

No Time to Lose.

Japs Must Hustle if They Want to Reach Peking.

For the Rigors of Winter Will Close the Road.

Horrible Atrocities Perpetrated by the Chinese Troops.

Manchester Ship Canal Proves a Decided Failure.

England to Have 23,000 Elections in the Next Two Weeks—Living and Miss Terry at Dublin—Zola's Visit to Rome—Disastrous Fog in London.

Rocked by Earthquakes.

PALERMO, Dec. 2.—Slight earthquakes were felt in Catania and other parts of Sicily Friday. No harm was done.

Terrific Explosion.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 2.—The Caulille forcite factory in Beverloo was blown to pieces today. Three persons were killed and twenty others were wounded.

Historian Froide's Will.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The will of James Anthony Froide orders that his literary papers be destroyed, including the unpublished documents concerning Carlyle, which Thomas Carlyle bequeathed him.

Lord Dufferin.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—Lord Dufferin's term as British ambassador to France will expire at New Year's, if his Lordship declines to accept a reappointment. Sir Philip H. W. Currie will be transferred from Constantinople to the French capital in case Lord Dufferin refuses.

A Royal Good-Bye.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 2.—The Prince of Wales, Duke of York and King of Denmark left St. Petersburg today. The Czar and Czarina, who went with them to the railway station, were cheered loudly. The Czar and Princess of Wales embraced each other when they said good-bye.

Blaze in a Palace.

BERLIN, Dec. 2.—Fire started at 3 o'clock yesterday morning in rooms occupied by the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha in the Empress Frederick's palace. It was quenched quickly without help from the fire department. The Empress Frederick worked energetically arousing servants and helping clear out the rooms.

Discount Rates.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The rates of discount last week were 1 for 3 months and 4 for 30 days. The continent is withdrawing gold. Silver was dull, American offering and the east not seeking much. The Stock Exchange was busy; most investors were buying freely, especially in mining stocks. American railroad securities were dull.

Zola in Rome.

ROME, Dec. 2.—Emile Zola had a half hour's audience with King Humbert at the Quirinal yesterday. The King said he hoped that the friendly relations between Italy and France would be renewed. He knew that no nation was more anxious for peace than Italy. He rejoiced in regarding President Casimir-Perier as his friend.

A Murderer at Large.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The police have learned that a week ago a man, evidently insane, appeared in woman's attire in the streets of Kensington and tried to stab several women. He slashed two respectable women slightly and killed the respectable woman whose body was found on Holland Villas road on the morning of Nov. 26. He has not been captured.

Turkey Warned.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The Daily News correspondent in Constantinople confirms the report that Great Britain warned Turkey against violating the Berlin treaty by permitting the slaughter of Armenians. He says Lord Kimberley energetically insisted that the Porte must govern Armenia better. The British consul in Erzeroum, Mr. Graves, has been instructed to watch the commission of inquiry.

Imperial Institute Subscriptions.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The collections from Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and British Columbia for the Imperial Institute of the United Kingdom, the Colonies and India, which is to stand for all time as a record of her Majesty's jubilee, are good and are expanding. Nova Scotia has sent a little, and New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island have sent still less.

"To Him That Hath Shall Be Given."

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The Prince and Princess of Wales have presented Lady Margaret Grosvenor, daughter of the Duke of Westminster, who is to be married on Dec. 12 to Prince Adolphus of Teck, with a wedding gift of a pearl and diamond brooch. The present of the Duke and Duchess of Teck is a tiara. The Duke and Duchess of York and the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire presented Margaret with a diamond coronet and the Queen sends a diamond brooch.

London in a Fog.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—A dense fog prevailed throughout Central and Southern England yesterday. River traffic was stopped generally. In London several collisions of vehicles occurred in the streets resulting in some severe injuries. An omnibus fouled a gate near Oldham and fourteen occupants were hurled down a steep embankment, the majority being severely injured. Several isolated cases are reported in which persons accidentally fell into docks or canals, in consequence of their inability to see through the fog. Some of these persons were drowned. Many vessels ran aground. In the British channel navigation was suspended.

The Queen Surprised Her Guests.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—An incident occurred at the banquet given at Windsor in honor of

the marriage of the Czar and Princess Alix-Heese-Darmstadt, which is the talk of the diplomatic circle. The guests present at the banquet were surprised to see the Queen proposing a toast to the newly-wedded couple. Rising from her chair contrary to her usual custom her Majesty turning to the members of the Russian embassy said: "I drink to the health of the Emperor and Empress of Russia, my dear grandchildren." The Queen spoke with unwonted vivacity.

Peace Preferable to Conquest.

LAHORE, Dec. 2.—In the course of a long speech Thursday evening Lord Elgin, the Governor-General, said: "We seek to be strong in order to be at peace. We have no ambition for conquest. We do not desire to extend our boundaries. We only wish to cultivate the friendship of our neighbors. From the recent speech of Lord Rosebery we have reason to hope that the time is approaching when all risk of the clash of Russian and British interests in Asia will be obviated. I venture to say that no more welcome intelligence could be conveyed to any lover of India." Lord Elgin eulogized the Ameer of Afghanistan for his loyalty to treaties.

In the Interests of Peace.

A cable from Paris says: Everything that is known in St. Petersburg indicates clearly that an Anglo-Russian understanding has been reached on all that relates to Asiatic questions which will have its counter effect in Europe, and that France will then be able to take part in the arrangement. Thus in the face of the Triple Alliance of Germany, Austria and Italy there has been founded another Triple Alliance between England, Russia and France. By reason of the equality of the strength of the two groups the chances for the peace of Europe are still further increased.

William and Wales.

BERLIN, Dec. 2.—The Prince of Wales is expected to arrive here on Tuesday. Never before has any meeting between him and the Emperor been associated with politics, yet now both court and diplomatic circles concur in the belief that somehow the Prince has assumed the role of mediator. According to dispatches from St. Petersburg the Czar and Czarina, after visiting Copenhagen in June and Osborne in July, will return to St. Petersburg by way of Berlin. That the Emperor does not look with pleasure on the signs of an Anglo-Russian entente is self-evident.

A Worthy Woman.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The tributes from all over Europe to the memory of Princess Bismarck do not exceed the merits of that admirable woman. Her attachment to her masterful husband and his to her have always been of an extraordinary kind. To her he was devoted. From her came to him not only a constant care, but a softening influence on his life. She was the soul of his confidence, his confidante, his adviser in many high matters. The loss to him in his 80th year and in exile from power is grievous. Earlier it would have been a serious loss to Germany, and it still is, for a very beautiful character lives now only in memory.

