

GERMAN SEEMS Satisfied

With Having the Friendship of Great Britain, Because She Will be a Gainer.

WHAT EMPEROR WILLIAM SAYS

Owing to This Good Turn, Germany Can Apply Herself to Protecting Her Own Interests.

Berlin, Dec. 15.—According to a communication received by The Berlin Borsen Zeitung from a Parliamentary source, the Emperor recently, upon the occasion of his receiving the officers of the Reichstag, remarked that there had been many changes affecting the relations of the great powers. Within the past few weeks, he said, it has become manifest that the antagonisms of certain interests were making themselves felt more than formerly, and under given circumstances account had to be taken of these antagonisms, which might result in decisive issues.

The Emperor referred to the success achieved by the vigorous English policy at Rhodes, but said it must be admitted that it was not certain the Anglo-French differences had been completely adjusted.

Referring to the Anglo-German colonial treaty, the Emperor said the arrangement was accomplished owing to the friendly and accommodating spirit shown on both sides, and Germany might expect to gain advantages thereby. Owing to the turn of the international situation, the Kaiser added, Germany was in a position to apply herself to the protection of her own interests.

THE OPPOSITION LOSS IN BAGOT.

Rural Parishes Gave Good Conservative Majorities, But the Small Towns Were Liberal.

Montreal, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Apart from the whoop-up of La Patrie, there is very little comment on the result of yesterday's polling in Bagot, where the Opposition lost a county which they had held in Federal politics since Confederation. It should be said, however, that seven of the exclusively rural parishes gave good Conservative majorities, and that it was small towns like Acton and St. Dominique that tilted up the Liberal vote. It was here that the credit to Mr. Beaudry, M. P. for St. Hyacinthe, is said to have been given. The Minister of Public Works gives the thanks. It is said that the last-named was promised as Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere's successor if he would win the county for the Government.

A ROYAL HYPOCHONDRIAC

The Emperor of China is Not Physically Ill, But Only a Victim of Abnormal Melancholia.

London, Dec. 15.—The report of Dr. Dehner of the French Legation in Peking, who has been in consultation with the native physicians treating the Emperor of China, has just been received. He says he was unable to make a complete examination of his royal patient, but his diagnosis shows no distinct disease. The young Emperor is simply anemic, with its depression and lassitude, and all that is needed is to be cheered, is abnormal melancholia.

MEDICAL AT HOME

Was a Huge Success—Toasts Galore—An Energetic Committee.

Medical L. O. L. No. 781 held a successful at home last night in Webb's parlors. A reception given by the committee, and a grand was rendered by Miss Mann, Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. Shaver, Mr. Shaver, Mr. McKinnon, Mr. Yule, Mr. Alexander, Mr. H. H. Harvey, while Miss McKinnon was an admirable accompanist. Harry Johnston was toast master. The toasts of "The Queen" and "William III." were given. The "Royal Orange Association" was responded to by County Master John Hewitt. The article of Rev. A. B. Chambliss, "Our Guests" by Bro. Thomas Crawford, M. L. A., and Bro. R. F. Clarke, D. G. M. Bro. John E. Allan, the coming school, was read for Ward 2, made a forcible speech. The committee of Messrs. Thompson, John Johnston, chairman; Andrew Thompson, secretary; David Hamilton, treasurer; John Thompson, Jr., W. J. Sanderson, J. J. Sanderson, J. S. Pollock, J. Croft, J. Laury, H. Hamilton, R. H. Sanderson, W. Woodwood, A. A. Allen, E. W. Palmer, and Andrew Joseph Thompson and W. Charters.

IT WILL TAKE EIGHT YEARS

For Spain to Pay Off the Debts of the Recent War.

Madrid, Dec. 15.—Senator Pulgar, Minister of Finance, in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday said that the financial department expected to pay off the debts of the recent war in eight years' time. He had hoped that Spain would settle all of the expenses of the war, the cost of having taxed each element of production.

What Steamer Is This?

Skillbrenner, Ireland, Dec. 15.—A despatch received here from Baltimore, about seven miles north-west of the city, is reported to be a trans-Atlantic liner, is in distress off the coast there. She has been blowing steadily for some time. The White Star liner Teutonic sailed from Queenstown at 10 a.m. to-day for New York. The Red Star liner Kilmarnock also sailed to-day from Queenstown for Philadelphia.

