

DOMINION PARLIAMENT

Motion by the Minister of Finance Re Appropriation for Canadian Contingents.

Debate on the Resolution Opened—Gen. Hutton's Removal Discussed.

Ottawa, Feb. 13.—When the house opened today a bill was introduced by Mr. McCarthy, to amend the criminal code, so as to make the same punishment apply to infringement of copyright as of a patent.

The minister of militia then took occasion to correct a remark made last week in the house by Mr. Clarke Wallace, to the effect that the minister's son, Lieut. Borden, was said to have been guilty of insubordination towards his superior officer, Major Williams, at Halifax, recently. He read a telegram from the assured officer commanding at Halifax as follows: "With reference to the report of insubordination against Major Williams, commanding a detachment of the Canadian Mounted Rifles at this station, and Lieut. Borden, commanding a troop therein, the whole story is absolutely without foundation, no difference of the slightest nature having occurred."

GEN. HUTTON'S DEPARTURE.

Col. Prior brought up the matter of Gen. Hutton's departure from Canada after a service of months as officer commanding the militia. It was said that the general was going on service in South Africa, but he did not believe this to be the reason of Gen. Hutton's departure. It looked like another case of friction. It was well known that the minister of militia and the departing officer were not on good terms. He regretted that Gen. Hutton had been forced to leave Canada at this juncture. Politics had been at the bottom of it all.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier thought it preferable not to discuss the cause which led to Gen. Hutton's departure, but he had been recalled by the imperial authorities to take service in South Africa. He had done good service in Canada, although, like most men, he was not free from faults. But it would be best to leave the matter as it stood and allow him to go to South Africa with the best wishes of everybody in the country for his success.

Col. Tisdale asked for some information as to the government's policy in regard to filling the position, as we could not do without an imperial officer. Col. Domville, thought it unfortunate that Col. Prior should find it necessary to apologize for Gen. Hutton. Of course, some favorable officers might have a good word for the general, but he was certainly not leaving Canada to the regret of the force. Col. Domville had in his desk, he said, papers which would show that Gen. Hutton was capable of great cruelty. In fact, Gen. Hutton had never been able to hold any position for any length of time. It was in the best interests of Canada that he left. He then went on to say he believed the statement that Gen. Hutton was going to South Africa was only an excuse.

Dr. Sproule observed that Gen. Hutton at the head of the Canadian militia had been the right man in the right place. He had done more to improve the militia than any commanding officer we ever had.

Sir Adolphe Caron held that an imperial commander was necessary, as did also Mr. O'Brien, who said Gen. Hutton grew in public favor the longer he remained in Canada. Mr. McNeil took the same view.

The minister of militia denied that politics had entered into the administration of his department. Politics had been completely ignored in the selection of officers of the contingents. As regards the appointment of general officers commanding, he announced that it was the policy of the government to amend the militia act so as to take power to appoint a Canadian officer if considered advisable.

Mr. Foster was sorry to see Gen. Hutton driven out of the country, but would not discuss the military question. There was no objection.

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The minister of finance then made his motion to appropriate \$2,000,000 for equipment and pay of the Canadian contingents. He would say no more than that this was the largest contribution made by any colony and he hoped it would be voted unanimously.

Sir Charles Tupper supported the resolution. Since the government had decided to send, as he had suggested, a Canadian contingent, he congratulated the government upon its action. He had called the premier of New Zealand, asking if that colony was

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paying its troops in the field. The reply was: "We pay the difference between imperial and colonial pay, but being the case, Canada was doing as much as the others. Finally he congratulated the government on the intimation of Sir Richard Cartwright that the government was prepared to provide pensions and allowances for those who were wounded and for the families of those who fell."

Mr. Charlton said the government had acted with prudence, sagacity and dignity. The sending of the contingents was an epoch in British history, and the world had taken note of it. To talk of this war as a strain upon England's resources was an absurdity. England was a vast power and had not yet begun to trench upon her military strength. In the struggle between Boer and British civilization, there could be no doubt as to where lay the sympathies of every man in Canada. For himself, he was willing to vote any amount of money to maintain our position in the empire, and he trusted the resolution would be dealt with in a patriotic spirit.

Mr. Bourassa followed. He was opposed to the principle of having Canada committed to this new policy of participation in British foreign wars, without reference to parliament.

Mr. Monck felt that he must oppose the government on this new policy. He was a loyal British subject, but thought that the government was establishing a dangerous precedent.

Mr. Borden, Halifax, gave notice of motion to refer the West Hurdle Brookville election case to the privileges and elections committee.

Mr. Fielding informed Mr. Montague that the government did intend to introduce legislation affecting friendly societies.

Mr. Davin moved the adjournment of the debate, and the house adjourned at 12:20 a.m.

THE WHOLE SECRET.

Of the Remarkable Success of a Remedy for Indigestion and Stomach Trouble.

A new remedy which may revolutionize the treatment of stomach troubles has been placed before the public, and bears the indorsement of many leading physicians and scientific men. This preparation is not a wonderful discovery, nor yet a secret patent medicine, neither is it claimed to cure anything except dyspepsia, indigestion and stomach troubles, with which nine-tenths of our nation are more or less afflicted.

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This success has been secured entirely upon its merits as a digestive, pure and simple; because there can be no stomach trouble if the food is promptly digested.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets act entirely upon the food eaten, digesting it completely, so that it can be assimilated into blood, nerve and tissue. Every drop of blood, every bone, nerve and tissue in the body can be renewed in but one way, and that is from wholesome food properly digested. There is no other way, and the idea that a medicine in itself can purify the blood, or supply new tissues and strong nerves is ridiculous, and on a par with the old-fashioned fallacy that a weak stomach which refuses to digest food can be made to do so, by irritating and inflaming the bowels by pills and cathartics.

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The regular use of one or two of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, after meals, will demonstrate their merit and efficiency better than any other argument.

They are sold by druggists everywhere, and a little booklet on the cure of stomach troubles will be mailed free by addressing F. A. Stuart Company, Marshall, Mich.

IN LABOR'S FIELD

Mogul Engineers and Firemen Get Better Pay—The Massey-Harris Molders' Strike.

Toronto, Feb. 13.—The engineers and firemen who run the Mogul type of engines on the Ontario and Quebec division of the C. P. R., are rejoicing over the increases in wages which have just been granted. Superintendent Leonard has issued a circular informing the men of the change, and stating that the increases will date from the first of the present month. This action is purely voluntary on the part of the company, as the agreement with the men expiring wages does not expire until March, 1901.

THE MOLDERS' STRIKE.
The molders who left the Massey-Harris shops ten days ago are still on strike. They are as determined as ever that they will not concede until the company recognizes their union. On the other hand, the company are resolute in their position that they will not make their shop a union one, but leave it open to all.

NINETEEN MEN RESCUED.

New York, Feb. 14.—The French freight steamer Fournel, which arrived today from Bordeaux and Havre, rescued at sea on Jan. 29 the captain and crew of the Italian steamer Francesco Grasso, bound from Liverpool, for Genoa, coal-laden, in a sinking condition. All hands, consisting of 19 men, were saved and brought to this port. On Jan. 29, six days out, the circulating pump on the Grasso broke down, and after 18 hours' unavailing effort, the vessel filled and sunk. The Fournel hove in sight in the nick of time.

UNEASINESS IN OLD LONDON

Over the News From the Seat of War.

Boers Shell the Women's Lager at Kimberley—"Sniping" Prevalent—Heavy Fire on Flag of Truce.

New York, Feb. 14.—Cable dispatches to the morning papers say that London is in a state of uneasiness over the news from South Africa. A cable to the World says that the Queen, because of the serious state of the war, will not go abroad for a holiday, but will remain near London.

The London Morning Post's war expert says: "The announcement of the new appointments confirms the supposition that a large force has now been assembled at Molder River."

BOERS SHELL THE WOMEN'S LAAGER.

News from Mafeking is to the effect that the Boers, on the 27th, deliberately shelled the women's laager. The Boers fired shells from their big gun, considerable shelling and "sniping" has been going on for the last fortnight, and the Boers have of late been working hard in the western trenches. The fire of the big gun has caused many casualties, mostly on the Boers' side. Shells are dropped into the town in a desultory way, more trying because unexpected, than a regular bombardment would have been. Of the casualties, however, little is known. The Boers tried to force Kaffirs to the town under a flag of truce on Jan. 17. Col. Baden-Powell refused to receive them.

BOERS FIRE ON A FLAG OF TRUCE.
The Boers fired heavily on the flag while the Boers were on the offensive. The Boer commandant answered that the armed natives are only used as cattle guards. He also said that British forts had been made on Sunday, and if this were reported he would open fire. Col. Baden-Powell answered that the wire lines had been relaid, and that he had been vastly interested on Sunday in observing the Boers at work completing a new work on the western front. There was a skirmish between working parties at midnight on the 20th, and the Boers were repulsed.