Much Money Wanted.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The Russian loan of £15,000,000 will be financed in London, not in Paris. It will be offered in the leading European capitals at 3½ per cent. The French Government projects a loan of £40,000,000, to be issued in the spring at 2½ per cent. The London market is very largely interested in the prospective borrowing of China under indemnity to Japan. According to the Statist £50,000,000 might be borrowed by prolonging the existing loans and mortgaging the free customs revenues. The proceeds of a loan paid in silver would send up the price of that metal considerably unless Japan, following the example of Germany after the defeat of France, should adopt a gold standard.

The Derelict Scare.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The derelict scare has been pretty well laid to rest by the report of the joint committee of the Admiralty and Board of Trade. This committee are unanimously of the opinion that the danger from derelicts in the Atlantic has been greatly exaggerated. Their computations show that not more than sixteen exist at any one time over an area of 10,000,000 square miles, and very much less than nineteen along the Atlantic trade routes. The cost and difficulty of discovering and destroying these few would vastly exceed any benefit to be obtained. They oppose any such undertaking and they do not favor an international conference. They propose, however, that masters of vessels should be required to report all derelicts they fall in with, and that all possible information should be published. Beyond that they decline to go.

Commons vs. Lords.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The minority of the Cabinet which was in favor of giving to the resolution limiting the power of the House of Lords precedence over other measures at the coming session of Parliament, has accepted the decision of the majority and will now favor a long legislative progress, winding up with the resolution on the eve of dissolution. The report that another Cabinet rupture is imminent has little weight outside of the Conservative agitators. Though the Radicals urge that the House of Lords question be immediately dealt with they will shrink from causing a split in the party, for it is now known that it is the design of the Cabinet to challenge the Upper House upon the first rejection by it of any great bill, such as the measure for the disestablishment of the Church in Wales, the Irish Land Reform Bill, etc., that shall be passed by the House of Commons. Parliament will reassemble the first week in February.

A "Dear Friend."

LONDON, Dec. 2.—A lady whose name is not known, and who is living in London apart from her husband, stated in the Court of Chancery this morning that in July last she was residing in London with a man named Clump, who claimed to be a resident of the United States. This man, she states, is now living in Berlin, where he is known by the name of Alexander. The plaintiff alleges that while they were living together she handed to Clump £2,400 in money and a number of valuable securities, and that he soon after left the city, taking with him the cash and securities. Detectives were at once set on his track and succeeded in tracing Clump to Berlin, where it was found he had sold shares of the Louisville and Nashville and the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Rail-

way Companies to the amount of £1,400. These stocks, it is alleged, are the lady's property. Upon hearing the statement the court ordered the bank, in which other securities are deposited, not to part with any of them pending further developments in the case. The lady is said to be possessed of £40,000.

An Avalanche of Elections.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—During the next fortnight some 23,000 different local elections are to be held in England, and over 90,000 persons are to be elected to offices, which had not heretofore existed. There has been no parallel since the emancipation of the Russian serfs for such a tremendous alteration in the machinery of local administration. They say that in country parts public attention has been fixed on the impending election of parish and district councils for months, and that voters are keen to put the new institution to democratic use from the outset, but that in large towns, most of all in London, the magnitude of the metropolitanism is only now dawning on the popular mind. In Battersea, for instance, which is John Burns' district, there are over 500 nominations for 120 offices, and if the ballots are printed as in the Parliamentary elections each elector will be obliged to pick out names on a voting paper five feet long.

The Manchester Canal a Failure.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The Manchester Ship Canal is thought by the Times to be both a financial and commercial failure. It has been open eleven months. Its business shows no sign of increase since the beginning, but of late diminishes rapidly. If there were paying business to do there is not sufficient dock equipment. The gross receipts of the canal for a year will be less than \$400,000, less than is needed to pay interest on the first debentures. The debt is \$25,000,000. The resources relied on for reducing it have vanished. The corporation of Manchester has found this great sum and must find more if the undertaking is not to come to a standstill. Five millions are urgently wanted. If they are found the yearly liabilities of the company will be £2,500,000, with a revenue of less than half a million. Whichever way it is looked at the prospect before Manchester is as black as its atmosphere.

Actor Irving in Dublin.

DUBLIN, Dec. 2.—The Dublin corporation entertained the Irving-Terry theatrical company last evening. In his speech of welcome the Lord Mayor said that Mr. Irving and Miss Terry had done more than any others to refine the stage and make it an educator of the people. Part of Mr. Irving's reply was: "I regard our visit here as perhaps the most auspicious event of our lives. May God bless this whole noble nation; may prosperity ever be its portion. My soul shall always utter its love for you." Mr. Irving gave £100 to the poor of Dublin. After the performance in the Gayety Theater an address was presented to Mr. Irving and Miss Terry on the stage. The signers of the address include the Lord Mayor, Lord Chancellor, the Chief Justice and six other judges, Lord Weisley, the president of the College of Surgeons and Physicians, the provost of Trinity College, members of the House of Commons, and the sheriff of Dublin. Mr. Irving replied warmly to the presentation speech, and much enthusiasm was manifested. Baron Houghton, the Lord Lieutenant, attended the play, and remained to witness the presentation. The crowd cheered Mr. Irving and Miss Terry when they left the theater.

A Cruel War.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The Chee Foo correspondent of the Central News says the prevalent impression is that the Japanese will abandon the march on Peking. Part of the Japanese fleet has been seen in the Gulf of Wei Hai Wei, but it has made no attack. It is reported that an army of 250,000 Chinese expect to intercept the Japanese on their march to Newchwang. The Chinese surrounded a detachment of 500 Japanese in a town recently and captured them. Probably all the captives were killed.

In describing the fall of Port Arthur it is stated that in the fortress were found a number of mutilated Japanese prisoners and the bodies of women belonging to the ambulance corps dismembered and crucified on boards. The Japanese took scarcely any prisoners. When they entered Port Arthur all the garrison had either vanished or been killed. The flying Chinese soldiers have outraged, pillaged and murdered on every side, sparing in their frenzied cruelty neither women nor children.

Japan is resolved to continue the war to the bitter end and to dictate her own terms of peace at Peking.