Revolution in Bolivia.

Lima, Peru, Dec. 15.—Advices received here today concern the outbreak of a revolution in the Bolivian Republic.

East Toronto.

East Toronto, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Reverend Walters failed to appear this evening at the special meeting of the council, called by him, but the other councillors were present. Mr. McMillan took the chair. The question of keeping the fire hall expressly for the firemen came up and it was agreed that each should get a key. It was also agreed that Mr. Parkinson should receive the alarm box from the building. The accounts of the fire department for boots and coats, amounting in all to \$375, were ordered to be paid. No definite action was taken in connection with the extension of the water main to Norway school, but in compliance with the trustees' request, Mr. Davidson of the council, spent yesterday in the city. The village houses should be systematically numbered. The question was taken up at the next meeting. The trustees' annual statement showed the expenditure to be \$30,000, and the receipts the same. This council will have one more meeting before the close of the year.

A new home was established last evening at 730 George street, and the house-warming was a merry event. About three weeks ago the young Mr. and Mrs. William Patterson performed the ceremony at the home of friends in Toronto, and the following were the guests: Mr. and Mrs. Law left for their new home. On the Newmarket track this afternoon a race was shown for the following were the scores: D. Chapman, 10-40; R. Laidie, 9-10; A. Minnie, 8-10; J. Lambert, 8-10. Constable Tidmarsh referred the shoot.

In addition to the 12 cases of scarlatina, which closed Little York school, three of scarlet fever are now reported. It is understood that until health is restored the Sunday schools will also remain closed.

LIBERAL LEADER ILL TREATED

Some Influential Members Wish He Had Been Given to Sir William Harcourt's Resignation.

London, Dec. 15.—The members of the Reform and National Liberal Clubs are busy discussing the matter of the withdrawal of Sir William Vernon Harcourt from the leadership of the Liberal party in the House of Commons. A majority of them are of the opinion that he has been ill-treated, but several of the more influential members are in favor of giving no heed to his letter of resignation. The National Liberal Federation is regarded as working in the interests of Lord Rosebery's return to the leadership of the party, with former Home Secretary Asquith as the leader of the Liberals in the House of Commons.

HAVANA'S STREET CAR LINE.

Half the Stock Taken by a New York Company—Montreal Broker in It.

Havana, Dec. 15.—At a general meeting of the stockholders of the Ferrocarril de Matanzas yesterday the sale of the entire stock, amounting to \$1,000,000, was authorized at \$2. Half of the amount was taken by Mr. George W. Young, president of the United States Mortgage and Trust Company; Senator Smith of New Jersey; Percival Farquhar, F. Patterson, C. G. B. M. Harvey and Hanson Bros. of Montreal. The other was taken by Ruffe & Sons, and T. W. Todd, bankers of London. Captain General Castellanos has issued an order stopping work on the railway concession until the rights of any of the parties interested, until the Americans control here. This covers the American Indian Company from beginning the construction under a disputed concession.

WARRANT FOR ESTERHAZY.

Prince Victor Napoleon Hohenzollern With Anti-Revisionists.

London, Dec. 15.—The Paris correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says: "A warrant was issued to-day (Thursday) for the arrest of Count Ferdinand Walsch Esterhazy." "It is asserted that Prince Victor Napoleon stayed at the house of an Imperialist in Avenue Hoche from Wednesday to Saturday last, and that while there he had conferences with General Mercier, Minister of War in the Cabinet, and with which Dreyfus was condemned, and M. Paul De Roulede, the anti-revisionist."

Is Dreyfus on the Way?

London, Dec. 15.—The Paris correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says: "It is asserted that Dreyfus is now on his way to France."

SIX PERSONS KILLED.

Disastrous Railway Wreck Caused by Cattle on the Track.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 15.—A passenger train of the Florida Central and Gulf Railroad was wrecked this evening near Madison by a collision with cattle on the track. Six persons were killed, and many others injured. The train was carrying a large number of passengers, and the cattle were running across the tracks. The wreck caused a great deal of damage to the train and the cattle.

Burmester's Recital Tickets.

The sale of seats for Burmester's piano recital to be given in Association Hall next evening begins at 10 o'clock to-day. The recital will be given at 8 o'clock to-morrow evening. The tickets are selling very well, and the recital is expected to be a great success.

