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Births, Marriages, Deaths

DIED.

BARTLETT—On Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1897, at the family residence, Weston street, South London, Selina (Tot) second daughter of Leonard Bartlett, age 28 years.
Funeral notice later. 15u

RATTENBURY—At Clinton, on Dec. 28, 1897, Sarah, relict of the late Wm. Rattenbury, aged 82 years.
Funeral from her late residence, William street, Clinton, Thursday, Dec. 30, at 2 o'clock p.m. Friends will please accept this intimation.

CAMPBELL—At Appin, on Tuesday, Dec. 28, 1897, Mrs. Jas. Campbell, step-daughter of Geo. Byers, aged 23 years.
Funeral on Thursday, at 2 p.m.

Amusements and Lectures

Advertisements under this heading, two cents per word, or ten cents per line each insertion.

AUDITORIUM—TONIGHT and extra and last entertainment tomorrow night. Positively last visit of Lumiere's Marvelous CINEMATOGRAPH.
All new views, Queen's Jubilee Procession; also high class varied programme by the Gilbert-Gordon Company. Tickets, 25c; reserved seats, 35c. 13c

PRINCESS ICE STILL IN GRAND condition. Don't forget New Years. b

DAISY RINK—CLARK'S BRIDGE—OPEN tonight. Admission 5 and 10 cents. b

JUBILEE RINK—SKATING EVERY afternoon and evening. Band Thursday night. b

VOICE CULTURE—EVA N. ROBLYN. Studio, Bell Piano Parlors; Residence, 320 Dundas street. Concert engagements. Phone 1,270 1x

SKATING—CENTRAL RINK—AFTERNOON and evening. String band on Wednesday night and New Year's. 14u

CATHOLIC CLUB—SPECIAL HOLIDAY entertainment, Wednesday, Dec. 29 8 p.m. "Mock Trial from Pickwick Papers." Musical and literary programme also. Every body welcome. Admission 15c. 13c

PRIVATE LESSONS IN DANCING BY Mr. K. B. Millard, at his residence, 345 Princess avenue. Special attention given to teaching the waltz and two step. Lessons any hour.

ARE YOU GOING TO THE OLD Country? If so, call on F. B. Clarke, the Exchange, Richmond street, next door to Advertiser. Parisian sails Saturday, Jan. 8th, Lake Superior Jan. 5th. Very low rates. Free transfers.

PALACE DANCING ACADEMY—NEW terms for beginners will commence following dates: Juniors, Tuesday evening, Jan. 4; ladies and children, Saturday afternoon, Jan. 8; gentlemen, Monday evening, Jan. 10. Circulars mailed on application. DAYTON & McCORMICK.

Meetings.

1c per word each insertion. No ad. less than ten words.

I. O. O. F—SPECIAL MEETING DOMINION Lodge, No 48, to-morrow (Thursday) evening. Initiation, election of officers and business of next regular meeting. A full attendance requested. Thos. B. Parkinson, V.G.; Thos. D. Hastings, R.S. 15u

EAST MIDDLESEX FARMERS' INSTITUTE will meet at Thorndale on Friday, Jan. 7, and at Harrietsville on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 1898, afternoon and evening sessions. Messrs. D. Z. Gibson, B.S.A., Willow Grove; W. C. Shearer, Bright; Thos. Baty, Wilton Grove; A. A. Brodie, Gladstone; John H. Scott, Harrietsville, will give addresses. Good music. All welcome. 70u-15u x

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Domestics Wanted.

WANTED—GIRL FOR GENERAL housework, to sleep at home. Apply with references at 436 Ontario street. 14u

WANTED—GOOD GIRL FOR GENERAL housework. Apply at 417 Dufferin avenue. 14u

WANTED—AN EXPERIENCED dining-room girl. Apply at once, City Hotel. 14k

GOOD GENERAL SERVANTS WANTED at the Osborne Intelligence Agency, 56 Dundas street. Phone 386.

HEADQUARTERS FOR RELIABLE help. We have them: Man and wife as cook and coachman, housekeepers, nurses, dining-room girls, kitchen girls to suit all. We want hotel cooks for out of city. DWYER'S Employment Agency, 501 Richmond street. Phone, 1,121.

Male Help Wanted.