EXECUTION OF A SPY.
A story sent to the Paris Temps from its correspondent at Durban, tells of the execution of an English lighthouse keeper, who was a spy in the service of the Boers. One day while a troopship was passing the high promontory on which the lighthouse is situated, an officer's attention was attracted by singular heliograph signals that were being sent from the other side of the lighthouse. The keeper was watched, and it was found that by the use of the ordinary heliograph code he signalled each new arrival of troops, each change in the force, and the number of men, cannon and horses sent. He was executed on the spot.

A BOER YARN.

Brussels, Feb. 14.—Le Petit Bleu, in correspondence from Pretoria, publishes an extraordinary account of 2,000 British soldiers who, it is said, by the winter arrived at the town of December last, during the retreat from Dundee, at the River Maputa, the boundary between Swaziland and Portuguese territory. According to the narrative, they then lost their way and wandered for weeks in Zululand, arriving shoeless, in rags and dying of hunger. These soldiers, the correspondent says, were thought to have been shut up with Sir George White in Ladysmith.

From Near-By Places.

Rev. Dr. McKay, Toronto, will conduct services in the Presbyterian churches of Westminster next Sabbath.

The annual meeting of the West Nisour Cheese and Butter Association was held at the factory on the 5th inst., when the following satisfactory report of the business for the past season was presented: Total milk received, 2,023,652 pounds; total cheese, 181,550 pounds; average rate of milk to one pound of cheese, 11.12; average price received for cheese, 10.03 cents; average value of 100 pounds of milk to patrons, 50.01 cents. Butter report for December: Average price, 22.15 per pound; number of pounds of milk to one pound of butter, 20.36; net price per lb. of butter-fat paid to patrons, 24.6 cents. The following were elected as directors for the present year: C. G. Fitzgerald, Daniel Gee, Edward Seathford, W. B. Carrothers, Joseph A. Vining, Samuel Parly and John McFarlan.

UNUSED TO THE CLIMATE

A Frenchman Finds Canadian Weather Had a Bad Effect on His Health.

St. Eustache, Que., Feb. 12.—Auguste Dubois landed here from France, a perfect stranger to the weather conditions prevailing in this country. The food also differed to that to which he had been accustomed, and his heart being weak the change had a serious effect upon it. He went to a medical man who did him no good. He went to others with a similar result in each case.

"I had to go to Montreal," he says, "to work for the Grand Trunk, and in that city met a man who was suffering the same thing as myself, but had started to take Dodd's Kidney Pills. He told me they were doing him good. He was kind enough to give me a bottle. I took them, and felt myself much better. I procured a box, and in fifteen days felt like a different man."

SHE MUST NOT LOOK AT MEN

The Pretty Wife of All Feroagh Bey Goes to Washington.

New York, Feb. 14.—The fact that All Feroagh Bey, the Turkish minister to the United States, has brought his wife with him has created a stir in Washington, says a dispatch from the capital. The sultan, however, would give his consent to her coming only on condition that she held her strictly to the rules of the Koran. In speaking of this the minister is quoted as saying: "My wife is 24 years of age, and I consider her a very beautiful woman. I cannot give you a photograph, because she never had one taken. She will live exactly the same life here as any other Moslem lady of her rank, and will attend the same devotions and conduct her household exactly as if she were in Constantinople. She will be able to receive lady visitors. She cannot, of course, receive calls from gentlemen, no matter how high their standing. My wife will return visits to ladies, but of course, will do this in the absence of their husbands. When she pays her respects to the president's lady it will be necessary that the gentleman of the executive household shall not be present."

Political.

J. N. Beaudin, of Cyrville, Russell county, announces himself in the field as an Independent Liberal Candidate at the next general election. W. C. Edwards, Liberal, is a representative for the riding.

The annual meeting of the South Oxford Reform Association was held in Mount Elgin on Tuesday. There was a large attendance. Stephen Pratt was elected president and D. J. Gibson, of Ingersoll, vice-president, by acclamation. Sir Richard Cartwright, member for the riding, delivered an address on the political questions of the day. Resolutions of confidence in Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. G. W. Ross and their governments were passed; also a resolution regretting the absence of Dr. Miley, M.P.P., for the riding, owing to illness.

RAGGED GARMENTS LINED WITH MONEY.

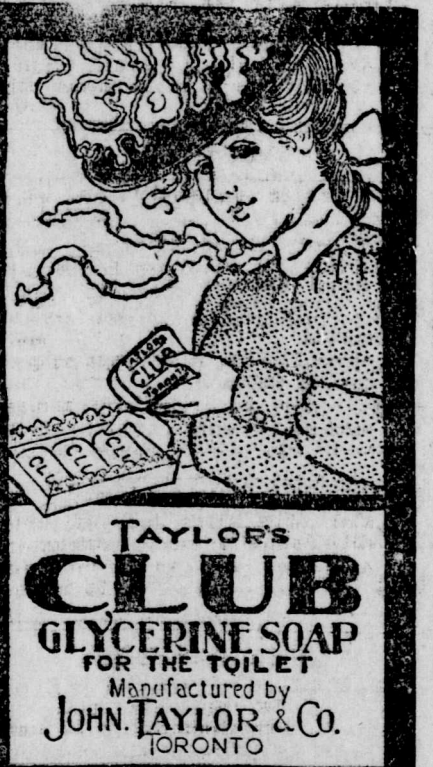
Chicago, Feb. 14.—It was learned today that Sam Beswick, an old and well-known character on the open board of trade, died Sunday afternoon, a charitable patient in the Baptist Hospital, and his death was attended by a queer discovery on the part of the hospital authorities. His old and tattered clothing was found literally lined with gold and silver certificates, and sewed behind an inner vest pocket fifteen \$100 bills were found. Altogether there was about \$5,000. There was also a slip of paper on which had been scribbled, "Put in 1896," the retired list of the United States army.

LADY MINTO AT THE FALLS.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Feb. 13.—The Countess of Minto, wife of the governor-general of Canada, and a party from the Government House are here, stopping at the Prospect House. This morning the countess made a trip over the ice-bridge in a downpour of rain. This afternoon the party took a ride in a private car over the Canadian scenic line.

Buffalo, Feb. 14.—The Countess of Minto, Lady Victoria Grey, Captain Mann of the Norfolk, England, artillery, and Arthur Guise (private secretary to Lord Minto, governor-general of Canada), occupied a box at the Lyceum last evening and witnessed Mrs. Fiske's performance as "Becky Sharp." The countess and party occupied the lower right-hand box of the packed theater, and as their presence was entirely unheralded, they escaped the attention which would otherwise have been bestowed upon them. The appearance of English aristocracy at the Lyceum marks a social event in the history of Buffalo without precedent, so far as this theater is concerned. It was a fine tribute to the accomplished actress. The distinguished party returned to Niagara Falls last night and leave for Ottawa today.

Hon. Mr. Muloch has resigned the vice-chancellorship of the University of Toronto.



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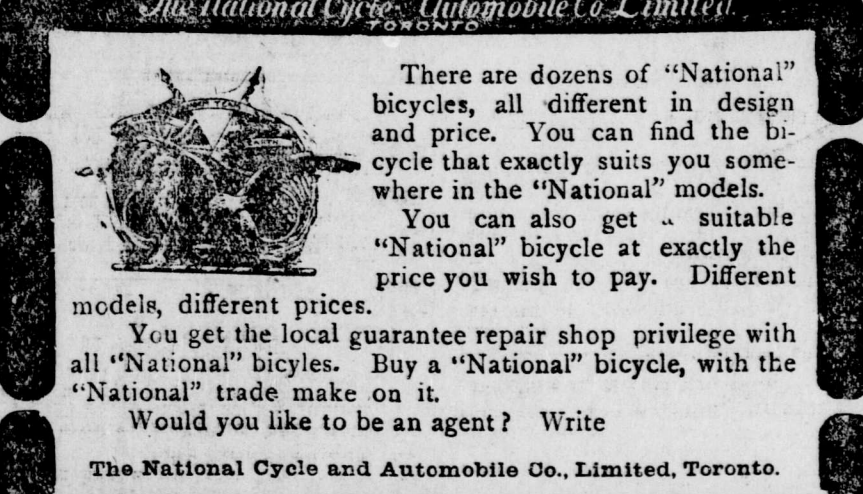
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Ingersoll Chronicle: Tom Roberts, of West Oxford, deserves some substantial recognition from the C. P. R. Thursday evening he noticed that the trestle bridge at Centerville was being undermined by the flood caused by the rain and melting snow. He knew that the evening train from St. Thomas to Woodstock would soon be along, so he gave a warning signal and it was observed in good time by the engine

driver. The train was slowed down and most of the train crew and passengers got out and walked over, while the train moved across very slowly. The bridge will be promptly strengthened.

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SPORTING NEWS

New American Ball League Formally Organized.

The "Horton Law" Deemed-Goddard Was Easy for Sharkey-General Sports.