In the Interest of Trade.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The Ways and Means Committee to-day authorized a favorable report on a bill to remove the restriction on the export of goods to interior points in less than car loads. Under the terms of the bill goods can be shipped in less than car lots under regulations to be prescribed by the Treasury.

William's Trip May Make Trouble.

Rome, Dec. 15.—Premier Crispien, in the article published in the Rivista d'Italia treating of the claim of France to a protectorate over the Christians in Palestine, says that France has the right to demand that only those Turkish subjects who are French and Christian, and who are in the service of the Holy Land will have very grave consequences.

Ready for Another Year.

The officers of Diamond Lodge, No. 9, S.O.L.F.A., are: Bro. John Crowe, president; Bro. George Brown, vice-president; Bro. Tom A. Moon, recording secretary; Bro. Tom Hudson, financial secretary; Bro. William Smith, treasurer; Bro. Tom Parks, chaplain; Bro. James Hutchinson, lecturer; Bro. Robert Douglas, D. S. Conductor John's Very Low.

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Mr. Alfred Johns, the well-known railway conductor, was removed yesterday in the ambulance from his home at 1000 Avenue Road to the General Hospital, suffering from appendicitis. Mr. Johns was very ill, and it is doubtful whether he will recover.

Two Chicago Firemen Killed.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—The collapse of a wall during a fire in a heavy stable on Cottage Grove avenue to-day killed two firemen and injured a number of others. The dead were Firemen John M. Kelly and John J. Kelly. The injured were Firemen John J. Kelly and John J. Kelly.

American Cattle Van on York.

New York, Dec. 15.—Beavers—Receipts, 985; quotations steady; common, \$1.25 to \$1.30; cows, poor to medium, \$1.80 to \$2.75; calves, higher; live cattle at London, 120 to 125c; at Liverpool, 115c to 120c.

A Friend of the Prince Dead.

London, Dec. 15.—Mr. Christopher Sykes, the well-known clubman, society leader and intimate friend of the Prince and Princess of Wales died to-day, in his 67th year.

PERSONAL.

Thomas Urquhart is an aldermanic candidate for Ward No. 4. Rev. Dr. Thompson of Avonport, Ont., who was a missionary to India for several years, is dead.

W. A. Dicker, B.A., '98, died at his home near Wallacetown last Wednesday.

Mr. Louis Sebort, Port Perry's popular politician, was in town yesterday.

"Sam" H. Graham of Hamilton, editor of The Advocate, spent yesterday in the city.

Mr. H. Thornton, manager of the Dominion Bank at Whitby, was in town yesterday.

Rev. Dr. Barclay of St. Paul's Presbytery, Church, Montreal, is the guest of Major L. H. Jordan.

Major Bennett, Deputy Island Revenue Collector, has been ill but will be out in a few days.

Merville W. Bastedo, clerk in General Superintendent Leonard's office of the Canadian Pacific, who has been laid up for the past week with illness at his home, will be able to resume his duties to-day.

General Superintendent McMillan and Superintendent Morris of the Motive Power Department, who were in the city, came up from Montreal on Wednesday night, returned to the east yesterday morning.

At the Grand Union, S. Houston, Ont., J. T. Doble, Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly, Rev. Dr. Arthur, Durham, Mr. J. Greenhalgh, Guelph, M. S. Catter, London; Albert Stott, Windsor; A. Stewart, Walkerville; George Goebel, Brantford.

SACRIFICE ON BOARD SHIP

Malay Sailors Gave a Remarkable Exhibition of Orientalism at the Port of Philadelphia.

HEATHEN RITES ON BRITISH SHIP.

A Lamb Slaughtered, Its Heart Cut Out and Thrown Overboard—The Priest Was the Butcher.

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Men's Waterproof Coats—Imported English make, all wool brown checked tweeds, with sleeves and 30 inch detachable cape, sewn seams and stitched edges, sizes 38 to 46, regular price \$10.00, on sale **6.00**

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Boys' Fautleroy or Brownie Suits—All wool navy English serge and brown Scotch tweeds, deep collars trimmed with braid, separate vest, good linings throughout, sizes 21 to 25, regular price \$5.00, for **2.50**

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YESTERDAY WITH VICE-ROYALTY

Lord and Lady Minto had a busy day yesterday.

