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40TH YEAR, NO. 382. LONDON, ONTARIO, MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1902. WHOLE NO. 16773.

Births, Marriage,s Deaths.

MARRIED.

ASH—McLAREN—On Dec. 16, 1902, at St. James' Chusch, South London, by Rev. Archdeacon Davis, Mr. Arthur Ash to Leita Isabel, eldest daughter of F. W. McLaren, railway mail service, city.

DIED.

GARNER—At Thorndale, on Dec. 21, 1902, Robert H. Garner, in his 38th year. Funeral on Tuesday at 2 o'clock to Vining Cemetery; service at 1:30 p.m. Friends and acquaintances kindly accept this intimation.

COVERDALE—In this city, on Dec. 22, 1902, Carah Coverdale, in her 42rd year. Funeral from the residence of Mr. William Brimblecombe, 581 Piccadilly street, on Tuesday, Dec. 23, at 2:30; service at 2 p.m. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

AMUSEMENTS, LECTURES, ETC.

LONDON---TONIGHT.
COMMENCING MONDAY.
Marks Bros.
20 PEOPLE—10 SPECIALTIES.
Opening bill, "The Mormon's Daughter." Prices, 10c, 15c and 25c. "Be sure and come first night."

GRAND-- CHRISTMAS DAY. Matinee and Evening.
The Great Drury Lane Theater, London, Dramatic Sensation,
THE GREAT RUBY.
Seats on sale today, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c.

OCEAN TRAVEL IN JANUARY—THE Bavarian, of the Allan Line, will sail from Halifax, Monday, Jan. 5, for Liverpool, via Derry. Very low fares to or from the old country. F. B. Clarke, Richmond street, next Advertiser.

DANCING—NEW CLASSES FOR BEGINNERS open as follows: Gentlemen, Monday evening, Jan. 5; ladies, Tuesday evening Jan. 6; children, Saturday afternoon, Jan. 10. Dayton & McCormick.

ORIGINAL LONDON HARPERS—Music furnished for all occasions. Tony Cortese, 380 Richmond street. 'Phone 1570.

PRIVATE LESSONS IN DANCING BY R. B. Millard, 345 Princess avenue. Season opens Oct. 1. Special attention given to waltz and two-step. Lessons any hour.

FEMALE HELP WANTED.

WANTED—A GENERAL SERVANT; good wages. Apply to Mrs. Thomas Rowe, 376 Central avenue. 78c

WANTED — EXPERT WAISTMAKER, Apply Miss McNaughton, Bayley's. 72k

GOOD GENERAL SERVANT WANTED. Apply 455 St. James street. 73n

YOUNG GIRL TO ASSIST IN GENERAL housework; family of three; no washing. Apply 302 Central avenue. 71c

WANTED—A CHAMBERMAID AND pastry cook. Apply City Hotel. 69t

CHAMBERMAID WANTED. APPLY Hodgins House. 67tf

GOOD GENERAL SERVANT WANTED at once. Apply Mrs. Thompson, 207 Wolfe street. 65tf

ARTICLES FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—TWO HUNDRED QUARTS of milk daily. Apply A. Comfort, Glanworth. 78c

SNAPS IN CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES—All 5c, 10c, 15c and 25c vases, toys and games for 3c, 7c, 10c and 15c each respectively. All higher price novelties equally cheap. Ladies' black fur ruffs, 50c, $1 and $1 25; black astrakhan muffs, $1 50, worth $3. See our Cheap Christmas handkerchiefs, neckties, lined kid gloves, mufflers, umbrellas, purses and wrist bags. Also clearing sale of men's felt hats; all $2 25 hats for $1 75. All other prices equally reduced. J. H. Cunningham, 662 Dundas street.

BOOKS, PAPERS, MAGAZINES, FROM any place on earth. Red Star News Company, Market Lane.

SWEET CIDER FOR CHRISTMAS—Drop a card to 576 Grey; delivered to any part of city. 72k

WE HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS for a choice supply of geese and turkeys, specially fed for the Christmas trade. Buy your Christmas poultry from us, and you will be sure to be pleased. T. A. Faulds, 13 Market House. 'Phone 151. zxv

SEND YOUR CHRISTMAS PICTURES away in good, strong mailing tubes. For sale at Advertiser office. 70n

FOR SALE—THREE GOOD PRACTICE pianos, $35, $45 and $50, payable $2 per month, guaranteed. Organs for $10 and $20, payable $2 per month. Heintzman & Co., 217 Dundas, corner Clarence.

BIG HORSE FOR SALE—SPLENDID driver; a bargain. G. Marshall & Co., 258 Dundas street. 72tf

SKATES HOLLOW-GROUND AT 10c A pair. D. McKenzie & Co., 298 Richmond street.

GREEN'S LOTION — GUARANTEED cure (or money refunded) for all sores and ulcerated wounds on limbs and body, running sores of long standing, etc. Price, $1 per bottle. William Green, horse trainer, Queen's Hotel, London, Ont.

FOR SALE—LARGE IRON SAFE; CONTAINS private drawers and lots of room for large books. Apply Advertiser office. 35tf

GREEN & CO. HAVE RECEIVED A supply of West Virginia smokeless coal; will burn well in furnace or range. Massillon lump, a first-class domestic coal. Good, dry mixed slabs at $1 50 a load. Good wood in blocks or split. Green & Co., Maitland street and Grand Trunk Railway. Telephone 1,391.

SNAPS—WE ARE CLEARING OUT ALL second-hand organs and pianos at prices never heard of before. First-class organs, $10 and $20, and elegant pianos at $75 and $100. Payable, $1, $2 and $3 per month. Heintzman & Co., 217 Dundas street, corner Clarence.

ALL KINDS OF WOOD AND SOFT coal. Wm. Buchanan, 633 Colborne street.

ORDERS FOR HARD AND SOFT wood received. Order ahead. Leading East End wood yard. D. H. Gillies & Co. 'Phone 1,312.

STOVES, BASEBURNERS AND Ranges of all kinds for wood and coal; second-hand furniture; cheap; at F. Keene's, 141 King street.

MISCELLANEOUS.

HAIR GOODS—NOTHING MORE APPROPRIATE for Christmas gift than a switch, pompadour, wig, or hair ornament. Miller's Hair Store, 223 Dundas street.

L. Harvey, druggist, of Rodney, was assessed $20 by the magistrate on each of two charges of violating the liquor act.

Everything In Music

GUITARS,
MANDOLINS,
BANJOS,
VIOLINS,
MOUTH ORGANS.
MUSIC STANDS.
MUSIC HOLDERS.

New Christmas Songs

and beautifully bound books of Both Vocal and Instrumental Music.

NORDHEIMER'S,
188 Dundas St.
62 Years Established.

MALE HELP WANTED.

BOY WANTED TO RUN ELEVATOR. Parisian Steam Laundry Company of Ontario, Limited. 73c

WANTED—FIRST-CLASS, UP-TO-DATE cap cutter and designer, to take charge of new cap factory; must be capable of making and designing patterns, and must be all-round cap maker, and know all branches of the trade; good salary will be paid right man, and steady work. Address Box 70, Advertiser, London. 72u

PRINTER—A GOOD TWO-THIRDER wanted immediately; excellent opportunity for all-round experience. Good wages. Box 530, London. 72n

MAN WANTED FOR STABLE AND porter work. Western Hotel, city. 71c

A GOOD GENERAL BLACKSMITH wanted at once for country shop. Apply C. Dresser, Scottsville. 71c

PORTER WANTED—YOUNG MAN, handy about warehouse. Apply to C. E. Tolton & Co., 420 Talbot street. 73c

MEETINGS.

A MEETING OF THE ELECTORS OF the Township of Westminster will be held at Ouell's Hall on Monday, Dec. 29, 1902, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of nominating fit and proper persons for reeve and councilors for said township for 1903. George Riddell, clerk. 75u

BUSINESS CARDS.

BICYCLES CLEANED, INSURED AND stored for winter, $1. Enameling, $1 extra. J. H. Cunningham, 664 Dundas.

WATSON & CO., HOUSE MOVERS—Steam boilers and safes a specialty. 194 Hamilton road. 'Phone 1,231.

WILLIAM HODGSON, PAINTER, paperhanger. Estimates free. 410 Horton street.

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST, ON SUNDAY EVENING—LADY'S silver watch. Reward on returning to this office. 73c

STRAYED, ABOUT SIX WEEKS AGO, on to premises, lot 21, con. 6, Westminster, a flock of turkeys. Owner will prove property, pay expenses and take them away. 72c

LOST, THIS WEEK—MINK MUFF. Suitable reward on leaving at 474 Queen's avenue. 72c

DRESS CUTTING SCHOOL.

LEARN CUTTING, GRADING AND designing costumes. Lessons daily. Satisfaction guaranteed. We purpose starting lessons in dressmaking. Ladies desiring tuition call or write Cutting School, 233½ Dundas street, London.

ARCHITECTS.

MOORE & HENRY—ARCHITECTS, LAND SURVEYORS, CIVIL ENGINEERS. John M. Moore. Frederick Henry.

BUSINESS CHANCES.

FOR SALE OR RENT—IN THRIVING village, first-class brick bakeshop, furnished; dwelling house, with sale-room, attached; good opening, only shop; cheap place; reasons, ill-health. Apply William McDonald, Arkona P.O. 72c

HOTEL PROPERTY AND STABLE, IN neighboring city. Apply to Box 380, London P. O. 61tf-zxt 29tf

HOUSES, ETC., TO LET.

TO LET—NO. 79 CLARENCE STREET; comfortable cottage. Rent, $7, including water rate. London Soap Company. 73tf

TO LET—UNION FURNITURE VAN—Furniture carefully handled. John Biggs, Cathcart and Bruce, South London, late of London Furniture Company. 'Phone 310.

COMFORTABLE SIX-ROOM COTTAGE to let, No. 1 Nelson street. Apply 500 King. 82tf

REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE — FIRST-CLASS CITY property, situated 541 to 565 Hamilton road, London, consisting of store doing prosperous business, good brick bakery (two ovens), three dwellings, stables, etc.; five minutes walk to new industries. Apply F. W. J. Ball, 168 Adelaide street, London. 70n bw

NOTICE—LOTS ON THE OLIVER SURVEY will be advanced in price on the 15th of January, 1903. Get your choice now, as there are only a few left. Easy terms. J. F. Sangster, 112 Masonic Temple.

FOR SALE—50-ACRE FARM, WITH stock and implements; within driving distance of London and Parkhill markets. Price, $2,500. Apply H. Fountain, Sylvan, West Williams, Ont. 72n

WANTED.

WANTED—CITY LOAN COMPANIES' stocks. John Wright, stock broker, London.

AGENTS WANTED.

AGENT WANTED—RAYMOND SEWING Machine Company, for country; everything found; salary and expenses; must be good salesman and well recommended. Apply H. Clarke, manager, office 217 Dundas street. 72c

AGENTS WANTED BY THE LARGEST direct importer and wholesale manufacturer of agents' household supplies in Canada. Low prices and liberal terms. Cooper, 332-6 Clarence street, London.

AGENTS WANTED, TO MAKE $10 A day; free canvassing outfit sent prepaid to reliable parties. Write for form of proposal. Cooper, 332-6 Clarence street, London.

THE FAMINE IN FINLAND

Failure of the Crops—Thousands Destitute—Eating Bread Made With Husks.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—The average grain crop gathered in Finland is valued at $30,000,000. The estimated value of the 1902 crop is $20,000,000. While this loss is generally distributed throughout Finland, it is almost total in the northern part of the country. Peas and beans generally have failed, and the potato crop has not been gathered. The hay has rotted or been swept away by floods. The disaster is due to the late spring, the nearly continuous chilly rains and the early frost, which was recorded Aug. 10. In the north there have been only half a dozen days when it did not rain. The rains also spoiled the fishing. The present crop failure is the worst that has been experienced for the last 50 years.

There are, all told, about 500 parishes in Finland; 194 of these parishes are now nearly destitute. The agricultural board has received reports from 140 of the 194 parishes, showing that 106 have food supplies, which will suffice until Christmas only. The unripe rye and barley which the people are forced to use make a bitter bread, which the hungry horses refuse to eat. In some parts of the country bread is baked from barley husks and straw, mixed with a little flour.

Pastor Kilburn, of St. Petersburg, has just returned from a sledge journey through Kuopio Province. He found 1,900 school children who were in need of food. Of this number 1,155 were totally destitute. It is estimated that 400,000 will be without food after Christmas.

Emigration from Finland is increasing constantly. Up to Nov. 17, 20,155 persons had left the country this year via Hango, while unknown numbers of Finlanders have crossed the Gulf of Bothnia to Sweden and taken passage from there.

THE PRESIDENT'S QUIET DAY

Slipped Away to Virginia Without the Public's Knowledge.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—President Roosevelt, accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt, and four of their children, Theodore, jun., Kermit, Archie and Ethel, left Washington today for Rapidan, Va., to pass Sunday with Joseph Wilmer and family, who are old friends to the Roosevelts. Not an inkling of the President's intentions had been permitted to become public. Indeed, the trip was not determined upon until last night at such an hour as rendered it impossible to complete arrangements for it until today.

The President attended the funeral of Mrs. Grant, and hurried directly from the church to the White House. He spent a few minutes in the executive offices in consultation with Secretary Cortelyou. A few minutes later Secretary Hay called to discuss the latest developments in the Venezuelan situation. The President and his family were accompanied to Rapidan by Assistant Secretary Loeb, who will keep in close telegraphic touch with the White House during the absence of the party.

It is the intention of the President to return to Washington on Monday morning. The strain upon him, both mentally and physically, since Congress convened, and during the crisis in Venezuelan affairs, has been very great, and he felt the necessity of rest.

In addition to those mentioned, the only persons who accompanied the President were two secret service officers.

JURY OF MATRONS

Unusual Case of a Woman Sentenced for Death.

London, Dec. 22.—The curious spectacle was witnessed in Liverpool last week of a jury of matrons being impaneled at assizes in regard to the death sentence passed upon Ethel Rollinson, who, with a young comrade, murdered her mistress at Booth. It was shown that the Rollinson woman had suggested that she was enciente, in which case, by law, it was necessary to impanel a jury of matrons to decide the fact. It turned out, however, that it was a mistake.

This incident is of rare occurrence. It is interesting to note that the law holds that one of the instances in which it is bound to grant a reprieve is when a female condemned to death is likely to become a mother. It is in such a case that a jury of matrons is impaneled and sworn to try whether she is in such a condition. In case the matrons find in the affirmative, the court is to respite the offender until the birth of the child, or until it is no longer possible in the course of things that she be delivered.

STORM IN COLORADO

The Worst Blizzard Experienced in Seven Years.

Denver, Col., Dec. 21. — In Cheyenne business is at a standstill, and the snow is piled in drifts from three to six feet. Many small towns between Denver and Cheyenne are cut off from communication with the outside world. Cattle are suffering from lack of shelter.

The Colorado and Southern train from Cheyenne stuck in a nine-foot snowdrift on Buckhorn Hill and was soon covered with drifting snow. One hundred miners from Sun Rise dug it out.

La Ramie, Wyo., Dec. 22. — Friday's blizzard was the worst ever known here. The Centennial stage has not returned, and it is feared the driver and his passengers have perished.

Conservative stockmen say that this is one of the worst storms for the stock interests that has prevailed in this section in many years.

Boycotting a Tobacco Company.

New York, Dec. 22.—The Retail Cigar and Tobacco Dealers' Association of Greater New York has decided to begin its active campaign against the American Tobacco Company on several lines. By a unanimous vote the members pledged themselves not to purchase any new brand of tobacco from the company after Jan. 1, 1903. The members will on Jan. 1 remove from their show windows and stores all advertising matter of the American Company, and will, so far as possible, remove its goods from their shelves and keep them out of sight.



Roosevelt—Yes, I'll try to settle the trouble, but you've got to settle your bills!

VENEZUELA READY TO ACCEPT ROOSEVELT AS ARBITRATOR

Castro Would Accede to the Powers' Proposal.

THE CRISIS PROBABLY PASSED

Belief in London That President Roosevelt Will Accept the Position.

Caracas, Dec. 21.—In the name of Venezuela, President Castro has signified acceptance of the appointment of President Roosevelt to arbitrate the Venezuelan difficulty.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The President and his Secretary of State hold that Mr. Roosevelt could, with perfect propriety, become sole arbitrator of the dispute. There is plenty of precedent for his acceptance.

That the President of the United States, in assuming the functions of arbitrator, would commit this Government to either the physical or the moral obligation to compel the country against which his decision was rendered to observe the terms of the award, is not admitted by the administration. In fact, it is maintained that President Roosevelt would, as arbitrator, be acting merely in a personal capacity, and his services would not involve the Government of the United States.

VENEZUELA MUST MEET CONDITIONS.

The suggestion of England and Germany that the President become the arbitrator should not be understood as meaning that they have agreed to arbitrate. To make possible that desirable end Venezuela must comply with certain demanded conditions, unless the creditor nations can be induced to show a more lenient policy. Germany wants a guarantee that Venezuela will pay, at the appointed time, the indemnity which may be awarded by the arbitrator, and she also wants an apology, while England is not willing to enter into this method of settlement unless she feels assured that there will not be a recurrence of her trouble with the South American republic.

The United States Government is endeavoring to persuade the creditor powers that their strongest guarantee lies in the fear Venezuela would have of being outlawed and discredited among the civilized nations if she failed to comply with the decision of an arbitration tribunal.

ROOSEVELT MAY ACT.

President Roosevelt does not wish to act as arbitrator in this dispute, for as such, it is felt here, he would be at once judge, jury and constable, and would be under the moral obligation to execute his own judgment. The President feels that a reference to The Hague tribunal would vastly strengthen the cause of arbitration. Still, rather than see the present dispute proceed to extremes, it is probable the President will reluctantly assume the duties of arbitrator.

The status of the arbitration negotiations at the close of the official day, as disclosed at the state department, was that the powers were awaiting for an answer from the President to the proposal that he himself undertake arbitration in the Venezuelan difficulty.

ONLY GUESSWORK.

The President's answer can only be guessed at, for the officials decline to express any opinion of their own. However, it is believed to be a safe prediction that he will renew his suggestion that the case be submitted to The Hague tribunal, adding to the argument he has already produced, the fact that the United States, having claims of its own against Venezuela to the amount of about $100,000, is a party in interest, and it would be unfair to put the President in the position of having to arbitrate his own claim. For their part the powers bring against The Hague proposition the argument that President Castro would feel lightly bound by any decision by that tribunal, but would be certain to heed a judgment rendered by President Roosevelt. It is said at the state department that not matter how these two propositions are disposed of there will be no backward step, and that an agreement which will bring about a settlement of the Venezuelan troubles will result from the present negotiations.

A London cable says it seems that the proposal to submit the matter to the President's arbitration emanated from the German Government.

AN UNDERSTANDING.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—A semi-official statement says: The invitation to President Roosevelt to act as arbitrator was made after a thorough consultation between Germany and Great Britain. An understanding has been reached by the two popers on the reservations attached to the offer, and the German note will agree with the English note on all essential points.

A LONDON VIEW.

London, Dec. 21.—It is believed that President Roosevelt's answer to the proposal made by the allied powers that he arbitrate the Venezuelan issues has been received in London. The strictest secrecy with regard to every phase of the negotiations is preserved, however, and it is impossible to make a definite statement, but indications point to President Roosevelt's acceptance of the office of arbitrator. By Wednesday unless some unexpected complications arise, it is believed the negotiations will reach a stage assuring a definite arrangement and obviating hostilities.

FIRST PRIZE CAPTURED.

Caracas, Dec. 22.—The British cruiser Indefatigable has made the first prize under the blockade, capturing the Venezuelan schooner Julia, which was going to Higuerote, a seaport in the Province of Miranda. The Julia's cargo, by the irony of fate, belongs to the German firm of Blohm, which has lodged a protest with the United States consul.

A notification that the blockade of Venezuelan ports by the allied powers would be made effective Saturday was not expected, and caused a commercial panic. The rate of exchange jumped five points.

The people here are still ignorant of the answer of the allied Governments to the proposal to arbitrate the Venezuelan difficulties.

BACK TO WORK

Absence Was Enforced by a Forty-Five Foot Fall.

Mr. George Young, the contractor who fell a distance of 45 feet while working on the new Darch building on Talbot street some time ago, returned to work today.

Bought a Winnipeg Block.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 22.—The sale of the Western Canada block at the corner of Portage and Main streets to Messrs. Mackenzie, Mann & Co. is confirmed by a member of the latter firm. The deal gives Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann control of one of the best business stands in town, situated in the heart of the city.

IN OPPOSITION TO GRAND TRUNK

The Scheme of Morgan and Hill—Entry of the Great Northern Into Canada.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 22.—A St. Paul, Minn., dispatch says: The Great Northern Railroad has issued a notice to agents, saying that traffic arrangments have been made with the Canadian Northern, and instructing them to route freight for Manitoba and Ontario points via Emerson and St. Vincent. It is said that the Northern Pacific and the Canadian Northern will pass into the control of the Northern Securities Company, which now controls the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Burlington lines. It is believed that Messrs. Hill and Morgan will head off the Grand Trunk project and effect a traffic arrangement with the C. N. R.

A Quebec dispatch says: Two railway magnates, Messrs, Mackenzie and Mann, proprietors of the Canadian Northern, were in the city Saturday, with the object of placing a proposition before the members of the interprovincial convention. It is the hope of the proprieors of the Canadian Northern to make this line a transcontinental one, and they were here to urge the advisability of the scheme with the gentlemen who have been in conference here. The Prime Minister of Quebec, Hon. S. N. Parent, has advised them to come to an understanding with the provisional directors of the Trans-Canada Railway Company, so that both companies and enterprises could be united and made one by mutual concessions, because they had common interests, and then the country would enjoy quicker the great benefit of a new transcontinental line.

FELL, BREAKING HIS NECK

Fatal Accident to Aged Farmer of Yarmouth.

Jailed for Trying to Hang Himself—Suicide at Toronto.

St. Thomas, Ont., Dec. 21.—Michael Rourke, about 75 years of age, at one time a prosperous farmer of Yarmouth, fell downstairs at his boarding house in the Victoria block on Saturday, and broke his neck. He was found dead early on Sunday morning. The deceased was addicted to drink, and it is supposed was under the influence of liquor when the accident occurred. He leaves a large family.

Late on Saturday night a man named Joseph Bray was arrested on a charge of attempting to take his own life. It is alleged that he tied one end of a piece of brace around his neck and connected the other end with a clothes-hook in his room. While jumping from a chair the braces gave way, and the man fell heavily to the floor. The noise aroused his room-mate, Robert Ellicott, who prevented further efforts.

SUICIDE OF A TORONTO MAN.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 21.—John Ward, a young man whose home is said to be in Toronto, Ont., shot and killed himself early today in a Swan street boarding-house. He left a note saying he was tired of life.

FATAL FALL ON SLIPPERY WALK.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—Elias Drover, porter at the Hally House, died yesterday as the reult of a fall on a slippery sidewalk.