The Berlin Voische Zeitung's Tokio correspondent says that German witnesses the battle at Port Arthur says wounded Japanese were found at Port Arthur with their heads, hands and feet cut off, and their bodies awfully mutilated. The inhabitants, who had been armed with express rifles and explosive cartridges, resisted in the city, and the houses had to be taken by storm. Many Chinese were killed. The Chinese generals fled when the first fort was taken. Had they surrendered many Chinese lives would have been saved.

Some 18,000 men were engaged on each side. There were 250 Japanese killed and wounded. The Chinese killed number 1,500. The Berlin Voische Zeitung's Tokio correspondent says that German is rapidly replacing English as the principal foreign language in Japan. The Japanese Minister of Education has issued a rescript, substituting German as the head of the foreign languages taught in the universities and high schools. There are seven German professors in the University of Tokyo. The London correspondent in Chee Foo telegraphs: All traffic to the northward will cease in ten days, and the Japanese will have to be quick if they intend to attack Peking in 1904. It is reported that the next attack will be made upon Wei Hai Wei, but Gen. Chang, a brave and competent officer, commands the defense of this stronghold, and he is assisted by several foreigners.

A Chinese refugee from Port Arthur says that six generals had equal commands in the defense, and all fought bravely, but the plans lacked combination, hence the defeat. Two generals escaped, one to Chee Foo, where he is in hiding, and the other to Tien Tsin. It is likely that they will be beheaded.

The Chinese fear that if peace be concluded now the disbanded troops will plunder the whole country within their reach. The latest reliable report is that Japan informed the United States Minister that she was willing to negotiate peace.

China has done this, therefore an armistice is probable. The Times hears from Kobe that the Government has published a statement that Commissioner Detring was not properly accredited by China to negotiate for peace and that China must accredit a high official with complete power.

Late Canadian News.

Hamilton May Have a Boodle Investigation, Too.

A Clergyman Suing for \$68 Arrears of Salary.

Mr. James Silex, one of Woodstock's oldest residents, is dead. Winnipeg citizens are moving to provide relief for the poor.

The Royal Pulp and Paper Company, of Montreal, has gone into liquidation. Mr. Samuel Last, a farmer in Brantford district, has received word that by the death of a relative in England he is now possessor of \$50,000.

John Kennedy Falconbridge, father of Judge Falconbridge, died on Friday at Richmond Hill. He had been a resident there for many years.

Prospector McKay reports having found considerable mining land between Lake Winnipeg and Hudson Bay. Copper was particularly abundant.

At St. Catharines on Saturday Mrs. August DuLauritz, of Louth, was struck by a runaway horse and so badly injured that her recovery is doubtful.

Mrs. A. Robinson, wife of Bailiff Robinson, of Chatham, died at an early hour Sunday morning from an overdose of laudanum taken Saturday night.

Nothing has been heard from Herbert Wilson or James Smith, who decamped with the receipts of the "Billie Taylor" opera performance at Hamilton last week.

At Montreal on Saturday evening, A. Brodeur, aged 80 years, while walking over Ferdinand street crossing, was struck by the Canada Atlantic train and fatally injured.

The Customs Department charged 50 per cent duty on the bottle of anti-toxin recently imported for diphtheria cases in Montreal. Hon. Mr. Bowell will be asked to remit the duty.

Rev. E. J. Fessenden, of Ancaster, has issued a writ against the congregation of Trinity Church, Chippewa, for a claim of \$628 for arrears in stipend due him during the time he was rector of the parish.

The Montreal police are on the lookout for Albe Raymond, a Frenchman, and director of L'Assommoir College, Boston, who has skipped from that city after having swindled his creditors to the extent of \$20,000.

In Toronto the building permits for November were \$40,850 and for the corresponding month last year they amounted to \$111,090. Up to Dec. 1 this year they amounted to \$969,500, against \$1,343,290 last year.

Thos. Stillwell, a carpenter, who went to St. Catharines some time ago from Toronto, was arrested Friday, charged with the desertion of his wife and child. He was allowed to go on suspended sentence, on promising to be faithful in future.

After an excellent record of 22 years' service as commandant of the Thirty-first Grey Battalion, Lieut.-Col. George Brodie retires, and is succeeded by Major J. P. Telford. Another well known battalion, the Forty-fifth, also loses its commanding officer. The Forty-fifth was organized in 1866, with Lieut.-Col. F. Cubitt in command. The command of the regiment will devolve on Major John Hughes.

It is possible the city council will be asked to order an aldermanic investigation in Hamilton, although nothing has been done in the matter yet. Fred Coleman, the asphalt baron, was in Hamilton just previous to the letting of the pavement contract in Hamilton a few weeks ago, and it is said, at least three of the aldermen took the sum of \$25 each for their votes. On Coleman's return to Toronto from Hamilton, it is alleged he remarked to a friend, "It's pie in Hamilton; the aldermen are easy there."

Father and Daughter Perish.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 2.—By the explosion of a prior oil stove in a tenement this afternoon Luigi Roma, aged 35, and his daughter were burned to death. They were visiting at the house.

Report Won His Wager.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.—J. M. Raport, who left New York city on May 10 last on a wager of \$5,000 that he would reach San Francisco on or before Dec. 1, walking the entire distance without spending a cent other than what he earned on the journey, arrived last night with six hours to spare.

Waterworks Revenue Increased.

Friday closed the financial year in connection with the waterworks department. The receipts for the twelve months aggregated \$58,019 87, as compared with \$54,777 29 for the previous year—an increase of \$3,242 58, and an excess of \$2,000 over the estimates of the year. During the last quarter 120 meters were in operation, and the rates from water measured in this manner reached \$2,366 89 during the quarter. The different wards contributed rates for the quarter as follows: Ward 1, \$2,314 54; ward 2, \$2,690 92; ward 3, \$2,764 53; ward 4, \$2,501 60; ward 5, \$1,243 69; ward 6, \$1,249 44. The running expenses for the year will be a little over \$20,000—a slight increase. It is said that the increased revenue will more than pay the sinking fund and the interest on the proposed \$50,000 waterworks debentures.

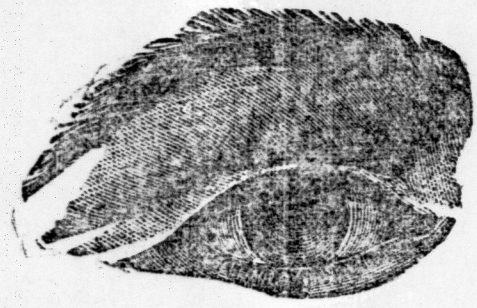
Steamships Arrived.

