet weeks ago a vessel putting in at Lisbon after a trip around Cape Horn, tral music; solo, Miss Patterson. A reported the destruction by volcanic very pleasing feature of the protosave, if possible, the cost of hauling ore to the present mill site, 85c per

In the meantime the board have decided that in view of the amount of money now in the treasury, the great below the 180 foot level, it is not in the interests of the company to continue to sell stock at so low a price as 20 cents per share. (Signed) W. J. WALLACE, Secretary.

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Santa Claus will drive his sleigh Thro' the wood, But he'll come around this way If you're good, With a wind-up bird that sings, And a puzzle made of rings-Jumping-jacks and funny things-If you're good.

He will bring you cars that "go," If you're good, rocking-horsey—oh! If he would! And a dolly, if you please, That says "Mamma!" w

Santa grieves when you are bad, As he should; But is makes him very glad He is wise, and he's a dear; Just do right and never fear; If you're good.

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# Take your pick. They're all money-savers. tank steamer Bremerhaven, Captain Ninnes, which arrived from Antwerp

peals Decided.

Status of Some of the Canadian Baseball League Clubs.

Unique Proposal of Wrestler Dan M Leod of California.

> THE TURF. TROTTING APPEALS.

The following cases of Canadian or igin were among those decided at the recent session of the board of review of the National Trotting Association B. S. Van Tuyl, of Petrolea, Ont., vs. Ypsilanti Driving Club, Ypsilanti, Mich. Application for release of J. W. Russeil, of Port Huron, Mich., and b. m. Select, pacer, from suspension imposed Oct. 19, 1895. On Oct. 19, 1895, J. W. Russell, of Port Huron, Mich., and b m. Select were suspended by the member at Ypsilanti, Mich., for non-payment of entrance. The claim was paid under protest by B. S. Van Tuyl, of Petrolea, Ont., at Hamilton, Ont., in proposition is to take any five Windy July. In statement filed by Russell it is set forth that the entry was made after the date of closing. The members' premium list shows that the entries for the October meeting at Ypsilanti In 1895 closed Sept. 28, and the envelope sent with Russell's entry shows that he mailed it at Port Mich., Sept. 30. It is ordered that the application be granted.

### BASEBALL. TORONTO'S POSITION.

Hamilton Herald: The way matters are shaping themselves in Toronto baseball affairs, it begins to look as if that city would be a mighty weak the Eastern League. Its crackajack players are ing snapped up by Syracuse and other clubs, and when the time comes the management of the Torontos will have to get out a search warrant in order to gather a team strong enough win even an occasional game.

Bill Johnson, the Allegheny pitcher, has been asked to send his terms to the Hamilton club, of the Canadian League, Johnson, however, would soon er play with Chauncey Stewart's Brad- | Island City, is off. Fom McKim and Grant Briggs to send to come to this country and fight Peon their terms. Marr, whose home is ter Maher 20 rounds.

THE GALTS.

George Graham, the popular propriefor of the Imperial Hotel, Galt, says all the baseball his town will revel in the coming season will be furnished by their County League team. He thinks Galt has had enough of the professionals. Galt went into it heavser than ever last year, and as a re-sult dropped a little pile, a fact which Mr. Graham is in a position to attest. skating championship to be held at But they were not alone in the losing Stamford, Conn., on Jan. 23. He will But they were not alone in the losing games. Besides Hamilton, Guelph quit a loser, and London may have finished slightly ahead, but it was only a small margin. Thus, the Canadian League is good thing that some would have us believe it is.

The contracts in the Eastern League call for four and three-fourths months The faculty of the University of Pennsylvania have given the baseball

team permission to take a Southern trip during the Easter holidays, and Manager Lippincott is now endeavor-



ATHLETIUS. KNOCK-OUT.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 24.-Nearly put Billy Payne, the champion welterweight of Pennsylvania, to sleep in seconds of hard fighting in the fourth tion. Berhaupt thought her chances Ryan put a half-swivel hook blow on of living through a gale of wind were Payne's jugular vein, and the latter but slight. Shortly after the Bremerwent to the floor unconscious. It took haven's boat returned to her the weanearly a minute to revive him. This ther came on thick, and the Solid was is the second battle Ryan has won in three days, having knocked out "Australian" Billy McCarthy in seven rounds in Buffalo on Monday night.

A UNIQUE PROPOSAL. If arrangements can be perfected, Dan S. McLeod, the California wrestler and aspirant to the championship of the world, will attempt a rather unique feat in Chicago late in Janu-City wrestlers and throw one after the other, all of them inside of 60 minutes of actual wrestling time. He proposes

to do this or forfeit the purse. CHOYNSKI VS. SHARKEY. Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 24.-Parson Davies announces that he has deposited with Al Smith, of New York, \$1,000 for a match between Choynski and Sharkey for a purse of \$5,000, which will be offered by Dan Stuart, the fight to

BLOWS Chicago sports are trying to arrange big boxing tournament for February, and want Peter Maher and Tom

Sharkey for the star bout. Harry Greenfield, of London, nephew to the late Alf Greenfield, has issued a challenge through the London Sporting Life to box any man in the world. Greenfield wants to make a match at 126 pounds, for from £200 up to £500

Jack McAuliffe has announced officially that he has retired from the

ring.
The Lavigne-McKeever fight, which was to have taken place at Long chortstop, will manage Hamilton next beason, and is trying to get the pick of the local players. He had been supported by the local players.

in Allegheny, has been in Canada for Billy Gaffney offers a purse for a year or more.

THE CALES John L. Sullivan was in the debtors' court in New York yesterday, sued by a florist for a \$318 flower bill. Jack Everhardt may go to England to fight Dick Burge before the National Sporting Club, of London, for

a \$2,500 purse. Johnny Davidson will compete in the also figure in the Canadian championship events at Montreal, and will train there, leaving next week. PISCAL ORYAL

An experiment which will be watched with considerable interest by ang-lers, is about to be made by Mr. the secretary of the Henley (England) Fish Preservation Associa-tion. A large number of 2-year-old trout are to be placed in the Thames by the association, and to twenty of the fish Mr. Hobbs will attach a small silver tablet. Each tablet will be numbered, and the corresponding numbers, with a description of each fish, duly recorded in a book, so that in the event of any of the trout being caught later on, their weight, condition, color and other interesting par-ticulars can be obtained. The exact spot at which the fish are turned in will be carefully noted, in order to see how far they travel.

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to Bay for the world's championship and \$3,500 or \$5,000 a side, and allow them \$500 for expenses. Or he will go to England after Aug. 1 and row both

CURLING INTERNATIONAL BONSPIEL. The programme for the first annual international bonspiel of the Detroit Curling Club is out. The dates are Jan. 6 to 9, inclusive. Already Secretary Williamson has received the entries of fourteen rinks. The entries will close Jan. 4, at noon. The first event is the Walker trophy

two rink competition—The Walker trophy, presented by Hiram Walker & Sons, Ltd., Walkerville, Ont.; eight gold medals, value \$60, presented by Wayne Hotel, James R. Hayes, proprietor, for the members of the winning rinks; eight charms, presented by the Detroit Curling Club to the by the Detroit Curling Club to the players up. George N. Matheson, of Sarnia, has been chosen umpire, and will also have charge of the drawings.

Terriflo Storm in the Bay of Campeche.

A Ship Goes Down and Many Lives Are Lost.

All on Board.

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 24 .- A terrific storm occurred in the Gulf of Cam-peche on the 11th and 12th of this month, and among other casualties reported is the wreck of the bark Jamaica, with twelve passengers and most of the crew lost. The Jamaica was bound from Campeche to Vera Cruz, and had a valuable cargo and some treasure aboard.

The passengers took to the boats, which were repeatedly swamped. Most of the crew simply put on life preservers and jumped into the sea. The captain was one of these. He strapped 100 Mexican dollars upon himself, and clinging to a barrel, tried to reach shore. The survivors saw him sink, owing to the weight of the metal. The sight was a terrible one, as one passenger after another sank, the boats proving unmanageable. The crew were all drowned, and only

three men and a boy escaped of the passengers. The vessel sank soon after she was abandoned. The wreck occurred off the Port of Dos Rosas, Tabas county. New York, Dec. 24.—The Dutch oil

in ballast, sighted the Danish barkening to secure dates with the leading for St. Johns, Nfid.) on Dec. 15, at 7 Southern colleges.

The committee in charge of the west. The barkentine was burning a west. The barkentine was burning a Harry Wright memorial fund has de-cided to open bids and receive plans for the erection of a suitable monu-hailing distance the captain of the ment in Fairmount Park, to cost \$3,- barkentine shouted that he was short 100. Bids will close on Jan. 1, and of bread and asked to be supplied. workmanship and design will be con- Captain Ninnes told the barkentine's crew to lower a boat, but the answer came back that their bulwarks and boat were stove. Third Officer Edward Berhoupt and a boat's crew lowered a lifeboat and carried a supply 2,000 people paid to see Tommy Ryan of bread, beef and potatoes to the Solid. On his return to the steamer Mate Berhaupt said the barkentine four rounds before the Empire Athletic Club, in this city, last night. It was in a bad plight. Her bulwarks letic Club, in this city, last night. It were almost all gone, and the seas washed across her decks continually. washed across her decks continually. Ryan. For the first three rounds he did nothing but feel of his opponent, and took some savage swings in return, but after two minutes and 45 they seemed to be in a pitiable conditional to the same and they seemed to be in a pitiable conditional three same and they seemed to be in a pitiable conditional three same and they seemed to be in a pitiable conditional three same and they seemed to be in a pitiable conditional three same are same as a same and the same across her decks continually.

MISS FRANCES WILLARD INDIS-

lost to sight. The Solid is an iron

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 24.—A special from Castle, N. Y., says: "Miss Frances Willard is in a cottage near the Santtarium, with her private secretary, Miss Anna Gordon, and two stenographers, conducting a large correspondence, but spending several hours each day in the open air. A difficulty of the throat will necessitate Miss Willard from public speak-

ALLEGED SPANISH VICTORY. Havana, Dec. 24.-The column in ommand of Pavia Battalion, with the forces under his command, has been engaged at Sao Redendo, near Holquin, Province of Santiago de Cuba, take place at the same time as the with an insurgent force. The Spanish Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight. and inflicted a loss of 21 killed on the insurgents. The troop had a lieuten-ant and four privates killed and nine men wounded.

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Until eight years ago he ran the largest furniture and undertaking establishment in Owosso. He then re-tired and came here to live. He has two children, one of whom is Rev. J. J. Ticknor, pastor of the Baptist Church here. The story of the reunion and wedding is told in an interview with Mrs.

Munroe at Fond du Lac: "We both lived in Clyde, N. Y., years ago, and became infatuated with each other. I was 15 and he was 19. We had settled it between us that we would soon be married. An older sister of mine, however, succeeded in chang-ing my mind. She opposed the union and in a very clever manner turned me onto another track.

"My engagement and marriage to the man whom she favored soon followed. His death took place and since then I had to lay away three other husbands. I had lost track of my but finally I concluded to learn whe-ther or not he was still living, and after considerable corresponding received a letter last spring which told me of

"I wrote to him. He answered promptly, and since then we wrote frequently to each other. He told me his wife had died and he resolved to remain a widower. Well, of course, he has since changed his mind. We will live in this city."

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June 22 last was a damp night. Apparently there were both money

and books to burn. It is astonishing how an election impairs the memory.

The wheels of Mr. Beattie's election mill seem to have been turned by beer,

gen't it possible that the inhabitants

of the attic reached there via the roof? Perhaps Hugh McGurdy will buy a

gold mine when he reaches Rossland. London election case. The jokes cracked in the gymnasium that night could hardly be called At-

The revelations of the top flat might be reported as "Exposures in High Life."

A Toronto memory teacher proposes to open a class in London after the holidays.

What a good time those missing witnesses are having at somebody else's expense!

The gentlemen who have gone away for their health may find it healthier to return.

The semi-facetious phrase, "this great family journal," complains of being over-worked.

11 11 1 The forethought that provided ice for the beer and bread for the ham, must surely have furnish Toothepicks, too.

"Attica" is the name of a new election complaint. The patient feels hilarious at night, but experiences a marked difference in the morning.

of daily papers in Ontario is evening circulation.