DISASTROUS FIRE AT KNOXVILLE

Knitting Mills Destroyed by Fire —Loss About $500,000—Big Oil Blaze.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 22.—The worst fire which has occurred in the business portion of the city since the disastrous million dollar conflagration of 1897, broke out early today in a four-story building on Commerce avenue, directly opposite the central fire station, and occupied by the Knoxville Pants Company. In two hours, buildings adjoining it on Commerce avenue, occupied by Broyles, McClellan & Lackey, agricultural implement dealers; the David Commission Company, the large establishment of the George Brown Hardware Company, on Gay street; the Shanklin Grain Company, and R. H. Cattee & Co.'s building, had been destroyed. Several conservative insurance men say the loss will be between $400,000 and $500,000. Other estimates place it much higher.

The heaviest loss is that of the George Brown Hardware Company, which carried stock worth $180,000. The building owned by Col. Charles M. McGee, of New York, was valued at $30,000.

BLAZING OIL.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—The Standard Oil Company's warehouse, located at Seventeenth street and the Rock Island tracks, caught fire early this morning and the building was practically destroyed, together with 3,000 barrels of oil which it contained. The loss is about $30,000. Several explosions of oil occurred during the progress of the fire.

Stamping Out Cattle Disease.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Secretary Wilson believe that the danger of the spread of the foot and mouth disease from New England to other states has passed. He say that in a few weeks every animal infected or exposed to the disease will have been destroyed.

Michael Davitt has arrived home on board the Cunard Line steamer Umbria. He was given an enthusiastic welcome. Replying to an address from the Cork branch of the United Irish League, he said that the success of his mission in the United States had exceeded all expectations.

Christmas Giving

Like the large trusts, is on the increase. Large trusts require large capital—a dainty Christmas gift but a very little.

In Perfumes, Brushes, Ebony Goods, Triple-Plate Mirrors, we are showing a fine assortment.

CAIRNCROSS & LAWRENCE,
Chemists and Druggists,
216 Dundas Street, Cor. Park Avenue.

TUMBLED TO THE CELLAR

Henry Audrich Lost His Balance on Stairway.

Suffers From Concussion of the Brain and Broken Shoulder.

About 4 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, Henry Audrich, a boarder at the Boswell House, met with a severe accident. He was going down the stairs to the cellar, and when about half-way down he stepped aside to let someone going up pass him. In so doing he lost his footing, and fell headlong to the floor below. The ambulance was at once called and he was taken to Victoria Hospital, where it was found that he had a broken collarbone and had also sustained a severe concussion of the brain. He is resting very quietly today and the hospital authorities say he will recover, though some weeks will elapse before he will be around again.

Audrich comes from Galt, where his father and brother both live. He is a butcher by trade and had recently been working for James Hodgins, of Ilderton, and Frank Chantler, of this city.

CONCERT WAS ENJOYED

Very Pleasant Time Was Spent at London Junction Sunday School.

The entertainment given by the St. George's Church Sunday School, of London Junction, Friday evening last, was in many respects the most pleasing and memorable ever presented. The fact that the Asylum authorities have requested that it be reproduced there this evening is sufficient proof of its excellence. The inmates, whatever their idiosyncracies, never fail to appreciate the efforts of the children, whose pretty dresses and gayety always win them sympathy and admiration. Mr. Kingsboro acted the part of Santa Claus with great success, and Mr. Ernest Nuttycombe gave great assistance as conductor and violinist. Much credit for the success of the entertainment is due to Miss Helen Angus, organist of the Sunday school.

ACCIDENT TO A STEAMER

The Head Blew Off a Cylinder on the Deutschland and Created a Panic.

London, Dec. 22. — The explosion of a cylinder on the Hamburg-American liner Deutschland, as she was approaching the English coast yesterday morning from New York caused a terrible panic. The scene on board was almost indescribable. The passengers hurried on deck from their cabins, men and women, alike, clothed only in their night apparel. The electric light temporarily failed, and with nothing to illuminate the darkness, and the ship trembling and quivering to an unusual extent, the passengers could not realize what had happened. The alleyways and the cabin were filled with steam, and many passengers imagined that the vessel was on the point of foundering. The terrified shrieks of the women and children were heartbreaking, and it was some time before the officers of the Deutschland could restore confidence by their assurance that the ship herself was uninjured. The remaining distance to Plymouth was accomplished at a speed of 16 knots by means of the port engines only and without further mishap. No one was injured by the explosion or escaping steam. The vessel proceeded to Hamburg and Cherbourg. Repairs will take some months and cost several thousand pounds.

Three Murdered.

Akron, O., Dec. 22.—John Barber last night shot and killed his wife and was himself seriously injured by his son, who struck him over the head with a club in an effort to protect his mother. It is alleged that Barber was intoxicated when he killed his wife. Three daughters, and a daughter-in-law saw Mrs. Barber killed.

Almira, Wash., Dec. 22.—Judge Lewis and his wife, an aged couple have been found murdered in their home on a lonely road six miles south of here. The motive was robbery. No clue.

Diamond Rings

Our stock of popular-priced Diamond Rings is very full for this season. We are showing many very fine combinations of Diamonds with Pearls, Rubies, Emeralds, Opals and Sapphires.

Our range of Single Stone Rings, from $15 to $25, is very good.

JOHN S. BARNARD,
170 Dundas Street,
LONDON.

THIS ADVERTISEMENT CHANGES EVERY DAY

176 and 178 Dundas St., London,
Monday, Dec. 22, 1902.

WOODS' FAIR

TWO MORE DAYS

Just two more days before Christmas. Every moment of that two days will be just full of buying and selling.

This store is a splendid place at which to buy your Christmas presents. Everything is displayed so well that choosing is made a pleasure. Thousands of articles to choose from. A few suggestions from our immense stock:

Teachers' Handsome Bibles, $1 00 Each.

"Bagster," teachers' edition, size 5x8 inches, nice handy size, bound in black Morocco, with turned outside edges and red under gold-edged leaves, clearly printed on fine paper, medium large type. The book contains references, helps to Bible students, a new concordance, elementary introduction to the Hebrew and Greek languages and an indexed Bible atlas, a beautiful gift, complete with elastic band holder, Tuesday, each $1 00

A Silk Waist

for a lady is always nice. Beautiful Silk Waists, in black, blue, old rose, cardinal and cream, eight rows of hemstitching in front, four rows in back. These regular $3 50 Silk Waists Tuesday, each $2 99

Children's Night Dresses;

Regular 65c; Tuesday, 40c Each.

Made of Outing Flannel, in blue, pink and cream, trimmed with frill of same. Sizes from 4 to 16 years. Regular 65c, Tuesday each 40c

Our calendars this year are beautiful and the designs are so novel. Every calendar reduced for quick selling. Tuesday and Wednesday. Be sure to see our calendars before you purchase.

Comic Match Scratchers, Only 10c.

Some of the subjects: Good Morning, Carrie; Oh, for Childhood's Days Again, He Dreamed of the Old Scratch, A Long Pull, My Dear Old Batch, The Sunshine of Paradise Alley, and dozens of others, choice, each..... ....10c

Many Things in Fancy China

SUITABLE FOR GIFTS.

100 dozen Cake Plates and Salad Bowls, in floral and handsome gilt designs, up from 50c
10 dozen China Toast Racks, gilt and floral decorations, regular 35c, Tuesday, for, each 25c
7 dozen Fancy China Porridge Sets, neat decorations, Tuesday, set 25c
8 dozen Fancy China Biscuit Jars, pretty floral design, regular 50c, Tuesday, each .. 25c
10 dozen Pretty New Celery Trays, gold-lined, each 50c
40 only, China Smoking Sets, prices up from 50c
25 dozen Fancy Shaving Mugs, Tuesday for, each 10c

FANCY CHINA CUPS AND SAUCERS, FROM 10c UP.

Visit the Big Toy Department Upstairs. | WOODS' FAIR

TAX ON "SALLY ANNS"

Likewise on "Dandy Jims" and "Velvets" at the Drug Store Bar.

New York, Dec. 22.—The commissioner of internal revenue at Washington has issued a circular to the various collectors notifying them that after Jan. 1 anyone selling soda water or other beverages containing distilled spirits must pay the special tax of a retail liquor dealer. The tax is $25 a year.

The order is aimed at druggists and confectioners who have been selling liquor in drinks on Sunday, as well as on weekdays. The drug store bar has become a popular institution in this city.

These alcoholic concoctions sometimes have rather fancy names, such as a "Sally Ann" and "Dandy Jim." Another drink that has a great call at present is known as "Velvet." It is nothing but a good quantity of whisky mixed with chocolate soda water.

Collector Treat, when seen on Saturday, said that the new rule came really under the flavoring law, and that anyone using alcoholic beverages or so-called bitters could be made to pay the Government $25 a year. He further stated that the payment of this license fee would be an open confession on the part of the one concerned that he was selling liquor, and would give the State Excise Board an opportunity to enforce the payment of the $800 a year state liquor tax.

Most of the big drug stores in this city that carry on a polite bar trade, take out State and Government licenses, and the ones that will be affected most are the small dealers who sell on the sly.

SAVED HER LIFE

Dame Louis Brovosts Tells a Tale of Suffering and How She Was Relieved.

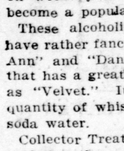
St. Magloire, Que., Dec. 22.—Too feeble to work, tortured with the pains of Rheumatism, suffering from Bright's Disease and Heart Trouble, it was little wonder that Dame Louis Brovosts had almost decided to give up the struggle, but today she is a strong, hearty, happy woman, and she always says, "Dodd's Kidney Pills saved my life."

"I tried all medicines in the world and grew worse and worse," says Dame Brovosts. "There were three months I stopped taking everything and made up my mind to let myself die. Then I was led to try Dodd's Kidney Pills. The good the first box did me surprised me. I have taken twenty boxes and I am well again. I am in perfect health and I am very joyful. Dodd's Kidney Pills saved my life."

Hong Kong is to be presented with the first statue raised in honor of the Prince of Wales.

PICKING THE NOSE is a common symptom of worms. Mothers who suspect their child is troubled with worms should administer Dr. Low's Worm Syrup. It is pleasant, safe and effectual. z

Cook's Cotton Root Compound.



Ladies' Favorite.

Is the only safe, reliable regulator on which woman can depend "in the hour and time of need."

Prepared in two degrees of strength. No. 1 and No. 2.

No. 1.—For ordinary cases is by far the best dollar medicine known.

No. 2—For special cases—10 degrees stronger—three dollars per box.

Ladies—ask your druggist for **Cook's Cotton Root Compound.** Take no other as all pills, mixtures and imitations are dangerous. No. 1 and No. 2 are sold and recommended by all druggists in the Dominion of Canada. Mailed to any address on receipt of price and four 2-cent postage stamps. **The Cook Company, Windsor, Ont.**

No. 1 and N. 2 sold in London by C. McCallum & Co., and Anderson & Nelles, druggists. xzv

HARNESSING NIAGARA

Reports of Rival Companies Laid Before the Ontario Government.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—For nearly two hours Friday afternoon the Ontario Government heard reports of rival Niagara power companies. The question at issue is the location of the intake powerhouse and tunnel of the new concern promoted by Messrs. William Mackenzie, Fred Nichols, Col. Pellatt and other Toronto capitalists, which proposes to locate its power plant at the projecting point within the park, immediately below the Dufferin Island bridge. The plans provide for the construction of a wing dam to conduct the water to the intake. The water will be dropped 136 feet on the turbines beneath the powerhouse, and after passing the turbines will be conducted through a tunnel by the shortest route beneath the river bed to a point immediately below the falls. The Canadian Niagara Falls Power Company, a rival concern, welcomes competition, but urged that the new company should be bound by no less restrictions than had been imposed on them ten years ago. They also pleaded for protection in the vested rights, and contended that their supply would be materially interfered with by the wing dam. The other Canadian company, the Ontario Power Company, being located higher up the river, will not be affected by the new project. There was a big array of legal counsel and engineers present, and at the conclusion of the interview Premier Ross asked Engineers Clems, Herschel, James J. R. Croes and Jesse Rothry to put in their views in writing regarding the engineering objections. J. W. Langmuir, chairman of the Niagara Falls Park Commission, presented a statement favoring the project, Mr. Croes' opinion having been obtained by the commissioners.

HER HAPPY CHRISTMAS

A Little Girl Gets Her Father's Pardon From the Governor.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 22.—After political influence had failed to move him, Gov. Savage on Saturday pardoned A. A. Lawrence, of Norfolk, as the result of a letter written by Lawrence's daughter to the Governor, asking that her papa be sent home to her for Christmas.

The little girl wrote the letter without the knowledge of her mother or friends and asked that the answer be sent direct to her, never doubting but that it would be favorable.

The pardon was mailed to the little girl and with it went a letter directing her to call at the penitentiary, present the pardon and take her father home for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS MAIL MATTER.

New York, Dec. 22.—The steamer Cymric, which arrived Saturday night from Liverpool and Queenstown, brought a very large quantity of Christmas mail matter, consisting of 2,001 sacks.

La Savoie's Stormy Passage.

New York, Dec. 20.—The French Line steamer La Savoie arrived today after very rough weather throughout the passage. Heavy westerly gales and very rough seas were encountered, and the waves frequently swept over the vessel. A long time the steamer was obliged to change her course and head up to the wind, slowing the engines, to ride out the gale. The seas damaged the bridge and some of the port lights in the officers' rooms. One steerage passenger had his hand caught in a slamming iron door and several of his fingers were cut off.

WHOLE FAMILY ARRESTED

For Implication in a Great Swindling Scheme.

Some $20,000,000 Involved — The Party Realized $12,000,000.

Madrid, Dec. 22.—Madame Humbert, other members of the Humbert family, and M. and Madame D'Aurignac, the brother and sister-in-law of Madame Humbert, who became notorious in connection with the great safe frauds, in Paris, have been arrested at a notel here. They had been in Madrid since March 9.

The interest of all Paris was centered, May 9 last, on an empty safe at 65 Avenue de la Grande Armee. It was supposed to contain $20,000,000, left by Robert Henry Crawford, said to be "an American millionaire." This sum was alleged to be held in trust by Madame Therese Humbert, who under Mr. Crawford's first will was constituted his sole legatee, and who, on the strength of her title to the fictitious vast estate, succeeded in borrowing over $12,000,000 from bankers, money lenders and others in France and Belgium. Eventually an investigation was started. The Humberts and others connected with them in the operations fled from Paris, and May 9, when the chief of the detective department of Paris, M. Cochefort, opened the safe it brought to light the greatest swindle of the century, for the safe was found to contain nothing but an old jewel-box, some old papers, and the official seals which had made the swindle possible, the "fortune" having, under the terms of the second will been represented as being held in trust until Mlle. D'Aurignac, Madame Humbert's niece, attained her majority, when all the heirs mentioned in the two wills were to come to an amicable agreement for the equitable division of the property.

Later, it became known that the police made a clean haul of the whole family — Madame Humbert, her husband, Eva Humbert and the three D'Aurignacs, Romain, Emile and Marie. The police suspected a house on the Calle Ferray. Some time yesterday Romain D'Aurignac was seen to enter the building, a search warrant was obtained and the house surrounded. After some difficulty the police were admitted and arrested the long-sought for defaulters. The prisoners protested that they were the victims of infamous proceedings. They threatened to "get even" with certain persons in France, and said they had come to Madrid direct from Parish. Mlle. Eva became hysterical, and Madame Humbert clasped Marie D'Aurignac, and her daughter, in her arms, pleading with the police "for the love of God" not to separate me from my daughter." The police made an inventory of the contents of the apartments, and found a parcel of jeweds valued at $2,000, a couple of lottery tickets and about $115 in cash. Seals were then attached to the house, and the whole family was removed to jail and placed at the disposition of the French ambassador. The police suspect the Humberts of having disposed of important papers in the lavatories while delaying the entry of the officers. The family tried to escape by the windows, but failed, because the house was cordoned.

Now Archbishop of Chicago.

Rome, Dec. 20. — The Pope this morning signed the appointments of Bishop James E. Quigley, of Buffalo, N. Y., as archbishop of Chicago, and Rev. J. F. Regis Canevin, rector of St. Paul's Cathedral, Pittsburg, Pa., as coadjutor-bishop of Pittsburg.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

Dec. 19.—At New York—Lombardia, from Genoa.
At Naples—New England, from Boston.
At Genoa—Vancouver, from Boston.
At London—Kingstonian, from Boston; Marquette, from New York.
At Rotterdam—Ryndam, from New York.
At Copenhagen—Nicola II., from New York.
At Liverpool—Haverford, from Philadelphia.
At Plymouth—Moltke, from New York.
At Christiansand—Oscar II., from New York.

The German turret ship Wittelsbach, which went ashore at Korser, Denmark, near here, Dec. 16, was refloated this morning.

The return of Thomas Christy as member for Argenteuil, and of Bowman Brownlaw, for Yarmouth, is gazetted at Ottawa.

BODY IS EXEMPT

A New Preparation Which Everyone Will Need Sooner or Later.

Almost everybody's digestion is disordered more or less, and the commonest thing they do for it is to take some one of the many so-called blood purifiers, which in many cases are merely strong cathartics. Such things are not needed. If the organs are in a clogged condition, they need only a little help and they will right themselves. Cathartics irritate the sensitive linings of the stomach and bowels and often do more harm than good.

Purging is not what is needed. The thing to do is to put the food in condition to be readily digested and assimilated. Stuart's Dyspepsa Tablets do this perfectly. They partly digest what is eaten and give the stomach just the help it needs. They stimulate the secretion and excretion of the digestive fluids and relieve the congested condition of the glands and membranes. They put the whole digestive system in condition to do its work. When that is done you need take no more tablets, unless you eat what does not agree with you. Then take one or two tablets—give them needed help and you will have no trouble.

It's a common sense medicine and a common sense treatment and it will cure every time. Not only cure the disease, but cure the cause. Goes about it in a perfectly sensible and scientific way.

We have testimonials enough to fill a book, but we don't publish many of them. However, Mrs. E. M. Faith, of Byrd's Creek, Wis., says:

"I have taken all the tablets I got of you and they have done their work well in my case, for I feel like a different person altogether. I don't doubt if I had not got them I should have been at rest by this time."

H. E. Willard, Onslow, Ia., says: "Mr. White, of Canton, was telling me of your Dyspepsia Tablets curing him of dyspepsia from which he suffered for eight years. As I am a sufferer myself I wish you to send me a package by return mail."

Phil Brooks, Detroit, Mich., says: "Your dyspepsia cure has worked wonders in my case. I suffered for years from dyspepsia, but am now entirely cured and enjoy life as I never have before. I gladly recommend them."

It will cost 50c to find out just how much Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets will help you. Try them—that's the best way to decide. 72-0-zxv

CONFIDENTIAL CLERK

Held a Very Responsible Position—The Work Was of Sedentary Nature and He Became Costive.

Celery King Cured Him—He Took It First to Stand In With His Employer.

A year ago I was engaged as confidential clerk to one of Toronto's most influential business men. My duties were of such nature that I was not able to obtain very much exercise, and it was not very long before I became run down in health. I was troubled with costiveness, which at first did not offer very much resistance to the means I took to obtain relief, and beyond a lethargic feeling I imagined that I was in pretty fit condition. I became somewhat apprehensive when told that I should go to a doctor, and then it was that I saw that something was radically wrong. The costiveness which had hovered around me like a hideous pall, and I became so sick that it was necessary to take to my bed. I may say right here that it was most humiliating to have to do this, as I am one of those who believe in fighting sickness hard. My employer, the first time he came to see me, brought me a package of Celery King, to see if I could get relief by its use. I took a dose that night and awaited results. I felt better in the morning, and from that day to this have had regular natural evacuations. I was rather skeptical as to how much good I should obtain from using Celery King, and took it more to stand in with Mr. G. than anything else, but I am pretty glad that I did use it now, as I believe it saved my life. At your druggist, 25 cents.

The Montreal Stock Exchange has rejected the proposition to create five new seats at an upset price of $25,000. After May 1 next the attorneyship privilege will be abolished.

BURDOCK BLOOD BITTERS is the best known remedy for dyspepsia, constipation and biliousness, and will cure all blood diseases, from a common pimple to the worst scrofulous sore.

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Alongside the Royal Mail Steamships at Halifax the following monday.

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ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS.

MONTREAL to LIVERPOOL, via Moville. RATES OF PASSAGE: First cabin, $50 and upwards; second cabin, from $37 50; third class, $25 to $26. Liverpool, Derry, Belfast, London, Glasgow.

MONTREAL to GLASGOW direct—S.S. Mongolian, Dec. 27. First cabin, $45 and upwards; second cabin, $35; third class, $26.

London Agents: E. De La Hooke, W. Fulton, F. B. Clarke.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM

Christmas and New Year Holidays, 1902-1903.

Between all stations in Canada—All stations in Canada, to and from Detroit and Port Huron, Mich., Buffalo, Black Rock, Suspension Bridge and Niagara Falls, N. Y. General public—Going dates and limits: At lowest one way first class fare, Dec. 24 and 25; tickets good returning from destination not later than Dec. 26, 1902; and also on Dec. 31, 1902, and Jan. 1, 1903, tickets good returning from destination until Jan. 2, 1903. At lowest one way first class fare and one-third, Dec. 22, 23, 24 and 25, and also on Dec. 29, 30, 31, 1902, and Jan. 1, 1903; good returning from destination not later than Jan. 5, 1903. School vacations—To teachers and pupils of schools and colleges, on surrender of school vacation railway certificate, signed by principal. Going dates and limit: At lowest one way first class fare and one-third, from Dec. 6 to 31, inclusive; tickets good returning from destination until Jan. 19, 1903.

Tickets, folders and all information from agents. E. DE LA HOOKE, C. P. and T. A., London; C. E. HORNING, depot ticket agent.

CANADIAN PACIFIC

For Christmas and New Year's Vacation.

Will issue return tickets to general public at SINGLE FIRST CLASS FARE, good going Dec. 24 and 25, good returning until Dec. 26, 1902; also Dec. 31, 1902, and Jan. 1, 1903, valid for return until Jan. 2, 1903. At FIRST CLASS FARE AND ONE-THIRD, going Dec. 22, 23, 24 and 25, also Dec. 29, 30, 31, 1902, and Jan. 1, 1903, good returning until Jan. 5, 1903. Teachers and students (on surrender of standard form of school vacation railway certificate, signed by principal)—At FIRST-CLASS FARE AND ONE-THIRD, from Dec. 6 to 31, 1902, inclusive, good returning until Jan. 19, 1903. Between all stations in Canada, Port Arthur, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Detroit, Mich., Buffalo, N. Y., and east.

W. FULTON, C. P. and T. A., London; A. H. NOTMAN, assistant general passenger agent, 1 King street east, Toronto.

RAILWAYS AND NAVIGATION.

Holiday Rates Via MICHIGAN CENTRAL

"The Niagara Falls Route."

Tickets will be sold at SINGLE FARE FOR ROUND TRIP, going Dec. 24 and 25, returning Dec. 26; going Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, returning Jan. 2. FARE AND ONE-THIRD, going Dec. 22 to 25, going Dec. 29 to Jan. 1, returning until Jan. 5, 1903. STUDENTS AND TEACHERS—On presentation of certificates, special tickets may be purchased, Dec. 6 to 31, returning Jan. 20. Special rates to United States points.