WANTED—JUNIOR OFFICE AND warehouse boy, one having some experience in shorthand and typewriting preferred. Apply by letter in applicant's own hand-writing to X. Y., postoffice box 514, city. 15u

WRITERS WANTED TO DO COPYING at home. Law College, Lima, Ohio. 15c

Wanted.

WANTED—GOOD, SOUND YOUNG horse suitable for delivery wagon. Apply at 858 Elias street. 15c

WANTED—THREE HUNDRED GOOD second-hand overcoats. Highest price paid. A. P. SAINSBURY, 90 King street. Mail orders attended to.

Agents Wanted.

WANTED—INDUSTRIOUS MEN OF character. The Linscott Company, Toronto. 11h

WANTED—ACTIVE YOUNG MAN to canvass in the city—Renting and selling incandescent lights; good references required. Apply per letter in own handwriting, giving references, previous employment, age and experience, to "Lights," care Advertiser office. 14u

AGENTS—BOOK BUSINESS IS BETTER than for years past; also have better and faster selling books. Agents clearing from $10 to 40 weekly. A few leaders are: Queen Victoria. Life of Mr. Gladstone; My Mother's Bible Stories; Progressive Speaker; Klondike Gold Fields; Woman; Glimpses of the Unseen; Breakfast, Dinner and Supper. Books on time. Outfits free to canvassers. Bradley-Garretson Company, Limited, Toronto. 11h

WANTED—CANVASSERS—QUEEN Victoria, Her Life and Reign, has captured the British empire. Extraordinary testimonials from the great men; send for copy free. Marquis of Lorne says: "The best popular life of the Queen I have seen." Her Majesty sends a kind letter of appreciation. Selling by thousands; gives enthusiastic satisfaction. Canvassers making from $15 to $40 weekly. Bradley-Garretson Company, Limited, Toronto. 11h

Board and Lodging.

GOOD BOARD AND PLEASANT ROOMS in private home. Apply Box 24, Advertiser, or 32 Hope street. 15n

Articles For Sale.

SAUSAGE—SAUSAGE—SAUSAGE—Four pounds for 25 cents; two pounds for 14 cents; other meats as cheap. G. PARK, Market Lane. 14i

"TRIUMPH MEDICAL BATTERY" takes the lead. Price only $1. Equal to batteries for which $5 and $10 is asked. F. B. CLARKE, 418 Richmond street. 14tf

FRESH OYSTERS—EVERY DAY—wholesale and retail. Any orders received by mail given prompt attention. CATALANO & SANSONE, 306 Dundas street.

NEW YEAR CARDS AND CALENDARS UP-TO-DATE—CHEAP, CHEAP. R. V. S. SAUNDERS, 650 Dundas street, East London.

MINING STOCK—Ruby Reef will be withdrawn from sale in a few days. At the present price it is the best thing in the market. Send your orders at once. J. F. SANGSTER, 403 Richmond street.

KLONDIKE—JUST ARRIVED—SALMON, 20c pound; smelts, 8c and 10c per pound; haddock, 7c; halibut 15c; steak codfish, 7c; stripe bass, 10c; large mackerel, 15c; tom tom, 5c; eggs 15c and 20c per dozen. 15c

FOR SALE—ST. BERNARD PUP—APPLY Checkered Store, 217 Dundas street. 15u

FOR SALE—SKATES AND SKATE parts; bicycle enameling and general repairing at lowest prices. D. MCKENZIE & Co., 374 Richmond street.

THE DOLLAR ELECTRIC MOTOR—THE greatest novelty of the age. Just the thing for the boys. F. B. CLARKE, 418 Richmond street, sells them. 14tf

SHEETRUBBER AND RUBBER HOSE, hose nozzels and reels and lawn hydrant SMITH BROS., 265 Dundas street x

ENGINE FOR SALE—A BARGAIN—Thirty horse power; can be run at 99 revolutions; is in capital order; can be had at a very low figure. Address Engine, care "Advertiser" Office. 56tf&62tf

CUSTOMS PAPERS OF ALL KINDS always on hand at Advertiser Job Department. You can have them in large or small quantities.

TIMBERS, TRUSS RODS AND PLATES. PATTERSON & JOLLY. 72tf

STOVES AND SECOND-HAND FURNITURE for sale cheap at KEENE'S Furniture Store, Masonic Temple, Market Square.