Early in the afternoon Their Excellencies received a large deputation from the Methodist church at the Queen's Hotel, when Rev. Dr. Curran, superintendent, and Rev. Dr. Ross, secretary of the conference, presented His Excellency with an illuminated address, beautifully bound in morocco, expressing the loyalty of Methodists to British institutions. His Excellency replied briefly. Among those composing the deputation were: Senator Atkins, Senator Cox, Senator Randolf, Hon. E. J. Davis, Provincial Secretary, J. W. St. John, ex-M.L.A., George F. Marter, M.L.A., H. H. Cook, ex-M.P., ex-Mayor Kennedy, Ald. Scott, J. Macdaren, G.O., Warden Gilmore, Esq., John Coatsworth, ex-M.P., Chester D. Mas-

sey, W. E. H. Massey, E. Gurney, W. J. Gage, Chancellor Burwash, and Rev. Dr. Briggs. Dr. Wilcox, Dr. W. B. Parker, Dr. I. Tovey, Dr. Griffin, Dr. A. B. Chambers, Dr. Dewar, Dr. German, S. D. Chown, C. E. Manning, J. A. Rankin and C. O. Johnston.

Later Their Excellencies were driven to the Hunt Club for luncheon. At 4 o'clock they received the civic address, and the evening the Excellencies attended the annual ball of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club at the Pavilion, winding up a busy day.

Took Him to Guelph. Percy Clay's sentence of 30 days in jail for theft was yesterday and as he left the institution he was re-arrested on a charge of stealing an overcoat at Guelph. Chief Randall arrived yesterday afternoon and Clay went back with the officer.

THE TORONTO WORLD ONE CENT MORNING PAPER.

No. 33 YONGE-STREET, Toronto.

A CASUIST WITH A BURN. Mr. Bertram did exactly what The World foretold two days ago: his meeting last night was for the express purpose of laying down conditions for Sir Wilfrid and his fellow communers to fall on, having failed in their Washington mission. The jig is up and the carpet bags are being packed for home. There will be no treaty in the bag for which let us all thank a Merciful Providence.

But Mr. Bertram is not going to worry about the result: if a treaty is got it will be a good one for Canada, for he has every confidence in our commissioners; if a treaty is not brought home it is because a good one could not be got by these commissioners in whom he has every confidence. If we don't get a treaty, why we'll go on in our own way, build up our own industries, use the raw products (now exported) at home and make ourselves independent of everyone.

All of which is easy for Mr. Bertram to say. But it jars the record of Sir Wilfrid and the other leaders. They promised that once in power they'd give us the market of 65 millions, our natural market. They promised by sunny ways to get from Washington what we wanted. And yet Sir Wilfrid is coming home empty-handed. Nay, more, there is a suspicion in the minds of many that he and his associates went so far as to offer our most valued national rights, in exchange for reciprocity favors.

On the subject of our fiscal policy, Mr. Bertram made a protectionist speech. It was out and out protection, Canada as against the United States, and as a protectionist speech we had no fault to find with it. But it made many of his hearers squirm in their seats. He simply perverted the record. He said Liberals were never free traders, they never had any intention of wiping the N. P. out of existence; that there was no substantial difference between the two parties on the fiscal policy—at the most it was one of terms rather than of principle. We haven't much patience with this kind of a man. You can't argue with a man who says the thing which is not, or to put it in a better way, who says the thing which is not settled. Mr. Bertram says the tariff is now settled: we remember Mr. Fielding, the Minister of Finance, telling the House that the tariff was better than the tariff in time, that they had only got the first dose of tariff reform. Mr. Fielding, no so great an authority as the Minister, but a man who conscientiously believed what he said and who believed what the Liberal leaders had told him, said to the electors of East York that "the policy of the Liberal party was to wipe the National Policy off the face of the earth." We respect Mr. Frankland for his honesty; we detest Mr. Bertram's low-down casuistry. A Scotchman who has a burr in his tongue, and has turned casuist, doesn't need a long spoon when supping with the devil. Sir Wilfrid Laurier is also a casuist, but with the burr in his tongue to justify himself. He read a letter of Laurier's to show that Liberals were not in for free trade. What does that prove, if you know that Laurier has declared equally often that he wanted free trade as they have it in England? It is a two-faced man calling a two-faced leader of a two-faced party to testify that A is B, though the day before the same parties were all testifying that A was not B. And so the merry dance goes on, while Mr. Tarte and Mr. Sifton do the fiddling. Mr. Bertram spoke as a Conservative and a Protectionist, while professing to be a Liberal and a Free trader. It was north by south. And that was why every now and then some Liberal in the audience with a remembrance of George Brown in his head would nervously and suddenly run his fingers through his thinning locks to try and ascertain where he was at.