Dec. 1. At Buenos Ayres, Liverpool, Montreal, City of Lincoln, Halifax, Antwerp, Taormina, Halifax, Antwerp, Samarra, Portland, Glasgow, Norwegian, New York, New York, Lylian Monarch, New York, New York, Dec. 2. At La Touraine, Havre, New York, Etiruria, New York, Liverpool, Massillon, New York, Rotterdam, La Bourgogne, New York, Havre, Edam, New York, Amsterdam.

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22-inch Shot Surah Silks, Brocades, worth \$1, for 50c.
22-inch Fancy Stripe Blouse Silks, worth 90c, for 50c.
21-inch Pure Silk Black Mervellieux, worth 85c, for 62c.
22-inch All Colors Surah Silks, worth \$1, for 75c.

UNDERWEAR.

Double-Breasted Heavy Undershirts and Drawers, 25c.
Double-Breasted All-Wool Undershirts and Drawers, 39c.
Laced Top Shirts, worth 60c, for 32c.
Men's Heavy All-Wool Socks, 10c pair.

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THE LONDON ADVERTISER, with its morning and evening editions, covers the ground. With one exception, it is the ONLY EARLY MORNING DAILY IN ONTARIO, outside of Toronto.

London, Monday, Dec. 3.

—Toronto is having its civic boudiers investigation, and now Hamilton is talked of. Westward the star of empire takes its way.

—The Rev. Dr. Anna Shaw, who lectures in Queen's Avenue Methodist Church tonight, is one of the best speakers of the continent. She combines charm, culture, and consecration.

—Mr. Marten's Hamilton organ is again attacking the people of London in connection with the London election, and it is rather pitiable to see, through the cowardly anonymous letter method.

—In the new Legislature of Michigan there are no fewer than nine Canadian-born members, two—Mr. John A. Matthews, of Detroit, and Mr. T. H. Parkinson, of Yale—having started their careers in this city.

—The Halifax Chronicle points out that the duty on rice is 70 cents for every dollar's worth purchased. Why should any worker in the community object to that when under the new treaty with France he will be able to import his sparkling wines and only pay 25 per cent duty?

—The Toronto World (Conservative), quoting the ADVERTISER's statement that a panic has set in at Ottawa, and that the Ministers dare not meet Parliament with their huge deficit, necessitating new taxation, says that the weight of the evidence is in favor of an immediate general election.

—Indications increase that the men now in power at Ottawa will refuse to face the House of Commons at the usual time, and will go to the country as soon as possible. It is so much more easy to talk loosely on the hustings about what they intend to do than to confess to Parliament that they have, by lavish and corrupt expenditure, landed the country in trouble. A prospective deficit of FIVE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, with the increased taxes that it will necessitate, they dare not fairly face.

A GOOD CITIZEN GOING.

Mr. H. E. Nelles, who leaves on Wednesday for San Diego, California, has been compelled to seek a milder climate. Citizens generally will regret his departure and its cause. Mr. Nelles has been one of the most esteemed residents of London, and we doubt if he has an enemy. When he was Official Assessor some few years ago, he was the soul of honor and of promptitude. In his management of an important local financial institution, he has made new friends. As an official member of St. Andrew's congregation, he will be missed in church circles. For many years he was the efficient treasurer of the Y. M. C. A. of this city. In short, Mr. Nelles is the sort of citizen London dislikes to lose, and that San Diego will be glad to welcome. The ADVERTISER wishes Mr. Nelles and his family health and prosperity in their new home.

ABERDEEN IN NEW YORK.

He is Warmly Welcomed at a Great Public Dinner.

Interesting Address on Scotchmen and Their Characteristics.

New York, Dec. 3.—At the St. Andrew's Society banquet here, Lord Aberdeen and Dr. Chaucery Dewar were the principal speakers. The last-named said it was a great delight to meet that unassuming and audacious being, a Scotchman. There was no place in the world where one would not find two men, one a Scotchman and the other carrying his trunk. Other people died of fever in India, or were frozen to death in the Arctic regions, but there were so many kinds of climate in Scotland that a Scotchman was acclimated wherever he was. He would fry in the tropics and climb the North Pole in the same suit of clothes. But, wherever he might roam, he always at last settled in the spot where he could live best.

The Governor-General was received with great applause. He began his remarks by expressing cordial thanks and appreciation of the friendly references to Canada. He then attended to the Scottish features of the occasion. It was St. Andrew's night, and they were mentally on their native heath. He hoped that any non-Scottish friends who were present would excuse them if they used the occasion as a safety-valve, for this indeed was one of the advantages of such a festival. After narrating in a popular way some of the supposed taunts and gibes which Scotchmen have to endure patiently, he continued as follows: Even our church-going tendencies are

sometimes made fun of; for instance, when some Southern pretender that he overheard the following conversation between two elders returning from church:

"First Elder—Did you hear Duncan snoring?" the sermon?

"Second Elder—Fairly disconcerting; he awakened us."

But, Mr. President, it was perhaps indiscreet on my part to quote that particular dialogue, because some amiable friend may possibly suggest that I was the Duncan referred to. Certainly, I noticed some time ago in certain newspapers a story which represented me as being like Duncan, a disturber of the public repose, though not in a church, but in a car.

The accusation was, I believe, a calumny, and the story certainly a fiction. But while we may admire the imaginative inventiveness of the fabricator of such a story, I confess I think he might have given a Scotchman credit for the proverbial characteristic and privilege of answering one question by putting another, which, in the case of an impertinent inquiry, would naturally be to ask what right or reason a stranger could claim for an interrogation as to a traveler's income or anything else.

But, gentlemen, I shall not dilate upon Scottish characteristics in detail; at a gathering like this, however, where our nationality is fully and conspicuously represented, it may be allowable to express the hope that we shall never think it necessary to disguise, still less to be ashamed of that nationality. (Applause.)

I know that it may be and has been suggested that the maintenance of these societies may hinder that fusion, that harmonious co-operation which is so much to be desired in every community. But I have no apprehension on that score; rather should the celebration of our love for the land of our origin be a stimulus and an incentive to take a real share in promoting the country of our adoption. (Applause.)