Full particulars at the city ticket office, 396 Richmond street. 'Phone 205.

O. W. RUGGLES, Gen. Pass. and Ticket Agent. JOHN PAUL, City Pass. Agent.

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For the Winter Go to **BERMUDA**

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For Winter Tours Go to **WEST INDIES**

Thirty days' trip, fifteen days in the Tropics, affording a charming Tropical trip at a cost of about $4 per day. SPECIAL CRUISE TO THE WEST INDIES, per SS. "Madiana," 7th February, 1903. For all particulars apply to ARTHUR AHERN, Secretary, Quebec; A. E. OUTERBRIDGE & CO., Agents, 39 Broadway, New York, or to E. DE LA HOOKE and W. FULTON, Ticket Agents, London, Ont.

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WHITE STAR LINE.

United States and Royal Mail Steamers.

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CYMRIC.....DEC. 24, NOON.
CELTIC.....DEC. 31, 6:30 A.M.
TEUTONIC.....JAN. 7, NOON.
GERMANIC.....JAN. 14, NOON.
CYMRIC.....JAN. 21, NOON
CELTIC.....JAN. 28, NOON.

Saloon rates from $60 up. Second saloon from $45 up, according to steamer and accommodation. Third class rates to Liverpool, London, Glasgow and Derry. $28 and $29 50.

Accommodations for all classes of passengers unexcelled.

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THE WEATHER TODAY—Showers; turning colder.

Open Every Night. HAVE YOU SEEN THE TIGER? Store Closed Between 6 and 7:30

Present for Baby.

One table of Extra Good Baby Bonnets, in red, brown, navy and cream, splendid presents for babes of either sex, were $2 00 to $3 25, your pick of the whole lot now at **$1.00**



The Tiger Caged, High Prices Barred.

Every Christmas time we come to the help of our customers with Toys at low prices. We are ready to help Santa Claus fill the stockings of good boys and girls, and our opinion is that the jolly old elf won't require to go out of this store to secure desirable gifts for all ages and all classes. There'll be a rush from now until the clock strikes the hour for closing on Christmas eve. So come early and get best selections.

ALL OUR TOYS TO GO AT DRYGOODS PRICES.

No sense paying more elsewhere. You have the satisfaction of knowing that what you buy here is good. Read the following wonderful list of prices—read them aloud for the children:

Jack-in-box, 10c and 15c
Animal Toys 25c
Pianos that play, 45c and 25c
Dulcimers, 20c, 10c and 25c
Rocking Chairs, 25c and 50c
Beds, 25c, 50c, 75c and $1 00
Unbreakable Dishes, 15c, 25c and ..40c
Kitchen Sets 25c
Laundry Sets 15c
Bath Sets 15c
Watering Cans 10c
Match Boxes 4c
Plates, 3 for 10c, each 4c
Cup and Saucer 4c
Dolls' Dressers, 75c and $1 50
Rattles 15c
Flutes, 10c and 25c
Whistles 5c
Solid Brass Cornets $1 00
Slide Trombones 25c
Combination Horn and Rattle 5c
Chimes 15c
Picture Blocks, 10c and 25c
Building Blocks, 10c and 25c
Ping Pong, $1 25 and $2 00
Safety Target 20c
Battledore and Shuttlecock .. 25c
Dying Duck 10c
Lotto 25c
Fascination 25c
Dressed Dolls $2 50
Dolls, 20c, 25c and 50c
Small Dolls 5c
Kid Body Dolls, 18c and 25c
Fairy Queens 95c
Clowns, 10c, 25c and 35c
Jointed Dolls 25c
Performing Monkeys 25c
Dressed Dolls, 30c, 65c and 75c

MECHANICAL TOYS:

Carts, 50c, 65c and.....75c
Lorries 50c
Typewriters $1 00
Ferris Wheel 50c
Turtles 20c
Rabbits 25c
Beetles 30c
Butterflies 25c
Monkeys 25c
Mice 15c
Reversible Engines 25c
Serpentine Engines 25c
Jumping Dogs, 15c, 20c and.....25c
Magic Lanterns 50c
Magnetic Fish, 10c and.....45c
Performing Bears 75c
Performing Rabbits 75c
Birds 25c
Boats 10c
Rough Riders 40c
Performing Seals 35c
Typewriters, 50c and $1 00
Mechanical Alligators 20c
Frogs 25c
Trains $1 25
Lobsters 25c
Mechanical Ducks 15c
Mechanical Bugs 20c
Skipping Clowns 35c
Elephants 25c
Horses 25c
Cows 25c
Donkeys 25c
Clowns on Animals 25c
Mechanical Fish 10c
Rattles 15c

Chimes 10c and 25c
Bell Cart 20c
Dewey Puzzle..... ....5c
Donkey Party 25c
Gyroscope Top 25c
Prismatic Top..... ....25c
Humming Top, 10c and 20c
Gaiety Top 10c
Uncle Sam Flag Top 5c
Reversible Top 10c
Animals 25c
Surprise Jar 15c
Whips 5c
Harness 45c
Air Guns, 10c and 20c
Swords 25c
Metallaphone 25c
Granite Dishes, sets at 25c and....40c
Globes 25c
Carpet Sweepers 20c
Doll's House $3 50
Dressers, 75c and $1 50
Pianos, ...$1 00
Large Noah's Ark 25c
Trunks, 65c, 75c and $1 75
Loaded Iron Truck 50c
Iron Fire Chief 40c
Iron Cart 20c
Iron Trap 30c
Iron Phaeton 60c
Iron Street Cars 35c
Iron Cart 40c
Gladstone 75c
Mechanical Top 25c
Trains, 45c, 65c and $1 00
Artillery 60c
Electric Battery..... ....$1 00
Drums 65c

Christmas Gift Suggestions for Hurried Buyers.

For those who are hurried yet anxious to buy good gifts, we mention very briefly the following sensible and useful articles:

Fascinators, in Fine Wool, Chenille, etc, 50c to..$1 25
Shawls in Fine Wool, Silk, Velour, etc., 50c to..$5 50
Dressing Jackets in Wool, Chenille, etc., 75c to ..$3 50
Dainty Waists in French Flannel, Silk, etc., $1 25 to $10 00
Fur-Lined Capes, beautiful, warm garment, $13 50 to $45 00
Knitted Wool, Mercerized Cloth and Silk Underskirts, $1 to $14 00
Electric Seal, Astrachan and Persian Lamb Coats, up from $30 00
Heptonette Rain Coats and Cloaks, $5 to $12 50
Bath Robes in All Wool Blanket Cloth and Eiderdown, $5 to $7 50
Aprons for Women and Children, 25c to $1 25
Corsets, the best in Canada for the money, 50c to $4 50

The Umbrellas You Wanted Are Here Again.

Early shoppers bought up our stock so quickly that we sold completely out of some lines. We re-ordered at once and the goods are now here, including our Gents' Self-Opening Umbrellas at $1 50 and $2 50; our Gents' Umbrellas at $2 50, $3 and $5; our Ladies' Umbrellas at $2, $2 50, $3, $3 50, $4 50 and $5; our Navy Blue Silk Umbrella at $4. Be on hand early to get your pick of the choice handles. Not time to order again, and only a limited number.

SMALLMAN & INGRAM,

149, 151 and 153 DUNDAS STREET.

$100.00 in Cash For a Name.

THE success we have met with in selling the Surpass Cigar by mail, has induced us to place a special cigar, of excellent quality, on the market, to be sold direct to the consumer. We want a suitable name for it—one that will be striking and easily remembered. So that this will be the best name possible, we give all bright Canadians a chance to suggest what it shall be, and will give $100 in cash to the lucky ones. The prizes are divided as follows:

$50 to the one suggesting the name chosen.
$10 to the one sending the 25th letter received.
$5 to the one sending the 50th letter received.
$10 to the one sending the 100th letter received.
And 25 prizes of $1.00 each for every 50th letter received after that.

Each name suggested must be accompanied by this coupon and twenty-five cents for three of these cigars. If you send seventy-five cents for a box of these unsurpassed ten cent cigars, you will be entitled to suggest three names. The competition closes at midnight, February 28. The selection will be made by a committee to be appointed later. The winners will be announced on or before the 14th of March.

Canadian Cigar Syndicate,

821 Craig St., Montreal.

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821 Craig Street, Montreal, Que.

I inclose.....cents for a box of .....Cigars and suggest.....
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as a suitable name for the Cigar.

NAME.....
ADDRESS.....
TOWN.....
PROVINCE.....

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Open Evenings till 10 o'clock, Monday 22, Tuesday 23, Wednesday 24.

LADIES !

Here is something you will appreciate—Seasonable mark-downs of seasonable goods, at a seasonable time, just when you need them especially for Christmas gifts.

Special Purchase Just in, 1,000 Dozen of Ladies' and Gents' Handkerchiefs

In silk, Swiss embroidery, hemstitched lawns, Children's Handkerchiefs, Fancy Handkerchiefs and a large assortment of all kinds. Come and see them. Beautiful Handkerchiefs, 6 for 25 cents.

Gents' large size Silk Handkerchiefs, hemstitched, initialed, good value at 50 cents; our price, 25 cents each.

FINE SWISS EMBROIDERED HANDKERCHIEFS, 10c, 12½c and 15c. See them. They are worth more money.

FORTY DOZEN EMBROIDERED AND HEMSTITCHED FINE HANDKERCHIEF CENTERS; regular 15c, sale price 50c a dozen, or 5c each; as many or few as you like. Big bargain.

CHILDREN'S HANDKERCHIEFS—Any amount of them; plain, mottoed or silk scolloped and braided, worth 10c each; sale price, 6 for 25c.

White Cotton Handkerchiefs, nicely bordered, 25c a dozen.

ONE LINE OF LADIES' TAN LEATHER SHOPPING BAGS; WERE 75c, PRICE 19c EACH.

27 QUILTS, SLIGHTLY DAMAGED! WORTH $1 00, SALE PRICE, 69c EACH.

Big Bargain in Bed Tickings.

10c Tickings for 8c a yard.
12½c Tickings for 10c a yard.
17c Tickings for 12½c a yard.
25c Tickings for 20c a yard.

Fine Factory Cotton

Worth 7c, sale price 5c a yard.
Special line of Flannelette, just in; worth 10c, for 7c and 8c a yard.
25 PIECES OF FANCY AMERICAN WRAPPERETTE; regular 10c, sale price 8c a yard.

Dressed Dolls, Special 15c each.

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Connected by Wireless Telegraph —Message to the King From Lord Minto.

New York, Dec. 22.—The following dispatch from Mr. Marconi, dated Glace Bay, N. S., Dec. 21, has been received by the Associated Press:

"I beg to inform you for circulation that I have established wireless telegraph communication between Cape Breton, Canada, and Cornwall, England, with complete success. Inauguratory messages, including one from the Governor - General of Canada to King Edward VII., have already been transmitted and forwarded to the King of England, and also to the King of Italy. A message to the London Times has also been transmitted in the presence of its special correspondent, Dr. Parkin. (Signed), G. Marconi."

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—The following message was received this afternoon for the Governor-General from Marconi:

"Glace Bay, N. S., Dec. 21.—His Excellency the Governor-General: Have honor to inform your excellency that your message to his majesty has now been transmitted by me from Cape Breton to Cornwall by wireless telegraphy, and has been forwarded to destination. (Signed), Marconi."

London, Dec. 21.—The London Times confirms the receipt of a message by wireless telegraphy from Marconi at Cape Breton, N. S.

BIG ABATTOIR FOR TORONTO

Scheme for Great Dead Meat Trade in Ontario Will Be Pushed.

Toronto Junction, Ont., Dec. 22.—The intimation given by Mr. Dryden at the Guelph mid-witer fair that a great dead meat trade would in the near future be established in Ontario, is likely to be soon realized.

Toronto Junction is the place selected for the location, and negotiations with the Union Stock Yards Company have been about completed, whereby the latter have arranged to grant twenty acres to the west of their yards to an American firm.

Operations in the erection of buildings will be started shortly after New Year's. The new company will erect abattoirs and other necessary buildings, which will cost between $100,000 and $150,000.

$20,000,000 RAISED

The Methodist Episcopal Thank Offering All In.

Rochester, Dec. 22. — The Rev. Dr. E. M. Mills, corresponding secretary of the Methodist Episcopal thank-offering fund, is finishing his final report here, and Dr. Mills says that every dollar of the $20,000,000 called for three years ago has been raised in cash and pledges.

More than $500,000 for educational purposes has been received within 45 days, and Mr. Mills' report will be presented at a watch-night meeting in Trinity Church, Springfield, Mass., on New Year's Eve — the church from which the bishops issued the call.

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Quails are now said to be extinct in Ireland, where they were formerly to be found in great numbers.

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QUITE EMPHATIC

Buffalo Woman Used Knife to Collect Board Bill.

Buffalo, Dec. 21. — Mrs. Mary Donaua, an Italian woman, who lives at No. 30 Myrtle avenue, tried to collect a $6 board bill from James Passo, whom she met yesterday afternon at Canal and Evans street. Passo said he could only pay $2. Mrs. Donaua then drew a knife and stabbed Passo in the legs. He cried for held and the police came. They arrested the woman and locked her up on a charge of assault in the second degree. Passo was sent to the Emergency Hospital in a patrol wagon. The wounds were slight and he went to his home at No. 91 Canal street after the doctors had fixed him up.

Mrs. Donaua says she wanted to impress upon Passo that it was bad policy not a pay what he owed. He formerly boarded with the woman.

HEIR WITHOUT A HOME

Young Man's Parents Refuse to Receive Him and Girl Bride.

New York, Dec. 22.—When James H. Bates, jun., 20 years old, heir to $75,000 from his mother's estate, gets back to Rockville Center, L. I., with his bride, aged 18, after a wedding trip following a runaway marriage, they will find Mr. Bates' home closed to them.

"His father pleaded with Jack, as we call him, not to get married," said Mrs. Bates, the bridegroom's stepmother, yesterday, "as he was much too young. He can only come back to his home to get his clothes, and then he can make his home with his wife's family."

The story of the runaway marriage became known yesterday. On Saturday Miss Madeline Tuthil, the daughter of Postmaster J. Howard Tuthil, told her parents that she intended spending Sunday in New York with friends, and that Saturday evening "Jack" Bates was to take her to the theater. Next morning Mr. Tuthil was called to the telephone by his daughter and informed of her marriage. The family of the bride's mother is satisfied with the match.

TWELVE PERSONS WERE KILLED

In a Railway Collision Near Byron, Cal.

TWENTY-SEVEN OTHERS HURT

Fast Train Plunges Into One Ahead With Disastrous Results—Many Persons Scalded.

Byron, Cal., Dec. 21.—Twelve persons were killed and 27 injured in a collision last night between the south-bound Los Angeles "Owl" train and the Stockton flyer. It was a rear-end collision, the engine of the local plowing its way into the rear coach of the "Owl," which was filled with Fresno people. The passengers who escaped death were hurled to the forward part of the coach and crushed in the mass of debris. Their suffering and danger were intensified by the clouds of scalding steam that poured out from the shattered boiler of the Stockton engine.

CAUSE OF COLLISION.

After the "Owl" left the Oakland mole a leak in the flue of the engine was noticed. This increased to such an extent that it was deemed advisable to stop her and take a freight engine for relief. The train officials knew that the Stockton local train was following a half-hour behind, and a flagman was sent back along the track to give warning of the presence of the "Owl." It is said that the Stockton train got the warning signal in due time, and gave the usual response with whistle blasts. Why the train was not checked, however, has not been explained thus far, as the men who could give the facts are among the badly injured.

Relief came quickly to the injured passengers, and every effort was made to alleviate their sufferings. None of the passengers of the Stockton train were injured, and all the crew of the "Owl" escaped unhurt.

TWELVE DEAD.

Ten persons were killed outright and two others succumbed to their injuries today. Seven of the dead have been identified.

The unidentified dead include one white man, evidently a sailor, two Chinese, one Japanese woman and a Japanese child. The dead were brought here today and an inquest will be held tomorrow. Most of the corpses are terribly mutilated. Among the fatally injured is J. E. Eastman, of Paris, Maine.

Edward Joyce, fireman of the Stockton flyer, in a statement explaining the collision, said: "We saw the flagman's light ahead of us and put on the brakes at once. They seemed to work well enough, but we could not stop in time to avoid smashing into the real of the 'Owl' train. The engine when right through the cars."

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BATCH OF BENZINE GOES UP IN SMOKE

Serious Explosion at Petrolea—Four Persons Burned—Several Buildings Wrecked.

Petrolea, Ont., Dec. 22.—While treating a batch of benzine on Saturday at the works of the Canadian Oil Refinery Company, the liquid exploded, seriously burning four men and destroying the buildings around the agitator in which the benzine was being treated.

The accident happened at 1:30, when four men, named W. Nichols, Ed. Rawley, Joseph Glass and John Reardon, saw fire at the top of the agitator, and went upstairs and opened the door, when the benzine immediately exploded, and covered the faces and hands of the men. The roof was lifted off with the force of the explosion, and the men all ran downstairs except Nichols, who attempted to slide down a line of hose. He lost his hold and fell, striking a two-inch steam pipe connecting the agitator and pumphouse. The force of the fall broke the steam pipe, and Nichols was badly scalded, as well as burned by the benzine, and probably injured internally by the fall.

All the doctors in town were summoned and the men's injuries attended to, and they were taken to their homes.

The loss to the company is two or three thousand dollars. The benzine burned until about 6 o'clock in the evening.

The explosion was caused by spontaneous combustion, the gas at certain stages exploding when brought into contact with the air.

THE PREMIERS AGREE

Closing Session of Inter-Provincial Conference at Quebec.

Quebec, Dec. 22.—The inter-provincial conference is over. The delegates were in deliberation till 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The prime ministers will reassemble in Ottawa in February to insist upon their demands being granted.

It is stated that the commissioners have agreed unanimously about their demands to the Dominion Parliament. All the ministers have insisted on justice being done their respective provinces.

Resolutions have been drafted and signed by all the ministers representing the different provinces of the Dominion of Canada, which will be forwarded immediately to the Dominion Government.

At the banquet tendered them by the members of the Quebec Board of Trade, Messrs. Tweedie, Longley, Pugsley and Parent made speeches, and one and all spoke strongly in favor of the Canadian trade by Canadian channels, and denounced the new scheme of the Grand Trunk Railway, "which will result in the side-tracking of the whole Province of Quebec and the Maritime Provinces."

Speaking about the inter-provincial conference, they said that they could not make any statement, but that they had come to very practical conclusions about readjustment of the federal subsidy to the provinces, and that they had unanimously adopted energetic resolutions, which would be forwarded immediately to the federal authorities.

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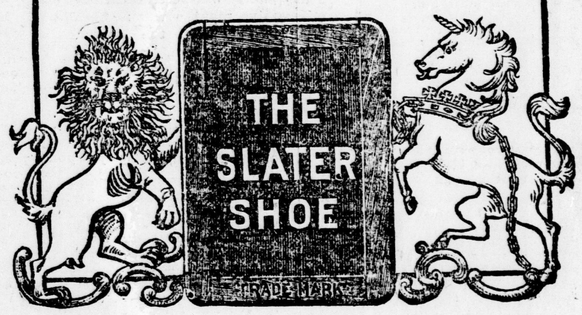
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Among the distinguished persons present were: Sir Frederick W. Borden, K. C. M. G., Minister of Militia and Defense of the Dominion of Canada; Geo. A. Howell, president of the Canadian Club of Toronto; Alexander McFee, president of the Board of Trade of Montreal; Berkeley Moysten, president of the British Schools and Universities Club; Dr. Wolfred Nelson, president of the McGill Graduate Society; August Ohman, president of the Australian Society; Sir Percy Sanderson, British consul-general; Robert H. Turle, vice-president of the St. George's Society; Judge Augustus VanWyck, president of the Southern Society, and former Congressman John S. Wise.

The first toasts were to "The President" and "The King," after which followed toasts to "Canada" and the "United States." Addresses were made by Sir Percy Sanderson, Sir Frederick W. Borden, John S. Wise, Judge VanWyck and others.

Letters of regret were read from President Roosevelt, the Earl of Minto, Governor - General of Canada; Governor Odell, Mayor Low, Sir Michael Herbert, British ambassador; Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Gen. H. C. Corbin, Gen. Chaffee, and the mayors of the principal cities of Canada.

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THE SLEEPING SICKNESS

Fatal Disease Devastating an African Province.

Has Already Killed From 20,000 to 30,000 People in Uganda.

London, Dec. 22.—The School of Tropical Medicine has issued a report on the sleeping sickness which is now devastating Uganda. Though it was discovered only a few years ago, it was computed that the disease has already killed from 20,000 to 30,000 persons, and is spreading to new areas with increasing virulence.

Its extension to the north will be of the greatest menace to Egypt. Scientific reports made on the spot describe the sleeping sickness as a complaint something like that group of diseases known as meningitis, or inflammation of the brain. It begins insidiously, with changes in the mental attitude of the patient. From that time the disease progresses, and the patient becomes stupid and restless, and after other symptoms have passed enters into a state of coma and dies.

The duration of the complaint varies from a month in acute cases to six months or more in chronic cases. The disease is generally fatal, and although taking longer to cause death than hydrophobia, may be classed along with the latter as one of the most fatal illnesses known to mankind. It is contagious, and its spread is assured by overcrowding of many individuals in the same huts. The depopulation of many large and thickly-populated areas is making itself felt, and the outlook is very gloomy. The only scheme yet devised for the prevention of the spread of the disease is the isolation of new cases.

Because She Was Jilted.

Pen Yan, Dec. 22.—Blanche Whitenhall, of Bath, who had been employed by Isaac Crosby, of Crosby, this county, committed suicide by taking laudanum. She was to have been married a month ago, but her prospective husband jilted her. She left a note on her wedding dress, requesting it to be used for her burial robe.

Coal Mines in Dakota.

Jamestown, N. D., Dec. 22.—Great development of North Dakota's coal fields is promised by the Dakota Fuel Company, recently organized under the laws of New Jersey, and capitalized at $5,000,000. A combination of all the coal interests in North Dakota is planned.

Youngest Soldier Again.

Shamokin, Pa., Dec. 22.—William Taylor died on Saturday at the home of his father. The latter claims that his son was the youngest soldier on the Northern side in the civil war, having enlisted at the age of 12 years, 9 months and 2 days, as a drummer boy in the 84th Regiment, formed at Huntington, Pa., on Aug. 15, 1861.

Tempestuous Weather at Sea.

New York, Dec. 22.—The belated coal-laden British tramp steamer Cairndon arrived in port on Saturday from Swansea, after a most tempestuous voyage. Capt. Hawick reported that he sailed from Swansea on Nov. 19, with 3,350 tons of anthracite coal, and never in his long experience at sea has he encountered such tempestuous weather in the North Atlantic as on this voyage. The Cairndon ran into very bad weather on the night of Nov. 23. The steamer labored heavily, shipping much water, and much damage was done to the vessel.

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An Unenlightened Critic.

Harper's Weekly discusses the exodus to Canada and argues that United States immigrants might soon gain a majority in the Canadian Northwest, and then secede and annex it to the United States. "It is not disputed," says Harper's Weekly, "that any of the provinces constituting the confederation organized by the British North America act of 1867 has the right of seceding and of reverting to the status of a separate colony."