FOOTBALL

AGAINST PROFESSIONALISM.
Hamilton Times: "The first real step in the long-talked-of war against professionalism in the Ontario Rugby Union were taken last night at a special meeting of the executive held in Toronto. The outcome was the expulsion of Jack Freeborn, of this city, who played center scrum for the Kingston Granites last season, and the suspension of 'Wicky' Wilson, the Kingston player, who travels to Ottawa every fall to play with the Rough Riders, and of 'Chic' McRae, who makes Kingston his playing center. In the case of Freeborn, the union executive found an easy way to get rid of him without going into the professional question. Jack has been 'flying high' since his return to Hamilton, and has figured in two or three police court cases. Wilson and McRae were simply suspended indefinitely on suspicion of professionalism, which means that either has a chance of being reinstated upon affidavit of being a amateur. Two of the men placed under the ban were stars of last season's champion team. This residence rule, copied from the O. H. A., was adopted: 'No player shall compete in a union game who has not been a bona fide and continuous resident of the town or city to which his club belongs since the first of April next preceding the date of the said game.'

BASEBALL

WESTERN LEAGUE COMPLETED.
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FORMALLY ORGANIZED.
Chicago, Feb. 13.—At a stormy session at the Great Northern Hotel the new American Baseball Association was formally organized, with seven clubs, today. John McGraw and Phil Peterson, of Baltimore, were appointed to secure the eighth city. The circuit now includes Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Louis, Louisville, Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore. It was the decision of those present today that Washington would complete the eight-club circuit.

TURF

YESTERDAY'S WINNERS.
At New Orleans—Right Bower, Dr. Walmesley, Teutons, Ed. Gartland, Old Fox and George B. Cox.

At Tanforan, San Francisco—Melkarth, Moon Bright, The Baron, J. H. Peterson, of Baltimore, were appointed to secure the eighth city. The circuit now includes Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Louis, Louisville, Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore. It was the decision of those present today that Washington would complete the eight-club circuit.

FISTIC

FITZ WANTS TO MEET JEFFRIES.
New York, Feb. 13.—Bob Fitzsimmons today posted \$3,000 with the sporting editor of the New York Journal as a forfeit to bind another match with Jim Jeffries, and issued another challenge to meet him in the world. The ex-champion said that his money would remain up under the following conditions: He will give Jeffries the first chance, providing he will sign articles now. "I do not care where the fight will take place," said Fitz. "All I want to know is that Jeffries means business. If Jeffries does not show any desire to meet me and cover my money within one week I will take on Sharkey. But a fight with the sailor must be for a side bet, and the winner to take all. I will meet Jeffries under the same conditions. If Sharkey is not prepared to come to terms, McCoy, or any other middle-weight, can have a match with me."

SHARKEY VS. GODDARD.
Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 13.—Sailor Tom Sharkey and Joe Goddard, the Barrier champion, met tonight in Industrial Hall in what was to be a six-round bout. Goddard, however, was clearly outclassed, and was saved in the middle of the fourth round from an almost certain knock-out by his trainer throwing up the sponge.

THE "HORTON LAW" DOOMED.
Albany, N. Y., Feb. 14.—In the assembly yesterday morning the bill of Mr. Lewis to repeal the so-called "Horton law," which permits prize fights in the state, was advanced to third reading without objection or debate.

NOTES OF SPORT.
By defeating Victoria by 112 runs, New South Wales becomes the champion cricket colony of Australia for the season of 1899-1900.

The figure skating championship of Europe, decided at Berlin, resulted in favor of Herr Salchow, Stockholm Skating Club (239 3/4 marks), first; Herr G. Hugel, Davos Skating Club (235), second; and Herr Holthe, Trondheim Skating Club (276 1/4), third. Mr. Edgar Evers, of England, won the junior skating championship, with a total of 123 marks.

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FRIGHTENED HER TO DEATH

Little Girl Drops Dead at Seeing a Peddler.

Gowanda, Feb. 14.—Eva Harris, the three-year-old daughter of E. L. Harris, of this village, dropped dead from fright Monday afternoon.

The little girl was playing on the sidewalk in front of her home when an Italian peddler came along. The child looked up, saw the peddler coming toward her as if to speak to her, gave a piercing scream and fell dead at the man's feet.

The child's mother rushed from the house as she heard little Eva scream, but the child was dead before her mother reached her side. The peddler was arrested and will be held pending an investigation by the coroner. He says that he is innocent of any intention of injuring the child, and that he does not know why she was frightened.

The little girl's parents say that she had always been very much afraid of tramps and peddlers, especially those carrying packs, as the man who frightened her to death did. She also had heart trouble.

SAILORS SAVED

Crews of Edinburgh and Gate City Reach New York—All Night on the Ice.

New York, Feb. 14.—The life saving crew of Bay Head yesterday morning took off twenty of the crew of the ship County of Edinburgh, which went ashore at night near Manasquan life saving station. The captain and officers (nine in all) remain on board. The vessel lies about a quarter of a mile south of Squan Inlet.

The remainder of the officers and crew left on board the steamer Gate City, stranded near here, were taken off this morning.

At 9:15 a.m. the Gate City was broadside on the beach. There was a great blowing on her with such force that there are fears of her breaking up.

ALL NIGHT ON THE ICE.

Leamington, Feb. 14.—David Finley, mail carrier, and Mr. Watt and Mr. Lane, passengers, had a terrible experience on Thursday night. They were returning to the island when they encountered soft ice, through which they could not get. The terrible storm came on and blew them out in the lake. They were out all night and suffered terribly and were badly frozen before they got on shore next morning.

Western Ontario.

Grain thieves are operating near Southwold.

The South Essex Farmers' Institute will send an exhibit to the Pan-American Exposition.

The Slingsby woolen mills of Brantford were damaged by fire to the amount of \$5,000 Monday evening.

Highland Mary Camp, No. 32, Sons of Scotland, St. Marys, voted \$25 to the Canadian patriotic fund at their last meeting.

The public school board of Kingsville have voluntarily added \$25 to the salary of Principal F. J. Voaden, making it \$675 per year.

The date of the Perth Sunday school workers convention to be held in Knox Church, Stratford, has been changed to March 21 and 22.

Wallace Ferguson, a Tilsonburg lad, collided with another boy while playing hockey recently and since the accident he has entirely lost his memory.

Judge Bell, at Chatham, passed sentence on Asa and Peter Bodi, of Dresden, who were found guilty a week ago on a number of charges of theft. Asa was given one year in the central prison, while his brother Peter will spend four years in Kingston.

Rev. R. Scott has over \$1,000 subscribed toward remodeling the Dutton Baptist Church. The building will be raised so as to have a basement, and will be veneered with brick. The front will be changed, and the improvements will cost about \$2,000.

W. G. Brownlee, of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, at St. Louis, took the place of P. J. Lynch, formerly of Stratford, as trainmaster at Belleville. It was rumored that Mr. Lynch had been transferred to Stratford, but no official notice of such a change has been announced.

There will be a meeting of the West Elgin Farmers' Institute at Middlemarch, on Wednesday, Feb. 21. Mr. Glendinning, of Manila, one of the best speakers in the province, will be on the program. The members of the institute have arranged for a good program at the evening session.

Sam Gillis was charged at the Brantford police court with breaking into the residence of Patrick Skelly, South Dumfries, and stealing jewelry and other articles; also with stealing rare coins from a tranquillity school house.

He was sent to the penitentiary for four years. Frank Clouse, also charged with breaking into the same school house, gets three months in jail.

Through their representatives, several school sections in East Zorra are petitioning the Ontario Government to make the summer holidays in rural schools three weeks instead of seven, and urging as their reason the fact that the summer months are the only ones in which the small children can attend school.

According to the annual report of the Ontario Bureau of Statistics for 1898, the total population of the seven townships in the county of Elgin was 25,544; acres assessed, \$455,262; assessed value of real property, \$12,335,277; personal property, \$42,630; income, \$6,700; total, \$19,444,577; total taxes imposed for all purposes, \$145,128; per head, \$5.78; mills on the dollar, 11.7.

Peter Neilson, of Harwich, died on Saturday at the residence of his son-in-law, Robt. J. McIntyre, Harwich, in his 89th year. The deceased was born in Wishaw, Scotland, and came to this country when the G. T. R. was being built. He was one of the oldest employees of the road, acting as station agent at Komoka, Dundas, Hamilton and Niagara Falls. He resided about twelve years ago, and has since resided with his family in Harwich. Five children survive him. They are Mrs. Robt. Carmichael, Glasgow, Scotland; Hugh Neilson, Toronto; Mrs. Jas. Reid, Harwich; Mrs. R. J. McIntyre, Harwich; and Mrs. L. Kent, of Peterborough.

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Three churches in Auburn, N. Y., have united in a movement to lessen the treating habit.

COLONIAL REPRESENTATION

Subject Broached in the British Parliament.

Blizzard in England—Death of a Noted Nihilist.

London, Feb. 14.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Thomas Heddewick (Advanced Liberal) gave notice of a resolution, calling attention to the fact that the colonies are without representatives in the imperial parliament. The resolution was set down for a month hence, but it is not likely that time will be found for its discussion.

ARMY ESTIMATES.