DYMENT-BAKER LUMBER CO.—
Lumber Yard,
Planing Mill,
Box Factory,
Wood Carving.
Corner Wellington and Bathurst Sts. London.
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Miscellaneous.

CHEER OF ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY will be distributed at the store of T. A. Rowat, Dundas street, on Thursday, Dec. 30, after 3:30 o'clock p.m. b

JUST RETURNED FROM KLONDIKE—Full information on country and outfits. Mail, $1; verbal, $1. HARRY A. FLETCHER, 203 Marion street, Seattle, Washington. 15n 71u

Lost and Found.

FOUND—GOLD RING—APPLY AT SMALLMAN & INGRAM'S. b

Hotel Cards.

TECUMSEH HOUSE—LONDON, ONT. Largest and best hotel in Western Ontario. No charge for baggage or sample rooms. Rates $2 and $2 50 per day. C. W. DAVIS proprietor.

GRIGG HOUSE, LONDON, ONT.—Refurnished and renovated throughout. Large and light sample rooms for commercial men. Rates $1 50 and $2 per day. M. O'MEARA, proprietor.

O'NEIL HOUSE—CORNER TALBOT AND York street; new and convenient; stables. WM. COLLINS, proprietor.

CITY HOTEL, LONDON—BEST $1 DAY house in Canada; good stables in connection. J. MCMARTIN, proprietor.

THE ST. LAWRENCE HOTEL, MONTREAL—Centrally located and first-class in every respect. H. HOGAN, Proprietor.

"THE RICHMOND"—CORNER KING and Richmond streets. JAMES FALLAHE, new proprietor. A call solicited.

Dental Cards.

WOOLVERTON & BENTLEY, DENTISTS—216 Dundas street, next Edy Bros., over Cairncross & Lawrence, druggists. Telephone 822.

DR. G. H. KENNEDY, DENTIST, successor to the late Dr Davis. Specialty, preservation of natural teeth. 179 Dundas street. Phone 975.

DR. W. S. WESTLAND, DENTIST—Honor graduate Toronto University, post-graduate in crown and bridge work Chicago. Electric cataphoresis for painless filling. Edge Block, Richmond street. Phone 960.

DR. HARRY E. SILK, DENTIST—Honor graduate of Toronto University. 185½ Dundas street, over Gurd's gun store.

J. ELLIOTT HOLMES, L.D.S., ROOM 3, Buffield Block, Dundas and Clarence streets. Phone 897.

DR. L. H. DAWSON, DENTIST, CORNER Dundas and Lyle streets, East London.

DR. JEFFREY N. WOOD—DENTIST—Higgins' Block, over 212 Dundas street.

L. McDONALD, DENTIST, Office, 183½ Dundas street, London Telephone 702.

DR. J. H. SWANN—DENTIST—OFFICE 207½ Dundas street. Telephone 1,131.

Educational.

THE WINTER TERM OF THE LONDON Business University and Academy of Shorthand and Typewriting will commence on Monday, Jan. 3, 1898. We guarantee a course unexcelled for comprehensiveness and completeness. Our College Annual mailed free. W. N. YEREX, B. C., principal. 2h yizxvzxv

Houses, Etc., To Let.

TO LET—185 ST. JAMES STREET—NICE 2-story brick; 4 bedrooms, bath, grate; very convenient; choice location. Apply 410 Princess avenue. 3tf

Situations Wanted.

EXPERIENCED COOKS, DINING-ROOM girls, general servants, housekeepers, ladies' companions, salesladies, etc., are waiting situations.
London Employment Bureau, 372 Richmond.

Business Chances.

FOR SALE OR RENT—GOOD ESTABLISHED shoemaking business, house shop, fruit garden, occupied by the late Hugh McCallum, Dutton. Apply MRS. MCCALLUM, Dutton. 4bu

A Detroit court has decided that a baseball which is knocked into property adjacent to the grounds cannot be confiscated.

No Christmas and New Year's table should be without a bottle of DR. SIEGERT'S ANGOSTURA BITTERS, the world-renowned appetizer, of exquisite flavor. Beware of imitations.

Meeting No. 3 Ward.