The writer of the article needs more light on the Canadian constitution. He fails to recognize the points of difference between the federal system of the United States and that of Canada. Broadly speaking the Canadian system is much more centralized, and the provinces have by no means the autonomous powers of the states of the union. The states retain all the powers not actually taken from them by the constitution and handed over to the federal government. In Canada, on the contrary, the federal government has authority over every subject not expressly assigned to the provinces. The distinction is a fundamental one. After the American colonies achieved their independence in 1776 each of them remained a sovereign, free and independent state until 1787, when they framed a federal constitution under which certain functions were handed over to a central government, such as the control of the army and navy, trade and commerce, the postoffice and other matters common to the whole nation. All other matters were left to the individual states. The latter, so to speak, were setting up a master, and desired to fetter him so that he should not encroach on their authority. They interdicted the federal government in all sorts of ways. Many eminent Americans who assisted in framing the constitution desired a stronger federal government, fearing that the federal tie would be too loose to hold the states together permanently. This view was opposed by others who called themselves States Rights men, and who held that the constitution was not so much a submission of the states to a general government, as a compact between the states to vest in a federal government strictly specified powers. This division of opinion led to the formation of two great political parties, the Federalist, favoring a strong central government, and the Republican (later called Democratic), which stood for state supremacy. The result was a continual conflict between federal and state authority. Certain states defied federal enactments, declaring them to be void and unconstitutional. During the war of 1812 Massachusetts and Connecticut refused to allow the state militia to leave the state in pursuance of a requisition by the President. South Carolina on one occasion declined to recognize a new tariff enacted by the federal government. These tendencies culminated in the secession of the Southern States and the civil war. There is no grant of power in the federal constitution to coerce a rebellious or recalcitrant state, and the Southern States claimed the right, as sovereign communities, to secede.

The writer of the article in Harper's Weekly doubtless had this in mind, and was under the impression that the Canadian constitution was analogous in this respect to that of the republic, as interpreted by the seceding states before the war shattered the idea of state sovereignty. He evidently does not know that whereas the powers of the United States Federal Government are delegated, and those of the states are inherent, the reverse is the case in Canada. Here the powers of the provinces are delegated by the federal government. When the Canadian federal system was being planned, the United States was in the throes of civil war, and the example inclined the fathers of confederation toward a strong central government. Sir John Macdonald went so far as to favor a legislative instead of a federal union. He would have had only one parliament for the Dominion, with a system of municipal institutions in each province with enlarged powers. He feared a federal scheme would result in a collision of authority between the general and local governments, such as almost sundered permanently the American union. Happily the federal idea, championed by George Brown, prevailed, and each province was given control over local affairs, thereby removing a great injustice to Ontario, and a cause of racial strife. The states of the union, originally separate political communities, are for many purposes still independent and exercise functions which have not been allowed to the Canadian provinces. A state controls its own militia; a province has no jurisdiction in military matters. A state, as well as the federal government, appoints judges; in Canada the federal government has exclusive control over the judiciary. Each state determines the conditions upon which it shall admit aliens to citizenship. The state claims allegiance and may punish citizens for treason. This idea of allegiance to the state induced many to follow the Southern States into secession in 1861. A Canadian province has no such sovereignty, and the acts of its Legislature are subject to the veto of the Dominion Government. In many states foreigners are given the franchise with scarcely any restrictions. In Canada foreigners have to be naturalized before they vote, which means a five years' residence here. It will be seen that even if the majority of the people of a province desired to secede from confederation they have no machinery with which to attempt to enforce separation, such as a state possesses. The writer in Harper's Weekly is merely indulging in spread-eagleism.

The Great Robber Trust.

The other day a check for $4,000,000 was mailed to John D. Rockefeller, as his share of the Standard Oil Company's quarterly dividend. His income from oil in the past twelve months has been $18,000,000. The Standard Oil Company has this year paid 45 per cent dividend, as compared with 48 per cent last year. The trust is now making up the deficiency by raising the price of oil. It has been literally a golden opportunity, as the shortage of coal has greatly increased the demand for oil as a substitute fuel. The company's pretext is that the cost of production has somewhat increased, but the public refuses to accept the explanation, as the supply of crude oil is increasing, and the greater sale of oil should tend to decrease the cost of producing it. At any rate, it is regarded as a gross abuse of trust power that a company making 45 per cent clear profit should put up the price of oil at a time when the poorer classes are driven to use it more extensively. Public indignation is rising against the trust, but what can the public do? Last week Rockefeller gave another million dollars to the Chicago University, which he had already endowed to the extent of millions. He is a princely contributor to the church. He is a philanthropist in everything but oil. His business methods are and always have been those of a merciless tyrant. The history of the Standard Oil Company, which is largely the biography of Rockefeller, is stained by the grossest crimes. It has employed the most dastardly devices to crush competitors, including arson, and all sorts of violence, to say nothing of bribing legislators, judges and railroad companies. It is no wonder that Rockefeller's benefactions excite derision and disgust.

Mayor Beck still has his ear on the ground listening for the Voice of the People.

Marconi has done the trick and all the world wonders—whether it will pay.

Some of the aldermen simply don't know how to serve the public interests. For instance, Messrs. Douglass, Cooper and Dreaney are in the field again.

The latest reports from Hot Springs, Va., indicate that Sir Wilfrid Laurier has been greatly invigorated and will return to Ottawa in excellent shape for public duty. His adversaries will have to postpone the task of choosing his successor.

Congratulations to the Prince and Princess of Wales! By the way, the mayor of Toronto promised their Royal Highnesses, when in Canada, a set of toys for their children. This would be a good time to fulfill the promise. A description of the toys was published in a court magazine, with illustrations, but nothing further was heard about them. Shame on Oliver A. Howland, C. M. G.!

British savants are a long-lived race. The nine fellows of the Royal Society who died within the past twelve months were: Sir Joseph Gilbert, aged 84; the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, aged 75; Maxwell Simpson, aged 86; Sir Richard Temple, aged 76; George F. Wilson, aged 80; Sir Frederick A. Abel, aged 75; Dr. John Hall Gladstone, aged 75; William Henry Barlow, aged 90; Sir William C. Roberts-Austen, K. C. B., aged 59.

Let the public bear in mind that the subsidies which the Dominion Government pays each year to Provincial Governments are not fixed sums. They increase proportionately to the increase of population. Therefore these subsidies show a natural growth proportionate to what should be the natural growth of provincial expense. If, for instance, a province had 100,000 people, it would get $80,000 a year; if a million people, $800,000; if two million people, $1,600,000, and so on. Ontario, which now has over two million people, received last year from the Dominion Government a subsidy amounting to nearly $2,000,000.—Ottawa Journal.

Our usually well-informed contemporary is away out this time. The Dominion subsidies are fixed sums, and the complaint is that they do not increase proportionately to population. Ontario gets 80 cents per head of the population as established by the census of 1861, and on that basis has received the fixed annual subsidy of $1,116,872 80 ever since Confederation.

The Eye of a Caddy.

[Washington Star.]

There is a lesson for all golf players in the dispatch from Elizabethtown, telling of the awarding by a jury of $6,000 damages to a caddy for the loss of an eye. The player, it seems, threw his club at the boy, with the serious consequences stated. Unfortunately, the dispatch, written evidently by someone who knows nothing of the game, does not say what defense the player put in. It may, however, be surmised that the caddy spoke just as the golfer was driving from the tee, or, worse still, either spoke or moved as he was making a critical put. According to the rules of golf a caddy may be executed on the spot for either of these offenses, but it would appear from the verdict given at Elizabethtown that to knock out his eye with a club is illegal and expensive. The law does not as yet recognize it as a capital offense for a caddy to move or speak on the putting green, so that a caddy who is merely winged or wounded and allowed to escape may go to court and make no end of trouble. As golf extends its sway, judges and juries will come to know the enormity of those offenses of which a caddy may be guilty, but until then it behooves players to keep the Elizabethtown case in mind.

It may appear to some that the boy has done well to secure $6,000 for one eye, but golfers will not think so. This boy has been on the links, has come under the influence of the game, is chained to it for life, and yet doomed by the loss of one eye to top his ball and misjudge distances on his approach shots all his days. The case thus contains a warning for caddies. Of what use is mere money to one who loves to excel in golf, but is forever precluded from acquiring accuracy of stroke?

I Remember.

[New York Sun.]

I remember, I remember,
The farm where I was born;
Where my father used to wake me,
At the first faint gleam of morn.
But things are altered since that time,
Those good old days have fled,
And at the hour I used to rise,
I'm seeking now my bed.

I remember, I remember,
How I milked the lowing kine,
And conveyed some slight refreshment
To a score of hungry swine;
And yet this handling of fat stock
Was a prophetic start;
I make my living handling stocks
In Wall Street's busy mart.

I remember, I remember,
The ox team, red and white,
With which I tramped the meadow
From morning until night;
But muscles I developed then—
They come in handy still,
When I walk behind and push
My auto up the hill.

I remember, I remember,
The hoe I used to swing,
Among the countless hosts of weeds
That came to life each spring.
To swing the golf club and replace
The turf I dig up now,
Keeps me about as busy as
The hoe did then, I trow.

I remember, I remember,
The fir trees dark and high;
I used to think their slender tops
Were close against the sky.
I work in a skyscraper now,
But still 'tis little joy,
To know I'm higher up in life
Than when I was a boy.

A Grasping Monopoly.

[Springfield Republican.]

The Standard Oil Company has increased the price of its product to jobbers by 3½ cents a gallon since the beginning of the coal strike. One cent of this advance is just being announced to the trade. At the same time the company declares a dividend of 10 per cent. This follows a distribution of 5 per cent. in September, of 10 per cent. in June and 20 per cent. in March of this year—making a total distribution of 45 per cent. for 1902. Capital in the competitive markets has to be content with 3 to 6 per cent. Is the Standard Oil Company, then, a good trust or a bad one? What says the President and all the rest who are talking about trusts as being good or bad? Here also is publicity. How effective is it in preventing extortion? Does the fact that Mr. Rockefeller gives a small part of his oil monopoly gains to education make the trust a good one, when otherwise it would be bad? Or if it is a good trust anyway, where can be found an example of a bad trust.

The Busman's Work.

[London Express.]

Mr. Arthur Roberts has been making inquiries of a busman as to his hours, and tells the result in his contribution to the Pelican's admirable symposium. "I comes on dooty at 6 in the mawnin'," answers Jehu: "I gets my 'osses and out I goes with my bus. I 'as 'alf an hour for my dinner; then I goes on till 'alf-past 12 at night. Then I takes my 'bus back to the yard, 'ands my 'osses over to the yardman, makes my way to my little bit of 'ome, and then I 'as the rest of the day to myself."

Imaginative.

[Indianapolis Sun.]

May—They say he has written a successful book of fiction.

Stella—I knew he could do it. You ought to see some of the love letters he used to write to me.

They Did.

[M. A. P.]

A story is told of Arthur Balfour's experience as Secretary for Ireland which illustrates both his unpopularity and the wit of the celebrated Father Healey. Balfour asked the priest on one occasion: "Do the Irish really hate me as much as the newspapers say?" "My dear sir," was Father Healey's answer, "if they only hated the devil half as much as they hate you, my occupation would be gone."

Literary Notes.

President Woodrow Wilson, of Princeton University, contributes to the Atlantic Monthly for December a stimulating paper on "Ideals in America." All that Mr. Wilson writes is marked by a noteworthy combination of lucid argument and earnestness, which makes conviction persuasive. In these days, when America is confronted by new and great tasks beyond her old time borders and involved in unprecedented problems within, Mr. Wilson's calm and serious discussion of the perennial ideals which guide the national life is of special timeliness.

There is not an age nor a taste which would fail to find continued pleasure in the gift of a year's subscription to a magazine—if the magazine is the Century. It makes a dainty remembrance on Christmas Day — the artistic little certificate of subscription to accompany the giver's card, and the welcome monthly visitor would be a perpetual reminder of the Christmas spirit.

A little because it's different from the usual Christmas gifts, most because there is nothing that fills the place of St. Nicholas, a year's subscription to the prince of all children's magazines should be among the Christmas presents this year of every girl and boy in the land. Some youngsters will want to frame the pretty certificate which sets forth and declares in solemn phrase the fact of their subscription, duly signed and sealed, and everyone lucky enough to find it on tree or stocking will be made merry by its promises of a year's good times.

The Century for January will have the distinction of a frontispiece by Cole, another cut in his series of wood engravings of the old Spanish masters, the subject being the beautiful portrait of El Greco by himself. Mr. Cole's block, as in all his reproductions of the old masters, has been engraved after very careful study in front of the original, which in this case is in the Museum at Seville. The portrait represents the painter in a broad frill collar, with the materials of his profession in his hands, and is noteworthy as showing that he used a very small oblong palette and small brushes mounted in quills.

VANDERBILT'S HARD FIGHT

Some Slight Improvement in His Condition, But Very Ill.

New York, Dec. 20. — Cornelius Vanderbilt's attending physicians held a consultation at his home, No. 22 Park avenue, at 6 o'clock Saturday night, and an hour later issued this bulletin, which, it was announced, would be the last for the day:

"Mr. Vanderbilt is still in a critical condition. There are no new complications or symptoms. Whatever slight changes have occurred are to be regarded as encouraging."

A friend to Mr. Vanderbilt said that his temperature, which is reported to have been 105 degrees for the 72 hours ending Saturday at noon, had gone down slightly. This was regarded as one of the slight changes referred to in the bulletin. It was also said that this gradual reduction in the patient's temperature ought to be regarded as a very favorable symptom, whereas a sudden drop in his temperature would have been regarded as ominous.

Pistol Practise

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ANDIJAN EARTHQUAKE RESULT

Another Boy Added to Prince of Wales' Family—Opposition to Cattle Embargo.

London, Dec. 22.—A dispatch from New Marghelan, Russian Turkistan, reports that the recent earthquake at Andijan killed 2,500 people in and near that city, and destroyed 16,000 houses. The rumblings continue. The authorities so far have not been able to cope with the destitution of the starving, unsheltered populace.

A San Jose, Costa Rica, dispatch says: Three more earthquake shocks have been felt here. Dispatches from Cartago, 20 miles from here, say subterranean rumblings have been heard there.

RUINOUS DROUGHT.

A cable from Sydney, N. S. W., says: The serious effect of the drought is shown by the wool traffic on the railroads of New South Wales for the current year, which is only 346,000 bales, compared with 527,000 bales in 1901.

ENGLISH PRINCE BORN.

The Princess of Wales gave birth to a son at 7:35 o'clock on Saturday evening. Mother and child are doing well.

WIRELESS MESSAGES.

King Victor Emmanuel this (Monday) morning received a wireless message from Marconi, forwarded from Cape Breton via Cornwall, and sent a congratulatory reply.

The second edition of the London Times today prints the text of a wireless Marconi message received from the Canadian Government, as follows: "Ottawa, Dec. 21.—The Government of Canada, through the Times, desires to congratulate the British people on the accomplishment by Marconi of the greatest feat modern science has yet achieved. (Signed) Cartwright, Acting Premier."

THE CATTLE EMBARGO.

R. Farquharson, M. P. for Aberdeenshire, promised at Aberdeen to introduce a bill for the removal of the restrictions on the importation of Canadian cattle. The measure, he said, would be strongly backed.

CANADA'S FRUIT TRADE.

W. A. McKinnon, of the Canadian Department of Agriculture, furnishes to a Daily Chronicle representative some interesting particulars on the development of the fruit trade from Canada. In recent years, he says, the great revival of trade is largely due to the close attention given to the better cultivation of orchards. The former carelessness in packing is absent, as is also the fraud practiced by shippers of fruit in marking it No. 1 quality when it was not even up to the proper standard. Mr. McKinnon said there was a great improvement in the reliability of the marking, and the brokers in England had few complaints to make on that score. The export of pears is a new departure, and packed properly and carefully shipped they arrive in England in perfect condition.

The Liverpool Daily Post says the arrival of Canadian poultry and various products from the Dominion is always an event of considerable importance, and this season there is no diminution of the same commercial trust.

BLAKE AND TARTE.

The Daily News says the reappearance of Edward Blake on Canadian platforms has passed unnoticed in England, but his few speeches on Irish affairs this month seem to have attracted considerable attention in the Dominion. There are few men better qualified to point out the ever-recurring moral of the extension of self-government to Canada than Mr. Blake.

In an article on "The Colonies and Parliament," the Manchester Guardian says that Canadians in London are discussing the rumor that J. Israel Tarte intends to abandon his political career in Canada and enter the Imperial Parliament, following the example of Edward Blake. As forceful a man as Mr. Tarte could easily assume a position of importance." It would be an advantage to have statesmen competent to speak from experience on matters affecting the colonies. Mr. Blake, caught in the eddies of Irish Nationalism, does not exhibit any desire to extricate himself.

The Peel Liberals.

Brampton, Ont., Dec. 22. — The Liberals of Peel met in convention here Saturday. There was a large delegation from all parts of the county. The nomination of W. E. Milner, of Brampton, for the House of Commons, which had been agreed on at a recent meeting of the executive committee was ratified, and Mr. Milner accepted the nomination. Mr. Mulock, the Postmaster-General, afterwards addressed a public meeting of the electors.

All Humors

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Lace trimmed and Embroidered Handkerchiefs, well worth 15c each, only 12½c

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Ladies' Hand-painted Handkerchief and Glove Sets, silk lined, regular $1 50, for only $1 00

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Ladies' Fancy Collars and Silk Ties, only 25c
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Another wonderful offer. Handsome Silk Shirt Waists, elegantly made, in tan, rose, cream and gray, latest style front; a bargain at $5 00, now $3 75
Tameline Silk Waists in dainty colors, were $5 00, now $3 50
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BAYELY'S

THE MARKETS.

THE LOCAL MARKET.

London, Monday, Dec. 22.

Twenty loads of hay were offered here today, and prices ranged from $8 50 to $9 50 per ton.

Three loads of oats sold at 88c to 91c per cwt.

About 150 hogs were purchased here by Mr. D. McIntyre, paying $5 90 per cwt for selects and $4 75 per cwt for sows; these prices are for live weight.

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AMERICAN MARKETS

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Higher prices prevailed for grains and provisions today. May wheat gained ¼c, May corn declined ¼c, oats advanced ⅛c to ¼c, and January provisions gained 7½c to 15c. Minneapolis, Duluth and Chicago received 518 cars of wheat, against 579 last week and 548 a year ago. Estimated receipts for Monday: Wheat, 45 cars; corn, 375 cars; oats, 155 cars; hogs, 43,000 head.

The leading futures closed: Wheat—Dec., 74¼c; May, 77¼c to 77⅜c; July, 74⅛c to 74¼c. Corn—Dec., 45⅞c; Jan., 45⅜c; May, 43⅜c to 43½c; July, 42⅝c to 42¾c. Oats—Dec., 31⅝c; old, 31c; May, 33⅛c to 33⅜c; July, 32¼c. Pork—Jan., $16 60; May, $15 97½. Lard—Dec., $10 25; Jan., $9 82½; May, $9 22½ to $9 25. Ribs—Jan., $8 45; May, $8 50. Rye—Dec., 48¼c; May, 51¾c to 52c. Timothy—Jan., $4 25. Clover—Dec., $10 75. Barley—Cash, 38c to 58c.

Cash quotations: Flour was quiet and steady; winter patents, $3 40 to $3 50; straights, $2 90 to $3 20; bakers, $2 25 to $2 75. No. 2 spring wheat, 74c to 76c; No. 3, 72c to 74½c; No. 2 red, 73½c to 74⅜c. No. 2 corn, 45¾c; No. 2 yellow, 45⅝c. No. 2 oats, 31⅝c; No. 3 white, 32½c. No. 2 rye, 48½c. Good feeding barley, 37c to 41c; fair to choice malting, 45c to 56c. No. 1 flaxseed, $1 15; No. 1 northwestern, $1 23. Prime timothy seed, $3 65. Mess pork, $17; lard, $10 25 to $10 30; short ribs sides, $8 37½ to $8 62½; dry salted shoulders, $8 25 to $8 50; short clear sides, $8 62½ to $8 87½. Clover, contract grade, $10 75. Eggs firm; loss off, cases returned, 25c.

Receipts—Flour, 16,800 bbls; wheat, 46,800 bu; corn, 266,800 bu; oats, 213,100 bu; rye, 9,900 bu; barley, 41,400 bu.

Shipments—Flour, 26,300 bbls; wheat, 8,100 bu; corn, 990,800 bu; oats, 153,300 bu; rye, 1,000 bu; barley, 23,100 bu.

TOLEDO.

Toledo, O., Dec. 20.—Wheat—Dull; cash and Dec., 77¾c; May, 81¾c. Corn—Dull; Dec., 45½c; May, 44c. Oats—Dull; Dec., 33c; May, 34c. Rye—No. 2, 52½c. Clover seed—Fairly active and higher; Dec., $6 50; Jan., $6 52½; May, $6 67½. Prime timothy, $1 75. Prime alsike, $8.

SUGAR MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 20.—Sugar—Raw steady; fair refining, 3 7-16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3 15-16c; molasses sugar, 3 3-16c; refined steady. Molasses—Firm.

LONDON.

London, Dec. 20.—Raw sugar—Muscovado, 8s 9d; centrifugal, 9s 3d; beet sugar, Dec., 8s 1½d.

OIL MARKETS.

OIL CITY.

Oil City, Pa., Dec. 20.—Credit balances, $1 51; certificates, no sales.

PITTSBURG.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 20.—The oil market closed at $1 51.

LONDON.

London, Dec. 20.—Petroleum, American refined, 6 1-16d; spirits, 6⅞d.

ANTWERP.

Antwerp, Dec. 20.—Petroleum, 26 francs 75 centimes.

BREMEN.

Bremen, Dec. 20.—Petroleum, 6 marks 35 pfennings.

DAIRY MARKETS.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Butter—Quiet and steady; creameries, 18c to 25½c; dairies, 17c to 25c. Cheese—Firm, 12c to 13¼c.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

EAST BUFFALO.

East Buffalo, Dec. 20.—Cattle—Receipts, 250; dull, unchanged; veals 25c lower; tops, $8 50 to $9; common to good, $5 50 to $8 25.

Hogs—Receipts, 10,500; fairly active, 5c to 10c lower; heavy, $6 35 to $6 45; mixed, $6 25 to $6 35; Yorkers, $6 15 to $6 15; pigs, $6 to $6 10; roughs, $5 60 to $5 85; stags, $4 75 to $5 25.

Sheep—Receipts, 18,000; lambs 10c and sheep 25c lower; top lambs, $6 60 to $6 65; culls to good, $4 to $5 50; yearlings, $4 25 to $4 50; ewes, $4 to $4 25; sheep, top mixed, $3 50 to $3 75; culls to good, $1 75 to $3 40.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Cattle—Receipts, 300; nominal; good to prime steers, $5 40 to $6 50; poor to medium, $3 to $5 25; stockers and feeders, $2 to $4 50; cows, $1 25 to $4 50; canners, $1 25 to $2 40; bulls, $2 to $4 40; calves, $3 to $7 25; Texas-fed steers, $3 75 to $4 80.