Mr. Wyndham, during the course of a speech, again intimated that an attempt would be made to demoralize the army, which, he said, he thought ought not to be closed to officers who did not enjoy an income of from £150 to £500 a year. Mr. Wyndham also said it was a scandal and a danger to the empire that young men could not enter the cavalry unless their fathers were able to give them £500 a year. The under secretary said it was not intended to raise volunteers in Ireland.

LORD WOLSELEY CHOOSES THE COMMANDERS.

Mr. Wyndham set at rest all the talk of government interference in the prerogative of the commander-in-chief, Field Marshal Lord Wolseley, to select the generals commanding in South Africa. Replying to a question, Mr. Wyndham said the commanders in the field were selected by Lord Wolseley, subject to the approval of the secretary of state for war, and added that every selection put forward has been approved.

GERMANY AND THE TRANSVAAL.
Mr. William St. John Broderick asked whether the government had received any communication from Germany modifying the declaration made in 1895 by the then minister of foreign affairs, that the Transvaal was the only policy was the maintenance of the Transvaal as an independent state, in accordance with the treaty of 1884. He replied that no communication had been received from the German government relative to the convention of 1884, which, he added, as a matter of fact, was terminated by the state of war.

BLIZZARD IN ENGLAND.

The storm that came up yesterday developed into a blizzard. It is known that severe cold in London, and reports of severe weather are coming in from all parts of the United Kingdom. Telegraphic communication last evening was seriously interrupted.

WAS A FAMOUS NIHILIST.
Peter Lavrov, the Russian Nihilist, who died in Paris last week, came of a noble family, and was at one time a colonel in the Russian artillery. He was exiled from Russia and fled to France. He was compromised in an attempt upon the life of Alexander II. at Karakosoff.

TREATIES PASSED.
Berlin, Feb. 13.—The reichstag today, without debate, passed the third reading of the Samoa, Tonga and Zanzibar treaties.

BRITISH BY-ELECTION.
London, Feb. 13.—In the elections held today for the Middle Armagh district for representative in parliament to succeed Mr. Dunbar Plunkett Barton, the vote resulted: Mr. J. B. Lonsdale, 3,219; Mr. John Gordon, 1,811. Both candidates are Unionists, and the election was fought on local issues. Mr. Barton was recently appointed to a judgeship.

HENRY'S RETURN.
Berlin, Feb. 13.—Prince Henry of Prussia, brother of Emperor William of Germany, arrived here this morning. He was welcomed at the railroad station by his majesty and a large suite. Immediately after the train stopped Prince Henry jumped out, and hurried to the emperor, who met him half-way. The two brothers embraced and kissed each other affectionately.

The ministers, headed by the imperial chancellor, Prince Hohenlohe, and many distinguished civil, naval and military officials, welcomed the prince back to Berlin. The streets were thronged with people, who enthusiastically welcomed the prince. In honor of the event all the schools were closed and the city was decorated with flags.

CABLE NOTES.
Floods are doing severe damage near Oporto, Portugal.

A German gnat has been taking soundings in the Chinese harbor of Macao, to the alarm of natives.

It is said Belgium and France intend to object to the construction of the Nicaraguan Canal. Abyssinia will, it is said, make a hostile demonstration of Italy sends troops to aid Britain in Egypt.

German agrarians are demanding legislation against the United States as the price of their vote for the naval increase bill in the reichstag.

There are over 100 gold mines in the immediate neighborhood of Johannesburg, stretching out on all sides of the city. The monthly output of the mines was fifteen tons of gold.

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GIRL BRIDE WAS SPURNED

By Both Her Husband and Her Father—Sad Story From Connecticut.

Bridgeport, Feb. 14.—On Sept. 11 Adelaide Delema, 19 years old, eloped from her father's house with Joseph Loveday, a commercial traveler. A New York alderman married the runaway couple in the city hall there. The other evening this appeared in a local paper:

"Notice is hereby given to all persons concerned that I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by my wife, Adelaide Loveday."

"JOSEPH LOVEDAY."

On Friday night Mrs. Loveday, for the first time since her marriage, met her father, Albert Delema, a well-known photographer.

"Papa, I—Forgive!" she faltered. "You are no daughter of mine!" angrily exclaimed Mr. Delema. "You have disgraced me by your conduct. I will have nothing to do with you." He turned on her.

When Adelaide was 2 years old her mother died, and she was placed in a home, where she remained five years. Her father remarried, and Adelaide was taken home. She found herself congenial to her stepmother, and when she was old enough she got employment in a New York department store and lived with an aunt in that city.

About the first of last September Adelaide returned to pass her vacation. At Pleasant Beach she chanced to meet Joseph Loveday, who once sang in the Dwight Place Church, New Haven. She thought she loved Loveday, who is twelve years her senior, and after their marriage they lived happily enough for two months. An almost childish indiscretion of hers provoked their first misunderstanding. Last Tuesday, after a bitter quarrel, he ordered her from his house.

The young wife in three days wrote six tear-stained letters to her husband, begging him to receive her again. His answer was the published warning. Then her father spurned her. She has found employment in a private family.

TRAGIC DEATH OF A CONGRESSMAN.

New York, Feb. 13.—Congressman Charles A. Chickering, of Copenhagen, N. Y., was found dead outside the Grand Union Hotel in this city today. He had either fallen or jumped from a fourth story window of the hotel. The body was dressed in underwear, trousers and vest, without coat, shoes or hat. Mr. Chickering had been in the hotel all day yesterday. He had complained considerably of rheumatism, but nothing irrational in his actions had been observed by those at the hotel. He was 57 years old. It is known that for some time he had been afflicted with melancholia, following a severe attack of typhoid fever.

The State of Washington furnished over 600,000 tons of coal to California last year.

Painters' Kidneys.

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The Future of Greater Britain.

In a good-natured review of the speech delivered recently in Toronto by Hon. Mr. Tarte, Minister of Public Works, the Montreal Journal of Commerce says:

"Mr. Tarte went to the extreme of loyalty by avowing that he wished to see Canadians represented in the Imperial Council. He said: 'I believe that I will not die before I see the Prime Minister of this colony sitting at the Imperial Board side by side with the Prime Minister of England.' I am not prepared to lay out a scheme, but I ask if it would not be a proper thing to see Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Prime Minister of the Australian Confederation representing those great colonies in the Imperial Council? I would be prepared to stump the Province of Quebec on that ground tomorrow. The Province of Quebec is not disloyal, the Province of Quebec is British." Mr. Tarte went on to say: "The French-Canadians wish to enjoy the full privileges of British citizenship."

"We have heard of this longing before, but, up to date, no one has ever defined wherein the people of Canada are denied the privileges of British citizenship. They have absolute political freedom, they have a national Parliament, and a Parliament for each Province. Those, we submit, are rather too greedy who wish not only to govern Canada, but to govern also the British Isles."

"If Canadians claim a right to have representatives in the Parliament at Westminster, surely the people of the United Kingdom have an equal right to have representatives in the Parliament at Ottawa. We should be proud to see Mr. Laurier sitting cheek by jowl with British M. P.s in the House of Commons, as he would be a very distinguished figure in that assembly. But, if Mr. Laurier goes to Westminster, as Mr. Tarte predicts he will, he ought to see that, at least, his equal is sent from England to the House of Commons, Ottawa. Mr. Tarte will never see Canadian members sitting in the British Parliament. If he does not understand why this is impossible, he should 'stump' the old country, where he would soon discover what is the insuperable obstacle. Such a change as this implies would require a constitutional revolution that would do violence to the very instincts of the people of Great Britain and Ireland."

We do not think that if Imperial Federation, a modified form of which Mr. Tarte has for years been an advocate, were carried out, it would work as our contemporary apparently believes.

Under a system of decentralization in local affairs, which is not now the rule in Great Britain, it would be possible to evolve a means for the management of the empire, in which the colonies could have a part, and yet remain as free to manage their own local affairs as they now are.

Suppose it were to proceed in this way: The three divisions of the central part of the empire to be assigned local legislatures, which would manage all affairs of a purely local and municipal nature, the same as our legislatures in Canada do.

This would leave for the Imperial Parliament the great and onerous duties appertaining to purely imperial concerns, including the management of the army and navy, the raising of means to support them, the promotion of inter-British and other trade, the management of the great criminal institutions, the foreign and colonial relations of the empire, and, indeed, all those concerns that might affect in common the three central divisions of the empire, and what is known as Greater Britain, so far as these territories have not attained to the position of associated nationhood within the British Empire.

A Parliament so made up would be really an Imperial Parliament, which would be much better adapted to meet the needs of the empire than is the present Parliament, burdened as it is continually by the clogging of the legislative wheels, through the accumulation of comparatively petty party questions, which are constantly cropping up for discussion. It must be remembered that when the present system of parliamentary government was devised for Great Britain, the empire was almost wholly with the British Isles, and it was never contemplated that it would reach the colossal size, with interests on every continent and in very many of the isles of the sea, that it now has attained.