In Germany, when a civilian runs accidentally against a military officer, the honor of the regiment demands that the civilian be thrust through the body with the sword. It is not considered the correct thing in etiquette to give the civilian time to get a club wherewith to defend him-

11 11 11 Says the Hamilton Times: "London time, owing to the precautions tak-

In a recent book Mr. John Biglow before then-even more startling exsays that it scarcely requires pro- posures are promised. phetic vision to foresee the time when the art of sleeping will be taught and studied as systematically in our bare ought to be sufficient to void the schools of science as the physiology election, though judgment was not to of our nutritive and nervous system. be expected till the whole of the evi-Unfortunately the author does not dence on the two charges was given. tell us how to sleep when a neigh- But for the clearing out of witnesses, bor's bull-dog has successfully or- that would have been possible early ganized an all-night canine concert.

## Believing in Santa Claus.

ple hold that it is not right. Harper's Bazar declares that it is perfectly pro- election will be held. It is not for us per. There once were a father and to counsel the Conservative managers not beneve in Santa Claus. They were lieve in the blessed old myth, fearing doubtless many Conservatives, as well fect of teaching them deceit. Facts tribution of intoxicating liquors or of these excellent people insisted upon, expressed will of the people. and when town and country were rejoicing, Christmas bells ringing. Christmas tapers twinkling, and Christmas carols thrilling, their home was robbed of half of its rightful cheer, in any of his train.

Such a beautiful train it is which follows him, so laden with gifts for wholesale debaucheries that went on old and young, so overflowing with with their knowledge in the central gayety, so bright of face and light of club rooms and at other committee step, it would hardly seem as though rooms in the election campaign last contact with the myrlad elves and fays and spirits of sweetness and which come into being when Santa Claus waves his wand could do anybody on earth the least harm. For opinion of the law that permits ingies, and the shops blossom out in rare it pleads, for a cessation of the exthose they love still happier, Santa its way, and that is by persuading the Claus is in full sway, his reign be- man whose election was secured by ss, and of trade are rolling fast-

the Sky, and the song of the angels

But to turn to our original thought. Did the parents who would have none of Santa Claus gain anything by their resolution to be rigidly true to a tangible and material order, or, clinging to the husk, did they lose the fruit which was growing within for the not susceptible of proof by the evidence of the physical senses are really true in that higher realm where tended are weeks of rare beauty, and should resign. a time when goodwill everywhere shines in men's countenances and is the JOHN CAMERON, President and mainspring of their lives. Children see and feel this wonderful festivel of and feel this wonderful festival of love on the earth, but they cannot enter into it fully, and so those who were wiser than we, in good old days fragrant in memory, christened the Christmas season, when the yule-log burns, and the holly gleams, and the world is glad, as the special gala time of Santa Claus. Believe in him all you can, and he will give you blessings heaped up and running over to pay

### you for your faith. A Warranted Exposure - Mr. Beattie Should Resign the Seat to Which He Was

Not Fairly Elected. The arrival of the Christmas holidays has compelled the postponement of the further hearing of evidence in the

As the petition is not being tried by a jury, there would be nothing improper in reviewing the evidence given so far at this time, as certain of our Conservative contemporaries discussed the comparatively scanty evidence submitted at the first stage of the trial of the petition against the Liberal candidate after the election of 1891. We, however, prefer to wait for the full developments. The central revelation, so far, is the fact that wholesale debauchery was carried on in the rooms of the Conservative Club on Dundas street during the day and night preceding the election on June 23 last. That fact, it was made evident from the line taken by the counsel for the respondent, is admitted by Mr. Beattie and his friends. How they hope to get out of responsibility requires a more powerful imagination to decide than the average student of the evidence is likely to possess. Another

remarkable feature of the case is the number of material witnesses sum-moned by the petitioners, who have been spirited away because of the damaging evidence which it was number of material witnesses sumknown they would be compelled to give in support of the case against Nine-tenths of the total circulation Mr. Beattie. And an equally significant fact brought out is that many documents, calculated to prove agency in debauchery, bribery or other wrongdoing, have either been carried away by the defaulters, destroyed, or mys-

teriously dropped out of sight. In view of these happenings, and of the extraordinary failure in the memories of many of the agents of Mr. Beattie so far examined, one is astonished that the revelations as yet have been so complete, startling, damaging, to the case of the respondent. election trial promises to last a long And yet we are told that the investigation so far has dealt only with a surprised the assembly. At the cor en by the Conservatives to destroy all portion of the debauchery, simply a written evidence. Mr. Osler will get fringe of the corruption having been all the facts out if he keeps at it till taken up. When the case is resumed, midsummer, and the Tory bill of either with or without the evidence of costs will be correspondingly aug- the decamped witnesses-and it is expected that the majority of the missing men will be placed under arrest

> The general impression throughout the city is that the misdoing now laid

this week. In East Simcoe, where not a tithe of the debaucheries revealed in Lon-Is it right to inculcate in the young don were proved, the Conservative the belief in Santa Claus? Some peo- candidate promptly resolved to save further trouble and expense by consenting to be unseated, and a new mother in the world, it says, who did of London. But they would be well advised if they accepted the inevitable before the court reassembles on the afraid, too, to let their children be- 18th of January next. There are that the fancy would make them cre- as Liberals, in London who desire to dulous, or that it would have the ef- see a member elected for this city without the aid of a colossal free diswhich could be proved and verified tampering in any way with the freely

## Bewailing Their Fate.

Our city contemporary, the Free their strenuous determination not to gers of Mr. Beattie's campaign. It be imposed upon by Santa Claus or says they are being persecuted because, though heroulean efforts were made to conceal their tactics, the June have been exposed by sworn testimony, and will be further exposed

when the court reassembles. Our contemporary has a very poor about the time when the first snow quiry to be made into such orgles, and ndor, and up the streets and down posures. There is only one effectual go happy people seeking how to make means for our contemporary to have gun, and the wheels of fashion, of these unlawful, unwarrantable, disseat, and let the people have a free

### A Custom House Job.

It looks as if Mr. George Guillet, Conservative M.P. for West Northumberland, will have to follow Mr. J. C. Rykert into retirement from public life. The commissioner appointed to inquire into the Cobourg customs house scandal has reported that Mr. healing of the nations? Many things Guillet, Mr. Daniel McAllister, landing waiter at Cobourg, and Mr. W. J. Maher had negotiated to obtain from the late Mr. C. E. Ewing, the collector, his the imagination rules. One of those resignation, and have Mr. D. McAllisnever-dying, never-failing things is ter appointed in his stead. This traf-Santa Claus, and year by year the ficking in public offices must be put weeks over which his scepter is ex- down with a firm hand. Mr. Guillet

The Mouth of the Mississippl Closing.

Careless Oystermen Cause the Trouble -Heavy Loss in Prospect.

New Orleans, Dec. 24. - The mouth of the Mississippi seems to be closing up, and may soon become impassable to ocean steamships. The delta of the Mississippi resembles a The man's hand somewhat, with river water in the palm, fingers of earth extending far out to sea and water be-tween the fingers. The outlets from the river are in the form of channels running, as it were, like veins through the fingers to the finger tips. Only one of these, the south passage, is deep enough for the ocean ships. These passages run for miles through the fingers of earth, but a short passage cut from the "palm" out to the salt water bays between the "fingers" will form an outlet.

This is just what has been done. The oystermen cut the passage for their own purposes and fixed gates so that the supply of water could be turned on or off. One night they forgot to close the gates, and before morning wide crevasse was formed, through which the river ran like a mill-race. This has grown until it can never be repaired, unless at tremendous ex-

It has reduced the current in the long south passage, and the latter is being filled with deposit and is likely to be entirely closed. The south passage cost millions to construct, and if closed to commerce the loss will be

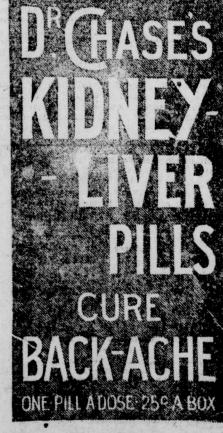
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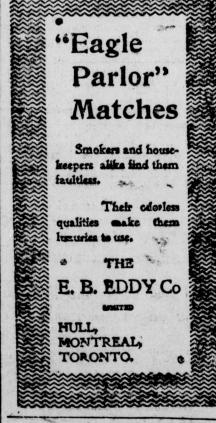
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To select from our magnificent Dress Goods Stock any. thing you may require at two-thirds and even half-price, Come this week and get the best. Trade in the forenoon, if possible; always hard to get waited on here in the afternoon owing to the crowds.

# Very Tempting

Is our Linen Department; we make it particularly so this week. We want to put the sales away up by putting MERIDEN BRITANNIA CO. the prices away down-Snowy Table Damask, worth 65c. for 50c; worth 75c, for 59c; worth 80c, for 65c; worth \$1,

# Table Napkins,

Large size, marvels of value; at 69c, 75c, 83c, 89c, \$1, \$1 25, \$1 50, \$1 75 and \$2 per dozen,

Special attention to a snap in Lambskin Flannel, plain colors, wide, heavy, and very durable, worth 12 1-20, which we are now selling for 6 1-2c, sixteen yards for \$1.

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Are included Christmas Novelties of every description Dolls, Toys, Games, China and Silverware, Manicure Sets, Dressing Cases, Glove Boxes, Fancy Baskets, Satchels, Purses, Gloves, Handkerchiefs, and a thousand and one ornamental and useful articles to make the hearts of old and young glad and the home happy.

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| Local Market.                                                   | 1 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---|
| (Reported by A. M. Hamilton & Son.)  London, Thursday, Dec. 24. | 1 |
| Wheat, per bu78c to 80c                                         |   |
| Oats, per bu                                                    |   |
| Corn, per bu 22 1-2c to 30c                                     |   |
| Buckwheat, per bu 24c to 29c                                    |   |
| Rye, per bu 22c to 28c Barley, per bu 20c to 29c                |   |
| Beans, per bu 35c to 45c                                        | * |
|                                                                 |   |

There was quite a large attendance on this market again today. Wheat and oats formed the bulk of the grain Ordinary oats sold at 40c to

were the only lines well represented.

Butter and eggs were quite steady;

Mttle or no change could be steady;

Butter and eggs were quite steady;

part skims, 3 1-2c to 70;

part ski Mttle or no change could be seen in Turkeys commanded more attention today than any other line, and brought better prices, 8c to 9c being paid by the pound.

A good many dressed hogs offered and sold at \$4 50 to \$5 25. Hay sold slowly. General prices today were much the

same as yesterday.

| GRAIN.                              |      |    |       |
|-------------------------------------|------|----|-------|
| Wheat, white, per .00 lbs           | 135  | to | 135   |
| Wheat red per 100 lbs               |      | to | 1 35  |
| Wheat, spring per 100 lbs           | 1 22 | CO | 135   |
| Oats, per 100 lbs                   | 40   | to | 60    |
| Date per 100 lbs                    |      |    |       |
| Peas per 100 lbs                    | 60   | to | 74    |
| Corn per 100 iba                    | 40   | 80 | 60    |
| Barley, per 100 lbs                 | 42   | 10 | 60    |
| Rye. per 100 los                    | 45   | to | 50    |
| Beans, bu                           | 40   | to | 50    |
| Buckwheat, per 100 lbs              | 40   | to | 55    |
| PROVISIONS.                         | _    |    |       |
| Honey                               | 8    | to | 12    |
| Cheese, per lb                      | 9.   | to | 10    |
| Honey                               | 8    | to | 12    |
| Eggs single dozen                   | 18   | to | 20    |
| Eggs fresh, basket, per doz         | 17   | to | 18    |
| Eggs, freah, store lots, per doz    | 15   | to | 17    |
| Butter single rolls per lb          | 14   | to | 16    |
| Butter, perio, 1 lb rolls. baskets. | 13   | to | 14    |
| Butter per lb. large rolls or       |      |    |       |
| crocks                              | 14   | to | 15    |
| Butter, per lb. tubs or firkins     | 9    | to | 12    |
| Lard, per ib                        | 9    | to | 9     |
| MEAT. HIDES, ETC.                   |      |    | A 119 |
| Beef, quarters, per lb              | 3    | to | 5     |
| Mutton quarters, per lb             | 5    |    | 6     |
| Veal, quarters, per lb              | 3    | to | 1 5   |
| Lamb, quarter                       | 7    | to | 8     |
| Dressed hogs, 100 lb                |      | to | 5 2   |
| Live hogs.                          | 9 74 | to | 3 50  |
| Hides. No. I, per lb                |      | to | 6     |
| Hides, No. 2, per lb                | 5    | to | 5     |
| Lides No. 2, per Ib.                | 4    | to | 4     |
| Hides, No. 3, per lb                | 4    |    | 6     |
| Caliskins, green                    | 4    | to | 0     |
| Calfskins. dry. each                | ::   | to | ::    |
| Sheepskins. each                    | 50   | to | 70    |
| Lambshins. each                     | 50   | to | 70    |
| Wool, per lb                        | 18   | to | 18    |
| Tallow. rendered. per 1b            | 3    | to | 3     |
| Tallow, rough, per lb               | 1    | to | 2     |
| HAY AND SEED                        | -    |    | Chall |
| Hay per ton                         | 7 00 | to | 8 00  |
| Straw. per load                     | 2 00 | to | 3 50  |
|                                     |      |    |       |

Hamilton's Flour and Feed Store.