Mr. Bertram quoted the Ottawa convention. So shall we and with that take leave of his casuist:—
—At the Ottawa Convention (1893).—
Hon. Wilfrid Laurier (leader): Our first duty is to arouse the people to a sense of the immediate danger, and the immediate danger is the free trade issue. Canada is a free trade country. The N. P. has been found to be a fraud and a failure. The Government (Conservative) tells us that the principle of the N. P. is that the Government should protect the principle of the N. P. is vicious and must be taken off—not only the branches. We shall never rest until we have wiped away from our system that fraud and robbery (the N. P.) under which Canadians suffer. Their (Conservative) ideal is protection, our ideal is free trade. Sir Richard Cartwright: I have always held that in Canada protection was not only a crime, but a blunder. I believe, sir, that tariff reform is a good thing, but that no rapid development and recovery can be looked for unless in some form and shape you also obtain access to the markets of the United States.

CHARGE THIS TO THE LIBERALS.

In some way or other the Americans have got a poor impression about us Canadians. On Tuesday last The Buffalo Express, in the most cold-blooded way, suggested that Great Britain should exchange Manitoba, British Columbia and the Northwest for the Philippines. The Americans, it appears, wish to expand, but they prefer to expand near home rather than in the far off Pacific. And they are inclined to believe that the objections which the Dominion might make to such a trade could be overcome by generous trade concessions. The gentlemen who went as suppliants to Washington are responsible in no little degree for the miserable impression which the Americans entertain of this country. If the Liberal party had treated Canada with the respect that is due it, we would not now be exposed to these insults from the United States press. For this proposal to sacrifice our heritage for a few paltry trade concessions is nothing short of an insult. We have to thank Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Richard Cartwright and the other Liberal leaders for this humiliation. Ten years ago they were the leaders in a movement whose object was the transfer of the whole country to the United States. Can we wonder that the Americans now wish to purchase, if they cannot get the whole of it, at least a portion of the Dominion?

THE NICKEL INDUSTRY.

In spite of the anti-Canadian policy of the Provincial and Federal Governments, the nickel industry of the Sudbury district is on the boom. Over one thousand men are employed by the Canadian Copper Company, which possesses a capacity for treating 600 tons of ore per day. This is double the number of men that have been usually employed. The demand for nickel is rapidly increasing. Nickel steel is to be used by the Americans in the construction of their new warships, and it is also being utilized by the European powers for the same purpose. Although the French nickel mines of New Caledonia are being operated, the fact still remains that Canada possesses what is virtually a monopoly of this important metal. If ever there was a time when the Government should act with promptness and decision it is just now in regard to the nickel industry. The first business that Sir Wilfrid Laurier should undertake on his arrival from Washington is the imposition of an export duty on nickel matte, as has been provided for by act of Parliament. The imposition of this duty would cause an immense refining industry to spring into existence at once. What sense is there in the Canadian Premier remaining in Washington when he can do so much for Canadian industry at Ottawa?

STATE COLLEGES AND PRIVATE BENEFACTION.

Lord Strathcona, who has given more than a million dollars to McGill College, seems to share with many others the idea that provincial or state universities are not proper objects for the philanthropist's benefactions. The Canadian High Commissioner thinks that "Toronto University can get all the money for any professorship she wants from the public purse," and it is therefore not entitled to his, or for that matter, to any other person's, consideration. So strong is this prejudice against state colleges that it is a question if University College would prosper much better if it were to sever its connection with the state and depend altogether upon its own resources and upon private benefactions. There is very little sense in this prejudice against state institutions, but that it is strongly implanted in the public mind there is no denying. It is very rarely that a dollar is bequeathed to any hospital, asylum, school or college that is supported by the state. Toronto University has received nothing worth mentioning, although all the sectarian colleges that surround it have been endowed more or less generously by private individuals. The prejudice against the endowment of state institutions by private individuals can be supported by no reasonable argument. On the contrary, money bequeathed to such institutions as University College would accomplish much better results than if left to sectarian and smaller concerns. It is not true that the Provincial University does not require funds, for that it can get all it requires from the public treasury. There are various departments that require enlargement and improvement, but it is impossible to get the representatives in the Legislature to grant the necessary funds. The rural representatives are opposed to further grants for the University, and as they are the dominating element in the Legislature their views prevail. Apart from the hospitals, which always deserve the first consideration of the philanthropist, there are few objects more worthy of private benefaction than University College. It is a pity that some of our local millionaires, and we have quite a few of them now, do not take a larger view of their responsibilities and privileges by endowing the state university instead of limiting their philanthropy to the sectarian colleges.