We submit that the needs of the empire might well render it advisable by and by, to consider some such change as Mr. Tarte has suggested, or as we have outlined—a change that should meet with general approbation—though we do not see any need for hurrying it. An Imperial Parliament, with hands freed from bothering with the purely local affairs that now take up a good half or more of its time, would surely be in the interests of the empire.

As to what representation the outlying portions of the empire should have in the reorganized Imperial Parliament, that would be a question for future consideration.

We think we have recently been making tolerable haste in the matter of cementing the ties that bind the mother country to the Dominion of Canada, and we expect that Australia will soon follow suit. And who shall despair of South Africa yet being a contented, well-governed, self-managing portion of the empire? The clouds are, indeed, dark now, but the dawn is approaching.

So far as Canada is concerned, our people may reasonably congratulate themselves on the advancement made toward true imperial unity in the last three years. Our rulers have established preferential trade with the motherland, whereby goods from Great Britain are imported into Canada at a duty one-fourth less than that collected on products of other countries. Canada led in the establishment of

penny postage within the empire. And Canada has sent over two thousand of her sons to fight the battles of the empire in favor of justice and equal rights for all in that far-off land.

All this has been done in the last three years. There was no precedent for it. Nothing of the same nature had been undertaken by any previous government in Canada. Yet the work has been accomplished promptly, and with the approval of all classes, from her Majesty on the throne to the peasant in his humble home. We are, as Hon. David Mills, in the Senate, pointed out, evolving in the right direction. There is no need for revolutionary departures, and it is not advisable that there should be undue haste. We have faith in the empire, and we have faith in this great Dominion, which we feel assured is destined to remain a portion of it, though there may be changes from time to time for the mutual benefit of the motherland and the various nationalities of which Greater Britain is composed.

British Toleration.

The speech of Mr. Redmond in the British House of Commons the other day was of a kind to startle and shock sensitive people. He not only defended the Boers, but gloated over the defeats of British generals.

On the continent a man for such a speech would have been quietly put in prison. No doubt many of those who heard it were annoyed, but they allowed the speaker to rave away. The worst of such speeches is that they deceive foreign critics, who do not understand the British democracy. They do not understand that a free government can tolerate that kind of frothy talk, and yet go quietly on its way, steadily carrying out the will of the nation. No people are fit to be free and have the full use of constitutional privileges unless they are able to do that.

In England they have found out that it is better to let foolish orators deal out extravagant rant, rather than to grant them a cheap martyrdom by forcibly stopping their mouths.

The reason of this is that while free speech is a privilege, the very exercise of it carries its own responsibility, and the man who indulges in wild talk injures his own influence more than he hurts anyone else. People cease to expect from him a calm, clear view of any situation, and the more noise he makes the less power he has. British has given much thought and strength to Ireland during the past generation, and if the Irish party has not more influence, its weakness springs from its own internal divisions. Things have been improving in Ireland, and gradually the management of its affairs are being put into the hands of the Irish people. The desire of the best men is that in Ireland and in Africa there should be as far as possible equal rights for men of all races and creeds, but this will be brought about by wise statesmanship, and the common sense of the people, and not by such stage fury as that displayed by Mr. Redmond. Let us learn, however, in Canada, to tolerate diversity of opinion, and take quietly the expression even of extravagant views, meeting argument with argument, and even folly with calm patience.

Municipal Statistics of Ontario.

Some interesting and significant figures as to municipal growth and prosperity are comprised in Part V. of the annual report of the Bureau of Industries for Ontario, just issued, devoted to municipal statistics. The table of population, covering thirteen years, shows that the tendency to abandon the farm for the large towns and cities shows no signs of falling off. The population of the cities has increased nearly ten thousand during the year, while that of the township has slightly decreased.

The population of the townships in 1888 was 1,148,856; in 1898 it was 1,110,894, while that of the cities increased in the same period from 319,834 to 400,889; and that of towns and villages from 350,005 to 449,567.

The volume of debenture debts of urban municipalities was about double in the period 1886-87, the debt returns for 1898 not being complete. The total assessment for all municipalities has increased from \$694,350,659 to \$800,184,833, and the average tax rate per head has risen from \$4.93 to \$6.10.

A new feature of the volume is the presentation of a table showing the financial position of leading American cities. A comparison of the figures here given with those relating to Canadian cities is instructive, and will probably surprise many people. We are accustomed to regard our neighbors as inclined to be somewhat lavish and reckless in incurring public liabilities, but the fact is their civic indebtedness is in most cases comparatively light in proportion to their population and resources.

An instance or two may be given. Toronto, with a population of 186,517, has liabilities amounting to \$23,474,329, which is within about \$7,000,000 of the debt of Chicago, with its population of 1,800,000, and considerably in excess of the liabilities of Buffalo, Cleveland, Detroit or Washington.

The liabilities of London are given as \$2,638,340, which comparatively modest sum, is larger in proportion to the debts of the smaller American cities which appear on the list, such as Albany, with 100,000 population and liabilities of \$4,688,390, or Grand Rapids, Mich., the population and debt of which are 99,000 and \$1,997,500 respectively.

The wily leader of the Filipinos, Aguinaldo, still retains his freedom in spite of the fact that there are 65,000 United States soldiers in the Philippines. A stout net in the hands of a lively dog catcher might be of service in catching him.

SARNIA CITIZEN'S SUDDEN DEATH

Died While at the Dinner Table With His Family.

Sarnia, Feb. 14.—C. Sanders went home at noon yesterday, sat down to the dinner table, looked at the faces of each one at the table, smiled on all and expired.

Mr. Sanders was one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Sarnia, a life-long member and worker of the Methodist Church, and a member of the school board at the time of death. Some years ago he was a member of the town council. He retired from business some months ago. He leaves a widow and grown-up family, all of whom are married. His age was 74 years.

HAPPENINGS OF THE HOUR

A patriotic concert recently given in Dutton realized \$210.

John D. Rockefeller is about to give \$1,500,000 more to the University of Chicago.

The Western Poultry works were destroyed by fire in Chicago Tuesday. The loss is estimated at \$50,000.

A seat on the Montreal stock exchange was sold yesterday to James Douglas by J. A. L. Strath for \$10,250.

Lieut.-Col. Montzambert has been assigned the command of a battery, Kingston, until a successor is appointed.

The report of the treasurer of the Brantford Old Boys' banquet shows a surplus on hand of \$252.85, which amount was voted to be given to the patriotic fund.

Gov. Taylor has not yet allowed the militia to leave Toronto. To Mr. Demerits may start a suit to determine the right of Gov. Beckham to the gubernatorial chair.

Protesting against the United States war department canteen rulings is unavailing, so President McKinley has informed Mrs. Stevens, president of the National W. C. T. U.

His Honor Judge Hughes was taken suddenly ill just as he had finished speaking in the First Methodist church at St. Thomas on Sunday afternoon. He has since improved.

A violent rainstorm prevailed along the Lower Hudson Monday night and this morning, doing considerable damage by washouts. The ice men lost all the ice which formed last week.

The office of the *Monk Reform Press*, Dunville, was badly damaged by fire on Tuesday morning. The loss is estimated at \$1,000, covered by insurance in the London Mutual.

The Winnipeg committee of the Transvaal contingent fund will present each man from Winnipeg in Strathcona's Horse with \$40, the same as was given to those who left before them.

The New York Presbytery has decided not to try Dr. Arthur G. McCliffert, of the Union Theological Seminary, on the charges of heresy preferred by Rev. G. W. Birch, the slated clerk of the presbytery.

Robert Barr, the novelist, was expected to arrive in Windsor this week on a visit to his parents, but word has been received that he is ill at Atlantic City, N. J., where he is the guest of Mrs. Amelia E. Barr, the American authoress.

Cap. J. F. MacDonald, 37th (Haldimand) Rifles, of Dunville, received a telegram from Hon. Dr. Borden, minister of militia, informing him that he has received a commission in Strathcona's Horse for service in South Africa.

Several hundred school children presented themselves for vaccination at the Toronto medical health office on Tuesday. Dr. Sheard and an assistant visited a family where there were employed 800 female operatives, and vaccinated the entire number.

There have been further arrests in the *Ville Marie* Bank wrecking case. Warrants for the arrest of William Weir, a partner of the bank, who is now in jail on another charge; Edward Liechtenhein, vice-president of the bank, and Godfrey Weir and F. W. Smith, two of the directors, on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the creditors, were issued on Tuesday.

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FOR THURSDAY AND FRIDAY:

Dress Goods Specials.

20 pieces All-Wool Dress Goods, in Serges and Henriettas, 42-inch, regular 25c and 35c, special to clear at 19c
13 pieces All-Wool Gown Velour, 38-inch, in browns and castor shades, regular 50c, special to clear at, per yard 35c
38 pieces Black Figured Dress Goods, all-wool, Priestley's and Gold Medal brands, regular 75c and \$1, special to clear 59c
20 pieces Plaid Dress Goods, 40-inch, in red, blue and green, bright silk checked goods, regular 50c and 60c, special to clear at 35c
10 pieces Heavy Camel's Hair Plaids, new colors, good bright effects, regular 75c and 90c, special to clear at 69c
6 pieces Two-tone Cloth Suitings, colors, blue, green, purple and brown, 42-inch, all-wool, our regular \$1.25 goods, special to clear 75c

Ribbons.