373 Talbot Street, Opposite Market. Phone 662.

English Markets. Liverpool. Dec. 24-12:45 p.m.

Wheat - Spot quiet; demand poor, futures
quiet; near and distant positions 1d higher.

Corn-Spot steady; futures steady and un

changed,
Bacon — Quiet: demand poor; Cumberland cut, 2s to 30 lbs, 28s; short ribs, 20 to 24
lbs, 27s 6d; long clear light, 35 to 38 lbs, 28s; long clear heavy, 40 to 45 lbs, 27s 6d; short clear backs, light, 18 lbs. 28s 6d; snore clear middles heavy. 45 to 50 lbs. 26s; clear bellies, 14 to 16

No. 288 Shoulders—Square. 12 to 18 lbs. 288, Hams -Short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., 39s. Tallow—Fine North American, 188 9d. Beef—Extra India mess. 60s; prime mess, Pork—Prime mess, fine western, 48s 9d; me-lium western, 41s 3d. Lard—Dull; prime western, 21s; refined in

panis. 238.

Cheese—Quiet: demand poor; finest American white (Sept.) 51s; finest American colored (Sept.). 51s

Butter—Finest United States. 90s; good, 55s. Turpentine spirits—20s 3d.

Rosin common—5s 74d.

Cotton seed oil—Liverpool refined, 15s 6d.

Petroleum-Refined, 64a. Refrigerator beef-Forequarter, 34d; hind-

eaching powder-Hardwood, f. o. b., Liverpool. £7. Mops—At London (Pacific Coast), £3 5s.

London. Dec. 24.
Cargoes off coast—Wheat quiet: corn quiet.
Cargoes on passage—Wheat firm but not active, 3d to 6d higher; corn firm.
Country markets—English quiet and steady;
French quiet The Oil Market.

PETROLEA. Patrolea, Dec. 24.—Oil opened and closed at

American Produce Markets.

CHICAGO.

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A. SLATER,

and the net improvement at the close being ic.
Liverpool afforded stimulus to the tone here,
an advance of id taking place in that market.
Closing continental cables were generally
higher. May wheat opened from 80sc to 81sc,
advanced to 81sc, closing at 81sc to 81sc—le
higher than restorday. Cash wheat was firm
and ic higher. Corn advanced ic, and oats
were a shads higher. Provisions were steady.
The leading futures closed as follows:
Wheat—No. 2, Dec., 78jc; May. 81sc to 81sc;
July, 75jc. Wheat—No. 2, Dec., 1010, July, 75]c. Corn—No. 2, Dec., 32]e to 32]c; Jan., 22]e; May,

25kc. No. 2, Dec. 16ic; May, 19ic to 20c. Mess pork—Jan., \$7 60; May, \$7 87j. Lard.—Jan., \$3 77j; May, \$3 974. Short ribs.—Jan., \$5 80; May, \$4. Cash quotations were as follows: Flour steady; No. 2 spring wheat, 77jc to 79jc; No. 3 spring wheat, 73c to 76c; No. 2 red, 89jc to 99jc; No. 2 corn, 22jc to 23c; No. 2 cats, 17c to 17jc; No. 2 rye, 37c to 37jc; No. 2 barley, 35c; No. 1 flaxseed, 73c to 75jc; prime timothy seed, \$2 55; mess pork, \$6 75 to \$6 80; lard, \$3 72jc; to \$3 75; short rib sides, \$5 75 to \$4; dry salted shoulders, \$4 25 to \$4 50; short clear sides, \$4 to \$4 12jc. 

The Dairy Markets.

MONTREAL. Montreal, Dec. 23 .- Cheese, 9 1-2c to Butter-Townships, 13c to 15c; western, 11c to 13c.

LIVERPOOL. Liverpool, Dec. 23.-Cheese steady; demand poor; finest American white and colored, September, 51s. Butter-Finest United States, 90s; good, 55s. NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 23.-Butter fairly active; State dalry, 10c to 18c; do, creamery, 14c to 21c; western creamery, 14c to 22c; do, factory, 7c to 12c;

part skims, 3 1-2c to 7c; full skims, 2 1-2c to 3c. Geo. McBean & Co.

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GRAIN IN STORE. New York, Dec. 23.-Special cables and telegraphic dispatches to Brad-street's indicate the following changes in available supplies of grain last Saturday, as compared with the pre-

ceding Saturday: Wheat-United States and Canada east of Rockies, increase, 1,236,000 bushels; afloat for and in Europe, decrease, 424,000 bushels; total world's available, 812,000 bushels. Corn-United States and Canada,

east of Rockies, increase, 1,884,000 bushels. Oats-United States and Canada, of Rockies, increase, 1,524,000 east of bushels.

The more important official visible bushels at Cleveland; 45,000 bushels at various Manitoba storage points, and 25,000 hushels each at New Orleans and in Minneapolis private elevators. The only corresponding de-crease noted is 144,000 bushels in Chicago private elevators.

BARLEY. Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Buffalo bar-ley maltsters are looking around for the better grade of barley and show a willingness to come within reasonable distance of holders' prices. A few car lots of Canada have been worked off during the week at about current quotations. Quoted: Western, choice, 40c to 42c; good, 33c to 36c; fair, 30c to 32c; State choice, 42c to 44c; fair to good, 38e to 40e; common, 32c to 35c; Canada, No. 1, 50e; No. 2, 48c.

POULTRY. Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 23.-Liberal receipts of Canadian and domestic poultry has overstocked the market and

caused a break in prices. Dressed turkeys, which sold up to the close yesterday at 12c to 20c for fancy, were dull today, at 10 1-2c for good, and 120 for strictly fancy, and the latter difficult. Chickens equally slow, choicest stock selling at 7.1-2c to 8c, and for very good, 6c to 6 1-2c. Ducks sold better; 10c to 12c for young, strictly fancy.

Geese—Not strictly fancy very slow; best, 10c to 11c per Ib. In live poultry trade is fair, but in sympathy with dressed goods prices are weaker; supply is not so heavy. Turkeys, 8c to 10c. Chickens, 6c to 7c.

Game is scarce, but not higher. Butter is quiet and dull, and fully s low as last Monday, but eggs are higher under the stimulus of cold weather, and strictly fresh are quoted at 21c to 22c; refrigerator, 15 1-2c to 18c.

Cheese quiet. Live Stock Markets.

EAST BUFFALO. East Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Cattle Receipts, about 2 cars; the market Hogs-Receipts, 35 cars; market was low; Yorkers, fair to choice, \$3 40 to \$3 45; roughs, common to good, \$2 85 to \$3; pigs, common to fair, \$3 40 to

Sheep and Lambs-Receipts, 15 cars; market very dull; lambs, good to choice, \$4 90 to \$5 25; culls and common, \$3 50 to \$4 40; sheep, good to choice handy weight wethers, \$3 85 to \$4; culls and common, \$2 to \$2 75. At the close: Cattle steady; veals weaker. Hogs stronger, at 5c advance; York-

ers, \$3 50; pigs, \$3 57 1-2; heavy, \$3 40 to \$3 42 1-2. CHICAGO.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—In view of the approaching three holidays—Friday, Saturday and Sunday—shorts in wheat have deemed it expedient to place themselves even, the prospects being a little bit uncertain. At the same time holders have had reason within the past few days to feel considerably encouraged, and on that account were indisposed to do any selling today. The conditions mentioned resulted in an advance in prices, the gain at one time being 1½c over yesterday, the late sales were at a trifle higher the late sales were at a trifle higher range, and by the time the 6 cars of Canadas reached the yards the market had in a measure regained its equilibrium: two bunches sold at \$5 25 and the rest at \$5 10 to \$5 15, or 10 lower than yesterday; a few held at higher prices were not dis-posed of, but there was a fair clear-

ance of general offerings. CHICAGO. Chicago, Dec. 24.—Estimated receipts of hogs today, 25,000; left over, 4,000; fairly active and firm; light, \$3 20 to \$3 42 1-2; mixed, \$3 20 to \$3 40; heavy, \$3 to \$3 40; rough, \$3 to \$3 05. Cattle-Receipts, 6,000: strong to 10c higher; beeves, \$3 60 to \$5 35; cows and heifers, \$1 50 to \$4 35; Texas steers, \$2 90 to \$4 25; stockers and feeders, \$2 90 to \$3 90.

Sheep-Receipts, 7,000; stronger. There will be no market tomorrow New York, Dec. 23.—Beeves—Receipts, 467 head; market fairly active, Poorest to best native steers, \$4 10 to \$5 per cwt; stags and oxen, \$2 12; to \$4 50; bulls, \$2 50 to \$3 00; dry dows, \$1 20 to \$3 dressed beef firm, at 6ic to \$5 per ib for poor to prime native sides.

Cables from British markets quote American steers at 10ic to 12c, dressed weight;

dull; veals and grassers firm. Poor to prime veals, 24 to 37 50 per cwt; a few tops at 57 62; grassers, \$2 50 to \$3; dressed calves firm; city dressed veals, 8c to 11c.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 1,538 head; market dull. Good to prime sheep, \$2 50 to \$3 65 per cwt; common to choice lambs, 34 25 to \$5 50; dressed mutton, 44c to 74c; dressed lambs, 71c to 91c; extra Canadian lambs, \$5 75.

Hogs—Receipts, 4,183; market weak, at \$3 50 to \$3 90 per cwt for state hogs.

Christmas Be in London.

Public Charitable and Institutions.

Treats for the Old and the Young-Gala Day at the Asylum, the Orphanages, Hospitals, Etc.

In the general festivities tomorrow the fatherless and motherless, the aged poor, the sick and the afflicted in body or in mind, will not be forgotten. The milk of human kindness reaches its largest flow at Christmas, and tomorrow all will share it.

AGED ONES MADE HAPPY. Tomorrow the inmates of the Aged People's Home will dine chiefly turkey, and plum pudding, with or-anges and other delicacies for side dishes. This is due to the bounty of the Women's Christian Association. Mr. T. McCormick has also provided each of the inmates with a box of sweetmeats. The first week in January a grand concert will be held at the home, to which the best city talent will contribute.

MOUNT HOPE ORPHANS HAPPY. To the fatherless and motherless at Mount Hope Orphanage Christmas is always one of the happiest days of the year. Tomorrow they will feast as sumptuously as any in the land, thanks to the energy and benevolence of the sisters and their kind friends. The orthodox Christmas celebration will be held Saturday afternoon, when the children will entertain the aged people to a concert, consisting of music, recitations, etc. Santa Claus will come down a chimney in the timehonored manner, and every one will receive a present. A splendid array of toys has been contributed by charitable people of the city.

PROTESTANT ORPHANAGE. When day dawns tomorrow, the bright little ones at the Protestant Orphans' Home will be on the alert to enter upon the joyous programme arranged for them. After attending di-vine service at the Church of St. John the Evangelist is a body in the morning a grand Christmas dinner will be partaken of. A sumptuous mick has given a box of candy for each child. Before the sweets are all eaten an entertainment by the Busy Bees will be the order of the day. Mrs. Gregsten, the Mother Bee, and her little "hummers" will make the afternoon pass very pleasantly. In the evening a Christmas tree will be unloaded, and the gifts that the children

will receive will be tokens of a most delightful Christmas. AT THE REFUGE. At the Salvation Army Refuge in South London great festivities will be held in the morning. Christmas services will be held, and after that the inmates and their friends will be given the annual treat. The place has been decorated, and Capt. Cowan, the matron, has left nothing undone to make Christmas happy. A big surprise is in store for the children. A huge Christmas tree has been erected, and filled with toys and presents, to gladden the hearts of the little ones. There are about 20 inmates at the home at present. A sumptuous dinner will be served, comprising turkey, plum pudding, etc., to which all the girls and women who have passed through the home have been invited, and most of whom have promised to attend. Capt. Perkins will officiate as Santa Claus. A number of gifts will be made to the inmates, and those who formerly lived there, consisting of books, Bibles, dresses, shoes, aprons, jackets, etc.