Hogs—Receipts today, 21,000; market 10c higher; mixed and butchers, $5 85 to $6 30; good to choice heavy, $6 30 to $6 55; rough heavy, $5 50 to $6 25; light, $5 50 to $6; bulk of sales at $6 to $6 30.

Sheep—Receipts, 11,000; sheep 10c to 15c lower; lambs 15c to 25c lower; good to choice wethers, $3 75 to $4 40; fair to choice mixed, $2 75 to $3 75; native lambs, $4 to $5 75.

NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 20.—Beeves—Receipts, 30; all consigned direct; no sales reported; dressed beef steady; city dressed native sides, 7½c to 11c per lb; Texas beef, 6½c to 7½c. Exports today, 1,625 beeves, 947 sheep, 4,500 quarters of beef. Calves—Receipts, 102; offerings mainly western calves; no sales reported; city dressed veals, 11c to 14c per lb.

Sheep—Receipts, 6,876; very dull; both sheep and lambs generally lower; about 12 cars of stock unsold; sheep sold at $3 to $9 per 100 lbs; culls at $1 80; lambs at $5 to $6; dressed mutton, 6c to 8c per lb; dressed lambs, 7½c to 10c.

Hogs—Receipts, 1,056; no sales reported.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Mayor Smyth states that he will not be a candidate for re-election as mayor of Windsor.

Henry House, of Stamford, Ont., is in search of his wife who disappeared from her home there two weeks ago.

A bench warrant has been issued for Vincent J. O'Neil, who did not appear at Toronto police court to answer the charge of personation at the referendum vote. O'Neil is out on bail.

It is announced that the Delaware and Hudson Company has acquired the Adirondack Railway, running from Saratoga to North Creek, and will operate it as a part of the Saratoga division.

BRIEFS.

L. W. Quirk, grand secretary and treasurer of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, who has just completed his trip over the Canadian railways, announces that there were absolutely no grievances being discussed, and that the relations of the telegraphers with their companies are most satisfactory.

A motion was granted at Osgoode Hall Saturday to amend the plea in the case of Christian Qua, widow of Francis Qua, a Toronto real estate dealer who died a short time ago, against the Woodman of the World. Qua had $2,000 insurance on his life in the Woodmen, made out in favor of his wife. This they refused to pay on the plea that the insurance had been got on misrepresentation. The widow took the matter into court. Qua had policies also in the Independent Order of Foresters and the Ancient Order of Workmen, both of which were settled without dispute.

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CHRISTMAS CLOSING WAS OBSERVED IN CITY SCHOOLS

Interesting Programmes Carried Out by Pupils.

Presentations of Prizes and Distribution of Gifts Features of Day.

NORMAL SCHOOL CLOSING.

At the closing exercises of the Normal School on Friday evening, Principal Merchant presided and introduced a very pleasing and enjoyable programme. The beautiful assembly hall was brilliantly lighted and decorated with bunting, while the strains of Mr. F. Evans' orchestra contributed greatly to the evening's pleasure. Vocal music by Misses Edna Freek and M. Kemp, a catchy song by the male portion of the Glee Club, the reading of the historian's reports by Miss Lush, Miss McGarvah and Mr. Ramsay, and the poetic valedictory by Mr. Hindle, were the main features of the students' part. A musical recreation, conducted by Misses Kelso and Madge Dearness, was participated in by students and visitors, and appropriate farewell addresses were delivered by Dr. Cl. T. Campbell, Rev. Messrs. Stuart, Walker and Hamilton, Mr. R. M. Graham and Vice-Principal Dearness. At the invitation of Mrs. Marchant everybody repaired to the spacious gymnasium, where dainty and seasonable refreshments were served. It was an hour past midnight, when, with "Auld Lang Syne' 'and reluctant good-byes, the students dispersed, and so closed the sixth session of the London Normal School.

SIMCOE STREET SCHOOL.

The pupils of Simcoe street school continued their regular class duties until the programmes were introduced in the afternoon. Each room was prepared for the occasion. Flags, pictures, class work and bunting adorned the walls, while special models of drawing, writing, and illustrative literature appeared on the various blackboards. The pupils of Principal Graham's room had prepared a special programme for the closing. Dialogues, readings, instrumental selections, were among the main features. Master William Scott, who acted as chairman, in a brief address, thanked the pupils for their co-operation.

Through the kindness of Mr. John Croden, a lengthy musical programme was given by the aid of "The Cecelian," Mr. Croden furnished a piano for the occasion.

Miss Nellie Cowie, the twelve-year-old girl who won the Boyle memorial medal, was presented with the same by Mr. C. J. McCormick, chairman of the board of education.

Refreshments were served to the visitors and teachers by the pupils of the senior fourth class, after the programme had been given, in which the following pupils took part: Miss Ethel Teasdail, Mis ida Hamilton, Gordon Weir, Melville Parks, Vernon Davis, Frank Denin, Miss Libbie Smith, Llewelyn O'Neil, Miss Grace Gilbert, Miss Laura Barton; also chorus by the class and Cecelian selections. Principal R. M. Graham made a short address and a reading by Miss Millie Flacon was given.

In the other rooms the pupils who took part were:

Meredith Smith, Nena Watson, Winnie Powell, Ruby Sussex, Mary Mowat, Lizzie Curnoe, five girls, Alma Bremner and Ethel Stephens.

In Miss Luke's room—George Sonly, May Miller, Beatrice Hale, Clifford Wheatcroft, Roy Moore, Ernie Graham, Louis Farmer, Oliver Littleton, Ella Morgan, Chester Welch, Luella Rick, Agnes McLean, Lenoa Boyce, Earl McNeil, Willie Spindler, Venelia Tucker, Winnie Goulding, Hazel Wilson, Ada Hayes, Frankie Roe, John Belch, Edith Pearse, Ella Johnson, Annie Hale.

Room No. 8 — Tom Nopper, Gertie Greensides, Earl Plewes, Alex. Burnett, Ernest Washnidge, J. Ackert, Gwendoline Wood, Fred Bugg, Florence Cushuan, Edith Phillips, Harold Stilson.

In room 12—Joe Farmer, Bessie Reilley, Pearl Roughley, Belle Hedley, Libbie Rosenthal, Prudence Swanwick, Eddie Berdan, Leila Proctor, Myrtle Parkes, Beulah Winder, Lillie Jackson, Fred Davis, Ida Moore, Myrtle Pennecott, Cora Moore, Clarence Johns, Pearl Gillett, Katie Thorn and Beatrice Curnoe.

Room 9—Chairman's address, W. Holt; Rachel Slobasky, Frank Evans, Grace Fleming, Marjorie Tolhurst, Bella Chamney, Florence Lockhard, Ernie Powell, Florence Nixon, Marjorie Tolhurst, Ceburn Westman, Rachel Slobasky, Roy Harding, Grace Mottashed, May Jones, E. Powell, Mabel Winslade, Freda Ingle, M. Tolhurst, C. Westman, B. Chamney, G. Mottashed, E. Morrison, M. Tolhurst, M. Geary, B. Chamney, F. Evans.

Room No. 2—Milton Munro, Margaret Walton, Elva Walker, Norman Haigh, John Allen, Hilda Harris, A. McDonald, J. Thompson, P. Suddic, David Newton, Gordon Thompson, George Slyford.

In another room the pupils who took part were: Chairman's address, George Pirie; Edna Clampitt, Wilhelmina Sage, Beatrice Thorn, Mabel McLeod, Miss Skelton, Ada Woodley, Edith Chatto, Mabel Abbott.

Room No. 5—Master Gladstone Paul, Teddie Braund, Willie Slyford, Mary Oliver, Myrtle Craib, Cora Mathers, Vera James, Hazel Hancock, Gladys Parks, Jessie Long.

LORNE AVENUE SCHOOL.

None of the rooms at Lorne Avenue School allowed the closing to pass without any special exercises, and each of the entertainments was specially interesting. The pupils of the several rooms delighted their parents and friends in the afternoon with programmes of songs, recitations, dialogues and choruses, and also exhibited samples of their work in penmanship and drawing. Trustees MacRobert, Dr. English and Gammage were present at the exercises in Miss Cripps' room, and made short addresses. Trustee Gammage also presented the Boyle Memorial Medal to Vivian Sifton, who headed the class in Principal Eckert's room at the entrance examination. The recipient was the fourth member of the same family to win the Boyle Medal at the Lorne Avenue School. The judging of maps was done by Trustees Gammage and Dr. English (both former pupils of Principal Eckert), and Trustee MacRobert, who awarded the prizes to Florence Grover and Lilian Riddell. The pupils who took part were: Willie Mowat, Aggie McDonald, Victor Short, Clara Bailey, Jessie Preston, Allie Wright, Pearl Maynard, Florence McConnell, Florence Grover, Ethel Blinkhorn, Willie Colborne, Ila Bissett, Teddy Williamson, Gordon Hardey, Eddie Johnson, Aggie McDonald, Pearl Maynard, Charlie Marshall, Ila Bisset, and several choruses by the pupils.

RECTORY STREET SCHOOL.

The children of Rectory street school enjoyed themselves immensely and acquitted themselves most creditably at the closing exercises on Friday. Grades I. and II. had a combined entertainment, as also did Grades V. and VI. and VII. and VII. Grades III. and IV. did not unite. The parents of the children were present, and took the keenest interest in the programmes, which were of the usual character. A number of the trustees also attended, and in the Grade VII. and VIII. entertainment, Dr. English presented the Boyle memorial medal to Miss Edna Heath. The pupils who were on the programme were: Maud Cambridge, Eva Smith, Carrie Wilmer, Ella Parsons, Marion Devlin, Robert Axton, Fred McDonald, Robert Lake, Harry Lutz, Lydia Torrens, Dickson Glass, and a cantata entitled "Santa's Christmas."

Grade III.—Songs, "Shine Out, O Blessed Star," "Jolly Old St. Nicholas." "Merry, Merry, Merry Christmas Bells," by class; Nellie Davidson, George Abel, Irla Flach, Rosie Hodges, Olive Rodgers, Edna Appleton, Frank Heath, Ruby Baker, Muriel Richardson, Cleophas Elliott, Willie Smith, Nellie Davidson, Ella Henderson, Earl Baker, Stuart McKenna, Ralph Perkins, Irla Flach, Gordon Heaman, Cleophas Elliott, Flora Mitchell, Rosie Hodges; "God Save the King."

Grades V. and VI.—Song by class, "Hark, 'Tis the Bells;" P. Perrin, R. Skinner, Ida Harding, Sarah Henshaw, Roy Cooke, Clarence Leningham, Elsie Francis, Mabel Yeomans, Mabel Roddam, P. Perrin, Frances McLean, Fred Taylor, Jimmie Grawshaw, Pearl Ruskey, Jimmie Grawshaw, J. Warner, Edith Henshaw, J. Beswarick, Sarah Henshaw, Edith Richardson, Ethel Mitchell, Percy Perrin, Herbert Eckert, Hazel Smith, Ethel Bisset, Madeline Grant, Will England.

AT KING STREET SCHOOL.

The children at this school were not one whit behind the other public schools in their celebration of the joyous holiday time. Appropriate decorations rendered the kindergarten room a bower of beauty, while a generously loaded Christmas tree added to the delights of the occasion.

The junior scholars held their entertainment on Thursday afternoon, when the following took part: Miss Knott's class, Lorne Hatherly, Holly McNiven, Douglas Teasdall, Irene Davis, Fredry Wright, Margaret Cook, May Abel, M. Boyd, Robbie Ross, Tommy Avey, Hilda Cole, L. Wilcox, F. Wilson, Maude Boyd, Myrtle Chantler, Orville Hughes, Ernie Hill, Maggie Howe, May Bell, Ethel Wilson, G. Hiscock, G. Smith, M. Bell and M. Cook.

On Friday afternoon the senior scholars assmbled, when the following took part: Roy Burridge, Louie Hill, Mattie Avey, Maudie Macfie, the Misses Boake, Iva Campbell, Roy Wright, Lee Devlin, Irene Davis.

Of course, there were candies and other sweets to delight the little ones' hearts.

ST. PETER'S SCHOOL.

The closing exercises at this school were most enjoyable to the little folks. Besides a programme of games, dear to children's hearts, each room was the scene of an entertainment, provided by the scholars, and rendered in the inimitable way that appertains to childhood. All the rooms were suitably decorated. Father Aylward and other prominent gentlemen were the donors of a treat that was not the least enjoyable of the events of the day.

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL.

At this school the concluding exercises were most delightful, the scholars in each room celebrating the occasion in a special manner. At the close each of the little ones was treated to a generous supply of candy, dates, cake, etc., the gift of Rev. Father McKeon. The scholars took advantage of the occasion to present their teacher, Sister Clothilde, with a silk umbrella, a silver-handled paper cutter and a box of sweetmeats, a touching mark of esteem from the little ones.

THE GROVE SCHOOL.

Mr. Blackwell, who has for some time been the popular teacher at the Grove, is severing his connection with the school, and at the closing exercises on Friday afternoon was presented with two handsome gifts from his pupils. Mr. Blackwell was very popular, and held in high esteem by all in the section.

On the occasion of the school closing the following address was read to him:

"The Grove, Dec. 19, 1902.

"Mr. Blackwell, Dear Teacher,—We, the pupils of the Grove School, desire to convey to you our appreciation of your services among us. You have faithfully discharged your duty as teacher, and worked earnestly with us. You have endeared yourself to us all by your kindness and your genial disposition. We desire to express our feelings in some more tangible way than by mere words, and take great pleasure in presenting you with this small present as a token of our esteem and affection, and hope it may sometimes remind you of the days you spent with us."

BETHANY UNION MISSION.

The children's Christmas entertainment of the Pall Mall Street Bethany Union Mission was held Friday night, Dec. 19. The house was crowded, many being unable to obtain admittance. The children of the Orphans' Home were present and each received a gift from the Christmas house. Everyone was delighted with the result of the entertainment.

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FATHER FOGARTY IS DEAD

Demise of Well-Known Priest of Dublin.

Pneumonia Followed Cold Caught While Blessing New Church Bell.

News was received yesterday afternoon by his Lordship Bishop McEvay, Bishop of London, of the death of Rev. Father Fogarty, parish priest of Dublin, Ont.

Father Fogarty's death was the result of a severe cold, sustained while participating in the bessing of a new bell on his church about a week ago. Pneumonia followed, and he was not sufficiently strong to resist is weakening attacks.

Father Fogarty was born in Ireland, but early in life came to this country, and received his education at the Gaude Seminary, Montreal. It is only seven years since he was ordained, but previous to going to Dublin he acted as curate at Stratford, Parkhill and Irishtown. His work in Dublin was purely a labor of love, and the entire credit of the parish organization is due to him alone. It was also through his efforts that the church was erected there. The parish, one of the most prosperous and efficient in the whole diocese, will stand a lasting monument to the departed priest.

The funeral will be held at 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning. Bishop McEvay and Rev. Father Aylward, rector of St. Peter's Cathedral, will officiate.

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A Suggestion for A Christmas Present

A nice present to send to a distant friend or relative who you think would like to be kept informed of what is happening in and around London, would be the Weekly Advertiser, which can be sent to any address in Canada or the United States for a whole year for 75c. Two beautiful pictures as premiums are sent with every subscription. Order at once direct from The Advertiser office, so that the name can go on the mailing list by the 1st of January.

The colonial officials at St. Johns, Nfld., declare that they know nothing of any proposal for the reassembling of the joint high commission, as has been recently reported in Canada.

Warm blankets are now being lent to poor persons in the first arrondissement of Paris, on the sole condition that they return them on the first Monday in May.

A CURE FOR RHEUMATISM.—The intrusion of uric acid into the blood vessels is a fruitful cause of rheumatic pains. This irregularity is owing to a deranged and unhealthy condition of the liver. Anyone subject to this painful affection will find a remedy in Parmelee's Vegetable Pills. Their action upon the kidneys is pronounced and most beneficial, and by restoring healthy action, they correct impurities in the blood.

A COAL RIOT AT ST. PAUL

Northwestern Fuel Company's Office Mobbed.

Coal Scarce in Washington—Government Departments Shut Down.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 22.—A crowd of several hundred people broke through the door of the Northwestern Fuel Company's office on Saturday, after a remarkable three hours' rush for coal, and savagely mauled a clerk who acted as doorkeeper and admitted only one customer at a time. The police restored order.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Coal is so scarce in Washington that a temporary shutdown of some of the Government departments may become necessary.

Senator Mason, of Illinois, has prepared a bill giving the President of the United States authority to seize and operate coal mines. The bill provides that whenever a coal mine is not being operated the Attorney-General may apply in a circuit court in the district in which the mine is for a receiver to operate the mine, and this receiver may proceed to keep the public supplied with coal.

Senator Lodge introduced in the Senate a bill authorizing the President to remove the duty on coal coming into the United States from Canada whenever the duty on coal from the United States going into Canada shall be removed.

The New York Board of Aldermen have voted $25,000 to buy coal for the poor of the city.

A coal famine which threatens to close all the factories is reported from Indianapolis.

Letters to the Editor.

"THE MESSIAH."

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

In reference to the oratorio of "The Messiah," rendered in the Grand Opera House on Thursday evening last, all the city papers praised it without stint, and every person who was present with whom the writer has spoken concerning it, was well pleased, and would gladly hear it again if the opportunity offered at a reasonable price.

I would therefore suggest that the oratorio be repeated in one of the larger churches of the city at 25 cents admisson all around, some time in the month of January next. I am persuaded that it would pay both Mr. Pococke and the church. If the idea be enutertained I will agree to sell ten or more tickets.

J. W. SMITH.

461 Dundas street, Dec. 20, 1902

STARVING RUSSIANS

The Government Taking Steps to Feed its Destitute People.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 21.—The Russian Government has drawn up a comprehensive plan for feeding the people who are today in a state of semi-starvation as a result of crop failures and generally relieving the distress which is at present widespread throughout the Government of European Russia and some districts of Siberia. The sum of $3,331,500 has already been expended in relief work, but further great sums will be necessary to support the populace of the afflicted districts and enable them to remain farming in the spring.

From Kingston Postoffice.

James McGuire, letter-carrier, who was almost totally disabled by corns on the soles of his feet, has been cured by Putnam's Painless Corn and Wart Extractor. It's the best.

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MONTREAL.

SALES: C. P. R., 200 at 128½, 100 at 128⅝, 100 at 128¾, 100 at 128½, 250 at 129¼, 150 at 129, 100 at 129¼; Montreal Street Railway, 80 at 271; R. and O., 100 at 91½; Steel, common, 10 at 56, 25 at 56¾, 25 at 56⅞, 200 at 56¾, 175 at 57, 225 at 57¼, 25 at 57⅜, 25 at 57⅝, 50 at 58, 150 at 58⅛, 25 at 58¼, 75 at 58⅜, 75 at 58½, 250 at 58¾, 50 at 58⅝, 100 at 58½; Toronto Railway, 25 at 113, 5 at 112, 1 at 112; Scotia, 25 at 99½; Twin City, 50 at 114, 50 at 114¼, 75 at 114½, 10 at 114¾; Coal, common, 360 at 126, 25 at 126¼, 25 at 126½; Cable, 16 at 172; Montreal Cotton, 6 at 122, 5 at 122¼; Steel, preferred, 80 at 94, 17 at 93; Bank of Montreal, 44 at 269; Molsons Bank, 2 at 214; Quebec Bank, 5 at 117; Power, 280 at 83¾, 50 at 83¾; Dominion Cotton, 25 at 49, 30 at 50; Detroit Railway, 50 at 85¼, 75 at 85½; Canada Colored Cotton, 50 at 50.

NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 22.

Reported by F. H. Butler, stock broker, Masonic Temple, for The Advertiser.

	Open.	High.	Low.	2 p.m.
Amal. Copper	58⅝	58⅝	57⅞	58¼
American Sugar Co.	128½	130½	128¾	1 0½
American Locomotive	28	28¾	28	2 ⅜
American Foundry	34⅜	..	..	..
Atcheson Com.	83½	83¾	83	83
Atcheson Pfd.	98¾	99¼	98¾	99¼
B. & O.	98½	99	98¾	98⅞
Brooklyn Tran.	65	65⅞	64⅝	65⅝
C. P. R.	128½	130⅞	128¾	130⅞
Chesapeake & Ohio	47	47⅛	47	47
Chic. Great Western	24⅜	24¾	24⅜	24¾
Colorado Fuel & Iron	80	80½	80	80
Erie	34⅜	34¾	34⅜	34½
Illinois Central	143½	144⅜	143⅝	144¾
Kan. and Tex. Com.	25⅞	26	25⅞	26
Kan. and Tex. Pfd.	56	56¾	56	56¾
Louisville & Nashville	124	124⅞	123	124
Manhattan	147	147¾	146½	147
Metropolitan St. Ry.	140½	140½	140	140¾
M. P.	105	106¼	105	106⅞
N. Y. Central	153⅜	153¾	153¾	153
Norfolk and W.	71½	71⅞	71¾	71⅝
Pacific Mail S.S. Co.	29½	..	..	..
Ont. and West.	29½	29¾	29¾	29⅝
Pennsylvania	155	155⅝	154⅞	155
People's Gas	101⅛	102⅜	101⅛	102⅛
Reading	62¾	63⅛	62¾	63⅛
Republic I. and S.	19½	19⅞	19½	19⅞
Southern Ry.	32¼	32⅝	32¼	32½
Southern Ry., Pref.	..	..	..	..
Southern Pacific	63⅞	64⅜	63⅞	64⅛
St. Paul	174¾	176⅜	174¾	176¾
Texas	40	41⅜	40	40⅞
T. C. I.	57	..	..	..
Union Pacific	98¾	99¾	98⅝	99¼
Union Pacific, Pfd.	92¾	..	..	..
U. S. Leather	12¾	..	..	..
U. S. Rubber	15½	..	..	..
U. S. Steel, com.	34⅞	35⅜	34¾	35⅛
U. S. Steel pref.	84⅝	85	84⅜	84⅝
Wabash Com.	28¾	29	28⅝	28⅝
Wabash Pfd.	42	42⅛	41¾	42⅛
Wisconsin Central	25	25¼	25	25

TORONTO.