127 yards Pure Silk Faille Ribbons, in blue, heliotrope, cream and turquoise, also Fancy Colored Moire Ribbons, from 1 1/2 to 5 inches wide, worth 10c and 15c, special, Thursday and Friday, per yard 5c
15 pieces only, All-Silk Faille Ribbons, 2 inches wide, in rose, coral, sky and blue, regular 18c, very special at, per yard 10c
37 pieces Colored Velvet Baby Ribbon, in all shades, worth 30c per yard, special, Thursday and Friday, 18 yards for 25c

Silk Specials.

41 pieces House Silk, stripes, checks and fancy figures, in all shades, good variety to choose from, regular 50c, 65c and 75c, all at one price, per yard 44c
25 pieces Blouse Silk, in stripes, checks and fancy plaids, a fine selection of colorings and designs, regular 75c and \$1, all at one price, per yard 59c
19 pieces Fancy Brocade, stripes and pin-dot, checks, beautiful colorings and designs for waists and dresses, regular \$1.25 and \$1.50, all at one price, per yard 89c
29 pieces Taffeta, stripes, coin spots, polka dot stripes, pin-dot and brocades, light and dark colors, for evening and ordinary wear, regular \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2, all at one price, per yard 98c

Gilbert Linings.

5 pieces Extra Quality Gilbert Waist Lining, fast black, with fancy back, regular 25c, 15c, to clear at, per yard 15c

Staple Department.

Ready-made Roller Towels, 3 yards long, huck and crash, worth 35c each, for 25c
Huck Towels, half-bleached, 22x45, fast red borders, fringe ends, worth 35c a pair, for 25c
28-inch Plain Linen Towelling, regular value 12 1/2c, for 8 1/2c
Heavy Crash Roller Towelling, plain red border, regular value 10c, Thursday and Friday 8 1/2c
2 pieces Bleached Table Damask, 66-inch, regular value 75c a yard, for 55c

Staples—Continued.

3 patterns in Half-Bleached Linen Damask, 60-inch, worth 50c a yard, for 35c
Remnants, Bleached and Unbleached Table Linen, Thursday and Friday, per yard 25c and 35c
16 only, Linen Table Cloths, unbleached, extra good linen, border all round; size, 8-4; worth \$1, for each 75c
Table Napkins—2 special lines, fine heavy damask, 22x22, worth \$2 a dozen, for \$1.50
21x24, worth \$3 a dozen, for \$2.00
White Checked Apron Muslins, very special, 15c a yard, for 10c
Very special, 12 1/2c a yard, for 8 1/2c
4 pieces 36-inch Fine Lonsdale Cambric, regular 12 1/2c, for 10c
Fancy Wrapperette, new colorings and designs, worth 12 1/2c and 15c a yard, for 7 1/2c
4 pieces only, Heavy Flannelette, dark colors, 34-inch, regular price 10c a yard, for 6 1/2c
17 patterns Wide Flannelette, pink, fawn, and gray stripes, extra heavy, special, per yard 8c
20 pieces Simpson's 32-inch Satens, warranted fast colors, black grounds, with white checks, and sprigs, and colored checks, regular 15c, Thursday and Friday, per yard 8c
Canton Flannel Ends, from 5 to 10 yards, worth 10c, 12 1/2c and 15c a yard, for 8c
Skirts made free of goods over \$1.00 a yard. Skirts made for 50c goods \$1.00 a yard and under.

Men's Socks Sale, 19c Pair.

50 dozen Men's Black Cashmere Socks, extra heavy, all wool, seamless, spliced heel and toe, sizes 10, 10 1/2, 11, regular 25c pair, special 19c
10 dozen Men's All-Wool Gray Socks, extra heavy, seamless, regular 25c pair, special at 19c

Men's Ties, 50c, for 25c Each.

Four-in-hands, Puffs, Knots, Bows, new shades and patterns, 35c and 50c each, at 25c

New York Whitewear

Ladies' Fine Lonsdale Gowns, Empire style, nicely trimmed with torchon lace and insertion, regular \$4.50, for \$3.75
Ladies' Lonsdale Gowns, with yoke of all-over embroidery, finished with embroidery frill (very fine), regular \$5, very special at \$3.75
Ladies' Fine Nainsook Gowns, with round yoke of lace, beautifully trimmed, regular \$6.50, for \$5.25
Ladies' Fine Nainsook Gowns, Empire style, with yoke of necks and insertion, and large collar, regular \$5, special at \$4.00
Ladies' Very Fine Lonsdale Gowns, square yoke, cut low and trimmed with fine insertion and embroidery, regular \$4, for \$3.25
Ladies' Drawers, extra wide, frill fine embroidery, regular \$2.50, for \$2.50
Ladies' Drawers, umbrella style, trimmed with two frills of embroidery (very fine), regular \$3, for \$2.50
Ladies' Drawers, with wide frill, beautifully trimmed with very fine embroidery and embroidery, regular \$3, for \$2.50
Ladies' Drawers, very fine, umbrella style, trimmed with fine embroidery and tucks, very special, at \$1.39
Ladies' Drawers, with very wide frill of embroidery, regular \$2.50, for \$1.75
Ladies' Fine Lonsdale Corset Covers, square cut, trimmed with fine embroidery, regular \$2.25, for \$1.50
Ladies' Corset Covers, trimmed with rows of fine insertion and embroidery edging, regular \$3, very special at \$1.75
Ladies' Corset Covers, trimmed with fine lace insertion and edging, regular \$2, special at \$1.50
Ladies' Very Fine Corset Covers and Drawers, nicely trimmed with frill of embroidery, regular \$2, very special at \$1.35
Ladies' Corset Covers, trimmed with rows of fine insertion, regular \$3, special at \$1.75

Laces

216 Yards Cotton Torchon Lace, 1 and 1 1/2 inches wide, regular 15c, 20c and 25c per dozen yards, special Thursday and Friday only, per dozen yards 12 1/2c
127 Yards Black and Cream Silk, lace 4 to 6 inches wide, regular 15c and 20c, special Thursday and Friday, per yard 10c

Embroideries

23 Pieces White Swiss and Cambric Embroidery, 2 and 3 inches wide, regular 4c and 5c per yard, special Thursday and Friday only, 2 yards for 5c

Fancy Linens

For 50c Each—Fringed Lunch Cloths, Fine Damask, 33x33.
For 65c Each—Handsome Damask Lunch Cloths, fringed and drawn, 33x33, worth 90c each.
For 75c Each—Hemstitched Lunch Cloths, 33x33, worth \$1 each.
For 85c Each—Heavy Satin Damask Lunch Cloths, 33x36, good value for \$1.25.

Hosiery, Gloves and Underwear

For 12 1/2c—Boys' Ribbed Wool Hose, small sizes only, were 20c.
For 15c—Boys' Ribbed and Plain Wool Hose, medium sizes, were 25c.
For 17c—Ladies' and Boys' Ribbed and Plain Wool Hose, were 25c.
For 29c—Ladies' and Boys' Ribbed Scotch Wool Hose, double knitted, toes, were 40c.
For 35c—Ladies' and Boys' Extra Heavy Wool Hose, double knitted, double heels and soles, regular 50c and 60c.
For 39c—Ladies' Extra Fine Ribbed Cashmere Hose, worth 60c.
For 59c—Kid Gloves, worth \$1 and \$1.25, odd sizes, in black, white and colors, Wednesday, 59c.
For 39c—Vests and Drawers, regular price 75c.
For 62 1/2c—Vests and Drawers, regular price 75c.
Vests and Drawers, 20c per cent discount.

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21 pounds of Redpath Granulated Sugar for \$1.00
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2 packets of Granose Flakes for 25c
2 packets of Swiss Food for 25c
2 packets of Pettijohn's Breakfast Food for 25c
2 packets of Granose Biscuits for 25c
4 pounds of Choice Dried Apples for 25c
2 packets of Italian Macaroni for 25c
Cooking Figs, 5c; Rice, 5c; Tapioca, 5c; Corn Starch, 5c; Baking Soda, 4c; Royal Yeast Cake, 5c; Sardines, 5c; Salmon, 10c; C. Pigs, 5c dozen for 5c; a few lines of Cutlery left that we wish to clear:
3 1/2 dozen of Silver Table Spoons, on white metal, regular \$2 per dozen, for \$1.40
17 only Sugar Tongs for, each 15c
8 Razor Straps for, each 10c
4 dozen Knives and Forks for, per dozen \$1.00
15c Bread Knives for 10c
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The Face Behind the Mask

A Romance.

"It is. And as I have guided you
safely to it, surely I deserve this trifling
boon."
"Trifling, do you call it?" interposed
Sir Norman. "To let you make
your escape, as you most assuredly will
do the moment you are out of our
sight. No, no; we are too old birds to
be caught by such chaff; and though
the informer always get off scot-free,
your services deserve no such boon, for
we could have found our way without
your help. On with you, Sir Robert;
and if your companions do kill
you, console yourself with the thought
that they have only anticipated the ex-
ecutioner by a few days."