And, besides, the individuality of a race is a thing not lightly to be lost sight of. If we aim at getting rid of our distinctively Scottish features in order to acquire similarity to others of a different nationality, we shall probably only succeed in becoming commonplace. There is, so to speak, a soul belonging to a nation as well as to individuals. Rob them of what is distinctively their own and you rob them of their soul-like quality. I trust, both here and in Canada, which I am proud to represent tonight, Scotchmen will show that they appreciate not only good business, but good government—(loud applause)—and that what we claim to be a Scottish trait, namely, the love of right, will be carried into practice in supporting every well-directed movement for securing more and more of righteousness and of equity in the administration of our public affairs. (Continued applause.)

Remunion of English Speakers.

The discussion of a possible Anglo-American reunion by Lord Charles Beresford and Captain Mayhew has attracted wide attention in the United Kingdom. The latter pointed out in his recent article that the two nations have a large degree of community in inherited political tradition and habit of thought and an identity in the moral forces governing and shaping political development. Moreover, the geographical dependence upon sea communications, together with a corresponding exemption from the burden of maintaining great land armies, must "tend to lead them toward a similar course of action in the future."

In reviewing the articles the other day a leading provincial journal said: "The prospect, however remote, of healing the vast mischief done by the one great imperial blunder committed by our forefathers, and drawing the whole English-speaking race throughout the world into one mighty union, is so splendid that the acceptance by a philosophical writer with Capt. Mahan's reputation of something like it as within the ends for which the stars in their courses are fighting, seems almost too good to be true. Lord Charles Beresford holds, however, and we cannot but believe rightly, there is not as yet sufficient realization of the national interest in the sea to induce American public opinion to demand the creation of the naval force necessary to make a naval alliance with England practical and effective."

We must not therefore go in for "forcing processes," but, doubtless, by drawing together the British Empire itself into an effective union for defense, we shall be likely at the right time to make the British alliance eminently and cogently attractive to our American cousins."

A Disastrous Failure.

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"Did she—did she—by the commotion that woman, Jolly, made, one would have supposed her mistress had some great secret to impart," broke off madam. "Had she?"

"Had who?" asked Mr. North, rather losing the thread of the dialogue.

"Mrs. Cumberland," said madam, with a slight stamp. And, in spite of her assumed carelessness, she watched her husband's face for the answer as if she were watching for one of life or death. "Did she impart to you any—any private matter?"

"She had none to impart, madam, that I am aware of. I shouldn't think she had. She rambled in her talk a bit, as the saying is, but about our old days, and about the anonymous letter that killed Edmund. There was nothing else, except that she wanted me to take temporary charge of Miss Ellen Adair, until we can hear from her father."

Mr. North was too simply honest to deceive, and madam believed him. Her old arrogance resumed its sway as fear died out.

"What did she tell you about the father?"

"Nothing," said madam; "what should she? I tell you mind and speech were both at bay. She rambled on about the old days and the anonymous letter and I couldn't follow her even in that, but she said nothing else."

"All was right then. The old will and the old arrogance reassured themselves; madam was herself again."

"Miss Adair goes back to Mrs. Cumberland's to-night," said madam. "I do not receive her, or permit her to remain here."

"What?" cried Mr. North; and Richard, who had just entered, stood still to listen.

"Why not, madam?"

"Because I do not choose to," said madam. "That's why."

"Madam, I wouldn't do it for the world. Send her back to the house with the dead lying in it, and where she'll have no protector! I couldn't do it. She's but a young thing. The neighbors would cry shame upon me."

"She goes back at once," spoke madam in her most decisive tones. "The carriage may take her, as it rains; but back she must go."

"It can't be, madam, it can't, indeed. I'm her guardian, now, and responsible for her. I promised that she should stay at Dallowry Hall."

And madam went forth into another of her furious rages; she stamped and shook with passion. Not at being thwarted, but at the thought that she was to be so near, but at Mr. North's attempting to oppose it.

"You were a fool for bringing her at all, knowing as you might that I should allow her to stay here," said madam. "The H. is mine, so long as I am mistress of it, no girl that I don't choose to receive shall find admittance here. She goes back at once."

Mr. North seemed ready to fall. The look of despair, piteous in its utter helplessness, came into his face. Richard drew nearer, and caught his expression. All this had taken place in the hall under the great lamp.

"Dick, what do you think of this?" said Mr. North. "I should die of the shame of turning her out again. I wish I could die; I've been wishing it many times to-night. It's time I was gone, Dick, when I've no longer a roof to offer a poor young lady for a week or two's shelter."

"But you have one, my dear father. At least I have, which comes to the same thing," added Richard, composed as usual.

"Madam," he said, "but, nevertheless, authoritative, talking madam's hand to lead her into the dining-room—"will you pardon me if I interfere in this?"

"It is no business of yours," said madam. "Excuse me, but, nevertheless, I think I had better take it on myself exclusively, and relieve my father of all trouble for really, what with one thing and another, he is not capable of bearing much more."

"Dick, do you think," interposed poor Mr. North, timidly following them into the dining-room. "You are strong, Dick, and I am weak. But I was strong once."

"Madam," said Richard, "this young lady, Miss Adair, will remain at the Hall until we receive instructions from her father."

Madam was turning livid. Richard had never assumed such a tone until to-night. And this was the second time. She would have been glad to strike him. Had he been some worthless animal, her manner could not have expressed more gratuitous contempt.

"By what right, pray, do you interfere?"

"Well, madam, Mrs. Cumberland expressed a wish that I, as well as my father, should act as Miss Adair's guardian."

"There's a document left to that effect," eager y put in Mr. North. "I have it here."

"And what thought you were appointed fifty times over and fifty to that; do you suppose it would give you the right to bring her here—to thrust her into my home?" shrieked madam. "Do not believe it, Richard and North."

"Madam," said Richard, quietly, "the home is mine."

"On sufferance," was the scornful rejoinder. "But I think the sufferance has been allowed too long."

"You have known me many years, madam; I do not think in all those years you have found me advance a proposition that I could not substantiate. In saying the home here was mine I spoke what is literally true. I am the lessee of Dallowry Hall. You and my father—my dear father—turning to him—"I know you will pardon me for the few plain words I must speak to you are here on sufferance. My guests, as it were."