THE ARMY HOTEL: At the Salvation Army Hotel things will be pretty much the same as on other days, as Adjt. Cass, having his hands full with the council of and other matters, has not had time to make any preparations for Christmas. An effort will be made, however, to give the men at the shelter a free dinner on New Year's Day. The shelter is crowded every night with men who have no place to go, many of whom have come to town under the impression that the new sewer such a big work that London could not supply sufficient men. There are at present in the shelter, 32 men. Last night there were 46, 10 of them being obliged to sleep on the floor of the library, as accommodation could be se-

cured in no other place. AT THE JAIL. No special services will be held at the jail. Christmas will be celebrated in a very quiet way. The prisoners will do no work, and will be fed on roast beef, plum pudding and vegetables. The jail cooks have made three Christmas puddings, one yard long, and about as thick as a cedar post. Some of this will be kept until New Year's. There are 15 men and two wo-

men in custody at present. THE HOSPITALS. For some days everybody at the General Hospital has been preparing for the celebration of Christmas. A large force has been engaged in decorating the building. The menu will be especially fine, and many gifts have poured in from individual contribu-

tors. The array of flowers is beauti-At St. Joseph's the day will be marked in the same happy manner. GREAT DAY AT THE ASYLUM. As usual, Christmas will brighten the lives of the asylum patients. Everything possible will be done to make them happy, for which purpose

all employes will remain on duty. A splendid dinner of turkey, geese, plum pudding, etc., will be followed in the evening by the customary celebration in the amusement hall. Two large Christmas trees will be laden with presents and avery national will receive presents, and every patient will receive one. Dancing, music and other enlivening exercises will aid in making the affair enjoyable.

THE MEDICINE FOR LIVER AND KIDNEY COMPLAINT.—Mr. Victor Auger, Ottawa, writes: "I take great pleasure in recommending to the general public Parmelee's Pills as a cure

### UNPRECEDENTED DEMAND.

-Mesers, Gammage & Sons Sold Out of Roses.

steek of roses to meet the regular demand at Messrs. J. Gammage & Sons', the extra requirements of the present holiday season have been so great that the firm was obliged to stop taking orders, as they were completely sold out, and the cost of importing makes this class of goods so expensive that it is found not to be profitable to do so. However, there is still left a very fine collection of cut flow-ers and flowering plants, which is be-ing rapidly sold. The small flowering begonias and Chinese primroses are decided favorites in this latter class. In palms, ferns and foliage the firm has an excellent variety. The collection of palms includes many choice Kentias, a variety that stands better than any other for house decoration. Broad-leaved Lantanas are also very popular. Two massive hanging bas-kets of sword ferns attract a great deal of attention by their beauty. Other varieties, such as the maiden hair and carrot ferns, are also much desired for decorative purposes. There has been a large , call for umbrella plants, a species of Nile grass that is very odd and beautiful. Messrs. Gamdemand, being about the hardiest foliconfined to London. Orders for wedlarge numbers from all the surroundcountry.

Many Women Suffer From Them Because of Kidney Trouble.

Dodd's Kidney Pills, Which Re-Whereupon the Aching Symptons Vanished - Pertinent

Cases in Point. Pity the woman with a weak back! You know her. She feels too in to do a day's work comfortably, yet not ill enough to hire a doctor. It's her kidneys that are ailing. Backaches are not confined to working women. My lady of fashion surfers as much and often. Young girls often are troubled with weakness of the back and loins. supply statement are: 165,000 bushels at Fort William, Ont.; 150,000 bushels at Northwestern interior elevators; from citizens. Mr. Thomas McCortor to restore the kidneys to health. The medicine that will cure the Kidneys is DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS. Dodd's Kidney Pills have a marvelous record. Hundreds of

bless them. Read these: Ottawa, Ont. Dec. 4. — From the little village of Carlton Place comes news of a most startling recovery of strength in a growing girl. Her father makes the following signed statement: "My daughter had been troubled since six years of age with weakness of back and could not get any relief. I procured a half-dozen boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills, and she has used three boxes since and is com-pletely cured. I believe if she had not taken Dodd's Kidney Pills she would still be in her bed. She is now sixteen years old and healthy. You may publish this as you see fit so as

to help other sufferers. "JOHN GEORGE MUNRO." Madoc, Ont., Dec. 4.—A woman and her daughter both have been cured of Kidney disease here by Kidney Pills. The mothe attests: "I have been troubled with Backache, and I heard of Dodd's Kidney Pills curing all backache. I bought half a dozen boxes, and can highly recommend them to all fering with Kidney Disease. daughter Annie was run down, and she has taken them and is now free of all main. We have no objection to allowing this to be published.

"MRS. S. BARNUM; "ANNIE BARNUM." Colborne, Ont., Dec. 4. - No higher testimonial can be paid to any remedy than the voluntary statement of Miss Coburn, which is as follows: "I had been for six months troubled with a severe backache and kidney trouble. I was advised to take Dodd's Kidney Pills. I had before tried other medicines. I have taken your pills and find a great relief. I can safely say they are just the pills for young and elderly women.
"MISS ABBIE COBURN."

TWO TRAINMEN KILLED. Paterson, N. J., Dec. 24.-The train on the Erie Railway that left New York Tuesday night at 7 p.m., while passing through the Hackensack meadows, crashed into wreckage of a freight train which was eastward train was derailed and it toppled over on its side. The engineer, John Bogart, of Passiac, and the fireman, W. J. Halleck, of Waldrick, N. Y., were

SUICIDE OF A FARMER. Aurora, Ont., Dec. 24.—Geo. Kaiser, well-to-do farmer, living about four miles south of this place, committed suicide by hanging himself Tuesday night. He left his house in the early part of the evening to see about some sheep in the barn, and about an hour afterwards his son and son-in-law found him hanging in the barn, dead. No cause can be assigned for the rash act.

Give Holloway's Corn Cure a trial. It removed ten corns from one pair of feet without any pain. What it has done once it will do again. A special from Portland, Ind., says that a glycerine engine near Mont-pelier exploded on Wednesday. Harry Adams and George Pock were blown

Why will you allow a cough to lacerate your throat or lungs and run the risk of filling a consumptive's grave, when, by the timely use of Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup the pain can be allayed and the danger avoided? This syrup is pleasant to the taste, and unsurpassed for relieving, healing, and curing all affections of the throat and lungs, coughs, colds, bronchitis, etc.,

firmed the appointment of Julius G. Lay, of the District of Columbia, as United States consul at Windsor, Ont. A northwestern snowstorm and a heavy wind is sweeping across the Worms cause feverishness, moaning

The United States Senate has con-

and restlessness during sleep. Mother Graves' Worm Exterminater is pleasant, sure and effectual. If your druggist has none in stock, get him to procure it for you.

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CALAMITY AVERTED.

Thrilling Escape of a Southern Train Stopped at the Edge of a Derailed

Trestle. Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 24.-A passenger train on the Southern Railway, due here at an early hour yesterday morning, had a narrow escape from destruction at a point near Irondale, about 12 miles east of Birmingham. The train was running at the usual rate of speed, when upon approaching short trestle, the engineer discovered that a rail had been removed from the structure.

The air-brakes were applied and the train stopped in time to avoid a ter-

rible catastrophe. The engine, how-ever, went partly over the break in the rails, but remained on the trestle. NO GAG FOR HIM.

A Conservative Who Will Not Accept approved it, and acting under orders the Dictation of the Machine.

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.-J. T. Huggard, a prominent young Conservative, writes a letter yesterday expressing surprise that he should be nominated for office in the Young Conservative Club. He says reasons that have reduced an actual, paid-up membership of 400 to about 40, have compelled him, among others, to withdraw. He says that, during the past two years, when important public questions have been be fore the people, in not a single case has the association been allowed to express itself, save to give adherence to the machine politics of the Con-servative party. He says it is an insult to have independent young men remain members of an association which has such a dog-in-the-manger

policy. HIS ANXIETY.

"Your wife's just met with an acrushed into the grocery. "She ran over a dog while riding her bicycle, and cident, Wilkins," said a man who they've carried her to the hospital." The man sitting on the cracker barrel rose to his feet excitedly, and his face turned pale. "Did you notice," he asked in a trembling voice, "whether it was a liver-colored dog with two white spots on his fore-shoulder or not?'

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For Bilious and Nervous Disorders, such as Wind and Pain in the Stomach, Sick Headache, Giddiness, Fulness and Swelling after meals, Dizziness and Drowsiness, Cold Chills, Flushings of Heat, Loss of Appetite, Shortness of Breath, Costiveness, Blotches on the Skin, Disturbed Sleep, Frightful Dreams, and all Nervous and Trembling Sensations, &c. THE FIRS is no fiction. Every sufferer is earnestly invited to try one Box of these Pills, and they will be acknowledged to be

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WEATHER TODAY-Decidedly cold.

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SUED THE KING.

Mrs. Cheek After the Monarch of Siam -Says He Took Dr. Cheek's 176

Elephants. Oakland, Cal., Dec. 24.-Mrs. Marion Cheek's suit for \$80,000 damages against the King of Siam is going forward in a very favorable manner. It appears that Dr. Marion Cleek, the plaintiff's husband, who was a retired missionary, but a hustling business man, owned 176 elephants and other property near Bangkok, Siam. He had a prince for a partner who was a close friend to the King. Dr. Cheek failed to pay the prince a stated sum on a certain day. The prince complained to the King, who confiscated Cheek's entire property, includ-

ing the elephants.
On the death of Dr. Cheek Mrs. Cheek put in an itemized claim for \$80,000 damages. The State Department sent the claim to the American Legation in Bangkok, and the minister demanded from the King a full settlement. The King begged for time. He has now asked that the matter be arbitrated. All that remains to be done is to have the arbitrators named and the amount of damages settled.

2,000 MINERS ON STRIKE. Mascoutah, Ill., Dec. 24 .- About half coal mines of St. Clair and Madison counties have struck for higher wages. The men claim they have been working half time and not making living wages. They also claim that while has been a strong advance in prices for coal in the market there has been none in the payment of wages.

HOW'S THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH?

Build up their health with Manley's Celery Nerva compound. There is no remedy that takes pale, pinched and puny children and so quickly and effectually starts their growth, puts flesh on their bones and restores the ringing laugh, and vigorous romp of childhood, as Manley's Celery-Nerve Compound. It is the best remedy for over-worked, run-down school children, as it restores the fagged brain and renews the energies. Price \$1, at all druggists. 'Cough Chaser''-The best for Children's Coughs, Colds

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Feb., 63 9ld; March, 6s 10d; April, nominal May, 6s 10d.

nominal; May, 28 10d. Flour-Steady; demand poor; St. Louis fancy

NEW YORK.

21c to 31c.

Butter—Receipts, 2.863 packages; market steady; state dairy, 13c to 18c; Elgins, 22c.

Cheese—Aeceipts, 5,777 packages; quiet; large, 7½c to 10½c; small. 7½c to 10½c; part skims, 3½c to 7c; full skims, 2½c to 3c.

Eggs—Receipts, 2,998; steady; state and Pennsylvania. 21c to 24c; western, 15c to 23c.

Sugar—Haw easy: fair refining, 22c; refined, quiet; crushed, 5c; powdered, 42c; granulated,

Hops—Pull.
Lead—Strong: bullion price \$2.75; exchange price, \$3 to \$3.05.
Tallow—Firm.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Opening—Wheat, May.
81\\$c to 81\\$c. Corn, May, 25\\$c; July 26\\$c. Oats,
May, 20c. Pork, Jan.. \$7 60; May, \$7 90 to
\$7 92\\$c. Lard, May, \$4; Jan., \$3 80. Ribs, May,
\$1 10n \$2 82\\$c.

DETROIT Detroit. Dec. 24.—Wheat—No. 1 white cash, 91½c; No. 2 red cash and Jan., 92½c; July, 94½c.

MILWAUKEE.
Milwaukee, Dec. 24. — Wheat, cash, 781c;

Chicago Exchange. Following are the fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade furnished by F. H. Butler, Broker, Masonic Temple. 'Phone 1.278. CHICAGO. Dec. 24.

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CHRISTMAS

HANDSOME AND NEW.

184 Dundas Street.

Mr.Laurier will spend the Christmas

The bank statement for November

shows the circulation of notes to be

Hon. George Edwin King has be

gazetted British commissioner for the

The appeal in the Marquette election

mometer registered 13 degrees below

zero before sunrise this (Thursday)

Thomas F. Miller, of Wroxeter, Ont.,

who had his foot crushed by a tree falling on it, has had his leg ampu-

Mr. Richard Bryan, of Merritton, fell

The Hamilton Presbytery has unan-

imously indorsed the call from St. Paul's Presbyterian Church to Rev.