With a perfectly heartrending groan
the unfortunate duke walked on; but
when they reached the archway direct-
ly before the room, he came to an ob-
stinate halt, and positively refused to
go a step farther. It was death, any-
way, and he resisted with the courage
of desperation, feeling he might as well
die there as go in and be assassinated
by his confederates, and not even the
persuasive influence of Hubert's da-
nger could prevail on him to budge an
inch farther.

"Stay, then," said the count, with
perfect indifference. "And, soldiers, see
that he does not escape. Now, King-
ley, let us just have a glimpse of what
is going on within."
"Though the party had made consid-
erable noise in advancing, and had
spoken quite loudly in their little un-
mated discussion with the duke, so
great was the turmoil and confusion
within, that it was not heeded or even
heard. With very different feelings
from those with which he had stood
there last, Sir Norman stepped for-
ward and stood beside the count, look-
ing at the scene within."

The crimson count was in a state of
"most admirable disorder," and the con-
fusion of tongues was equal to Babel.
No longer were they languidly prom-
enading, or tottering in the cushioned
chairs; but all seemed running to and
fro in the wildest excitement, which
the grand duke among them seemed to
share equally with the terrified white
slyphs. Everybody appeared to be
talking together, and paying no atten-
tion whatever to the sentiments of
their neighbors. One universal center
of union alone seemed to exist, and
that was the green, judicial table near
the throne, upon which, while all
tongues ran, all eyes turned. For some
minutes neither of the beholders could
make out why, owing to the crowd
(principally of the ladies) pressing
around it. But Sir Norman guessed,
and thrilled through with a vague sen-
sation of terror, just as it should prove
to be the dead body of Miranda.
Skipping in and out among the females
he saw the dwarf, performing a sort
of war-dance of rage and frenzy; and
his both hands in his wig, as if he
would have torn it out by the roots,
and anon tearing at somebody else's
wig, so that everybody backed off when
he came near them.

"Who is that little fiend?" inquired
the count, "and what have they got
there at the end of the room, pray?"
"That little fiend is the ringleader
here, and is entitled Prince Caliban.
Regarding your other question," said
Sir Norman, with a faint thrill, "there
was a table there when I saw it last,
but I am afraid there is something
worse now."

"Could ever any mortal conceive of
such a scene?" observed the count to
himself; "look at that little picture of
ugliness; how he hops about like a
drowsy bullfrog. Some of the wo-
men are very pretty, too, and outshine
more than one court beauty that I have
seen. Upon my word, it is the most
extraordinary spectacle I ever heard of.
I wonder whether I've got that's
so attractive about there?"

At the same moment, a loud voice
within the circle abruptly exclaims:
"She revives! She revives! Back!
Back, and give her air!"

Instantly the throng swayed and fell
back; and the dwarf, with a sort of
yell, whether of rage or relief nobody
knew, swept from side to side with
a wave of his long arms, and clear-
ed a wide vacancy for his own especial
benefit. The action gave the count an
opportunity of gratifying his curiosity.
The object of attraction was now
plainly visible. Sir Norman's surmises
had been correct. The green table of
the parliament house of the Midnight
Court had been converted, by the aid
of cushions and pillows, into an ex-

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Teas are not the same. Some
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(tempore couch; and half-buried in its
downy depths lay Miranda the Queen.
The sleeping robe of royal purple, trim-
med with ermine, the circlets of jew-
els on arms, bosom and head, she still
wore, and the beautiful face was whiter
than fallen snow. Yet she was not
dead, as Sir Norman had dreaded; for
the dark eyes were open, and were fix-
ed with an unutterable depth of mel-
ancholy on vacancy. Her arms lay
helplessly by her side, and someone,
the court physician probably, was
bending over her and feeling her pulse.

As the count's eyes fell upon her, he
started back, and grasped Sir Nor-
man's arm with consternation.

"Good heavens, Kingsley," he cried,
"it is Leoline herself!"
In his excitement he had spoken so
loud, that in the momentary silence
that followed the physician's directions
his voice had rung through the room,
and drew every eye upon them.

"We are seen; we are seen!" shouted
Hubert, and as he spoke a terrible cry
filled the room. In an instant every
sword leaped from its scabbard, and the
shrieks of the startled women rang
appallingly out on the air. Sir Nor-
man drew his sword; too; but the
count, with his eyes fixed on Miran-
da, still held him by the arm, and ex-
citedly exclaimed:

"Tell me, tell me, is it Leoline?"
"Leoline? No—how could it be Leo-
line? They look alike, that's all. Draw
your sword, count, and defend your-
self; we are discovered, and they are
upon us."

"We are upon them, you mean, and
it is they who are discovered," said the
count, doing as directed, and stepping
boldly in. "A pretty hornet's nest is
this we have lit upon, if ever there
was one."

Side by side with the count, with a
dauntless step and eye, Sir Norman
entered, too; and at sight of him a
burst of surprise and joy rang from
lip to lip. There was a yell of "Be-
trayed!" and the dwarf, with a face so
distorted by fiendish
fury that it was scarcely human, made
a frenzied rush at him, when the clear,
commanding voice of the count rang
like a bugle blast through the assem-
bly.

"Sheathe your swords, the whole of
you, and yield yourself prisoners. In
the king's name, I command you to
surrender."

"There is no king here but I!"
screamed the dwarf, gnashing his teeth
and fairly foaming with rage. "You
order and spy! You have escaped me
once, but your hour is come now."
"Allow me to differ with you," said
Sir Norman politely, as he evaded the
blindly frantic lunge of the dwarf,
sword, and inserted an inch or two of
the point of his own in that enraged
little prince's anatomy. "So far from
my hour having come—if you will take
the trouble to reflect upon it—you will
find it the reverse, and that my little
friend's brief and brilliant career is
rapidly drawing to a close."

At these bland remarks, and at the
sharp thrust that accompanied them,
the dwarf's previous war-dance of an-
xiety was nothing to the homp of
exasperation he went through when Sir
Norman ceased. The blood was rain-
ing from his side, and from the point
of his adversary's sword as he with-
drew it, and maddened like a wild
beast at the sight of his own blood, he
screamed and foamed, and kicked
about his stout little legs, and gnash-
ed his teeth and made grabs at his
wig, and lashed the air with his sword,
and made such desperate pokes with
it at Sir Norman and everybody else
who came in his way that, for the pur-
pose, the young knight ran him
like good, the young knight ran him
through the sword arm, and, in spite
of all his distracted didos, captured
him by the help of Hubert, and pass-
ed him over to the soldiers, to cheer
and keep company with the duke.
This brief little affair being over, Sir
Norman had time to look about him.
It had all passed in so short a space,
and the dwarf had been so desperately
queer, that the rest had passed in a
voluntarily, and were still looking on.
Missing the count, he glanced around
the room, and discovered him standing
on Miranda's throne, looking over the
company with the cool air of a con-
queror. Miranda, aroused, as she very
well might be, by all this screaming
and fighting, had partly raised herself
upon her elbow, and was looking curi-
ously at him. As he fell on Sir Nor-
man, she sat fairly erect, with a cry of
exaltation and joy.

[To be Continued.]

Light and Shade.

"No, Jimmy, you can't have sugar on
your bread and butter; your father
says we must economize now."

"Well, ma, let's quit baking our
shoes."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

"I never make a move," he said,
"until I am absolutely sure that it is
right."

"Perhaps," his wife said, "that ac-
counts for the fact that you are al-
ways getting left."

"Do you know a good way of curing
hams?" asked a man of his neigh-
bor.

"Oh, yes," was the reply, "but the
trouble with me is, I have no way of
procuring them."

Kind Lady—You say you used to be
a poet?
Tramp—Yes; that's how I got my
start.

We are all of us made more grace-
ful by the inward presence of what
we believe to be a generous purpose;
our actions move to a hidden music—
"a melody that's sweetly played in
tune."

Mrs. Good—Why does your daughter
wear your diamonds whenever she ex-
pects Mr. Richmond?

Mrs. Wise—Oh, he's a jeweler, you
know, and would be ashamed not to
give her larger and better ones than
he thinks she has.

Great things are not accomplished
by idle dreams; but by years of pa-
tient and wisely directed study.

He Is a Wonder.
All who see Mr. C. F. Collier, of
Cherokee, Ia., as he is now, cheerful,
erect, vigorous, without an ache,
could hardly believe he is the same
man who a short time ago, had to
sit in a chair, propped up by cushions,
suffering intensely from an ach-
ing back, in agony if he tried to
stoop, all caused by chronic kidney
trouble, that no medicine helped till
he used Electric Bitters and was
wholly cured by three bottles. Posi-
tively cures Backache, Nervousness,
Loss of Appetite, all Kidney troubles,
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store.