"It is every word Gospel truth," spoke up poor Mr. North, glad that the moment of enlightenment had at last come. "Dick holds the lease of Dallowry Hall, and he is its real master. For several years now we have all been pensioners on his bounty. He has worked to keep us, madam, in this house; and he has done it nobly and generously."

It seemed to madam that her brain suddenly reeled, for the words brought conviction with them. Richard the master! Richard's money that they had been living on!

"I am grieved to have been obliged to state this, madam," Richard resumed. "I shall wish never to allude to it again, and I will continue to do the best I can for all. But—in regard to Miss Ellen Adair, she must remain here, and she shall be made welcome."

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A crafty and worldly-wise woman, like Mrs. North, can change her tactics as readily as the wind changes its quarters. The avowal of Richard, that he was the master of Dallowry Hall, so far as holding all

power went—had been the greatest blow to her of any she had experienced in all these latter years. It signified, as she perceived, the death-warrant of her own power; for she knew that she should never be allowed to rule again with an unjust and iron hand, as it had been her cruel pleasure to do. In all essential things, where it was needful to interfere, she felt that Richard's will and Richard's policy would henceforth outweigh her own.

Madam sat in her dressing-room that night, mentally looking into the future. It was very dim and misty. The sources whence she had drawn her exorbitant supplies were gone; her power was gone. Would it be worth while to remain at the Hall, she questioned, under the altered circumstances, the death of James Bohn, and her short acquaintance with Sir Nash, an idea had occasionally crossed her mind that it might be desirable to take up her residence with the baronet—if she could only accomplish it. From some cause or other she had formerly not felt at ease when with Sir Nash; but that was wearing off. At any rate, a home in his well-appointed establishment would be far preferable to Dallowry Hall, and all considerations gave way before madam's own selfish interest.

Already madam tasted of disposed power. Ellen Adair was to remain at the Hall, and Richard had emphatically enjoined—she was to be made welcome. Madam gnashed her teeth as she thought of it. Ellen Adair, whom she so hated and dreaded! She lost herself in a speculation of what Richard would have done had she persisted in her refusal.

(To be Continued.)

When Others Fail Hood's Sarsaparilla builds up the shattered system by giving vigorous action to the digestive organs, creating an appetite and purifying the blood. It is prepared by modern methods, possesses the greatest curative powers, and has the most wonderful record of actual cures of any medicine in existence. Take only Hood's.

Hood's Pills are purely vegetable, and do not purge, pain or gripe. 25 cents.

There is a negro in Covington, Ga., who is 6 feet 6 inches in height. He is now 42 years old, but when 18 years old he was only one inch shorter.

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

The first surgeon to use the antiseptic treatment for wounds was Sir Joseph Lister, the famous English operator. He is now about to retire from his profession on account of old age.

"Remarkable Cure of Dropsy and Dyspepsia."—Mr. Samuel T. Casey, Belleville, writes: "In the spring of 1884 I began to be troubled with dyspepsia, which gradually became more and more distressing. I used various domestic remedies and resorted to my family physician, but received no relief. By this time my trouble assumed the form of dropsy. I was unable to use any food whatever except boiled milk and bread; my limbs were swollen to twice their natural size; all hopes of my recovery were given up, and I quite expected death within a few weeks. Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Dropsy and Dyspepsia Cure was sent to me. I tried a bottle with but little hope of relief; and now, after using eight bottles, my Dyspepsia and Dropsy are cured. Although now 79 years of age I can enjoy my meals as well as ever, and my general health is good. I am well-known in this section of Canada, having lived here 57 years, and have liberty to use my name in recommendation of your Vegetable Dropsy, which has done such wonders in my case."

The diamond is believed to be of recent geological formation, and a microscopic examination often discloses in its substance minute plants and vegetable fibers.

Among the pains and aches cured with marvelous rapidity with Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil is carache. The young are especially subject to it, and the desirability of the Oil as a family remedy is enhanced by the fact that it is admirably adapted not only to the above ailment, but also to the hurts, disorders of the bowels, and affections of the throat, to which the young are especially subject.

The population of the German empire is increasing at the rate of 500,000 a year. New York city has appropriated \$100,000 for public baths for next summer.

It gives me great pleasure to express my opinions concerning Poud's Extract. I have used it for years, at home and abroad, for Bruises, Sprains, Cuts, and it has always acted like magic. My younger athletic friends and relations use it for rubbing purposes, and we all heartily indorse it as the "King of Ointments." Yours very respectfully, F. S. MARTIN, M.D., Lecturer on Gynecology, College of Physicians and Surgeons.

A manufacturer of artistic furniture in Paris has just completed a chair, the forelegs of which are of solid gold. It is valued at \$37,500.

How to Cure Dyspepsia. Dyspepsia arises from wrong action of the stomach, liver and bowels. Bardon Blood Bitters cures Dyspepsia and all diseases arising from it, 80 times in 100.

There is a miniature Indian corn grown in Brazil. The ears are not larger than a little finger, and the grains are the size of mustard seeds.

Gibbons' Toothache Gum is easily applied, cures instantly and is sold by druggists for 15 cents.

An electric street sprinkler is in use in Philadelphia. It has two 30 horse power motors, holds 2,700 gallons of water and runs fifteen miles an hour.

Pleasant as Syrup. Mr. Douglas Ford, Toronto, Ont., states that Milburn's Cod Liver Oil Emulsion with Wild Cherry Bark is free from objectionable taste, being almost as pleasant as syrup, while for coughs and colds it gives complete satisfaction, acting promptly even in obstinate cases.

The German army uses 137,000,000 blank cartridges a year.

The longest railroad tunnel in the world is the St. Gothard. It is nine and a quarter miles, a mile and a half longer than the Mont Cenis, and its cost was \$12,000,000.

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

BIGAMY MADE EASY.

A Case Where Justice is Literally Blind.

TORONTO, Dec. 2.—W. H. Pallette, whose wife's residence is here, escaped serious consequences through the recent decision of Chief Justice Armour, that a man married in Canada, who removed to the United States and remarried, cannot be prosecuted in Canada for bigamy.

A quarter of a century ago the Pallettes were married and they have a family, the eldest of whom is 24 years of age. Pallette deserted his wife, and at Grafton City, Dakota, on Sept. 12, 1891, married Miss Campbell, of Kempsville, Ont. Recently wife No. 2 ascertained that Pallette had a wife in Toronto, and he was arrested. At Brockville on Friday the magistrate discharged the prisoner.