	Toronto, Dec. 22. Ask.	Off.
Montreal	..	..
Ontario	..	131
Toronto	255	252½
Merchants	..	..
Commerce	162	161
Imperial	226	..
Dominion	247	242½
Standard	..	245
Hamilton	231½	231
Nova Scotia	..	260
Ottawa	226	221½
Traders	..	129½
British America	..	98
Western Assurance	100	97
Imperial Life	..	150
National Trust	..	138
Toronto General Trusts	..	..
Consumers Gas	..	212
Ontario and Qu Appelle Land	..	80
Canada Northwest Land, Pref	..	99
Canada Northwest Land com	..	210
Can. Pacific Railway Stock	129	127⅞
Can. Pac. Railway Stock, new	..	..
Canada Life	..	..
Toronto Electric Light	..	152½
General Electric	..	193
General Electric, pref	..	..
London Electric	..	..
Commercial Cable	175	170
Dominion Telegraph	..	119
Bell Telephone	..	..
Richelieu and Ontario Nav. Co.	92¼	91
Niagara Navigation	..	..
Northern Navigation	135	132
St. Clair L. and C. Navigation	140	..
Toronto Railway	115	112¾
Twin City Railway	115	114⅞
Winnipeg St Railway	..	165
Sao Paulo Tramway	88½	87½
Luxfer Prism., pref	..	..
Carter Crume	104	102¼
Dunlop Tire, pref	107	105
W. A. Rogers, pref	104	102
Packers A	100	98½
Packers B	100	98
Dominion Steel, com	59	58¾
Dominion Steel, pref	95	93½
Dominion Coal, com	126½	126
Nova Scotia Steel, com	..	100
Lake Superior, Com.	9	8
War Eagle	..	15
Republic	..	..
Payne Mining	..	..
Cariboo (McKinney)	..	..
Virtue	..	..
North Star	..	..
Crows Nest Coal	..	300
Canada Salt	..	123
British Canadian L. and I.	..	70
Canada Landed and Nat. Inv.	..	105½
Canada Permanent	119¾	119
Canada Savings and Loan	..	..
Central Canada Loan	..	136
Dominion Savings and Invest.	..	70
Hamilton Provident	..	118
Huron and Erie L. and S.	..	180
Imperial L. and Invest.	..	..
Landed Banking and Loan	..	118½
Lon. and Can. L. and A.	..	..
Manitoba Loan	..	..
Toronto Mortage	..	..
London Loan	..	110
Ontario Loan and Deb.	..	121
Toronto Savings and Loan	..	127
Real Estate Loan and Deb	..	..
Cable Coup. Bonds	..	..
Cable Reg. Bonds	..	..
Dominion Steel Bonds	..	..
Nova Scotia Steel Bonds	..	..

SALES: Toronto, 321 at 253½; Traders, 20 at 130; R. and O., 5 at 91; St. Lawrence, 6 at 128; Twin City, 100 at 114¼, 25 at 114¼, 100 and 50 at 114⅜, 25 at 114⅝, 250 at 114⅞; Toronto Railway, 50 at 112⅝; C. P. R., 25 at 128⅜, 15 at 128⅝, 100 and 175 at 128¾, 85 and 80 at 129, 25 and 110 at 129, 100 at 129½, 50 at 129¾, 100 at 129⅞; Sao Paulo, 48, 25 and 5 at 88; Steel, 25 at 58, 5 preferred at 94, 50 at 58, 50 at 58½, 575 at 59, 25 at 58¾, 75 preferred at 94¼; Coal, 200 at 125⅞, 200 at 128½; Superior, 15 at 9, 100 at 8¾; Canada Landed, 60 at 106.

CHICAGO EXCHANGE.

Reported for the Advertiser by F. H. Butler, stock broker.

Chicago, Dec. 22.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—Dec.	74⅛	74⅝	74¼	74⅞
May	77⅛	77⅝	77¼	77⅝
Corn—Dec.	45⅛	45⅞	45	45⅝
May	43⅜	43⅞	43⅜	43⅝
Oats—Dec.	31½	32	31½	32
May	33½	33⅝	33⅜	33⅝
Pork—Jan.	16 60	16 65	16 50	16 65
May	16 00	16 15	16 00	15 15
Lard—Jan.	9 85	9 85	9 82	9 85
May	9 35	9 37	9 25	9 37
Ribs—Jan	8 47	8 47	8 54	8 45
May	8 50	8 90	8 50	8 55

HAY MARKETS.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—Baled Hay—The offerings are fair and the demand is not very active; the market is steady; cars of No. 1 timothy on the track here are quoted at $8 to $9 24 per ton.

Baled Straw—Steady; cars on the track here are quoted at $5 to $5 50.

AMERICAN MARKETS

BUFFALO.

Buffalo, Dec. 22.—Spring wheat—No. 1 northern, 82½c; No. 1 hard, 84½c. Winter wheat—No. 2 red, 79c; No. 1 white, 82c, nominal. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 56¼c; No. 4 yellow, 54c; No. 3 corn, 53½c, on the track. Oats—No. 3 white, 36¾c; No. 2 mixed, 35½c, on track; clipped, in store, 36½c to 37c.

DETROIT.

Detroit, Dec. 22.—Wheat—No. 2 red, cash and Dec., 81½c; May, 81c.

NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 22.—Flour—Receipts, 27,175 bbls; sales, 4,000 pkgs; flour was neglected and unchanged, with the undertone steady; Minnesota patents, $4 to $4 20; winter straights, $3 45 to $3 55; Minnesota bakers, $3 25 to $3 40; winter extras, $2 85 to $3 15; winter patents, $3 60 to $3 90; winter low grades, $2 65 to $2 95. Buckwheat flour—Dull, $2 30 to $2 35, spot and to arrive. Rye flour—Quiet; fair to good, $3 10 to $3 40; choice to fancy, $3 50 to $3 60. Wheat—Receipts, 101,400 bu; sales, 640,000 bu; option market was steady but quiet, reflecting steadier cables, a big increase on passage, and less favorable Argentine news; May, 81 1-16c to 81 5-16c; July, 78⅞c. Rye—Quiet; state, 55c to 56c, c.i.f., New York; No. 2 western, 58¾c, f.o.b., afloat. Corn—Receipts, 86,100 bu; sales, 50,000 bu; corn was barely steady on account of clearing weather west, larger receipts and easier cables; Dec., 58⅞c to 59¼c; Jan., 53⅜c to 54c; May, 48⅜c to 48½c. Oats—Receipts, 36,000 bu; oats were dull but steady; track, white state, 37½c to 43c; track, white western, 37½c to 43c. Sugar—Rraw steady; fair refining, 3 7-16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3 15-16c; molasses sugar, 3 3-16c; refined steady; crushed, $5 45; powdered, $4 95; granulated, $4 85. Coffee—Quiet; No. 7 Rio, 5¼c. Lead—Quiet, 4¼c. Wool—Firm; domestic fleece, 25c to 30c. Hops—Dull; state common to choice, olds, 7c to 12½c; Pacific coast, 1902 crop, 25c to 31c; 1902 crop, 23c to 26c; olds, 7c to 12½c.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—Wheat—Easier than a week ago; there is a fair demand for milling, but apparently not very much inquiry for export; No. 2 red and white are quoted at 69½c to 69c east and 68c to 68½c middle freights; goose is nominal, at 66c for No. 2 east; spring wheat is steady, at 69c for No. 1 and 68c for No. 2 east; Manitoba wheat is steady, at 81c for No. 1 hard, 79c for No. 1 northern, via Port Huron and Owen Sound, grinding in transit, and 85c for No. 1 hard and 83c for No. 1 northern, all rail via North Bay. Flour—The market is dull and easier; local exporters are quoting $2 70 for ordinary shipping brands of Ontario winter patents in their bags, east and middle freights, and $2 65 for January shipment; choice brands are held 15c to 20c higher. Millfeed—Steady, at $16 for cars of shorts and $14 for bran in bulk, east or middle freights. Barley—The better grades are scarce and firm; No. 3 extra is quoted at 45c to 46c, and No. 3 at 42c, east and west. Buckwheat—Steady, at 52c for No. 2 east, 50c high freights west, and 51c middle freights. Rye—Steady, at 50c for No. 2 east and 49c west. Corn—Steady, at 45c to 46c for new Canada yellow west; American is lower than a week ago, cars of old No. 3 yellow being quoted at 61c, new No. 3 mixed at 52c, and new No. 3 yellow at 53c, on the track at Toronto. Oats—In fair demand and steady; No. 2 white are quoted at 31c east, 30c higher freights west, and 30½c middle freights. Peas—Steady, at 75c for choice No. 2 milling, east and middle freights, and ordinary No. 2, for export, at 73c east and 72c middle freights. Butter—The receipts of choice dairy continue light; there is a good demand for both that class of butter and for choice creamery for this market, and the prices are steady; medium and low grade goods are dull and unchanged; creamery prints, 23c to 24c; solids, new, 22c to 23c; old, 20c to 21c; dairy tubs and pails, choice, 16c to 18c; medium, 14c to 15c; common, 13c to 14c; pound rolls, 17c to 19c; large rolls, 16c to 17c. Eggs—The offerings of strictly fresh gathered are very fair for this season, the mild weather having had the effect of keeping the hens laying; there is a good demand and prices are steady, at 18c to 20c for strictly fresh-gathered, 14c to 15c for splits, 12c to 14c for seconds, and 18c for limed. Hogs—There is a fair demand, and the market for cars of dressed on the track here is rather firmer than a week ago, at $7 40 to $7 50; farmers' lots on the street market here are quoted at $7 50 to $8; live hogs were today reduced in price 10c per cwt, and choice bacons are now quoted at $5 90, and heavy and light fats at $5 65 per cwt. Poultry—The receipts are not large, holders having held back their offerings till this week; the offerings tomorrow are expected to be heavier; the mild weather has kept down the demand the past few days, and the unfavorable weather today was a disappointment to dealers; prices are steady to firm for the best; choice fresh-killed young turkeys are quoted at 12½c to 13½c, and medium grades at 11c to 12c; geese, 8c to 9c; ducks, 10c to 11c per lb; choice young chickens, 50c to 75c per pair, according to size and quality, and old frozen at 35c per pair.

BRITISH APPLE MARKET.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—Woodall & Co., of Liverpool, cabled Eben James: Twenty-five thousand barrels selling; market active and dearer by 1s 6d to 2s over last quotations.

M. Isaacs & Sons, of London, quote: Baldwins, 10s to 14s; Kings and Greenings, 12s to 15s.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

OLD COUNTRY PRICES.

London, Dec. 20.—Today Canadian cattle are unchanged, at 10½c to 13c per lb, dressed weight; refrigerator beef is 10c per lb.

ENGLISH MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL.

Liverpool, Dec. 22.—Wheat—Spot, No. 2 red western winter firm, 5s 11½d; No. 1 California, steady, 6s 8d. Futures dull; Dec., 6s 1⅞d; March, 6s 1¾d; May, 6s 1d.

Corn—Spot steady; American mixed, new, 5s 1½d; do, old, 5s 4d. Futures dull; Jan., 6s 0¼d; March, 4s 2¾d.

Peas—Canadian steady, 6s 7½d.

Flour—St. Louis fancy winter quiet, 8s 3d.

Hops (at London)—Pacific coast firm, £6 15s to £7.

Beef—Extra India mess steady, 113s 9d.

Pork—Steady; prime mess western, 90s.

Hams—Short cut, 14 to 16 lbs, steady, 53s 6d.

Bacon—Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs, quiet, 48s; short ribs, 16 to 24 lbs, quiet, 49s; long clear middles, light, 28 to 34 lbs, quiet, 45s 6d; long clear middles, heavy, 35 ot 40 lbs, dull, 48s; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs, dull, 48s; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs, quiet, 53s 6d; shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs, quiet, 45s.

Lard—Prime western, in tierces, quiet, 56s 6d; American refined, in pails, dull, 56s.

Butter—Nominal.

Cheese—Firm; American finest white and colored, 69s.

Tallow—Prime city dull, 27s 3d; Australian (in London) firm, 34s 3d.

Turpentine spirits—Firm, 39s 9d.

Rosin—Common firm, 6⅝d.

Linseed oil—Firm, 26s.

Cottonseed oil—Hull refined, spot dull, 21s 9d.

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WEATHER BULLETIN

Monday, Dec. 22.

Sun rises..7:48 a.m. Moon rises..12:43 a.m.
Sun sets...4:44 p.m. Moon sets...12:34 p.m.

Tuesday: Fair and Colder.

Toronto, Dec. 21—8 p.m.

FORECASTS.

Today—Strong westerly and northerly winds; weather turning colder, with a few snow flurries.

Tuesday—Fresh northwesterly winds; fair and colder.

TALES OF LONDON TOWN

—Mr. A. R. Molton, of the local Bank of Toronto staff, has been transferred to Cobourg.

—Mr. George Cathcart, who for some years has been living in Chicago, is spending the Christmas holidays at his home in this city.

—The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Ann Squires took place this afternoon from the undertaking establishment of W. J. Smith & Son to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

—The usual weekly assembly will be held at Wolseley Barracks tomorrow evening, instead of Thursday evening, on account of the latter being Christmas.

—Miss Maud Westervelt, organist of the Talbot Street Baptist Church, city, assists at the opening exercises of the St. Marys Baptist Church, St. Marys, this evening.

—Private Harold A. Winters, of No. 1 Company, R. C. R., has gone to spend Christmas with friends at Chatham, and Private Fred Livens has gone to spend his Christmas with his parents at Ingersoll.

—Drill Sergeant A. B. Blake-Foster, who has for the past month or so been instructing the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Twenty-first Regiment at Windsor, returned to London on Saturday, his duties at Windsor being completed.

—S. Frank Eastman, of Portsmouth, Ohio, a missionary of the American Sunday School Union, is in the city calling upon friends. His cousin, Mr. J. H. Davis, who married a Hamilton lady a few days ago, will return with him and take up mission work in the Southern Ohio field.

BIRTHDAY OF THE R. C. I.

Yesterday (Dec. 21) was the anniversary of the establishment of the Infantry School Corps, now known as the Royal Canadian Regiment. It is always observed as a holiday by the Regiment, but falling on Sunday this year, the holiday was observed today at Wolseley Barracks.

SNOW AND ICE BROUGHT MR. GRAYDON TO THE BAR

Not the Bar Collins Frequents, But Where Blindfolded Justice Holds Sway.

The city engineer was in police court this morning. The police evidently regard him as the city's most representative representative, for when the snow in front of the registry office stuck for a week his name was put down in the first blank space of a summons, calling upon him to appear on a charge of allowing ice to stay on a sidewalk. He had a strong defense prepared, however, and the crown failed in the effort to convict. His rebuttal of their charge was that as he was neither owner nor occupant of the registry office nothing could be done towards him, and this was found to be the law. At the close of the court suggestions were immediately made that the mayor, the chairman of the board of works and the chief of police would be fit persons to answer for the city.

Charles Kennedy, proprietor of a downtown cafe, was charged with illegally having liquor on his premises. The offense in question was alleged to have been committed a few weeks ago, when a local club held their supper there. The president of the club testified that Mr. Kennedy had not been informed that they would bring liquor, and when it was sent he was in a quandary as to what to do. He did not furnish or serve it to the club and did not think he was committing an offense when he allowed it to be served. The case was adjourned for a week. The magistrate's opinion was, that while it was an offense, the circumstances were such that ordinary action ought not to be taken.

ANTI-GERMAN SENTIMENT CRYSTALLIZED BY KIPLING

The Poet Pictures Men-of-Wars-Men Grumbling at Joining Hands as Allies.

London, Monday, Dec. 22. — The Times, which strenuously opposes the British alliance with Germany in the Venezuelan trouble, prints a poem by Rudyard Kipling crystallizing the popular anti-German sentiment. Under the title of "The Rowers," Kipling pictures the men-of-wars-men grumbling at being compelled to join hands with such allies, who were the bitterest haters of the British during the South African war. The poem contains the following:

"Last night ye swore our voyage was done,
But seaward still we go,
And ye tell us now of a secret vow
Ye have made with an open foe.

"That we must lie off a lightless coast,
And haul, and back, and veer,
At the will of the breed that have wronged us most,
For a year, and a year, and a year."

Having enumerated some of the enormities ascribed to the Germans, the poet continues:

"The dead they mocked are scarcely cold,
Our wounds are bleeding yet,
And ye tell us now that our strength is sold
To help them press for a debt.

"'Neath all the flags of all mankind,
That use upon the seas,
Was there no other fleet to find,
That ye strike hands with these?

"Of evil times that men could choose,
On evil fate to fall,
What brooding judgment let ye loose
To pick the worst of all?

"In sight of peace from the narrow seas,
O'er half the world to run,
With a cheated crew to leagues anew,
With the Goth and the shameless Hun."

BEING A REMARK OR TWO UPON HIS WORSHIP'S PLAN

His Little Scheme by Which He Would Have Made 100 Per Cent

He told them he had a plan which, if they adopted, would save four or five thousand dollars a year in their maintenance account. . . . Mr. Beck said he felt so certain of the feasibility of his plans that he would put the $5,000 (which he was asking for) up out of his own pocket, and all he asked in return was what they saved in two years. He expected to make 100 per cent. on his money. (Cheers.) —Extracts from Mayor Beck's speech at the city hall, prior to his election to the mayor's chair.

The working of this feasible plan so far has resulted in an overdraft of about $6,000 for maintenance account alone. This account amounted last year to between $13,000 and $14,000, and this year to about $18,000, so that the saving effected is a negative quantity of about $4,500. There would have been some consolation if the mayor had said he would put up the $5,000 out of his own pocket if he did not keep the maintenance account even with what it was. In that event the ill-wind of the overdraft would have blown the good of his $5,000, which could have been devoted to some other good purpose. It's all very well to talk of 100 per cent profits on such an investment. But an ordinary promise and a fulfilment that keeps within the limit is more appreciated than an iridescent one which is followed by a minus quantity.

JURY SELECTORS MEET

Judge Edward Elliott Resumes Performance of His Duties.

Judge William Elliot, Judge Edward Elliott, Country Treasurer McEvoy, Sheriff Cameron and Country Crown Attorney Magee met at the court house this morning and began the selection of jurors to serve at the different courts during 1903. This is Judge Edward Elliott's first appearance at the courthouse since he suffered a paralytic stroke a couple of months ago.

ELEVEN LIVES LOST

By the Collision of Two Schooners Off Thatcher's Island, Mass.

Boston, Dec. 22.—The fishing schooner Manhassett arrived here early today, having on board ten survivors of the wrecked schooners Frank A. Palmer and Louise B. Crary, which were in collision Wednesday night off Thatchers Island. Eleven sailors were either killed in the collision, drowned or died from exposure. After the accident fifteen men from either vessel took to a small boat, and were picked up by the Manhasset.

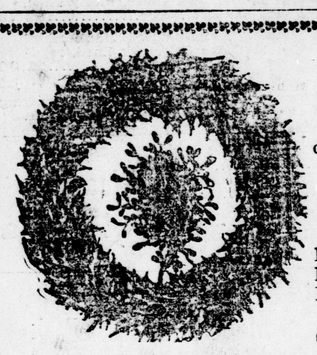
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Albert L. Abbott, Andrew Campbell, Cecil C. Donegan, Lewis E. Downing, Warren Hodgins, Duncan A. McColl, Andrew McMillan, David Stewart, Albert J. Wheaton.

The following pupils have been granted third-class teaching certificates, entitling them to teach for three years, as a result of the Model School examinations, which have been conducted at Strathroy during the past two weeks: William Auld, Mabel Barclay, Jane Brown, Ethel Crealy, Lula Cutler, Donald A. Cruickshank, Bertha Darville, Sadie J. Lethbridge, Jemima McEachran, Mary Blanch Parnel, Margaret Stewart, Mary Webster.

William H. Brayford, Ed L. Callahan, Duncan Fletcher, John McKone.

PUPILS WON HONORS

Names of Successful Students at New St. James' Church.

The quarterly examination in Scripture, history and memorization and catechism in St. James Presbyterian Church has just been completed. Increased interest and greater success is proven by the results, and it is hoped that the future examinations will prove still more satisfactory. The following passed with honors: Ronald Gray, Isabel McKitterick, Isabel Simpson, Mary Mowat, Gwladys Baker, Winnie Brown, Maggie McNaughton, Pearl Prebble, Laura Rymill, Blanche Munro, James Munro, Jennie Brown, Maggie Oliver, Frances Moule, Ava MacDonald, Charlie Upshall, Robbie Hughes, Willie Anderson, Stuart Brown, Everet Howard, Arnold Baker, Willie Murray, Austin McKitterick, Arnot Orton, Roy Gray, Horace Baker, Elva Moyer, Annie McKinnon, Emily Dunn, Irene Brown, Maggie McIlvenna, Lillie Gray, Beatrice Mowat, Maggie Bell, Ethel Taggie, Willie Yealland, Roy Scott, Robie Mowat, Sam Logan, Charlie Simpson, Ethel Rymill, Edith McLeod, Edna Bonser, Ethel Foreman, Maggie McKinnon, Marion Moule, Jean McCrimmon, John Oliver and Keith MacDonald.

The following having secured honors five times are entitled to a prize: Keith MacDonald, Maggie McKinnon, Ethel Taggie, Irene Brown, Horace Baker, Stuart Brown, Everet Howard, Arnold Baker, Robbie Hughes, Jennie Brown, Francie Moule, Isabel Simpson, Gwladys Baker, Winnie Brown, Laura Rymill, Isabel McKitterick, Emily Dunn and Mary Mowat.

Three Men Held for Murder.

Fort William, Ont., Dec. 22.—The preliminary hearing of the Ribukka murder case was finished on Friday evening, and Mekma Prescot, Jacob Tietur and Mike Pericitz were committed to stand their trial at the assizes at Port Arthur next July. Four other Galicians are held as witnesses in the case.

Scrofula, with its swollen glands, running sores, inflamed eyelids, cutaneous eruptions, yields to Hood's Sarsaparilla. c

The sale of furs at Neil Cooper's rooms, 241 Dundas street, will be continued this week, afternoon and evening, by private sale and public auction. Anyone wishing to obtain a bargain should not fail to attend, as these goods are being sold regardless of cost. Auction sales at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. 79-u

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The Seventh Regiment hockey team will play their first game of the season either a week from tonight or tomorrow night, with the London's old rivals, the Stratfords. The game will be held in that town. The return match will come off either the 1st or 2nd of January.

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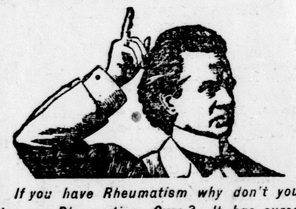
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Toronto, Ont., Dec. 22.—The engineer estimates that on the work carried out by his department rather than by contractors, the city has saved $10,000, the cost having been that much less than the next lowest tenders.



He stooped and kissed her brow with his lips.

"Your guardian does not appear to approve of our engagement," he gravely remarked.

Bess flushed.

"Uncle John wasn't very polite to you, Kenneth, I confess," she replied, with some show of spirit, "but that needn't trouble you. He is simply the guardian of my property for awhile, and he can have no authority to interfere with any of my personal affairs. We were engaged before he received this appointment, and with mamma's unconditional sanction, so that need not concern him in the least."

"It will concern him, you may be very sure, dear," Kenneth answered. "I saw at once that he was not pleased with the arrangement; and, my Beth, I believe I begin to feel almost like a fortune-hunter myself, now that you have suddenly become so rich."

Queen Bess regarded him with surprise.

"I do not see why you should feel that way," she said, flushing. I am not a bit better than I was before, nor, personally, worthy of one whit more of regard."

"You are worth all the world to me, my darling, even without one dollar of this fortune; and—forgive me for saying it—I cannot help regretting that it has been left to you," the young man said, sadly.

"Oh, Kenneth, don't say that! Just think how much more we can enjoy—how much more good we can do, now that we have it," said Queen Bess, reprovingly.

It touched him to have her associate him so closely with herself in connection with her bright prospects; it told him how loyal she was.

"True; still, I am unaccountably impressed that trouble will arise for you and me on account of it."

"What trouble?"