An Egyptian who has arrived in
New York to join a dime museum ex-
hibition, is 7 feet 11 inches tall. He is
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THERE is not a more dangerous
class of disorders than those which af-
fect the breathing organs. Nullify this
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cacy. It cures soreness and inflamma-
tion, applied externally, as well as
swollen neck and crick in the back,
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most substantial results.

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE Northern Life Assurance Company of Canada.

The annual meeting of The North-
ern Life Assurance Company, of
Canada, was held at their head office,
London, on the 12th inst.

The Hon. David Mills, Q.C., minister
of justice, president, occupied the
chair.

The company was well represented
by shareholders from the various parts
of the province. After a few prelimi-
nary remarks by the president, he called
on the manager to read the following
report:

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NORTHERN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA

To the shareholders of the Northern
Life Assurance Company of Canada:
The directors beg to submit their
third annual report of the affairs of
the company together with the duly
audited balance sheet.

The result of the business of the
year is satisfactory. Each department
shows a substantial percentage of
progress. The policies issued in the
year 1897 amounted to the sum of
\$366,500. In the year 1898 to \$62,450,
and in the year 1899 to the sum of
\$1,158,780. So it will be seen that the
amount issued during the past year
exceeds the amount of the two pre-
vious years.

It was intimated last year that
steps were being taken for extending
the business to the other provinces.
During the year general agencies
have been established in British Colum-
bia, Manitoba and Nova Scotia.
Each of these agencies has sent in a
gratifying share of business, and all
are prompt and active in the com-
pany's interests.

While the business has been satis-
factorily established in the provinces
referred to, the managing officers of
the company have not relaxed their
efforts in the province of Ontario.
The company is continually gaining
strength, and has now in this prov-
ince a large number of agents, loyal
and zealous in its behalf. The num-
ber will continue to be increased until
in every part of the province the
company is adequately represented.

The manager, with the concurrence

of the executive board, has continued
to pursue the course adopted at the
commencement. He has pushed the
business with as much energy as was
prudent, believing that that course,
which is consistent with cautious pro-
gress, will the soonest bring satisfac-
tory results to shareholders and policy
holders alike.

In connection with this there are
several facts worth noting: 1. The
average risk is less than \$1,200. 2.
The average age of policyholders is
less than 31 years. 3. The average
premium per \$1,000 is \$35. 4. Only four
deaths have occurred since the com-
pany commenced business, the insur-
ance on whose lives amounted in all
to \$4,000.

The paid-up capital now amounts to
the sum of \$208,850, and the assets to
the sum of \$234,156 90. Nearly the
whole of these assets are either in
cash or are readily convertible into
cash.

The reserve required by the govern-
ment standard last year was \$25,204 89
and the part thereof provided by the
company was \$24,575 74. This year the
government reserve is \$51,379, and the
part thereof provided out of capital
\$27,406 86. In the year 1897 the amount
provided out of capital was \$13,170 52,
on a business of \$366,000; in 1898 it
was \$11,455 23 on a business of \$62,450,
and in the year 1899 it was \$2,-
\$31 12 on a business of \$1,158,000, in-
dicating a very substantial progress
towards a dividend-paying period at an
early day.

On the 13th day of November last
Mr. Parke died in his 77th year. He
was one of the promoters of the com-
pany and its first vice-president. He
took an active part in the manage-
ment of the company, and the direc-
tors record his death with the deepest
regret.

To Mr. John Milne, the manager,
and Mr. W. E. Findlay, the super-
intendent of agencies, most of the
success attained is due. They have
both worked with untiring energy.
The financial statement submitted
in detail, together with the auditors'
report thereon, may be summarized
as follows:

CASH INCOME.	
Premiums, interest, rent, etc.	\$ 48,150 78
DISBURSEMENTS.	
Death claims	\$ 4,000 00
Expenses, under all departments	40,359 96
	\$ 44,359 96
Excess of cash over all disbursements	\$ 3,790 82
ASSETS.	
Debentures, mortgages and other interest-bearing assets	\$194,324 97
Premium notes, premiums due and deferred, accrued in- terest, etc.	26,869 47
Office furniture, supplies and other assets	3,235 64
Cash in office, and bank for current use	5,715 82
Total assets	\$234,156 90
LIABILITIES.	
Reserve for security of policyholders	\$ 51,379 00
General expense items	1,364 76
Total liabilities exclusive of capital	\$ 52,743 76
Surplus security for policyholders	\$181,442 14
Amount of capital stock paid-up	208,850 00
Amount of capital stock subscribed	357,800 00
Total security for policyholders	\$566,650 00

The directors feel that the results shown by the above summary justify
the public confidence which the company enjoys. Respectfully submitted,
DAVID MILLS, President.

The president, in moving the adop-
tion of the report, explained the
working of the company during the
past year, and expressed the belief
that it was making as rapid progress
as was desirable. The extensions to
Manitoba, British Columbia and Nova
Scotia, had proved satisfactory. He
believed that the company's affairs
were managed with care and energy.
He felt satisfied that a continuance
of the course adopted at the commence-
ment was the right policy in the in-
terest of all concerned.

Mr. T. H. Purdon, the vice-presi-
dent, in moving the adoption of the
report, commented on the good showing
made by the report, and the substan-
tial progress the company had made.
Messrs. Jenkins and Kerr, both of
Petrolia, each in well-chosen remarks,
commented on the good showing made
by the report, and the substan-
tial progress the company had made.
The report was adopted without dis-
sent.

THE VALUE OF THE SUGAR BEET

It Can Be Grown in Middlesex
With Good Results.

Profits Double That of an Acre of Any
Kind of Grain—Fast Becoming an
Extensive and Permanent Industry

Mr. H. C. Green writes the follow-
ing interesting letter to The Adver-
tiser, advising Middlesex farmers to
grow sugar beets, and pointing out
the good results that have been ob-
tained in many other places.

What! Grow sugar here in the
county of Middlesex! The idea is
new. So was the world when man
was told to till the soil and render
a thanksgiving offering to the Most
High. But as the wisest of men said
there was nothing new under the sun,
the industry might be very old and
for centuries have lain dormant,
but now being developed. Well,
how will we grow sugar? Will it grow
in bushes like berries, or in pods like
peas, or in shells, like nuts? No; but
in the form of sugar beets; for in
every hundred pounds of good sugar
beets there is from 12 to 15 pounds of
good, snow-white sugar. But it re-
quires a chemical process, on a large
scale, to abstract it in paying quan-
tities. History fails to tell when beets
were first grown, but it is certain they
were grown by the ancients at least
three or four centuries before the
last century that the sugar beet has
been grown to any great extent. The
industry is becoming one of the lead-
ing industries in other countries, and
Canadians only need to be enlighten-
ed on the subject to cause this profit-
able industry to be entered into with
spirit and enthusiasm.

Growing sugar beets is fast becom-
ing an extensive and permanent in-
dustry in the United States. And it is
likely, in the near future, to be the
richest and most profitable industry in
the country. In the State of New
York there are two sugar factories in
operation and four more in course of
erection. Michigan has one sugar fac-

tory at Bay City and three more be-
ing constructed.

Why should not this western pen-
insula be as well adapted to the grow-
ing of sugar beets as across the line,
in Uncle Sam's domain, east and west
of us, in the same latitude? The large
profits made by the seven factories in
the United States in 1898 induced a
great many other sections of the coun-
try to agitate the creation of large
sugar factories. The fact is, the States
are going extensively into the sugar
business, and are already manufactur-
ing large quantities of beet sugar. This
section of country is better adapted to
the production of the sugar beet than
many places where our American coun-
sins are manufacturing it in paying
quantities.

Any soil that will produce
good potatoes or other root crops will
produce good sugar beets. An average-
sized sugar factory would work the
product of from 8,000 to 12,000 acres of
sugar beets in one section. The aver-
age profits on an acre of sugar beets
would be more than double the profit
in an acre of wheat or any other kind
of grain, and would give employment
to thousands of hands through the
summer months. A noted statesman
in one of his public orations said a
farmer should be a seller rather than
a buyer. This saying will not only
apply to farmers of our day but will
apply to a country. The \$4,888,956 sent
out of the country a year should be
kept at home, as we have as good
facilities for producing sugar as other
countries. The consumption of sugar
doubles every fifteen years, so that in
ten years of the rate we are going on
we will be sending out of the country
\$8,114,926 to buy sugar to sweeten our
tea and for candies. The whole of this
summer should be kept at home. All
an enterprising farmer wants is to
show the advantage of growing sugar
beets and the large profits derived
therefrom to induce him to enter into
the industry with a hearty good will,
and share the large profits that many
American farmers in New York, Mich-
igan and other sister States are mak-
ing out of this industry. Such is the
spirit of enthusiasm among our south-
ern neighbors that there are about 140
different sections in twenty of the
Northern States where the farmers are
striving to obtain a market for the
sweet product of the soil. But the
days seem to be too short in our frigid
country in winter to attend to such
things, and in summer it is too warm,
and in the meantime we are losing a
golden opportunity of making millions
out of a home industry. There is more
money to be made in the garden of
Canada than in the Klondike gold
fields.

H. C. GREEN.

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