To His Worship, the Mayor of the City of London—

We the undersigned request you to call a public meeting in ward No. 3, in Hamilton road school, on Wednesday evening, 29th inst., at the hour of 8 o'clock.
Wm. H. Winnett,
Robt. A. Carrothers,
S. Stevely,
Wm. Heaman,
and others.

To Wm. H. Winnett and others, Gentlemen—In compliance with the above request I hereby appoint the evening of Wednesday, 9th inst., at 8 o'clock, at the Hamilton road school in No. 3 ward, for the holding of a public meeting for the discussion of municipal questions as requested.
JOHN W. LITTLE, Mayor.
Mayor's office. 13c

THE CITIZENS' CANDIDATE
—FOR—
MAYOR.
Ladies and Gentlemen—Kindly use your vote and influence for my election as mayor for 1898.
John D. Wilson
14i

Ladies and Gentlemen:
Your vote and influence respectfully solicited for the election of
John Bowman
AS HOSPITAL TRUSTEE.
15k

Electors Ward No. 1.
Ladies and Gentlemen—Your vote and influence respectfully solicited for the re-election of
F. G. Rumball,
AS ALDERMAN FOR 1898
13n

WARD NO. 2.
Vote for the re-election of
Stephen O'Meara
AS ALDERMAN FOR 1898.
14k

WARD NO. 2.
Your vote and influence respectfully solicited for the re-election of
G. W. OLMSTED
AS ALDERMAN FOR 1898.
14k

Ward No. 2.
Ladies and Gentlemen,—Your vote and influence solicited for. . . .
H. M. DOUGLASS
FOR RE-ELECTION
AS ALDERMAN FOR 1898.
14kyxwt

Electors Ward No. 2.
Ladies and Gentlemen,—Your vote and influence respectfully solicited for
JAMES H. FERGUSON
as school trustee for 1898.
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NO. 3 WARD.
Your vote and influence respectfully solicited for
SAMUEL STEVELY,
AS ALDERMAN FOR 1898.
15k

Agricultural Savings and Loan Co.

Dividend No. 51.

NOTICE is hereby given that a dividend of 3 per cent. upon the paid-up capital stock of this company has been declared for the current half year ending 31st December, and that the same will be payable at the company's office on and after the 3rd day of January next. The transfer books will be closed from the 16th to the 31st instant, both days inclusive. By order of the board.
C. P. BUTLER, Manager.
London, Dec. 8, 1897. 6c tvx

The Wabash Railroad.

With its superb and magnificent train service is now acknowledged to be the most perfect railway system in America, the great winter tourist route to the south and west, including the famous Hot Springs of Arkansas, Old Mexico (the Egypt of the new world), Texas and California (the land of sunshine and flowers). Passengers going by the Wabash new line reach their destination in advance of other routes. Wabash trains reach more large cities than any other railroad in the world. Detailed information will be gladly furnished by any railroad agent or J. A. Richardson, northeast corner King and Yonge streets, Toronto. 44tf

When a telephone girl breaks her engagement it is another case of "ring off."

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

Congress of Cruisers.

Great Gathering of Warships in Port Hamilton.

Japan Will Oppose Russia's Permanent Occupation of Port Arthur.

Sudden Dissolution of Japan's Cabinet Due to the War Spirit.

Another Hostile Act on the Part of the Turks—Prince George Proposed for Governor of Crete.

London, Dec. 29.—A special from Shanghai, dated yesterday, says: It is reported that a Japanese fleet of over twenty warships is waiting near Goto Island, outside Nagasaki, fully equipped for war, and only awaiting instructions. This includes the Yashima and the Fuji, two of the finest vessels in the Japanese navy, and the Chen Yuen, which was captured from China. The Japanese fleet, it is understood, is acting in close touch with the British squadron, under Vice-Admiral Sir Alexander Buller, commander-in-chief of the China station.

Japan will certainly oppose a permanent Russian occupation of Port Arthur. The sudden dissolution of the Japanese Diet was owing to the war spirit. It is expected that the Japanese fleet will attempt to prevent the landing of reinforcements from Odessa for the protection of the Russian Trans-Asiatic Railway in Manchuria.

THE BRITISH FLEET.