AMEND THE ACT.

Through a technicality in the Assessment Act the electric companies, including the Street Railway Company, are escaping their fair share of taxes. If the plan of these concerns is subject to taxation at all, it should be assessed at its value as a going concern and not as so much scrap, as has been decided. It is evidently a case where the City Council should apply for an amendment to the act to remove the ambiguity that is occasioned by the provision that the plant must be assessed by wards instead of as a whole.

WOULD MULOCK TAKE IT?

A Rumor That the Postmaster-General May Succeed Strathcona as High Commissioner. Ottawa, Dec. 15.—A rumor is current here that Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal will not return to London in the afternoon, and that his colleagues in the Council are pressing Hon. William Mulock to accept the position.

Isolation Hospital Xmas Tree.

Donations have already been received from a number of ladies and gentlemen towards the fund for providing the above-mentioned hospital with a Christmas tree. Any who are willing to give gifts, either of money or toys and books, should send them either to The World or to 140 Spadina-avenue or 11 Wilton-crescent.

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RED CROSS NURSE TELLS THE STORY

Dying by the Score, Not Merely of Heart Hunger, She Says, But for Want of Food.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—Advice from Honolulu, Dec. 7, says: "Scores of the soldiers at Manila are dying in hospitals for want of proper nourishment," says Miss Schaeffer, a Red Cross nurse, who went from here to Manila in September and has just returned.

"They say the Government allows 60 cents a day for each patient. You can save dozens of lives on five cents a day. 'Oh, the utter woe of hospitals, the helplessness of them. Men as bright, as noble as God ever made, given up to death, hoping for it, seeking it, taking poison, doing anything that will end the despair that comes upon them, seeing nothing before them but days of pain and nights of wretchedness without proper food, alone with no one to give sympathy or cheer, to write to friends, to soothe the aching brows or moisten parched lips; if by sheer vitality they do get better, there is before them nothing but the still more cheerless period of convalescence, with the probability of a relapse. So wonder there are six or seven funerals a day. Under the dead house is never empty."

"I went through the wards day after day, and men poured out their woes; soldiers who not many days before were hale and hearty, and now were lying in their loneliness and despair, made poignant and vivid by their own tell-tellings. Many of them were not only suffering from lack of food, but from lack of proper nursing, of the most ordinary hospital treatment, and was helpless—just one cog in the great machine grinding machine whose material was noble men and whose goal was death. I do not mean that the hospital attendants are careless or indifferent. Many do their best. But there is so much ignorance, so many clogs to the work which would be done."

"Think of an attendant going through a ward, and finding a man lying in bed, out to 60 or 60 patients indiscriminately by the capital, when in the whole hall there is a whole ward there is no nurse, but one nurse with experience, and for perhaps only one or two awkward boys, who, perhaps, never saw a sickward before."

MUSIC IN THE AIR.

Unprecedented Activity in Musical Instrument Manufacture.

The Dominion Organ and Piano Company of Bowmanville is doing a rushing business these days, or rather these days and nights, for the hours of daylight are altogether too few for the work to be done, and the factory is kept running till 9 o'clock every night. This is the second largest concern of the kind in the Dominion, and the fact that it is thus pushed, even beyond its regular capacity, speaks eloquently of the appreciation in which the Bowmanville instruments are held by the music-loving public. The past year has been the most prosperous in the company's history, both its home and export trade having increased in a most satisfactory way, and this enlarged business has been secured solely upon and through the instruments manufactured. The same fact has been the cause of the company's rapid growth, and the fact that it is thus pushed, even beyond its regular capacity, speaks eloquently of the appreciation in which the Bowmanville instruments are held by the music-loving public. 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