Neil McPherson, of Petrolea. The sallary was fixed at \$2,000, with a fair

prospect of its shortly being raised to \$2,500.

will never pass the House. This pre-

diction is made positively in the face of unquestioned fact that a great many in the House favor the Cuban

A special from Kingston, Jamaica, says: "Matters are tranquil in Hayti at present, but it is stated that a re-

volution is bound to come later. The French Government has refused recognition to Manigatas, Haytian minister to the republic. If he

tian minister to the republic. If he should return to Hayti from Paris

The alleged race war at Mayfield,

Ky., is ended. At a meeting of citizens, both white and colored people,

Manigat may make trouble."

holidays at Arthabaskaville.

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morning.

UG STORE

Novelties and

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Wheat—Dec. 783
May. 814
Corn—Dec. 224
May. 254
Oats—Dec. 163
May. 20
Pork—Jan. 7 60
May. 7 90
Lard—Jan. 3 89
May. 4 00
Ribs—Jan. 3 89
May 4 00

Puts, 80%; calls, 831.

Wheat-Dec. ..

Coffee-Quiet; No. 7, 10c.

Peas-Canadian, 4s 51d.

21c to 31c.

Cheer ....

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With a special agent in Rossland attending solely to our business, we are in a position to quote lowest prices on all stock. We have at attractive prices blocks of NORTHERN BELLE, ST. ELMO, Buffalo, N. Y.. Dec. 24.—Spring wheat—Dull; No. 1 hard, 913e to 92c; No. 1 northern, 832c to 833c; No. 1 rorthern, old, 894c. Winter wheat—Dull; No. 2 red, 954c on track; No. 1 white, 964c.

Corn—Sirm. No. 2 SILVERINE, MAY FLOWER. MONITA, CARIBOO. EVENING STAR, JOSIE, JUMBO.

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New York Stock Market. Reported by Frank Butler, broker, Masonic

|                        |       |        | Dec. 24. |        |
|------------------------|-------|--------|----------|--------|
|                        | Open. | High.  | Low.     | Close. |
| Atchison Ry            | 134   | 131    | 134      | 13}    |
| C. B. and Q            | 709   | 704    | 704      | 703    |
| C. and N. W            | 1011  | 1014   | 1014     | 1014   |
| Chicago Gas            | 724   | 73     | 721      | 721    |
| Gen. Electric          | 311   | 33     | 314      | 317    |
| L and N                |       | 48     | 474      | 477    |
| Manhattan              | 871   | 881    | 871      | 13 871 |
| Pacific Mail           | 231   | 234    | 231      | 237    |
| Rock Island            |       | 661    | 654      | 66     |
| Reading                |       | 251    | 25       | 255    |
| St. Paul               |       | 731    | 724      | · 731  |
| Tenn. Coal and lro     |       |        |          |        |
| Wabash                 |       | 155    | 154      | 153    |
| Western Union          | 821   | 824    | 822      | 824    |
| Distillery Trust       | 113   | 111    | 113      | 117    |
| Leather Trust          | 614   | 61+    | 611      | 61+    |
| Sugar Trust            | 110   | 1108   | 110      | 1101   |
| Tobacco Trust          | 79    | 791    | 78       | 781    |
| Montreal Stock Market. |       |        |          |        |
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| Montreal Stock Market.                   |         |
|------------------------------------------|---------|
| MONTREAL, Dec.                           | 21      |
| Ask.                                     | Off.    |
| Canadian Pacific                         | 543     |
| Duluth. common 5                         | 3       |
| Duluth, preferred 10                     | 71      |
| Commercial Cable                         | 1612    |
| Wabash, common                           | 1012    |
| Wabash, preferred                        |         |
| Montreal Telegraph                       | 1654    |
| Richelieu and Ontario100                 | 87      |
| Montreal Street Railway 2213             | 9214    |
| Montreal Street Railway, new             | -219    |
| Montreal Gas Company183                  | 1824    |
| Bell Telephone                           | 1574    |
| Royal Electric, xd                       | 124     |
| Toronto Railway, xd 684                  | 681     |
| Bank of Montreal230                      | 227     |
| Ontarie Bank                             | 80      |
| Banque du Peuple                         | co      |
| Molsons Bank                             | 183     |
| Bank of Toronto                          | 226     |
| Banque Jacques Cartier                   | 220     |
| Merchants Bank                           | 168     |
| Merchants Bank of Halifax                | 1624    |
| Quebec Bank                              | 1029    |
| Union Bank110                            | 100     |
| Bank of Commerce                         | 125     |
| Northwest Land preferred                 |         |
| Montreal Cotton Company130               | 124     |
| Canada Colored Cotton                    |         |
| Dominion Cotton                          | 1       |
| Postal Telegraph, B.C. 941               | 911     |
|                                          |         |
| SALES Mont. St. Ry., 25, 222, 25 at 2    | 219, 15 |
| at 2211; Toronto Ry., 25 at 681; Bank of | Com-    |

## JOMMERCIAL.

Toronto Produce Market. Toronto, Dec. 24.-Wheat-There is a good demand for Ontario wheat, both for export and for home milling, and thte market is firmer; red and white are quoted at 81c at north and west points; Manitoba wheat is firm; No. 1 hard sold, Toronto and west today, at 96c and at 96 1-2c east; it is quoted at 95c, all rail, North Bay. roller are quoted, Toronto freights, at \$4 15; Manitoba flour is firm.

Millreed—Steady, at \$8 50 to \$9 for shorts west, and \$7 50 to \$9 for shorts west, and \$7 50 to \$8 for bran. Barley-Dull, and prices are nominal it 30c to 31c for No. 1 outside, 33c to 34c for No. 1 extra, 27c for No. 2, 23c to 24c for No. 3 extra, and 22c for

Buckwheat-Dull, at 27c to 28c out-Rye-Unchanged, at 35c west, and 36c east. Corn-New yellow sold west today at 23c, and 23 1-2c was asked for

Oats-There is a good demand for export, and the market is firmer, at 17 1-2c to 18c for mixed west, 18 1-2c for white west, 19c middle freights, Peas-Steady; cars sold at north and west points at 41c; they are quoted

Latest Montreal Markets. GRAINS AND FLOUR. Oats—In store. No. 2 white, 25c. Feed barley—32c. Buckwheat—35c.

Corn—35c, Peas—48c. Flour—Manitoba strong bakers. \$4 50 to \$5 00; spring wheat patents, \$5 20 to \$5 30; winter patents, \$4 75 to \$5 00; straight roller, \$4 25 to

Feed-Bran, \$9 50 to \$10 50: shorts, \$10 00 to Canadian short cut, clear, \$10 to \$10 25.

Bacon—Sec 10 Mc.
Lard—Pure. 7c to 74c: compound. 54c to 54c.
Produce—Cheese, strong, 104c to 104c.
Butter—Quiet; jobbing at 18c to 184c.
Eggs — Fair business; new laid, 20c to 22c;
Iontreal limed, 14c to 144c; western limed, 13c

English Markets.

(Beerbohm's Report by Cable.)

# Tomorrow's Advertiser.

Tomorrow (Christmas Dav) the various editions of The Advertiser will be printed in the early morning. Its thousands of subscribers throughout Western Ontario will receive the paper by the first mail and the city readers by early delivery. News agents and newsboys

please take notice. A Merry Christmas to all.

May, 5s 10d.

Corn—Spot steady; American mixed, new, 2s 10id; futures opened steady, with near and distant positions unchanged; closed steady, with May id higher and other months unchanged; business about eqully distributed; Dec., 2s 9id; Jan., Feb. and March, 2s 9id; April, nominal, May, 2s 10d. -Mr. Omar Colerick, of Flint, Mich., is at home here for the Christmas

-Mr. Fred Genge, of Spokane Falls, Wash., is visiting his mother on Prin--There are stockings that neither

Santa Claus nor any other man can NEW YORK.

New York. Dec. 24.

Flour—Receipts, 16,400 bbis: sales, 1,800 packages: state and western inactive.

Wheat—Receipts, 56,400 bu; sales, 740,000 bu; opened firmer on cables, but eased off under local selling pressure; May, 87½c to 87 9-16c; July, 82½c to 83½c.

Corn—Receipts, 58 500; sales, 140,000; dull, steady; May, 31½c to 31½c.

Oats—Receipts, 26,400; quiet; track white, 21c to 31c. fill in Hamilton. -Mr. J. W. Fetherston, organist at the First Methodist Church, has gone to Toronto for a few days. -Mr. and Mrs. C. and Miss Sadie Holmes have gone to spend the holi-days with friends in Port Huron and

-About 100 applications have been received at Wolseley Barracks from volunteers anxious to take a three months' course. -Among Mayor Little's kindly acts the gift of nearly one hundred turkeys

to as many corporation employes, is one of the most noteworthy. -Mr. Frank Farnsworth, the wellknown baseball player, has moved his family from Brantford to this city, and they will in future reside here. -The assizes which open before Chancellor Boyd on Jan. 11 will be for civil business only-jury and jury. No criminal cases will be tried. -Rev. E. B. Lanceley, of this city, will preach at Grace Church, Brampton, on Sunday next, when the Sun

white, 96;c.

Corn—Firm; No. 2 yellow, 25c; No. 3 yellow, 24c; No. 4 yellow, 23;c; No. 2 corn, 24c; No. 3 corn, 23;c on track.

Oats—Dull: No. 2 white, 23c: No. 3 white, 20;c: No. 4 white, 18c to 18;c; No. mixed 18c to 18;c on track; No. 2 white, 22;c in store. day school anniversary services will be held. -To the Editor of The Advertiser: Please acknowledge the receipt of \$5 from W. Turville for bread tickets for the needy poor of the city, and very much oblige. W. Bell, Relief Inspec-

-The non-commissioned officers of Wolseley Barracks on New Year's will give a ball and supper to their friends. Capt. Hemming, the popular president of the mess, is doing all in his power to make it the best of its kind ever TOLEDO.
Toledo. Dec. 24.—Wheat—No. 2 cash, 95c
Jan. 95je: July, 96je.
Corn—July, 25je.
Oats—July, 20je.

known their goods in The Advertiser today keep open till a late hour tomade, the better all parties will be ratisfied.

Forest; King, Wyoming; McLeod, Paris; McIntyre, Norwich; Orchard, Ingersoll; Pettet (Hallelujah Nightin-postmaster. University, is on a visit to his home in this city. He intends leaving for

Persia or some other equally distant

was resumed this morning before Judge William Elliot, Mayor Little, County Crown Attorney Magee, Sheriff Cameron, County Treasurer Mc-Evoy and Warden Corbett, at which the jurors were selected.

-Alf. Corbett was summoned to ap-

old St. George's. -One of the most fashionable events that Toronto society has witnessed for some time was the "At Home" given at the opening of the new Dental College Friday night. The rooms were prettily decorated, and the costumes TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES

of the ladies very handsome. Among those who attended from London was Miss Silk, who wore a handsome gown of black silk, with pale pink silk vervet trimmings. -Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wayne last night gave a splendid performance of "Forgiven," a very meritorious drama. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne have a capital

company-one of the best repertoire troupes that the Grand has been favored with. This afternoon they give the immortal "Rip Van Winkle," Joseph Jefferson's version, and tonight they have a fine bill in "The Fugi-tive." "Forgiven" will be repeated tonorrow afternoon, and "Burled Alive" at night.

-The pupils of school section No 22, London township, surprised their teacher, Mr. George Duncan, at his residence on Monday evening by presenting him with a very handsome Christmas present and an address, signed on behalf of the pupils by Misses M. Scott and R. Ingles, setting from a Grand Trunk train, breaking his leg. He lay out in the cold all night and was badly frost-bitten. forth the high esteem and respect entertained towards him by his pupils. After spending a pleasant evening in games, music, refreshments, etc., they separated at a seasonable hour.

-Mr. E. N. Hunt, who for several years has efficiently represented ward No. 4 as school trustee, has been prevailed upon to become a candidate for the position of alderman in the ward. Mr. Hunt has this year been chairman of No. 2 committee of the Board of School Trustees. His services "The strong resolution in favor of Cuba reported today to the Senate in getting increased school accommodation for the northern end of No. 4 ward, in spite of much opposition, will not soon be forgotten by the people. Mr. Hunt will likely be elected by a good majority.