TORONTO'S BOODLE RING.

Many Expect to Experience a Sensation Shortly.

TORONTO, Dec. 2.—Wallace Nesbitt, the prosecuting attorney in the municipal contract investigation, is at the present time in possession of the late Geo. W. Kiley's private books. It will be remembered Mr. Kiley was a large stockholder in the old Toronto street railway company.

Mr. Nesbitt declines to divulge any of his programme for the week, but the books will furnish information of a decidedly sensational character. The name of one individual is said to be mentioned in these papers who has heretofore borne an irreproachable character.

THE BEAUTIFUL CHILDREN.

Debt Due to American Women, of Course.

But They Cannot Make Thin Babies Beautiful When They Are Sick, and Health Is the Greatest Beauty a Baby Has Anyway—A Suggestion for Mothers.

A friend of our acquaintance once remarked that he was "very much obliged to the ladies of America for having such beautiful children." He was right. American children are remarkably comely. Take a promenade in any of our parks of a fine day and you may see hosts of little cherubs being paraded by nurses, or toddling or cavorting about on foot. One feels an almost irresistible inclination to hug them. If one could put one or two in one's vest pocket, and could denude one's remorse to the grief of mamma and run away fast enough, but not we will not suggest the possibility even to a childless old bachelor enamored of babies. That these beautiful little creatures should become feeble, weak, attenuated, haggard and woe-begone, is a most deplorable fact. Rescue them from this state of things, and you will have a pomegranate in any of our parks of a fine day and you may see hosts of little cherubs being paraded by nurses, or toddling or cavorting about on foot. 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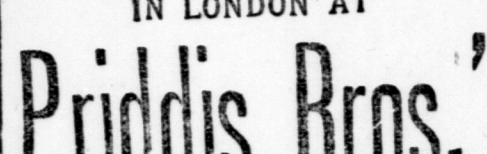
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Minimum and maximum temperatures: Toronto, 12°-24°; Edmonton, 12°-32°; Calgary, 12°-24°; Winnipeg, 12°-32°; Battleford, 2° below-14°; Regina, 12°-24°; Qu'Appelle, 8°-20°; Port Arthur, 4°-18°; Toronto, 32°-38°; Kingston, 30°-42°; Montreal, 20°-24°; Quebec, 10°-22°; Halifax, 32°-40°.

TODAY'S PROBABILITIES.

TORONTO, Dec. 3.—1 a.m.—Probabilities for the next 24 hours for the lower lakes region (covering the peninsula and as far east as Belleville) are: Northwest to southwest winds; fair and moderately cold; local snow flurries.

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—Fifty workmen in the C. P. R. carshops at Toronto Junction have been laid off.

—A. W. Ross, M. P. for Lisgar, Man., who has been visiting here, left on Saturday afternoon.

—Mr. A. H. Wingfield, of the Hamilton customs, the well-known poet, has been on a short visit to the city.

—Dr. Buchanan, of Kingston, has arrived at the asylum, where he succeeds Dr. Beemer, removed to Mimico.

—Mrs. George Andrews, of Petrolia, died last week, aged 75 years. Mr. Joseph Foster, of London, is a son.

—The vestibules have been placed on the London West electric car, and besides affording shelter to the motorman and greatly to the appearance of the vehicle.

—In Foresters' Hall, South London, tonight the Royal Templars of Temperance give their fourth anniversary concert. The programme is a good one of 27 numbers and includes most of the local favorites.

—Lawyer Johnston, who prepared Col. Claxton's proposition for the electric railway franchise here, will claim \$250 from the council. He says he was promised remuneration by members of the council.

—The Sheriff Glass estate in the township of Dawn has been relieved of large quantities of timber by unknown persons. Detective Crawford, of this city, has four men in Petrolia jail on suspicion. They are George, Charles and Nelson Cape and John Darby.

—The Rev. Mr. Lancelotti's lecture, announced for Dec. 18, promises to be a rare treat. This lecture was given at Grimby Park during the past season and greatly delighted the immense audience. It was pronounced by ministers and people to be the best thing of the season.

—Lieutenant A. E. Carpenter, a popular young officer at Wolsey Barracks, was married by Dean Jones in St. Paul's Cathedral on Saturday to Miss Ida Mary McDonough, daughter of Mr. William McDonough. The ceremony was private owing to illness in the bride's family.

—Several juvenile dancing clubs have been formed in the city. Gatherings are generally held once a week at the respective parents' houses. A rule has been made which appears a good one, that the dancers shall disperse at 10 p.m. and the refreshment provided shall be "light"—say cake and lemonade.

—Mr. R. H. Dignan, barrister, of London, with his wife and son, came down last Wednesday on a short visit to his uncle, Mr. J. G. Mountford. Thursday Mr. Dignan, with Mr. W. E. Hall and C. Rumbold went on a hunting trip near Melina, with Mr. E. S. Sales, but the game was scarce and results small. [Blenheim News.]

—A very pleasant little affair took place at the Richmond Club rooms the other evening, when Mr. Bert Moore, an esteemed member, was tendered a supper and presented with a handsome Knights Templar charm on the eve of his departure to Ayrmore, where he purchased a business and purposes residing in the future. Many good wishes accompany Bert in his future home.

—George Colbert, of London township, was arrested on Saturday and committed for trial by Squire Smyth on a charge of stealing three pigs from Albert Abay on Aug. 28. Colbert was subsequently brought before Judge Edward Elliott, elected trial without a jury, and the date was set for Dec. 22. The farm of Colbert is on con. 14, and adjacent to that of Abay.

—The stations of the Royal Regiment of Canadian Infantry at London, Toronto, St. John's, P.Q., and Fredericton, respectively, will in future be officially known as No. 1, No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4 regimental depot, R. C. I. The official designation of the officer appointed to command at each of these stations will be "Commanding No. — regimental depot R. C. I."

—The W. C. T. U. held their regular meeting Thursday afternoon. A Bible reading by Rev. Ware on the prayers of the Bible was both interesting and helpful. Miss Peel read an able paper on "The Practical Side of Scientific Temperance," in which she stated some interesting facts on the effects of alcohol on the brain and digestive organs.

—Guy Bros. Minstrels had a slim matinee and a large evening audience on Saturday. The company gives a clean, bright performance. The first part is marked by some good music, and would be just as acceptable without the long string of weary jokes and punnigrams. The second part introduces some clever specialties, musical, acrobatic and humorous. The company plays in Ayrmer tonight.