"I cannot say; but truly, my darling, if it should seem to be advisable for your interests in the future, I—I would release you from your promise to me."

Queen Bess arose from her chair, and stood pale and cold before him.

"Would you say that to me, Kenneth, if you were in my place? Would you ask me to release you from your troth if a fortune had fallen to you? Would you think that it had changed your prospects to such a degree that it would be for your 'interests' to break your engagement?" she demanded, indignantly.

Kenneth flushed.

"You know I would not, my Beth. You know that I would be only too glad and proud to bestow it all upon you," he answered.

"And cannot you credit me with as much generosity—as deep a love as you claim to possess?" Queen Bess asked, with curling lips, though they quivered suspiciously, for she was wounded as well as displeased.

He caught her to his breast in a passionate embrace.

"I do—I do!" he cried. "I know that you are all that is noble and true. I know that you love me for myself, and that you would never accuse me of being selfish or mercenary; but I am unaccountably depressed. I fear that Dr. Ashton will make trouble for us; that he will be ambitious for you to win some high position in society, and will try to estrange us. I would not wrong the man, but I am haunted by this fear; and, my Beth, I believe it would cost me my life to lose you," he concluded, with deep emotion.

Queen Bess lifted her arms and twined them about her lover's neck.

"Listen to me, Kenneth," she murmured. "Nothing shall ever part us while we both live. I love you with my whole heart; your very name, Kenneth, is dearer to me than all the world beside—fortune, relatives and friends. Without you the world would be a blank to me. Oh, how empty, how desolate it would be! Fortune would be nothing, neither position nor the highest honors. Your love for me means protection and tenderest care, honor and blessing. Oh, Kenneth," she concluded, with sudden passion, "do not ever again speak of anything coming between us. I could not bear it."

"My darling, do you love me like that?" the young man asked, deeply moved, almost awed, by this unveiling of her heart to him.

"More than that; I cannot find words to tell you the half. You are my all—you are my sheet-anchor, Kenneth. You will not let me go—you will not give me up, no matter what happens in the future?" she cried, clinging to him, as if his fears had somehow communicated themselves to her and she dreaded some coming evil.

"No, I will not," he returned, solemnly, tears gathering in his eyes at his evidence of the intensity of her affection. "But I am afraid the world will say that I am a fortune-hunter."

"I do not care what the world says. You are my world, and I could renounce, without a regret, a hundred fortunes if they were likely to estrange us."

Kenneth lifted the flushed face from his breast and pressed a fond kiss upon those tremulous lips.

"Nothing shall ever part us, if it is in my power to prevent it," he said, and yet in his heart he feared Dr. Ashton.

Kenneth was not a person given much to vain imaginings, but he had read that man's character and thoughts that night almost as readily as he could read a printed page, and he felt sure that he would use all his influence to prevent Queen Bess from fulfilling her engagement with him.

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Another week found Queen Bess again in her own home.

Dr. Ashton had succeeded in securing the services of an educated and matronly woman to act as housekeeper and companion to his niece, and he had also taken up his abode there as a permanent member of the family.

It was hard for Queen Bess to go back and not find her mother in the old familiar rooms; but Mrs. Stacy, the housekeeper, was a very cheerful, motherly person, and exerted herself to make everything as pleasant as possible for the girl so sadly bereft of her best friend.

Late one evening after they had been settled about a week, Dr. Ashton was just on the point of retiring—the rest of the family had been in bed for more than an hour—when he heard a faint tinkle of the doorbell.

He imagined that some patient might be in need of his services, as he still continued in prictice, and he gave expression of impatience, for he did not want to go out again that night.

Going to the door, he was surprised to find Egbert Reynolds standing without, and Dr. Ashton's face expressed the astonishment he could not conceal to find him there at that hour of the night.

"You are surprised to see me at such a time, doctor," the young man remarked, with an insinuating smile; "but I waited until this hour purposely, as I wished to see you privately upon a matter of importance."

"All right; come in," said Dr. Ashton, swinging the door wider, and then, as he entered, closing it noiselessly behind him.

He led his visitor into the cozy and homelike parlor where he had been sitting, and where a bright fire was burning in the grate. He rolled a comfortable chair forward, and politely invited him to be seated.

"I am not going to keep you very long," said young Reynolds, bestowing a searching look upon his host, who was also studying him intently; "I have come to make a plain statement of a few facts to you, and to ask you a few plain questions."

"Professionally?" questioned Dr. Ashton, but thinking him a pretty healthy-looking patient if he came for medical advice.

"Um—no; and yet your services might be worth considerable to me," returned his visitor, with significant emphasis. "To begin with, I understand that you have been appointed the guardian of Miss Marchmont."

"Yes, Miss Sherman named me as such when she made her will," replied Dr. Ashton, wondering what special interest that fact coud possibly have for Egbert Reynolds.

"That was a sad affair—that explosion," the gentleman remarked, with his eyes fixed upon his companion's face.

"Very," briefly replied the physician.

"It is a little singular, though very lucky for you, that you escaped without a scratch."

"It is very fortunate, certainly," said the doctor, coolly; "but I do not know that it is very singular, as I was upon the deck when the accident occurred. Had I been in my berth, doubtless I should have been killed also."

"How does she bear it?"

"Bess? Well, she took it to heart very severely at first, but time will heal her wounds; one cannot grieve forever even for one's mother, though I believe the girl loved her better than most girls love their mothers."

"I suppose if you are her guardian you have it in your power to exercise considerable influence with and authority over her?" Reynolds thoughtfully remarked.

"Um—well, I may have considerable control over her property, at least until she reaches the age of twenty-one. As to my influence with her in other matters, that remains to be seen."

Dr. Ashton did not speak very confidently upon this point, for already he was beginning to discover that his niece had a strong will of her own, together with an independence of action which might make things uncomfortable for him if he did not conduct himself with great prudence.

"My errand here tonight was to ask you to exert both your influence and your authority in my behalf with Miss Marchmont," Egbert Reynolds said, with some abruptness, and feeling that it was best to come to the point at once.

"In what way?"

"I will tell you. I intend to be perfectly frank with you," said the young man. "I have loved your niece for a long time. I once asked her to marry me, so you will understand that I am not seeking her now because of her recent prosperity; but she refused me. I love her so well, however, that I cannot take that as her final answer, and I want you to help me to win her; that is, of course, if my suit meets with your approval."

"Well, this is somewhat unexpected," Dr. Ashton remarked, but thinking that the match might be a most suitable one for Queen Bess if by any possibility it could be effected.

"I presume so," returned his caller. "And doubtless you think I might have taken a more seasonable hour for my proposal, but I wished to see you privately, and thought I should be more sure of finding you alone now than at any other time. Dr. Ashton, I am desperately in earnest about this matter. I want Bess Marchmont for my wife, and I mean to have her at all hazards."

"That is rather a bold assertion, young man," remarked Dr. Ashton, smiling.

"Well, so it is; but, you see, I am afraid it will be only bold measures that will accomplish my desire. If I can have your sanction and assistance, I feel that much will be gained. I can give her both wealth and position, as you know. I suppose you are aware that I have an independent fortune at my command now—you know that my father is dead?"

"No!" cried Dr. Ashton, with a start, a cunning, miserly gleam leaping into his eyes.

"It is true; he died three weeks ago, and I am his only heir. I have a fortune of half a million at my disposal, which, with my hand, I lay at the feet of your ward for her acceptance. Will you help me to win her?"

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Great Labor Center.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 22.—After Jan. 1, this city will be the labor headquarters of 500,000 union American and Canadian workmen. This great force of labor will include the United Mine Workers, the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, and the International Typographical Union. The carpenters' headquarters will be moved to this city very shortly from Philadelphia.

Family Decimated by Death.

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 22.—In less than three months death has paid four visits to the home of the late Bernard McCrae, Mercer street. The last was on Friday, when Mrs. Mary McCrae died. Deceased was 64 years of age. The first death was that of the late Mrs. McCrae's grandson. Then in quick succession followed her daughter, Miss Alice McCrae, and Bernard McCrae, who died less than three weeks ago.

Last of the Season.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 22.—The steamer George Spencer arrived in the river yesterday afternoon, bound for Lake Erie. The tug Sarnia accompanied her through Lake St. Clair. The Spencer, with the steamers Veronica and Oceanic and the schooner Fassett, started on Saturday on their journey, with the tug Home Rule in the lead. The steamer Christopher, bound for Milwaukee, with coal, got through Lake St. Clair with the aid of the ferry steamer Promise.



OUTLAW TRACK AT NEWPORT OPENS WITH GOOD PROSPECTS

Further Particulars About the Postponement in Detroit.

All-Canadians Are Defeated at Glasgow—Big Crowd View Game.

By Way of Comment.

Johnny Reiff's suit against the French weekly La Vie au Grand Air was due to the charge in that paper that he had pulled the horse St. Sauige at the St. Cloud meeting.

By documentary and verbal evidence Reiff proved the horse was a "rogue," and fulfilled, if he did not surpass, expectations of his backers in many instances.

The American jockey has an action pending against the Societe d'Encouragement (French Jockey Club) for $40,000 damages for injuries sustained by him through the alleged unjust withdrawal of his jockey's license.

Reiff has the sympathy of a large number of turfmen in both France and America. All of them say he was never given an opportunity to testify in his own behalf.

"'Jim' Jeffries is a liar if he says that I have dictated to him how the purse shall be divided," said "Jim" Corbett the other day, discussing the possible fight between himself and the present heavy-weight champion. The remark was caused by a recent statement from Jeffries to the effect that he did not think he would leave his theatrical company, which is making money, to fight Corbett, and that, anyway, Corbett had named impossible terms. "I have simply challenged Jeffries," Corbett continued, "and I have named no conditions about the division of the purse."

Both the trotting and the running tracks are becoing too strongly characterized by owners of horses who, by their operations in the betting ring, are known as "plungers." Relating to the prevalance of men of this class on the running tracks, James R. Keene, vice-chairman of the American Jockey Club, recently said:

"I am sorry to see the sordid desire to triumph in the betting ring overcomes the ambition to excel on the course. We have too many men in racing as a business. When a man acquires a strong stable for betting purposes he does not begin to taste the sweets of racing.

"A cheap selling race has to him the same significance as the winning of one of the great classics, with its wealth of lore and tradition. There will always be the poor, third-rate horseman, willing to catch outside moneys and live to exist, as it were. He is an integral part of the turf system, but as little is heard of his devious ways, no harm to the sport is done.

"He is there for the money there is in it. When a man, supported by a high-class stable and ready bank account, sets out to make a business of his racing, and when he sums up his summer's diversion in proportion to the total of his profit and loss account, then it becomes a serious matter. The plunger-owner is exploited, and his fame falsely reflects the spirit of the sport. This unwholesome tendency among owners is what leads to unpleasant results. They become prone to the habit of running to get weight off, with a view to insure a good price and a lighter allotment for a future race and prospective coup. Some of them might go further. The turf cannot thrive as a commercial venture. Every man should own his own horses, too. We want men who are content to race for the purses and the gratification of seeing their horses win. We want owners who are willing to incur big forfeits and pay them out of stakes and purses their horses may win, if possible, or out of their pockets, without demurring, if necessary."

It is stated that turf-tipping bureaus are on the decline. An idea of the immense business transacted by one of them can be gained when it is stated that the bill for advertising in a certain sporting publication for a period of one year amounted to the very large sum of $40,000, while the total amount of expenses, including other advertising in newspapers, theater programmes and in magazines, clerk hire, the service of track watchers, who were required to keep a record of the morning gallops, handicappers and the many other incidentals, brought the gross amount of expenses to considerably in excess of $100,000. From this it can readily be seen that subscribers must have numbered thousands. Yet this concern was only one of a dozen "information" bureaus that for a few dollars almost guaranteed to make their patrons rich. That their knowledge often proved of excellent value there was no gainsaying, but when an institution is more frequently wrong than right its days are numbered, and there is no racing bureau that can always maintain a winning gait. Another blow at the success of these assistant tipsters was the pooling system adopted by rings of patrons, who would thus make one subscription do for many. If it really is true that the business of the bureaus is declining it is news that every genuine lover of racing will rejoice at.

Two cities are flying the distress signal as the result of an overdose of boxing. Philadelphia's fourteen boxing clubs have dwindled to less than half a dozen, while Chicago, which has not had so many, reports that its clubs are not enjoying any great prosperity. Too many entertainments, the necessity of using over and over the same boys, is telling on the house. The boxing fan is a queer creature. He likes to see new faces, and he likes a stretch between shows, that he may discuss the qualities of the contestants in a coming entertainment. Both of these cities began the season with a rush. Both are pulling up lame before the half is reached.

Motor railroad velocipedes are now in use on the Grand Trunk Railroad and are proving very successful. The motors are placed under the seat of the operator, and are powerful enough to carry three men at a rate of twenty miles per hour. They are constructed very lightly. They weigh no more than an automobile motor, and two men have no difficulty in handling the velocipede on and off the track.

Young Corbett, in Cincinnati, read of Sullivan's downfall here, and is quoted by Ed Griffo, in the Commercial-Tribune, as follows:

"Sullivan is one man among fighters that has done a great harm to the profession. You hear people say sometimes that fighting is not like the days when John L. Sullivan was champion. I can say that Sullivan is the main one that brought about the condition of affairs that our profession is now in. He was the idol of the American people, and in fact, the world, but he never appreciated this. When he lost the title he commenced drinking, and his escapade at Detroit, is not an unusual escapade for him. This leads the people to believe that all pugilists are like him; that they will go out on their sprees and act like madmen. It is not the case. Sullivan was supported more loyally than any other fighter in his time or since, and he has never reciprocated in the least. All I have to say for him is that he is the greatest knock to the profession that I have ever seen."

THE TURF.

OPENING AT NEWPORT.

Cincinnati, Dec. 20.—The outlaw track opened at Newport today with good prospects. The attendance was good and the racing spirited. Cunningham won three straight races. Summary:

First race, selling, three-quarters mile—Four, 116 (Cunningham), 2 to 1, 1; Lathrop, 114 (Patton), 4 to 1, 2; Meme Wasell, 111 (Ransom), 10 to 1, 3. Time, 1:22.

Second race, 4½ furlongs—Bella Barnard, 110 (Cunningham), 2 to 3, 1; The Phantom, 125 (Patton), 8 to 1, 2; Quincy, 113 (Steele), 15 to 1, 3. Time, :58¾.

Third race, 5 furlongs—Ravensbury, 117 (Cunningham), 7 to 5, 1; Brandysmash, 102 (McIntyre), 2 to 3, 2; Hermoso, 122 (Goodyear), 7 to 1, 3. Time, 1:05⅘.

Fourth race, three-quarters mile—Fairy Dell, 118 (Mountain), 7 to 1, 1; Eleven Bells, 119 (R. Shaw), 7 to 1, 2; Flop, 129 (Cunningham), 1 to 2, 3. Time, 1:20⅘.

Fifth race, 5 furlongs—Suave, 134 (Perkins), 7 to 5, 1; Ringleader, 129 (Morgan), 5 to 1, 2; Rotha, 129 (Burrell), 15 to 1, 3. Time, 1:05¾.

THE DAY AT NEW ORLEANS.

New Orleans, Dec. 20.—Moor, that was coupled with Major Mansir as the Simon entryii won the Crescent City handicap over a good trade and from a big field. He finished strong in the stretch. Summary:

First race, selling, three-quarters mile—Little Jack Horner, 109 (Fuller), 3 to 1, 1; Grantor, 114 (O'Neil), 5 to 1, 2; Bedlam, 109 (Crasswaite), 12 to 1, 3. Time, 1:17⅘.

Second race, selling, 1 mile—Harry Wilson, 108 (Gannon), 1 to 2, 1; Optimo, 102 (Fuller), 2 to 1, 2; Eliza Dillon, 101 (Helgeson), 30 to 1, 3. Time, 1:44⅘.

Third race, handicap, 7 furlongs—Farmer Jim, 102 (Gannon), 2 to 3, 1; Welcome Light, 107 (Phillips), 3 to 1, 2; Pirate, 98 (Scully), 4 to 1, 3. Time, 1:32½.

Fourth race, 1¼ miles—Moor, 102 (Buchanan), 4 to 1, 1; The Lady, 120 (R. Williams), 2 to 1, 2; Jessie Jarboe, 110 (Haack), 8 to 1, 3. Time, 2:10⅘.

Fifth race, three-quarters mile—John Peters, 112 (Gannon), 3 to 1, 1; Harry New, 112 (Otis), 6 to 1, 2; Boaster, 107 (Davis), 40 to 1, 3. Time, 1:15⅘.

Sixth race, selling, 1½ miles—Trocadero, 97 (Helgeson), 6 to 1, 1; Cogswell, 106 (Rice), 7 to 5, 2; Lady Chorister, 109 (Otis), 3 to 1, 3. The, 2:41⅘.

JOCKEY SHIELDS.

New York, Dec. 20.—Jockey H. Shields, who has been riding in Russia the past season, will go to his home in Dallas, Texas, in a few days. Whether he will ride again next year for Count Lazaroff has not yet been decided, nor has the jockey made up his mind whether he will go back or not. As he put it yesterday: "A jockey in Russia has no chance to receive anything else besides his fees, for the betting is limited to mutuals."

This leaves a jockey only his salary to rely on, and as some salaries are not as large as others, there is not so much money to be made riding in Russia as might be imagined. Shields won three stakes there this season, aggregating about 50,000 roubles ($25,000) altogether. These were a couple of 2-year-old events —the Moscow Middle Park plate, and the St. Petersburg Middle Park plate—and the Oaks, at Warsaw.

Shields can ride now as light as 108 pounds. His last season in this country he rode in California for A. B. Spreckles, Galen Brown and others.

THE DAY AT INGLESIDE.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 20.—The richest stake of the winter's racing in the United States, and with the exception of the American Derby the richest turf event in the middle west, was won by Krishna today at Ingleside, in a driving finish from Nervator, which was coming fast at the end under a vigorous ride by Jockey Minder. Burns rode a safe race on the winner, but Krishna tired badly near the finish and was nearly beaten out. The winner was held as second choice in the betting. The Futurity was for 2-year-olds, and its gross value is $16,000. California has had but three stakes of greater value than the Futurity, and they were run some years ago, being won by Thad Stevens, Katy Pease and Foster. Weather clear and track good. Summaries:

First race, selling, Futurity course—Bard Burns, 110 (Minder), 7 to 5, 1; Katherine Ennes, 107 (Birkenruth), 20 to 1, 2; Oscar Tolle, 110 (Frawley), 3 to 1, 3. Time, 1:12¼.

Second race, selling, Futurity course—Maggie Felix, 111 (Burns), 3 to 1, 1; Ned Dennis, 111 (Birkenruth), 7 to 1, 2; Golden Cottage, 109 (J. Daly), 15 to 1, 3. Time, 1:13.

Third race, selling, 1 1-16 miles—Eva G., 98 (Reed), even, 1; Bessie McCarthy, 97 (Waldo), 2 to 1, 2; Diderot, 106 (Minder), 12 to 1, 3.

ED MOORE AT NEW ORLEANS.

Ed Moore is racing a small string in New Orleans, and fortune has not smiled on him as yet. Two or three years ago Mr. Moore had one of the best stables on the Canadian circuit.

HOCKEY.

SEVENTH REGIMENT A. C.

A practice of the Seventh Regiment A. C. hockey team (lately the Londons) will be held this evening in the Jubilee Rink. Asked today whether the O. H. A. would permit the handing over of the franchise by the Londons to the Seventh, President C. W. Smith made the statement that there had never been any official notice received at all of admission to the association. He does not question, however, from facts he learned unofficially, but what they were admitted, and thinks there should be no difficulty about the franchise. "I see that in the Toronto papers' report of the O. H. A. meeting the other day, that London is referred to as the Seventh Regiment team. The paragraph Mr. Smith spoke of read:

Group number ten—Seventh Regiment (London), Watford, St. John's A. C., of London. Convenor, A. B. Cox. Meet at London.

HOCKEY IN KINCARINE.

Kincardine, Dec. 20. — The hockey club, 1902-03, are working very energetically to make our national winter sport a success in Kincardine. They have joined both the Ontario Hockey Association and the Northern League, in order that they may arrange more games and be competing with faster teams.

The club are sending a delegate to Palmerston to help arrange the schedule for the Northern League, and it is hoped that the exact dates on which all games are to be played will soon be published. The teams likely to appear on Kincardine ice this winter are Palmerston, Listowel, Harriston, Port Elgin, Walkerton and Lucknow. Anyone who has followed the game in previous seasons will see that our boys are stepping into fast company, and we hope that their aspiration to finish with the highest percentage will be realized.

Mr. Harvie intends making some alterations in the rink in order to better accommodate the crowds, which, no doubt, will also be fully appreciated.

First game, Listowel vs. Kincardine, on Christmas, Dec. 25, in Kincardine.

MONTREAL MUST ACCEPT OR DEFAULT.

Montreal, Dec. 20. — Now that the decision if the trustees of the Stanley cup has been handed out, it behooves the Montreal club to get together and finally decide what they intend doing. Their decision should be sent to the trustees, who can then act upon it. Mr. P. D. Ross has sent the champions the telegram that he received from the Winnipeg Victorias, and he has also advised them that they will have until the 27th inst. to reply to the trustees' decision.

THE IROQUOIS TEAM.

Iroquois is expected to cut a big figure in intermediate circles this season. The team will be as follows: Goal, Bartley; point, Donaldson; cover-point, Service (captain); center, Landon; rover, McRobie, Hall or Coulter; wings, A. M. Fink and Ross. The Iroquois rink is not ready for skating yet, but the players have been practicing for the past two weeks on the sheet of ice adjoining the canal, and they give promise of great things. Prescott will play in Iroquois on Christmas night, if there is ice.

INTERNATIONAL AT NIAGARA.

Niagara Falls, Ont., Dec. 20.—The international live bird tournament, held on the Bender Gun Club's grounds today, was very successful, notwithstanding a strong northeast wind that blew across the traps, making some of the shots very difficult and the birds being lively. The first event was a matched shoot between E. Newman and William Donald, 10 birds, handicap, Donald 26 yards rise, Newman 31 yards rise. The total score was: Newman 9, Donald 8. Second event, 5 live birds, 28 yards rise, sweepstake: F. Lablonde, 5; J. Broderick, 4; E. Newman, 4; M. Scisson, 3; F. Folomsbee, 2; Broderick and Newman divided second and third money. Third event, 3 live birds, handicap: T. F. Lablonde, 28 yards, 9; L. Borre, 31 yards, 9; J. Broderick, 29 yards, 8; F. S. Carter, 27 yards, 8; F. Truesdale, 30 yards, 8; P. Brooke, 31 yards, 7; P. Hasley, 28 yards, 6; Lablonde and Borre divided first and second money; Broderick, Carter and Truesdale divided third money. Several miss outs were shot off, Truesdale winning first, Carter second and Broderick third.

LEAGUE AT THE SOO.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 20. — Secretary R. T. Gordon, of the Lock City Hockey Club, went across the river last night to attend a meeting of the Canadian Soo Hockey League, with which his club is affiliated. His mission was to arrive at an understanding with the league in the matter of league games in this city.