-Lodge Beresford, No. 209, S. O. E. at their last meeting elected officers for the ensuing term as follows: Past president, Bro. Thos. Cole; president, Bro. W. Brimblecomb; vice-president, Bro. A. Flawn; secretary, Bro. R. W. Bayless; treasurer, Bro. I. Brooks; chaplain, Bro. H. Powell; first committeeman, Bro. G. Tapp; second commit-teeman, Bro. J. Bone; third commit-teeman, Bro. H. Jones; fourth com-

ners on the cutter caught in the street car track, and the cutter overturned. Mrs. Johnston was also in the sleigh at the time, and both occupants were thrown out. Mr. Finlay was crossing the street at the time, and caught the horse's bridle just as the startled animal was about to dash off. Fortu-nately not the slightest injury was re-ceived by either Mr. or Mrs. Johnston, who proceeded on their drive none the worse for their experience. "PERSECUTION."

Mr. A .- Look here, Mr. B., hand over that electoral turkey of which you wrongfully deprived me. Mr. B.-What! You ask me to hand over that electoral turkey of which I wrongfully deprived you? It's persecution to ask such a thing; that's what it is. 115 MEN WORKING.

Contractor Grant has now 115 men at work on the South London sewers. On account of the frost he has been permitted to tear up the ground of the entire section, so that the work may be prosecuted regardless of the weather. The men are only able to work eight hours in the 24 on account of the shortage of daylight. REMEMBERED THE MEN.

Mr. R. W. Bennet, of the Bennet Furnishing Company, in his usual liberal manner, presented each of his employes last evening with a fine Christmas turkey. After the presentation it was proposed to give three hearty cheers for the donor, and the sugges-tion was responded to with much enthusiasm. Mr. Bennet's handsome present was also supplemented by each of the married men receiving a large roast of beef, which was sent to their houses. Mr. G. O'Farrell, one of the employes, who has sickness in his family, was not forgotten by his employer, and the men of the Bennet Furnishing Company, who subscribed a large sum to assist him in his domestic affliction.

### COUNCIL OF WAR.

Provincial Conference of the Salvation Army.

The Provincial conference and council of war representing the six Salvaheld this afternoon at the Citadel, Clar- ability. ence street. There were about 75 officers present, among them being: Staff.Capt. (Mrs.) Turner, chancellor of Western Ontario; Adjt. (Mr.) Archibald, leader of the Seraphitic Band; ford; Ensign Fox and wife, St. Thomas; Ensign Fox and whe, St. Tho-mas; Ensign Green, Simcoe; Capts. Bentley, McKenzie, Galt: Mary and Lizzie Branigan, Bayfield; Barker, Stratford; Collier, Brussels; Coy, Palgale); Rees, Thedford; Raynor, Tilsonburg; Rock, Bothwell; Scott, Berlin; Stevens, Listowel; Sloate, Sarnia; Tay-lor, London; Wakefield (band teacher); son; kindergarten song, "Busy Chil-

Annual Distribution of Christmas Cheer by St. George's

pear before Magistrate Parke this morning. Corbett was dressed in a red tion of the cheer provided by St. Precisely at 1 o'clock the distribumorning. Corbett was dressed in a red tion of the cheer provided by St. Sleigh Bells," four boys; duet by Mrs. and white suit to resemble Santa Claus George's Society commenced at 148 Branton and Miss McFalls; recitation and rode around in a dray distributing hand bills on the street, in contraven
Dundas street. Ald. Skinner, chair"Newsboy's Death," Miss Hossock: lowed to go with a warning.

—At the close of the proceedings at St. John's Royal Arch Cnapter, No. 3, dred tickets. Over three hundred tickets were given out, but after ticket-holders were supplied about a light Ex. Comp. A A Campbell Bast bundred the committee, was on hand, and so were a large number of the day school children. At this juncture the most pleasing feature of the entertainment, especially for the children was an all provided about a light for the children was an all provided about a light for the children was an all provided about a light for the children was an all provided about a light for the children was an all provided about a light for the children was an all provided about a light for the children was an all provided about a light for the children was all provided about a light for the committee, was on hand, and so were a large number of the holders of tickets. Over three hundred about a light for the committee, was on hand, and so were a large number of the holders of tickets. Over three hundred about a light for the committee, was on hand, and so were a large number of the holders of tickets. Over three hundred about a light for the committee, was on hand, and so were a large number of the holders of tickets. Over three hundred about a light for the committee, was on hand, and so were a large number of the large provided about a light for the committee, was on hand, and so were a large number of the large provided about a light for the committee, was on hand, and so were a large number of the large provided about a large number of the large provided about a large number of the large provided about a large number of the large number tion of the city bylaw. He was al- man of the committee, was on hand, song, Mrs. McTurk; song by the Sun-St. John's Royal Arch Cnapter, No. 3, G. R. C., at the Masonic Temple last night, Ex. Comp. A. A. Campbell, Past Z., was presented by Ex. Comp. J. W. Butler, on behalf of the officers and companions of the chapter, with a handsome Past Z.'s jewel, suitably inscribed, as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by the members of old St. George's. tity of oatmeal.

## CAME BACK.

Martin O'Sullivan, the Bookkeeper, Returns and Leaves Again.

Martin O'Sullivan, the bookkeeper at Somerville's grocery and liquor store, who disappeared the same time as his day book, which contained the records of the famous attic lager kegs, returned to London last night. He saw his employer, but the latter says nothing passed between them in regard to the whereabouts of the missing O'Sullivan again left the city today, and his employer does not know his whereabouts. John O'Hearn, another of the missing

# LETTERS TO THE "ADVERTISER."

A W. C. T. U. REQUEST. To the Editor of The Advertiser:
Will you kindly give space for the following resolution, passed at the last meeting of the W. C. T. U.? "Whereas we recognize, with deep gratitude to God, the rapid and solid growth of temperance sentiment among our people, and the consequent change for the better in social cus-

"Resolved, that we respectfully and affectionately entreat the women of our city, who at this season of holy memory, brighten the lives of relatives and friends by their open homes and hospitable tables, to banish from these anything that would be a temptation anything that would be a temptation to the weak or that would give a place of honor to that which has de-prived of Christmas cheer and glad-ness so many hearts and homes." S. R. WRIGHT, President. E. COSFORD, Secretary.

London, Dec. 23.

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zens, both white and colored people, an understanding was reached that peace should reign. Women and children are kept off the streets after dark, and after 10 p.m. all business houses are closed.

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MANY PERISHED

By the Capsizing of a Ferryboat—Steamer and All Hands Probably Lost. St. Petersburg, Dec. 24.-Many lives

have been lost by the capsizing of a ferry boat on the River Diener, in the Province of Ekaterinoslaff. London, Dec. 24.-The British steamer James Drake, of Shields, which sailed, from Carloforte (Sardinia) Nov. 28 for Dunkirk, is eleven days overdue, and has been given up for lost. She had a crew of nineteen men.

LUCAN.

Lucan, Dec. 23.-A very successful entertainment was held in the Presbyterian Church here on Wednesday night of this week. The neat little church was filled by an appreciative audience, and all seemed delighted with the night's entertainment. Mr. James Anderson stood at the door and took charge of the financial department, while Mr. John Park and Mr. T. McDougall were busily engaged seating the crowd as they came in, a duty tion Army districts of Ontario were which they performed with marked

The chairman of the evening was Rev. E.F.M. Smith, B.A., the newly-appointed pastor, a young clergyman of rare ability, who has few equals either as a preacher or as a chairman. On the platform was seated the Rev. A. Grant, B.A., of St. Marys, a Adjt. Miles, Petrolea; Mrs. Taylor, Rev. A. Grant, B.A., of St. Marys, a Palmerston; George Dowell, Brant-gentleman noted for generosity, wit and humor, who is always welcomed by the people of Lucan, and is considered to be a host in himself at entertainments of this kind. At the rear end of the church were

merston, Cockrells, Clinton; Dien, Lon- a number of prominent citizens, today keep open till a late hour tonight. The latest shopper will be welcome. But the earlier a selection is
made the better all parties will be The programme was as follows:

Song by the Sunday school children; Persia or some other equally distant country shortly in the interests of the Y. M. C. A. work. It has not yet been decided where his destination will be.

—Thomas Cake and Edward Foun
The result of this conference will be result of the result of this conference will be result of this conference will be result of the result of the result of the result of this conference will be result of the result Thomas Cake and Edward Fountain, the former sentenced to two and a half and the latter to three and a half years in the penitentiary by Judge Edward Elliott at the December sessions, were taken to Kingston this morning.

The adjourned session of the peace was resumed this morning before Judge William Elliot, Mayor Little, County Crown Attorney Magee, Sheriff Cameron, County Treasurer Mcgreat value to both old and young, bristling with wit and humor, and containing aboundant food for reflection; song, "Glory to God," by the school girls; recitation, "Poor Santa Claus," Flora Jardine; song, "Merry

# **CASTOR!A**

amounted to about \$18.

For Infants and Children.

Chart Hetchery Wrapper CASTORIA. Chart H. Fletchers Wrappen CASTORIA. witnesses, has also returned, and is doing business at the old stan CASTORIA.

> The fac-Chat H. Fletchers, trapper. The Bank of West Superior, Wis., did not open this (Wednesday) morning. It is a small institution; capital and surplus, \$100,000.

So thorough is the excellence of Ayer's Hair Vigor that it can be used with benefit by any person, no matter what may be the condition of the hair, and, in every case, it occasions satisfaction and pleasure, in addition to the benefit which invariably comes from its use. The thermometer registered 12 degrees below zero in Watertown, N. Y. this (Thursday) morning, and at Rice's Station, six miles away, it drop-

ped to 18 below. In Greece, in the third century, B.C., the wearing of silk was forbidden to women, the husbands of those who violated this law being heavily fined, and on the theory that a husband ought to be able to control his wife's taste for finery.

RAPSEY-In this city, on Wednesday, Dec. 23, 1896, Harry, son of Harry and Annie

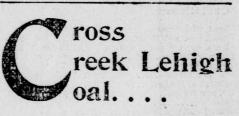
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# Lover's Triumph.

"It is to me, and I hope it will prove the same to you. What do you suppose our paterfamilias has been proposing to me this morning?" the young man asked, with a luminous face. The beautiful girl thought a moment before replying, the quick color leaping to her cheeks.

"I believe I can gues it!" she exclaimed, clasping her hands with a gesture of delight, "Oh, Geoffrey, is he going to take us all to Europe? That is it," she added exultingly. "I know by your tell-tale face. How perfectly charming!"

Geoffrey smiled wisely.

"You have guessed too much and too little, my sunbeam," he said.

"What a paradoxical statement, my learned Bachelor of Arts! I expected better things of you," retorted Gladys,

better things of you," retorted Gladys, merrily.

"You have yet to find my statement true, in spite of the seeming paradox," he replied, with mock dignity.
"Somepody is going to Europe—we are

"Somebody is going to Europe—we are not all going, however."

"Oh, Geoff, you are not to be left at home, are you?" cried his betrothed in a disappointed tone, her face paling at the thought.

"Guess again, my lady," he said,

"Well, I know that papa would not go without mamma, and I am sure she would never cross the ocean without him, and they certainly would not take such a trip and leave me behind," responded Gladys, with a puzzled air. "'Plato, thou reasonest well,'" quoted Geoffrey, an amused twinkle in his eyes; "and not to keep you longer in suspense, I will inform you that Uncle August has some business abroad, which, as he cannot make up his mind to the voyage, he thinks I can attend to, and he has proposed that I take you along with me. We are to have a six months' trip, combine business with pleasure, and get all the enjoyment we can out of it."
Gladys gave one startled, astonishconcluded, and then her face clouded and her eyes dropped beneath his. "Did papa propose that to you?" she asked, in a low tone, a burning blush

suffusing her face.

"Yes, dear. He said you had long wanted to go abroad, and he thought this would be a fine opportunity for both of us. Doesn't the idea please you?"

Geoffrey knew well enough what was passing in her mind, but he was so jubilant and so confident of the issue of the interview that a spirit of mischief possessed him to tease her a

"I should love to go abroad—I have always longed to go, as papa says," Gladys answered gravely, and with still downcast eyes; "but—I do not think I can go without papa and mamma."

"Why?" returned Geoffrey, in a pretended surprise. "Uncle August thought, as you and I were both fresh from school, we should appreciate and enjoy the sight-seeing much better to go together."

"It would be lovely, but—Geoff, you know I cannot go—so," she persisted, with a crimson face, and a suspicious tremor in her voice.

He gathered her close in his arms, and laid her head against his breast. "Darling, forgive me for teasing you," he said. "Of course you cannot go—'so'; but, Gladys, will you go with me as my wife?"

He could feel the quick bounding of her heart at this unexpected proposition, and he knew well enough that she would raise no more objections to the trip abroad.