—A florist says he is always glad when the chrysanthemum season is over, for in spite of the fancy price asked for these flowers they do not yield so sure an income as roses and pinks. One reason is that flowers for cutting, in order to be large must be reduced to two or three on a plant. Counting the year's struggle to perfect them and all, a quarter apiece for a couple of blossoms is a moderate price.

—It is the proud claim of Mr. R. W. Scott, the genial G. T. R. agent, who yesterday left the city to take the new office at Niagara Falls, that he began life on the railway as a messenger boy in London, Ont., and that during his 23 years in the service of the Grand Trunk he has never yet been called up for reprimand. This is a good record. May it never be sullied. [Chat-ham Planet.]

—The following Londoners received invitations to the wedding at Brantford Saturday of Mr. A. D. Hardy and Miss Curtis: Miss Niven, Mr. and Mrs. Gibbons, Mr. and Mrs. Yates, Dr. and Mrs. Waugh, Mr. Hume B. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Misses Labatt, Mr. and Mrs. Mr. G. H. Munroe, Miss Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. L. Whitehead, Mr. Muir, Mr. R. O. Shaw-Wood. The groom is a barrister and a

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—In its report of the recent St. Andrew's concert in Guelph the Herald says: "Lillian and Beatrice Shand are never little girls. They live in London, Ont., and enjoy a Provincial reputation as Highland dancers. They did the Highland fling and sword dance with much grace and precision, and Lillian went through the pretty evolutions of the sailor's hornpipe as perfectly as could be done by the sprightly Jack tar. But it was in their singing that the children particularly won the admiration of the audience. Beatrice sings with all the expression of an artist, though she has all the simplicity of the child. In their vocal duets the children were also very fine."

His Right Thumb Was Smashed.

Mr. Charles White, a C. P. R. laborer, living at 726 Adelaide Street, had his right thumb badly smashed the other night. He was engaged around the coal chute at the time, and at the request of another employee consented to couple a freight and passenger engine together. This is a very difficult thing to do, and the two came together a little too fast for one unaccustomed to coupling, and White's right thumb was caught between the wheels and smashed. He was taken home, where the injury was attended to by the company's surgeon.

Dropped Dead.

A private dispatch received from St. Thomas yesterday states that Mr. Brooks, a well-known and respectable citizen, dropped dead about 2 o'clock in the morning. He was sexton of Knox Church, and intended to go and fix the furnace and have the edifice heated for the morning service. After dressing he complained of illness, and asked his wife to bring a glass of water. When Mr. Brooks took a drink he dropped dead. Deceased was about 45 years of age. Heart disease is supposed to have been the cause of death.

A Successful Art Exhibition.

The exhibition of china painting that has been going on since Thursday at the rooms of the Women's Art Club, 456½ Richmond Street, has been such a success that the ladies have decided to continue the exhibition until Monday and Tuesday. It had been the intention to close on Saturday night, "But," said one of the ladies interested, "so many have come the second time and the crowd continues so large that we thought it would be a pity to go to so much trouble in getting the exhibition together and then to close so soon. But we will surely close on Tuesday." The attendance on Saturday was as large as the room could comfortably hold without endangering the safety of the many beautiful exhibits. The success of this exhibition is far ahead of its predecessor, and would indicate an increased interest in art. As the object of the Women's Art Club is to promote this feeling, the ladies may well feel proud of the success that has attended their efforts.

Normal Bible Class Social.

The Normal Bible class, recently organized in connection with the Dundas Center Methodist Church, gave a very enjoyable "social evening" in the lecture room of the church last week. The room was festooned with red and white bunting and tastefully decorated with flowers. Small tables and chairs were placed here and there around the room, and nearly 200 people gathered. Mr. D. A. McEwen occupied the chair and introduced a few well-chosen words introduced Mr. T. B. Escott, who on behalf of the class gave a short address of welcome to all present. He outlined briefly the intended work of the class, drawing particular attention to the musical part. He said, "We are under a committee of four, who would from time to time engage leading singers to assist. The normal class orchestra, under the able leadership of Mr. Jas. Cresswell, would also prove very attractive. The International Sunday School Lessons are what are to be taken up. In concluding, Mr. Escott gave a very cordial invitation to any not at present attending Sunday school to join the class. Addresses were also given by Rev. E. B. Lancelotti, Wm. Bowman, Wm. McIntosh, and D. A. McEwen. Dr. Ziegler and Miss E. Yates sang a solo each in a very pleasing manner. During the evening refreshments were served by the committee in charge. Although this class has only been organized about three weeks the membership is nearly 50, and it is fully expected by the executive that this number will be doubled at least before the end of the year. The following are the officers: T. B. Escott, leader; G. E. Coombe, secretary-treasurer; convener of membership committee, Miss Tarry; convener of musical committee, Mr. E. N. Hunt; convener of normal study committee, Mr. Wm. McIntosh; convener of social committee, Miss B. Macdonald. The normal class orchestra is composed of the following: First violins, Jas. Cresswell, Robt. Jex, Wm. Jex; second violins, Geo. Winterbottom, J. P. Hunt, E. Blunkhorn; flute, Jas. Haskins; clarinet, Geo. Blunkhorn; cornet, C. C. Irwin (solo); F. J. Jury; alto horn, W. Knaggs; trombone, W. H. Silk; cello, W. K. Clark.

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8th—4 pieces 44-inch Hopsacking for evening wear, in heliotrope, mauve, cardinal and fawn, regular 50c goods, sale price 33c per yard.

9th—7 pieces Tweed Dress Goods, flaked, 44 inches wide, in grays, browns, garnet and green, regular price 40c, sale price 30c per yard.

10th—7 pieces ½-inch Cheviot Plaids, 45c inches wide and various shades, regular price 60c, sale price 40c per yard.

11th—Beaver Cloth for girls' coats, worth \$1 35, sale price 75c per yard.

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13th—All-wool Blankets, large size, sale price \$1 87 per pair.

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16th—Good Bed Comforters, sale price 50c each.

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18th—Regular 8c Flannelettes and Shaker Flannel for 5c per yard.

19th—28-inch Home-made Flannel, regular price 25c, sale price 20c per yard.

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21st—Good Table Linen, 60 inches wide, worth 40c, sale price 25c per yard.

22nd—Best New Brunswick Carpet Warp, 78c for five pounds.

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