The impression had gone abroad this week that the league would not play league games in the American Soo and that the only games played here would be exhibition games, and that the Lock City club would have to play all its league match games in the Canadian Soo.

This impression was corrected by the league. Mr. Gordon was told that as far as the O. H. A., the parent body, was concerned, the games here would be called exhibition games, but that they would have the same value in the schedule as the games played across the river. The Lock Cities thus get Canadian Soo and two here.

INDOOR BASEBALL.

The best game of indoor baseball of the season so far played, took place at the drill shed Thursday evening between D and F Companies. The score was as follows:

D Company .....1 1 1 3 2 1 1 2 3—15
F Company .....1 1 1 5 0 1 0 2 1—12

FOOTBALL.

C. R. U. ANNUAL MEETING.

The twelfth annual meeting of the Canadian Rugby Union was held in the Queen's Hotel on Saturday afternoon, with President J. McD. Mowat, Kingston, in the chair, and the following members present: Vice-President Herbert Molson, Montreal; Honorary Secretary-Treasurer J. D. McMurrich. Those gentlemen representing the O. R. F. U. were: President W. N. Ferguson, ex-President A. W. Ballantyne, Secretary-Treasurer F. D. Woodworth, and the Quebec Union, President A. G. Bowie (Brockville), T. Clancy (Ottawa), and J. S. Witherspoon (Montreal). Past President of O. R. F. U. Bayly was also present at the meeting. The treasurer's report showed total receipts from all sources, including balance from last year, fees, gate, etc., amount to the sum of $292 42. The distbursements, including printing, traveling expenses, etc., amount to the sum of $126 96, leaving a balance to be carried forward of $165 46.

Mr. Woodworth, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, moved that the snakback system, practically the Burnside rules, be adopted by the C. R. U., and that a committee be appointed to draft the new rules so as to embody the proposed amendments offered in a communication from the O. R. F. U. Mr. Molson said that Quebec representatives had come here to make rules to open up the game, and the last half of the final game was a very disgusting exhibition, too close a game altogether, it being no pleasure for players or spectators. He liked the present scrimmage, as the uncertainty as to who gets the ball tends to give variety of play, while in the Burnside rules everything is cut and dried, and all is contrary to the principles of English football, which he would like to see in vogue in the C. R. U. The fundamental difference he had with the proposed amendments, the beauty of football in our game, is the uncertainty as to who gets the ball. The other eastern delegates also opposed the introduction of the Burnside rules, while the westerners spoke in their favor. On putting the motion the amendments proposed by Mr. Woodworth were rejected by a vote of 4 to 3, Messrs. Witherspoon, Bowie, Molson and Clancy voting against and Messrs. Woodworth, Ballantyne and Ferguson for the propositions, Secretary McMurrich not voting.

The following amendments proposed by Mr. Clancy were adopted:

1. No team shall be allowed possession of the ball for more than three successive scrimmages, unless during the last scrimmage the ball has advanced five yeards from place of the last scrimmage, either by a run or a kick, which has been blocked by an opponent, or advanced beyond the line of scrimmage.

2. To reduce the number of players to fourteen men a side, dropping the flying wing—an amendment which was passed by 6 to 2. Witherspoon and Molson opposing.

3. Remove from the rules the present absurd rule as to holding by wing man.

The election of officers for next year resulted as follows:

President—Mr. H. Molson, Montreal.

Vice-President—Mr. John D. McMurrich.

Secretary-Treasurer— Mr. T. F. Clancy.

WRESTLING.

WRESTLING IN BUFFALO.

Buffalo, Dec. 20.—Champion Tom Jenkins again successfully defended his title as the American catch-as-catch-can wrestling champion last night, when he defeated Jim Parr, the English champion, at the Sixty-fifth Regiment Armory. Parr won the first fall in 17 minutes and 30 seconds by a trick play. Jenkins won the second and third in 54 and 21:30 minutes, respectively.

Both men were badly punished. Parr proved faster than ever, and gained many pretty rolling falls on the champion, but they did not count, as flat falls only were allowed. In the preliminary, Gonthier, the Canadian champion, defeated two local men at Graeco-Roman style.

Winzenreid, Gonthier's first opponent, lasted 3 minutes, 25 seconds. He then put Steinagle to the mat in 2:04. Winzenreid had enough, and Steinagle lasted only 45 seconds in the last bout.

THE RING.

THE FIGHT OFF.

Statements made yesterday by Sheriff Dickson, couched in positive terms and containing no provisos, leave no possible opening for the Metropolitan A. C., though the latter still insists that it will attempt to bring off the McGovern-Corbett contest in this city. On Friday Sheriff Dickson had stated that he should prevent the bout "if he found that it was to be a fight, instead of a boxing contest, as had been represented." Gov. Bliss, on the same day, had modified his positive statement somewhat, seeming to leave a slight ray of hope to the promoters.

The sheriff and the governor had a conference yesterday on the matter, this talk following interviews between the governor and some men of political influence who had interceded in behalf of the club, representing to Gov. Bliss the comparatively innocuous nature of a ten-round exhibition with soft gloves and setting forth the gain to the business people of the city that such a show would prove. These arguments, apparently, had no effect on his excellency. At least, if they did, his conference with the sheriff gave no evidence of the fact.

Officials of the Metropolitan A. C. insisted last evening that they were hopeful of inducing the governor to modify his views in a few days.

Terry McGovern is not paying much attention to the controversy, but has decided to do no work of any kind until he learns positively where he is to box Young Corbett.

The featherweight champion Young Corbett has apparently become so much disgruntled by the turn of affairs in Detroit, the fourth city in which the authorities have interfered with his effort to take on Terry McGovern, that he is now willing to box at San Francisco, Louisville or anywhere else in the United States. The following message has been received from him by the Detroit Free Press:

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 20.

Sporting Editor Free Press:

I have not been notified that the match is off, but if such is the case I will take any fair offer, as I want this match and don't care who gets it. When I left New York I thought Detroit Club had forfeit up. I am sick of being hounded.

(Signed) YOUNG CORBETT.

TOKELL WILL FIGHT ANYBODY.

New York, Dec. 20.—Andrew Tokell, who is hailed as the best bantamweight fighter in England, has placed himself in the care of Jimmy Kelly. What brought him to America he tells in this way: "I have come here to fight the best they have in the country from 112 to 116 pounds. I have a gentleman backer, Mr. Bert Ross, who will put up anywhere from $2,500 to $10,000 on me." Tokell wants to meet Harry Forbes, the American champion, and will fight either in Chicago or San Francisco. When Jack O'Brien was in England Tokell helped to train the Philadelphian for his fights.

Millionaire's Will Disputed.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Henry Mackay, of Buffalo, entered a caveat in the surrogate court on Saturday, stopping probate of the will of his father, the late William Mackay, millionaire lumberman, as he intends contesting the will on the ground of undue influence and unfair division of the estate.

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LONDON AND DISTRICT

—Jubilee Rink employes were presented with a turkey by Mr. C. W. Smith, the proprietor, on Saturday.

—The Grand Trunk here received a train load of soft coal yesterday. Sixty-five cars are used a day on the middle division.

—Mrs. Louise Mackay Leslie, the New York soprano soloist, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Graham, 191 Queen's avenue.

—Harry Marshall, youngest son of Joseph Marshall, ex-M. P. for East Middlesex, is recovering from his dangerous illness.

—Two of the Central station firemen extinguished a chimney fire on York street, between Clarence and Wellington streets, yesterday.

—Rev. Father Valentin, of Zurich, is slowly improving from his recent illness, and expects to take part in the Christmas festivities in this city.

—The 5-year-old son of Mr. George F. De Elion, Maitland street, is recovering from the injuries received by being run over by a sleigh last week.

—Mr. James Flowes, engineer on the L. E. and D. R. R., who is well-known in this city, and Miss Long, of Port Stanley, were married at St. Thomas on Thursday last.

—In the list of winter and spring assizes announced Saturday, Chief Justice Meredith comes to London on Jan. 12 for the winter assizes, and Judge Street takes the non-jury sittings.

—The parents of the Hutton School, London Township, desire to thank Mr. J. W. Little, of Hazeldean, opposite Springbank, for presenting the children with a choice box of candies on the 8th inst.

—The marriage of Miss Edna McIlwain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McIlwain, formerly of this city, but now of Pittsburg, Pa., to Mr. Charles M. Trinler, of New York, took place on Dec. 17, 1902.

—Mr. J. D. Dewan, agent of the M. C. R. at Springfield, formerly of this city, was tendered an oyster supper last week on the eve of his departure to take a similar position at Alvinston.

—Rev. A. K. Birks, of the Colborne Street Methodist Church, and Rev. H. W. Crewes, of the Central Methodist Church, St. Thomas, exchanged pulpits yesterday. Mr. Birks conducted Sunday school anniversary services at St. Thomas.

—The resignation of Mr. D. O. Wood, assistant foreign freight agent of the G. T. R. at Stratford, has been handed in. Mr. Wood has secured the managership of the western agency of the Robert Reford line of steamships, situated at Stratford.

—The annual Christmas breakfast given to the prisoners at the jail by Mr. Fred Matthews and his associates in the holding of religious services in that institution was enjoyed by the inmates yesterday morning. Meats, pastry, fruit, candy and hot coffee comprised the bill of fare. The usual weekly class was held after the breakfast.

PASSED CIVIL SERVICE.

Those who tried the qualifying examination of the civil service and were successful from this city, are: John W. Mark, George M. McNeil, Rachel Morrison, Mabel Ross, W. C. Traher, Elizabeth H. Warde, and R. E. Young.

"THE WIZ" IS A WINNER

Delighted Big House at The Grand on Saturday.

Two Exceptionally Clever Comedians Make Show the Success It Is.

While other theatrical centers, Toronto, for instance, have complained of an overplus of musical shows this season, the theatergoers of London have cause for discontent on the opposite score. Although the season of 1902-3 is now nearly half gone, the musical offerings so far seen here may be counted on one hand and a half. Of the eight productions of comic opera or musical comedy which have appeared at the Grand, five had previously been seen locally, they being "Florodora," "The Chaperones," "Princess Chic," "San Toy," and "The Normandy Wedding" (alias "Papa Gou-Gou"). Of the remaining three none can well be dignified by the appellation of comic opera, for "When Johnny Comes Marching Home" was but a big military melodrama, while "The Show Girl" was but musical comedy in its lightest form. "The Wizard of Oz," Saturday's offering at the Grand Opera House, belongs to yet another category, that of extravaganza, with a dash of English pantomime in the introduction of the Brainless Scarecrow, the Tin Woodman, the Cowardly Lion and the Cow Imogene.

Entertaining and amusing as was "The Wiz," it somehow left with the spectator, an undefinable sense of something lacking. There is, of course, no story to it—no one expects a coherent story from such a show—but the filmsy thread which masquarades as a plot should at least be cleared up. Then some of the parts do not seem to quite belong to their interpreters. Aside from these flaws, which after all may be visible only to the most captious and dyspeptic of critics, the fact remains that "The Wizard of Oz" is a very acceptable evening's amusement.

The first scene of the play shows a typical farm scene in Kansas. A cyclone approaches and all break for cover. Dorothy Gale and her pet cow, however, are caught in the vortex and carried bodily to the marvelous land of the Munchkins, wherever that may be. Here they meet with varied adventures, whose unfolding gives an excuse for the presentation of innumerable whimsicalities, some bright and catchy songs, the finest scenery and transformations seen on the Grand stage this seasen.

"Writ foremost on the scroll of them that came" are the names of Fred A. Stone and David C. Montgomery, for to them primarily must be accredited the success of the piece. Stone's makeup as the Scarecrow and his antics to match proved as excruciatingly funny as the average individual could endure without injury to the cacchinatory muscles. He has a worthy foil in his partner, Montgomery, who appears as Nick Chopper, the woodman, whose successively lost members have been replaced by the tinsmith till he is nothing but tin. Their every appearance on the stage was a signal for outbursts of mirth, and each succeeding effort seemed funnier than the last. They were equally droll in their duets. "The Lobster" and "Pimlico Melinda," in Stone's ditty of "The Traveler and the Pie," and in Montgomery's ludicrous caricature of "The Wee Highland Mon." In common with the other principals, they seemed to be grudging with their encores.

These two drolls, however, are not the only comedians employed in the entanglement of the intricacies of "The Wiz," for there are several others quite capable of leading important organizations. Chief among them is Bobby Gaylor, who gets out of the role of the Wizard every possibility it possesses. Those, however, who had seen him in his earlier successes, such as "Sport McAllister," must have felt that his role did not give him opportunities for his mirth-making propensities.

Other male members of the cast deserving praise were Stanley Felch, as Pastoria II., Joseph Schrode as his army, and Steven Maley as Sir Wiley Gyle, while Arthur Hill as the lion, and Edwin J. Stone as the cow must not be forgotten.

The female members of the company are a pleasing bunch, from footlights to back row. Little Anna Laughlin, a dainty soubrette, is a graceful and original dancer, and has a very sweet voice, which was heard to especially pleasing effect in "I'll Be Your Honey in the Springtime." Bessie Wynn, who appears as Pastoria's poet laureate, Sir Dashemoff Daily, needs no little book on etiquette to tell her what good form is. She has it. Her ballad romanza was a delightful number. Helen Byron was amusing as the Lady Lunatic, even if her voice did seem a trifle weak at times. Grace Kimball, a pretty blonde, sang "Sammy," the catchiest song in the show.

The poppy field scene was a strikingly handsome one, and the transformation from summer to winter was effectually carried out. The company left a whole car load of scenery on their special train, not having the facilities to handle it properly.

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Frederick Wells, of Orchard street, South London, the painter who fell from a scaffolding on Saturday while working on the house of Edward Pratt, near the corner of Richmond and John streets, died at Victoria Hospital between 5 and 6 o'clock on Saturday afternon.

Just what caused Wells to fall is not known. He was working on the roof of the veranda with another man, and for a moment or two after he fell, his disappearance was not noticed. When he was discovered a few moments later on the stone walk, he was in a semi-conscious condition, and the blood was oozing from both ears. He was removed to the hospital, and so remained until three hours after the accident. He died at 5:30.

In view of the surrounding circumstances, his death is particularly sad. Neither the hospital authorities nor the man with whom he was working knew his address, and the first intimation his wife had of the affair came to her through the evening papers. She at once notified her brother, who lived near by, but before he could reach the hospital the unfortunate man was dead. Mrs. Wells was completely prostrated by the news of her husband's death.

ABOLISHED ACCIDENT BONUS; INCREASED DEATH BENEFITS

Important Change Made in By-laws of the Western Ontario Travelers' Association.

The annual meeting of the Western Ontario Commercial Travelers' Association was held in the banqueting hall of the Masonic Temple at 2 p.m. on Saturday. President Turnbull occupied the chair, while Secretary Alfred Robinson was in his usual place. Among the members present were Vice-President W. R. Grant, ex-Presidents William Gray, W. L. Underwood and William Lind, and Messrs. Robert Tait, John T. Green, Bryce S. Sainsbury, E. W. B. Eardley, A. S. Tassie (Listowel), R. E. Davis, D. Ferguson, William Garrett, William McConnell, A. E. Barbour, C. E. Perry, Wesley Webb, W. A. Wilson, W. H. Escott, E. R. C. Struthers, James A. Smith, H. E. Buttrey, J. Tune and G. F. Brickenden.

The election of officers having taken place by acclamation at the general meeting two weeks ago, little business was left for consideration, save the notice of motion to abolish the accident bonus and increase the mortuary benefits from $700 to $1,000. After a general and exhaustive discussion, the motion was carried by the necessary two-thirds vote of the members present. The executive's idea of increasing the mortuary benefit will accordingly be carried out as the condition of the reserve fund warrants.

On motion of President Turnbull, seconded by Vice-President Grant, the financial statement, presented at the general meeting, was unanimously adopted. General satisfaction was expressed at the gratifying condition of the reserve fund, amounting as it now does to $83,378 76. Hearty votes of thanks were tendered to the board of directors and the executive.

Messrs. John Overell and C. F. Complin were re-elected as auditors.

At a meeting of the board, held subsequently Col. J. W. Little was reappointed trustee and Mr. Alfred Robinson secretary of the association.

WEEKLY HIGH COURT.

The weekly sitting of the high court was held on Saturday before Mr. Justice Meredith. The following cases came up and were disposed of: Wilkins vs. Charles, Westby vs. Reid, Westby vs. Scatcherd, Denner vs. McClary and Richardson vs. Laughton.

PRESENTED WITH CHINA.

Miss Mabel Ryan, of this city, has resigned her position on the teaching staff of the Hyde Park school, to attend the Normal. On Friday afternoon, at an "At Home" held at the school, the pupils presented Miss Ryan with several pieces of exquisite china.

EMPLOYES BANQUETED.

Mr. J. A. Carrick, of 333 Dufferin avenue, manager of the Queen City Oil Company, tendered a supper to the employes of the local branch at his home Friday night. About 25 were present, and the affair could not have been better enjoyed. A toast to the health of the president, Mr. Samuel Rodgers, of Toronto, was honored, and other toasts were responded to.

SCHOLARS ENTERTAINED.

The young men of the Bible class of St. Andrew's Church, conducted by Mr. A. S. Macgregor, spent a pleasant evening at their teacher's home on Friday evening. A dainty luncheon was served and the remainder of the evening was spent enjoyably in the playing of games. An impromptu musical programme was given. At the close of the evening each of the young men was presented with a handsome book.

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MUSIC AND DRAMA

"THE GREAT RUBY" COMING.

The Drury Lane melodrama, "The Great Ruby," scored a great success upon the occasion of its first presentation in America, at Daly's Theater, New York, after an unbroken run of many months at London's famous playhouse, where Mr. Arthur Collins gave it one of the most sumptuous productions every accorded any dramatic offering. The approbation manifested by both London and New York audiences has been shown in the large cities of this county. The production will be seen intact at the Grand on Christmas Day, with the original scenery, and at special holiday prices, 25, 35, 50 and 75 cents. The sale of seats opened this morning.

BIG SALE FOR MARKS BROS.

The big sale of seats on Saturday and today at the London Opera House for Marks Bros.' opening performance tonight, shows that this clever company have gained in popularity since last season. Tonight they present the beautiful comedy-drama, "The Mormon's Daughter," for the first time in London. The vaudeville presented by the company this year is said to surpass their previous efforts in this line. The company are at the London for this and next week, and should play to crowded houses each night. On Christmas Day performances will be given afternoon and evening, for which seats are now on sale.

CHRISTMAS WORRIES SOLVED

Gift-Seekers Find Them in Profusion at Crystal Hall.

Christmastime, which brings such perplexing problems in gift-giving, will be robbed of much of its perplexity by a visit to Reid's Crystal Hall, where there may be found an array of art goods which, for variety and completeness, cannot be surpassed in Canada. The store has been entirely redecorated, the prevailing color scheme being now white and gold, which gives a very bright and pleasing effect and shows off to best advantage the beautiful wares displayed. In the stock can be found such an assortment of articles suitable for gifts, at prices ranging from such a low scale, that no seeker after Christmas goods need depart empty handed. Among the most artistic goods shown are the Royal Bonn ware, each piece painted and signed by a well-known artist, the beautiful Teplitz ware, the Royal Vienna and the Rudolstadt ware, and the latest novelty—metallic china, which is an imitation of the iridescent shades of the finest bronze. There is a large assortment of quaint old German steins, decorated and plain, with white metal tops. A full assortment of Bradley & Hubbard's celebrated bronze ware is also shown, comprising jugs, figures, busts, and small articles. In glassware is to be seen the product of the Hawkes Company, the world's greatest manufacturers of cut glass, whose wares can only be purchased in London at Crystal Hall. Other suitable lines for presents are seen in Rodgers' "1847" cutlery, glasswares in applique silver, the finest Havilands, Limoges and other French and German chinas, and the best English makes, including Minton, Wedgewood, Royal Crown Derby and Royal Worcester. Upstairs can be found table sets and toilet sets at all prices, including dinner sets from $4.50 to $150, tea sets from $2.25 to $40, and chamber sets from $1.50 to $35. All these goods at Crystal Hall have been selected by the firm's buyers direct at the factories in France, Germany and England, and thus assures the Christmas buyer the advantage of obtaining the best goods at the lowest prices possible.

LIVED HERE FIFTY YEARS.

Mrs. Wm. Squires, who died recently at Strathroy, lived in this city for half a century. Mrs. H. Finch, of this city, is a daughter, and the other sons and daughters are: Mrs. D. B. Adams, and Mrs. John Nole, of Pittsburg, Pa.; Mrs. C. C. Foreman, of Glassport, Pa.; John Squires, of Detroit, and Thos. Squires, of New Jersey.

SMASH-UP IN THE YARDS.

While two heavy coal cars were being hauled up the incline at the coal chute in the G. T. R. yards yesterday morning, the cable broke, and the cars ran rapidly down the slope. They collided with a number of flat cars standing on a siding, damaging a number considerably. The auxiliary crew cleared up the wreck.

DEATH OF R. H. GARNER.

Robert H. Garner, a respected resident of Thorndale, died suddenly at that village yesterday, the cause of death being hemorrhage of the lungs. Mr. Garner was the son of the late Squire Garner, who died a short time ago. He leaves a widow, a widowed mother, three sisters and one brother. The interment takes place at Vining Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon, services being conducted at 1:30 and the funeral leaving the house at 2 p.m.

Small Articles in Leather Gifts.

Clasp Purses..... 10c
Ink Bottles (Hats)..... 50c
Playing Card Cases..... 75c
Cribbage Cases..... $2.00
Card Cases (Men's)..... 40c
Card Cases (Ladies')..... 50c
Purses—25c, 50c, 75c, $1, $1.50, $2, $2.50, $3, $3.50, $4, $4.50 and $5; in seal grain, walrus, real seal, brown, black and gray.
Gents' Wallets—25c, 50c, 75c, $1, $1.50, $2, $3, $4 and $4.50.
Writing Portfolios..... 25c
Garter Pockets..... 50c
Garter Pockets, burnt leather 75c
Neck Pockets..... 25c
Neck Pockets, burnt leather 50c
Burnt Leather Card Cases $1.00
Wrist Bags, in seal grain..... 50c
Wrist Bags, in Tampka sheep 50c
Wrist Bags, in real seal, black, ... $1.00
Wrist Bags—$1.25, $1.50, $1.75, $2, $3, $4 and.. $5.00
Chatelaine Bags—35c, 40c, 50c, $1 and..... $1.25
Cigar Cases, morocco leather $1.50
Elderly Ladies' Bags, in solid Leather..... $1.25
School Bags, lasts as long as he goes to school..... $1.00
Razor Strops..... $1, 75c and 25c
Coin Purses 5c, 10c, 25c and 50c
Bill Folds—40c, 50c, 75c, $1 and..... $1.25
Music Cases—75c, $1, $1.25 and..... $1.50
Collar Cases, solid leather.. 75c
Cuff Cases, solid leather.... 75c
Lunch Cases, leatheroid two sizes..... 25c
Drinking Cups—40c, 60c, $1.50, $1.75..... $3.50
Skate Straps, black and brown, a pair..... 10c
Ankle Supports, ladies' and gents'..... 25c
Ice Creepers, put on..... 25c
Marriage Licenses issued $2.00

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