He then repeated the conversation that had passed betwen her father

that had passed betwen her father and himself that morning, telling her how surprised he had been at the plan, and how, at first, he had hardly felt it right to adopt it, considering his rather doubtful position in life. Still, he had reasoned, if he could save Mr. Huntress from a dreaded journey in the dead of winter, and if his services were to be worth the generous sum he had named as his salary, he might feel justified in walving his own scruples, and in accepting the great happiness offered him, though he never would nave dreamed of proposing such a measure himself. "My Gladys," he said, in conclusion, "it is very sudden, and there is only a little time before I must go. Will you come with me, or must I go by

myself?"
There was a minute of silence, and then Gladys raised her head, and laid her lips softly against her lover's cheek.
"Under such circumstances, you

may be sure that I shall not let you go alone," she murmured, with a happy little laugh.

His arms closed more fondly about her. He bent and kissed her lips, his face radiant with joy.

"Oh, my darling, who would have believed eight or nine years ago that

believed eight or nine years ago that such happiness could fall to the lot of the poor boy whom you rescued from a mob in the street," he said, in a tremulous tone.

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They discussed their anticipated trip fully and freely after this, laid out their route, and formed many a pleasant plan for the coming years. The whole family held a council that evening, and it was decided that preparations for the wedding should be entered upon immediately, and that the marriage should occur just previous to the sailing of the steamer on which the young couple would embark for Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. Huntress found it

Mr. and Mrs. Huntress found it somewhat trying to contemplate the loneliness which they knew would fol-

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low the departure of their children, but they believed that the arrangement would be for their interest and happiness, and they would not mar their joy by giving expresison to any feeling of sorrow or regret.

Geoffrey at once entered upon his

feeling of sorrow or regret.

Geoffrey at once entered upon his duties, and with an enthusiasm and energy that promised well for the future: while Mrs. Huntress and Gladys busied themselves about the interesting mysteries of a wedding trousseau and preparations for the grand reception that was to follow the marriage ceremony in Plymouth Church somewhere about the last of December or the first of January.

While all these events were transpiring in Brooklyn, Everet Mapleson was living in a state of depression and unrest in his beautiful home near Richmond.

After his trip to that mining dis-

After his trip to that mining district in New Mexico, where he had visited the grave and former home of Annie Dale, he returned immediately to Vue de l'Eau, where he remained, appearing very little like the free and easy student who had been so full of life and hope at the conclusion of his college course.

Colonel Mapleson and his wife returned from Newport about the same time, and both wondered what could have occurred to change their son thus in so short a time.

Mrs. Mapleson attributed it to his hopeless attachment to the beautiful girl whom she had seen at Yale, and for whom Everet had confessed his love; but she could not get one word from him on the subject, authough she had tried to gain his confidence upon several occasions.

upon several occasions.

"Father," said the young man, coming into the library one morning, after the household had settled into its usual routine, "while you were away I visited the Hermitage, and made a singular discovery there.

"Ah! I imagined everything of a sin-

gular character had disappeared from that place when Robert Dale departed this life. What was the nature of your discovery, pray?" Colonel Mapleson remarked, looking up from the newspaper that he was reading, and removing his spectacles.

Everet described his visit to the place, told of his energetic blow upon the desk and its results and then produced the package of certificates

produced the package of certificates and the picture which he had found, to prove his statements.

"Well, this is a singular discovery, I confess," said his father, when he had finished. "Let me have a look at that picture."

"He held out his hand, and upon re-

ceiving it he turned to the light to examine it.

"Yes, this must be a likeness of Mrs. Dale; it resembles her strikingly, although she was greatly changed, and this must have been taken many years previous to my acquaintance with

"Then you knew her?" said his son.
"Oh, yes; I've eaten many a fine cookie baked by her hands during my boyhood," replied Colonel Mapleson, musingly. "Poor Robert Dale! so he treasured his love for her as long as he lived."

"And he has left all his money to

her daughter," said Everet, touching the package of certificates that lay on the table.

"It would have been more to the purpose if he had given the family some of it while they were suffering the stings of poverty," Colonel Mapleson remarked, his attention still riveted upon the picture.

upon the picture.
"Did you know the daughter?" Everet inquired.
"Yes; I had some acquaintance with her."

"Were they so very poor?"

"Well, they had a pretty hard time of it, I reckon, for a while; but I did not realize it at the time, for I was very young; only visited Uncle Jabez during my vacation; you know he sent me to Baltimore to school. Uncle Jabez gave them a cottage rent free, and gave them something besides to help eke out a small annuity that Mrs. Dale had, and that was all they had to live upon until they opened a small private school. After I came into possession of the estate I allowed them to remain in the cottage, the same as before, although they would not accept from me the money they had received from Uncle Jabez; they

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North Bruce, Dec. 21.—An old and well known settler in this township, named Thomas Brooks, who lives on lots 7 and 8 in the 14th concession, is rejoicing with his neighbors over his recent recovery, and he said:

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The astronomers say that the earth is a ring of matter which was "shot off" by the sun 66,000,000 years ago, and which gradually worked itself into a ball or globe.

THERE is not a more dangerous class of disorders than those which aflungs, and was given up by physicians. A neighbor advised me to try Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil, stating that his wife had used it for a throat trouble with the best results. Acting on this advice, I procured the medicine, and less than half a bottle cured me; I certainly believe it saved my life. It was with reluctance that I consented to a trial, as I was reduced to such a state that I doubted the power of any remedy to do me any

Russian cannon captured at Sebastopol are used as trophies in various parts of France. During the Czar's recent visit to Paris four of these identical guns were used in firing a salute to welcome him.

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LIFE SAVED.—Mr. James Bryson Cameron writes: "I was confined to my bed with inflammation of the lungs, and was given up by physicians. A neighbor advised me to try Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil, sating that his wife had used it for a throat trouble with the best results. Acting on this advice, I procured the medicine, and less than half a bottle cured me; I certainly believed it saved my life. It was with reluctance that I consented to a trial, as I was reduced to such a state that I doubted the power of any remedy to do me any good."

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Western Ontario.

Charges Against a Presbyterian
Minister Unsustained.

A Brant Farmer Found Dea Stable.

There are fifteen cases of diphtheria in St. Thomas.

More than \$12,000 has been raised for the Sandwich sanitarium scheme.

The balling is in possession of the stock of Story & Co., butchers, Ridge-town.

The candidates for the mayoralty of Walkerville will be Mayor Bott and Ald. Thos. Reid.

J. E. Meddaugh, manufacturer of bricks, Wheatley, has assigned to Joseph Julien.

Thomas Brighty, sen., South street west, Aylmer, who has been ill for some time, died on Tuesday.

Peter Grant and Wm. Nisbet were elected by acclamation on Monday to represent division No. 3 in the Lambton County Council, comprising the townships of Dawn and Sombra.

The Daughters of Rebekah, Windsor, at their "pound social" on Tuesday night, received 220 parcels of tea, butter and other articles, which have been distributed among the poor.

A number of Toronto firms are interested in the estate of J. J. Thompson, merchant tailor, Sarnia, who has consulted his creditors. Thompson's liabilities are in the neighborhood of

Hart and Levine were convicted at Sarnia on Tuesday on five charges of theft of bedelothing and wearing apparel. Hart was sentenced to four years in the Provincial Penitentiary, and Levine to two years.

Mr. Pattullo, of Woodstock, on Tuesday received a telegram from Owen Sound saying that his sister, Mrs. Geo. Rennie, was seriously ill, in fact in a dying condition. Mrs. Rennie moved from Woodstock last spring with her

Ira Vanderlip, aged 78 years, a very highly respected citizen of Langford, was found dead in his stable Wednesday. Deceased had driven to Cainsville. On his return he put the horse in the stable, and within half an hour afterwards was found dead.

A meeting of creditors of the estate of R. T. Phillips & Co., Chatham, manufacturers of staves and headings, was held on Tuesday. The liabilities of the firm are about \$8,000, and it is

believed the estate will not realize more than 10 cents on the dollar.

On Monday evening Walkacetown presented one of the gayest times it has seen for many years in the way of an oyster supper held in honor of two of its boys, Duncan Forbes and Ben Sutherland, who were shipwrecked on the coast of Ireland some six weeks ago.

The death occurred on Monday evening at the residence of George Bailey, South Yarmouth, of Mrs. Loretta Jerden, wife of Edgar Jerden, in her 28th year. Death resulted from blood poisoning. Deceased leaves two children, the eldest 3 years and the youngest 3 weeks.

The Government veterinary surgeons

visited Walkerville yesterday, but found no new cases of hog cholera among the Walker herds. No new cases have been reported in any part of Essex county for several days past, and the surgeons think they have the disease under control.

The preliminary trial of Joseph Dumas, who is charged with attempting

mas, who is charged with attempting to murder old Mrs. Snook, of Dover, on Dec. 7, was held on Wednesday before Magistrates Houston and Forham, at Chatham. The defense offered no evidence, and Dumas was committed to stand his trial.

At Sarnia on Monday Harry Neal

was before the mayor charged with setting fire to the Congregational Church. The mayor dismissed the first charge (the Lawrence fire), and committed him for trial on the south ward school house and two Congregational Church fires. Bail was taken.

As the Brantford fire department was leaving the station Wednesday

As the Brantford fire department was leaving the station Wednesday morning, Fireman John Brown was thrown from the aerial truck to the ground, and seriously injured. As the truck came out of the door the wheels swung around in the snow, and Brown, who was jumping on, missed his footing and fell, the wheels pass-

The special meeting of Chatham Presbytery to inquire into serious charges made by Mrs. Tremells against her pastor, the Rev. S. E. Greathead, of Dawn circuit, was held on Tuesday. In the charges against the minister were included "back-biting, raving like a madman, using opiates, encouraging dancing," etc. The charges were thoroughly investigated, and after much deliberation the Presbytery decided that they were not sustained, and a recommendation was made looking to a peaceable settlement. Mrs. Tremells, with her husband and mother, conducted the prosecution.

Westley Simmons, aged 50 years,

mother, conducted the prosecution.

Westley Simmons, aged 50 years, single, stood before Judge Finkle, of Woodstock, Tuesday morning, charged with disposing of obscene literature. He was elected to be tried summarily. Chief Pow, of Tilsonburg, arrested Simmons last Saturday. It is alleged that the accused was showing a number of cards with immoral verses printed thereon to school children at Tilsonburg. On the man's house being searched no less than 3,000 of these cards were found. According to the samples in Chief Pow's possession, the literature is of the vilest description.

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DECIDEDLY COLD.

Toronto, Dec. 23 .- 11 p.m.-The depression central over Ohio yesterday has passed off the Middle Atlantic coast, at decidedly higher pressure, and is now covering the whole country seething effect upon the vocal from the Pacific to the Atlantic. Minimum and maximum temper

tures: Calgary, 24-30; Edmonton, 20-28; Qu'-Appelle, 12-20; Winnipeg, 12-10; Port Arthur, 6 below-2; Toronto, 6-11; Ottawa, 8 below-4; Quebec, 10 below-4; Halifax, 12-20.

PROBABILITIES. Toronto, Dec. 24.—1 a.m.—Probabili-ies for 24 hours for lower lake region: Fine and decidedly cold both Thursday and Friday; snow flurries in a few

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The highest and lowest readings of thermometer at the observatory yesterday were: 23 above, and

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London Advertiser. TELEPHONE NUMBERS. 107.....Business Office. 134..... Editorial Rooms. 175.....Job Department.

-The G. T. R. is making fast time with freight these days. -Mr. Burris Gahan, of Toronto University, is spending the holiday season in the city.

-Mrs. A. W. Spry, of Dufferin avenue, has gone to Petrolea to spend the Christmas holidays. -Miss Allie Sallmon has returned home from visiting relatives in St. Marys during the past week. -A most enjoyable concert was

pupils from the Aberdeen school. -Mr. Peter McDonald, of this city, left for his home in Barrie this morning, where he will spend Christ--Fifteen of the short course men

who have completed their term at Wolseley Barracks, left for home yes--Miss Annie Cannell, of this city, JOHNSTON BROS., Wellington Sircet left yesterday on a short visit to her sister, Mrs. A. K. Melbourne, Hamil-

-Catalogue and pamphlet work a specialty at The Advertiser Job Department. Estimates cheerfully fur-

-Mr. and Mrs. James Carrie, St. Thomas, will spend Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. D. E. Galbraith, old-fashioned weather-saw that "When the days begin to lengthen

the cold begins to strengthen" is about the most correct of the lot.

sister, Mrs. G. J. Blodgett, of Maywood —Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Vanderburg and two sons, Master Warren and Ro-land, leave on Thursday to spend the holiday season with friends in Detroit and other parts of Michigan.