The British fleet now stationed in Chinese waters under the command of Admiral Sir Alexander Buller and Rear-Admiral Oxley, embraces the following vessels: First-class battleship Centurion (flagship), 14 guns, tonnage 10,500; first-class cruisers Grafton (second flagship), 12 guns, 7,350 tons; Immortalite, 12 guns, 5,600 tons; Narcissus, 12 guns, 5,600 tons; Undaunted, 12 guns, 5,600 tons; first-class gunboats Peacock, 6 guns, 755 tons; Plover, 6 guns, 755 tons; Rattler, 6 guns, 715 tons; Redbreast, 6 guns, 805 tons; Redpole, 6 guns, 805 tons; second-class cruisers Aeolus, 8 guns, 3,600 tons; Rainbow, 8 guns, 3,600 tons; Pigue, 8 guns, 3,600 tons; third-class cruisers Archer, 6 guns, 1,770 tons; Porpoise, 6 guns, 1,770 tons; second-class gunboats Firebrand, 4 guns, 445 tons; Linnet, 2 guns, 756 tons; Spartan, 8 guns, 3,600 tons; Swift, 2 guns, 756 tons; sloops Daphne, 8 guns, 1,140 tons; Wild Swan, 8 guns, 1,130 tons; torpedo destroyers Handy, 6 guns, 260 tons; Hart, 6 guns, 260 tons; dispatch boat Alacrity, 4 guns, 1,700 tons, and the store boat Humber, of 1,640 tons.

CHINA'S DILEMMA.

Pekin, Dec. 29.—The German question is unsettled. China's difficulty is increased, owing to the uncertainly of the attitude of the powers. Germany's withdrawal from Kiao Chau Bay is said to be conditional upon her finding a suitable naval station elsewhere. China is becoming alarmed at the present situation. The government appears to be utterly powerless. No answer has been received from Russia concerning the proposed loan, and there are calamitous forebodings connected with the sun's eclipse on the Chinese new year's day.

CHANGE IN JAPAN'S CABINET.

London, Dec. 29.—A dispatch to the Times from Kobe, Japan, says the dissolution of the Diet has greatly angered the political parties. It is probable that the Marquis Ito, former premier, and Count Okuma, a former foreign minister, will form a coalition ministry, with a vigorous foreign policy. Marquis Ito has been in private life much of the time since his notable achievement during the China-Japan war. He is strong with all parties, and has the people behind him so that he may again assume the premiership if the emergencies demand it. The Times says: "The advent of a cabinet led by two such statesmen as Marquis Ito and Count Okuma may be regarded as an event of great significance by the other powers."

GENERAL CABLES.

Death of Gen. Sir C. W. Adair—Greek Gunboats Fired on by the Turks.

Gen. Sir Charles William Adair is dead.

The Constantinople correspondent of the Times says that at the last meeting of the ambassadors of the powers the Russian representative proposed Prince George of Greece as governor of Crete. The proposal was coolly received.

A Glasgow paper says the Employers' Federation is considering the question of boycotting Narland & Wolff, the shipbuilders who refused to join the federation.

A Lagos, West Coast of Africa, dispatch says: Ilsha and Berrharra, important Barbia towns, have been occupied by the Lagos Hausas. The inhabitants are enthusiastic over the presence of the British flag, as they feared an attack from French native troops, who are endeavoring to force themselves on the Barbia country and are devastating it.

The Athens correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says: "As the Greek gunboats were leaving the Gulf of Ambracia, on Tuesday, they were fired on a second time by all the Prevasa forts. The garrison which was outlining the quay also fired repeated volleys, though no damage was done. This action, after Turkey had apologized, is supposed to be intended to create a precedent for closing the Gulf.

A Paris dispatch says: It is estimated that the time of the passages of the vessels of the Compagnie Generale trans-Atlantique, plying between Havre and New York, will be lengthened by three hours by the action of the company in agreeing to the request of M. Boucher, that the steamers of that line shall not cross the banks of Newfoundland during the fishing season, which extends from April to October.

Lieut.-Col. Wilkinson has been appointed to succeed Col. Leach in the command of the Royal Engineers in Canada.

The Duke of Newcastle, who has been severely ill, has so far recovered that, according to the Daily Mail, he hoped to be able to leave his room in a few days.

The Earl of Crewe, while hunting with the Cheshire hounds, was thrown from his horse, sustaining a fracture of the collarbone and serious injuries about the head.

Despite the suspension of tariff negotiations between the United States and Germany, which has created great uneasiness there, the Berlin correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says it is not believed in Berlin that a tariff war will result.

THE FRONTIER CAMPAIGN

Return of the British Column From Khyber—Heavy Losses Inflicted on the Rebels.

London, Dec. 29.—A dispatch from Peshawur says: "The British columns have returned from Khyber Pass, after punishing, with slight opposition, the Zakka-Khels in the Bazar Valley. Military operations on the front are now concluded. Every Afridi and Orakzai valley has been visited."

It now appears that the enemy's loss has been more severe than was at first believed, and out of all proportion to its possible fighting strength. Their trade with our centers for the necessities of life has been closed, and their autumn tillage prevented. The complete submission of the Orakzai is now accomplished.

Many hitherto unknown strategical frontier routes have been surveyed and mapped out. The vaunted prestige of the Afridis has been lowered, and their punishment has paved the way for the permanent settlement of the country. It is firmly believed that, cut off from India and threatened reinvasion of their country in the spring, they will now submit. It is also expected that the internal friction resulting from the operations will prove almost as severe a punishment as the operations themselves.

The Marquis of Hertford,

Spoken Of as the Successor of Lord Aberdeen.

Gladstone Receiving Congratulations on His 88th Birthday.

A French Force to Advance Against Chief Samory—Proposal to Neutralize the Newfoundland Fishing Banks.

NUMBER TWO.

New York, Dec. 29.—The Herald, in a special from Paris says: "The Figaro says that the young Countess Castellane (nee Anna Gould) yesterday gave birth to a boy, her second son."

"MAD ARCHER" COMMITTED.

London, Dec. 29. — Richard Arthur Prince, known as "Mad Archer," the "super" who assassinated William Terriss, the actor, on Dec. 16, was formally committed for trial today at the Bow street police court.

AN ADMIRAL WHO WILL "RUN."

London, Dec. 29.—Rear Admiral Lord Charles Beresford has accepted the invitation of the "Unionists" of York to contest that seat in parliament, made vacant by the death of Sir Frank Lockwood, Q.C.

TO NEUTRALIZE THE "BANKS."

Paris, Dec. 29. — The Figaro this morning says the minister for foreign affairs, M. Hanotaux, will convene an international conference without delay, for the neutralization of the Newfoundland Banks during the fishing season.

THE G. O. M.—88 YEARS OLD.

London, Dec. 29.—This being the birthday of the Right Hon. William E. Gladstone, the usual congratulations were sent to Hawarden and Cannes, where Mr. Gladstone is improving, though still suffering from neuralgia. The Rt. Hon. William Ewart Gladstone was born on Dec. 29, 1809.

TO ATTACK CHIEF SAMORY.

Paris, Dec. 29.—The French, it is announced, have occupied Odienne, and Sambatigila. It is believed this indicates that an advance against Chief Samory is imminent. Chief Samory is a West African chieftain, who for over 12 years past has been the most dangerous antagonist the Europeans have had to deal with.

WILL HE SUCCEED LORD ABERDEEN?

London, Dec. 29.—It is rumored that the Marquis of Hertford will succeed the Earl of Aberdeen as governor-general of Canada. Hugh De Grey Seymour, sixth Marquis of Hertford, was born in 1843, and married a daughter of the first Viscount Bridgport. The marquis was formerly a captain in the Grenadier Guards, was member of parliament in 1869 for county Antrim, and in 1874 he was member of parliament for South Warwickshire. He is deputy lieutenant for Warwickshire, was comptroller of her Majesty's household in 1879, and is a Conservative in politics.

AN AWFUL CATASTROPHE RECALLED.

Paris, Dec. 29.—M. Carvalho, director of the Opera Comique, is dead. He was born in the French colonies in 1825. In 1853 he married Mlle. Miolan, one of the most distinguished artists of the Opera Comique, Paris, of which he became manager. In the great fire of May 25, 1887, when the theater was burned, and about 131 persons lost their lives, M. Carvalho was prosecuted, on the ground that he was personally responsible for the disaster. He was sentenced to three months' imprisonment, to pay a fine, and was made liable for a number of important suits for damages. The director, however, appealed, and was acquitted on May 15, 1888.