-A former Londoner, Mr. R. F. Hungerford, of the Merchants' Bank staff, Stratford, has been transferred to the branch at Galt, His successor will be

F. R. Dromgole, of the Mitchell branch.

—Obediah Cannom's smokehouse on the Hamilton road was burned on Tuesday night. Mr. Cannom had loaned the place to Mr. Bowles, a neighbor, to smoke a pig. The place caught fire, but no one knows how, and Mr.

Bowles' pig was roasted. -The many friends of Mrs. J. Garland, Detroit, will hear with regret of her death, which took place at the Detroit hospital last week, where she had gone to undergo an operation. Mrs. Garland is the sister of Mrs. Binns and aunt of Mrs. Talliafero, of this city.

-Wm. S. Case, who has for the past nection with that firm. He leaves to devote his whole attention to the business of Simpson & Case, Aylmer, of which firm he is a member. As a

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### Great Rush

for our Xmas bargains. Don't miss your chance. Great variety of goods to select from. We do not deal in cheap, trashy goods, but are selling good goods at

RIDICULOUSLY LOW PRICES

CALENDARS, CARDS AND BOOKLETS.

# Make Your Friends Happy

Collar and Cuff Boxes, Glove and Handkerchief Holders, Dressing Cases, Shaving Sets, etc., etc.

McCormick's Purest Creams and Chocolates, for the holiday trade.

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# 268 Dundas Street. Christmas

**Fable Supplies.....** The choicest goods in the market are here for your inspection.

Choice Malaga Grapes, Fine Sweet Florida Oranges. Fine Sweet Jamaica Oranges, The Finest Table Raisins, Choice Seven-Crown Figs, Choice New Dates and Prunes, The Best Grenoble Walnuts, Fine Tarragona Almonds. Choice Cape Cod Cranberries. TURKEYS, TURKEYS, TURKEYS! Choice, Young, Plump Birds.

I. A. ROWAL & CO., DUNDAS ST.

Worthy Work Always WE WANT YOUR TAILORING TRADE. NOT A BETTER SELECTED STOCK TO CHOOSE FROM.

DAMBRA

# There Are Others.

buy your gentlemen friends an Xmas gift at this store. You can get a present that is appreciated store and store store and every one a bargain. A line of our own make Sateen-covered Comforters, extra large size, reduced to \$2 25 and \$3 25 each. and inexpensive. Leading brands of Cigars in boxes of tens and twenty-fives from 50c up. Briar and Meerschaum Pipes, Pouches, Cigar Cases and Holders, and all Tobacconists' Sundries. Prices

Promotive of Arts tickets for sale here.

parting token of the esteem in which he was held by his late employers he was presented with a year's salary. -An Ottawa dispatch says: John Lambert Payne, Sir Mackenzie Bow-ell's, and afterwards Sir Charles Tupper's private secretary, has been trans-ferred to the Militia Department, and William Wilfrid Campbell, the poet, goes to the Privy Council in place of Payne." Mr. Payne is a former London newspaper man.

-Marks Bros.' Company at the Music Hall last night played to a large house. The audience, which was largely composed of ladies, appeared to be well pleased with the performance. Tom Marks headed a capable com-pany, and as Dan McGinty had the house with him from the start. Tonight, "The Lost Heiress." -The rapidity with which the lov-

ers of high class music in London are filling the lists of subscribers to the Albani concert on New Year's night gives promise of a large and fashionable audience on that occasion. The sale of seats begins on Monday next, the subscribers having the choice for the first two days, after which the plan will be open to the general public. The programme for the occasion is one of exceptional merit from a musical point of view, and is such as to display the prowess of the great prima donna to the best advantage, while at the same time giving full scope to the brilliant artthe most correct of the lot.

—Miss Lizzie Campbell, of 54 Miles ists who assist in the performance. This will be without a doubt the musical event of the season in Lon-

-Ahoghill Loyal Orange Lodge, No 230, held its annual meeting last night, the attendance being large, and the greatest interest manifested in the proceedings. After an able address by and other parts of Michigan.

—Rev. Dr. Potts, of Toronto, and Rev. James Allen, M.A., pastor of the Metropolitan Church, Toronto, are announced to preach in the First Methodist Church of this city on Sunday, Isp. 10 Proceedings, After an able address by the retiring master, Bro. J. McDonald, the election of officers was proceeded with, and resulted as follows:

W. M., Bro. John Walker; D. M., Bro. W. B. Walker; Chaplain, Bro. George Brett; Rec. Sec., ceeded with, and resulted as follows:
W. M., Bro. John Walker; D. M.,
Bro. W. B. Walker; Chaplain,
Bro. George Brett; Rec. Sec.,
Bro. C. M. Perrin; Fin. Sec., Bro. George Geoghan; Treas., Bro. S. Clare; D. of C., Bro. F. Logan; lecturers, Bros. J. Fleming and J. McDonald. Committeemen—1st, Bro. S. Hughson; 2nd, Bro. R. Clare; 3rd, Bro. H. Wal-lace; 4th, Bro. S. Langford; 5th, Bro. P. Colmorgan; inside tyler, Bro. H. Walker; outside tyler, Bro. W. S. Hodgins; trustees, Bros. J. Walker, S. Clare and C. M. Perrin. The newlyelected officers were subsequently installed by Bro. George Taylor, past

county master. -The annual installation of officers of St. John's Royal Arch Chapter, No 3, G. R. C., took place last night in Masonic Temple, the attendance being large and the proceedings of general interest to Capitular craftsmen. After the usual routine business had been disposed of R. Ex.-Comp. Arthur Carrothers, P.G.S.N., performed the ceremony of installation, assisted by R. Ex.-Comp. J. S. Dewar, P.G.S.N., and Ex.-Comp. J. D. Balfour, M.D. The following is a complete list of the new officers: Z., Ex.-Comp. Alexander Findlay; H., Ex.-Comp. W. J. Carson; J., Ex.-Comp. Jas. A. Gauld; S. E., Comp. John Siddons; S. N., Comp. E., Comp. John Siddons; S. N., Comp. Wm. O'Brien; Prin. Soj., Comp. Oliver Ellwood; Treasurer, R. Ex.-Comp. A. E. Cooper; Janitor, Comp. John Robertson; Sen. Soj., Comp. A. B. Greer; Jun. Soj., Comp. John Callard; M. of First Veil, Comp. C. B. Edwards; M. of Second Veil, Comp. J. T. O'Brien; M. of Third Veil, Comp. J. M. Slater; M. of Fourth Veil, Comp. J. Hobbs. Ex.-Comp Dr. Balfour was elected genresentative of the chanter elected representative of the chapter to the Grand Chapter meeting at To-ronto in January next. At the close the Companions spent a social hour with the new officers. The Chapter is sure to continue its prosperity under Ex.-Comp. Findlay's guidance.

PLEASANTLY SURPRISED. Mr. Thomas W. McFarland, at D. S. Perrin's, was surprised by his fel-ANDERSON'S 183 by way. The occasion being the eve

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Perhaps throughout the whole inventory of drygoods stock nothing strikes one as being more desirable for a gift thing than GLOVES. Our Ladies' Glove Department is the best assorted in the city. We are exclusive agents for four leading manufactur-

ers. Ask to see our MONARCH, COUVERSIER, QUEEN, MAJESTIC, ALEXANDRIE. CZARINA, IDEAL. DERBY, A special line Red and Tan Mousquetaire Gloves, worth \$1, for 75c. Special line Ladies' Black Silk Mitts,

# HANDKERCHIEFS.

worth \$1, for 50c.

Our assortment embraces over 1,000 dozens of all kinds, from 5c to \$5. Every one has been reduced. Our buyer took a whole day, at the job of cutting the prices—some lots a quarter off, others a third, and some others a bare of the contract o others a half. They are here for your inspection and choice. Inquire for our Silk Handkerchiefs at 10c and 25c

# EIDERDOWN QUILTS.

Warm, light, pretty, cheap. Nothing shows better taste in selecting a Christmas reminder than a nice Eider-down—real Eiderdown—Quilt. We have them covered with cotton, sateen, But you make no mistake if you satin, ranging in price from \$4 to \$17,

# DRESS SILKS.

If there's one thing more than another we're proud of it's our Silks. We are strictly within the bounds of truth when we say our silk stock is larger than the combined retail stocks of town. That means big business and big selling, also cheap buying and cheap selling. Just now we are making special dresses in the most fashionable Black Dress Silks. The dress

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DRESS PATTERNS.

\$3 00 NO NO \$4 00 EQUAL \$5 00 \$6 00 VALUES \$7 00 VALUES.

WOMEN'S IMPORTED COATS, \$5.

Last week we started the selling of about 200 Ladies' Imported Coats at \$5. The number fell to 56. We have received another lot, and there is still about 100 to choose from. These garments started the season at from \$6 to \$15, and at those prices were unmatched values. They are made principally from Beaver and Cheviot Cloths, plain or braid-trimmed, or fur-We ask you to examine these before you buy.

# MILLINERY,

Do you want one of those real FrenchPattern Hats or Bonnets that made our first show this season so particularly attractive? They've served their purpose, and you may choose from them today at about one-third cost to us. Your choice for \$5. Any other trimmed millinery at half price. Ladies' and Misses' Black and Colored Walking Hats, 75 cents and \$2.

### BLANKETS.

There must be a reason for this blanket selling passing all former records. It is worth money to you to understand the reason and be guided to this one best blanket store. It isn't what we say that keeps the old store a hive of busy-ness. It is what we at from \$9 to \$12; former prices, \$15 do. See the marvelous values offer-

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A Handsome and Convenient Outfit for Room or Office. OUR SPECIAL OFFER: 1 Tray, 1 Spirit Lamp, 2 Cups, 2 Spoons, 1 Water Boiler, 2 Salt and Pepper Casters, 1 Bottle Methylated Spirits,

1 16 oz. Bottle JOHNSTON'S FLUID BEEF The whole neatly cased for \$3 50. Expressed prepaid on receipt of price.

THE JOHNSTON FLUID BEEF CO., MONTREAL.

fested in a well-worded address, accompanied by an elegant set of par-lor furniture. The address was sign-ed by Wm. Hadden and Wm. Knott, on behalf of Mr. McFarland's fellow-

Mr. A. H. Smith, of this city, master mechanic of the middle division, G. T. R., acting on the advice of his physician, has resigned his position, and will leave the service of the company at once. He has been connected with the G. T. R. since March, 1883. In June following he was made assistant mechanical superintendent of Western divisions, with headquarters in London. Before leaving England, Mr. Smith was connected with the Midland Railway for upwards of thirteen years. The mechanical force of the various divisions of the G. T. R. sincerely deplore the removal of Mr. Smith for the cause stated, and earnestly hope that relaxation from the cares and anxieties of business will speedily restore him to his wonted health.

KIND WORDS.

Munyon's H. H. Remedy Company Thank the Advertiser for a London

Testimonial. Many chances occur to newspaper publishers to show to their advertisers where direct returns are received from their advertising. When the potent power of an advertisement is applied to an article in a paper that is read by people at their homes, the returns are sufficient to the advertiser to warrant a continuance of his patronage in that medium. It has always been the custom of The Advertiser to look out for occasions where benefits have been derived, especially to outside patrons. The following letter has just been received from the Munyon Homeopathic Home Remedy Company, of Philadelphia, whose aggressive advertising in The Advertiser during the past few months has been very effective on account of the au-thenticity of their testimonials and the bright style of advertising used. The testimonial referred to in the letter was secured by an Advertiser representative, and was the result of . reading the advertisement in this pa-

don:

nice testimonial that you inclosed in your letter. It is certainly a step in the direction that we appreciate, and shows that The Advertiser is not only carrying our advertisements for what on behalf of Mr. McFarland, though employes. Mr. McFarland, though completely taken by surprise, replied in suitable terms.

there is in it, but that it is then they can. We will be most happy to use this testimonial in London advertisting the control of the co ing and in other points in Cutario. Thanking you for your courtesy, and hoping that our business relations may continue pleasantly, we are, yours

very truly,
"MUNYON'S H. H. R. CO." Fever and Ague and Bilious Derangements are positively cured by the use of Parmelee's Pills. They not only cleanse the stomach and bowels the central division; subsequently of from all bilious matter, but they open the central division; subsequently of the northern and northwestern and western divisions, and afterwards, in June, 1889, of the Western and Great blood into the bowels, after which the corrupted mass is thrown out by the natural passage of the body. They are used as a general family medicine with the best results.

Perfume Atomizers, new and nobby presents, at Anderson & Nelles' drug

# To Be Diamonds?

If your Christmas giving is to be along the line of Diamonds, we can most certainly interest you, especially in RINGS and PENDANTS, such as Stars,

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