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

New Perfumes.
DELIGHTFULLY FRAGRANT AND LASTING.
Red Roses,
Violette Reine,
Mignonette,
Queen Empress,
Marechal Neil Rose,
Victorian Bouquet.
Cairncross & Lawrence,
CHEMISTS AND DRUGGISTS,
216 Dundas St., London, Ont.
Branch—Corner Richmond and Piccadilly.

Here's the Slate.

List of the Candidates Who Remain in the Field.

Very Few Withdrawals—Contests for Every Office.

The municipal slate is now known, and the ballots are in the printer's hands. Nominees had to retire before 12 o'clock last night, and the withdrawals were the fewest in years. The declinations were: R. K. Cowan, Geo. T. Hiscox and Robert Pritchard, as water commissioners; P. W. D. Brodrick and Frank E. Leonard, as hospital trustees; John Turner, alderman, in No. 4 ward, and Thomas Sargent and A. Keenleyside, as aldermen in No. 5 ward. This is the first time in years that there will be a contest for the hospital trusteeship.

The following are all the candidates in the field:

FOR MAYOR.
Edward Parnell, jun., and John D. Wilson.

WATER COMMISSIONERS—TWO.
John W. Little, William Jones, Joseph C. Judd and John M. Parsons.

HOSPITAL TRUSTEE—ONE.
Col. Robert Lewis and John Bowman.

NUMBER ONE WARD.
Aldermen—Ald. F. G. Rumball, George H. Belton, Ald. Charles Taylor, Patrick McPhillips.
School Trustee—Duncan M. Stuart and Walter J. Teasdall.

NUMBER TWO WARD.
Aldermen—Ald. George Olmsted, Ald. Stephen O'Meara, Ald. Hugh M. Douglass, W. H. Bartram, W. J. Saunby, George C. Jolly.
School Trustee—For one year, James H. Ferguson and William T. Hamilton; for two years, Andrew Ferguson and R. A. Bayly.

NUMBER THREE WARD
Aldermen—Ald. Samuel Stevely, William Heaman, Ald. R. A. Carrothers, Ald. W. H. Winnett.
School Trustee—Samuel J. Southcott and Thomas Evans.

NUMBER FOUR WARD.
Aldermen—Ald. E. N. Hunt, Maurice Scarrow, Charles M. R. Graham, Ald. Neil Cooper.
School Trustee—Charles D. Johnston and Dr. C. H. Ziegler.

NUMBER FIVE WARD.
Aldermen—Ald. John Nutkins, F. J. Fitzgerald, Ald. H. Dreaney, John Wilkey.
School Trustee—Edward W. Boyle and C. H. Armitage.

NUMBER SIX WARD.
Aldermen—Ald. John W. McCallum, Ald. William Gerry, Andrew Greenlees, Phillip H. Bartlett and R. S. Abram.
School Trustee—James O. Weldon and Fred H. Heath.

Yellow Skin and Eyes.
Biliousness causes yellow skin and eyes, tired, weary, sluggish feeling, etc. BURDOCK BLOOD BITTERS cleanses the blood and regulates the liver, curing all its diseases. "From a child I suffered from biliousness and headache, and all the money I spent for medicine brought me no relief. Four bottles of B. B. B. cured me completely, however, and I gladly recommend it." Mrs. W. COLEMAN, Toronto, Ont.

To heal the broken and diseased tissues, to soothe the irritated surfaces, to instantly relieve and to permanently cure piles, is the mission of Trask's Magnetic Ointment. 25 cents. 24

Those "Triumph" Medical Batteries are selling rapidly. No wonder; the price does it. Only one dollar each. They are, in effect, equal to the batteries for which $5 and $10 are asked. F. B. Clarke, 418 Richmond street, has them for sale. 14n

Your money back if you want it.

The Hardest Way Possible
to get along in the world is to buy "real cheap" things. As a rule the less you pay the more it costs in the long run. We don't boast too much of "cheap" prices, and still, quality considered, we sell at prices that ought to interest careful buyers.
Women's Extension Sole Kid Buttoned..... $1.25
Women's Extension Sole Laced, chocolate or black $1.25
Men's Boston Calf Laced, coin toe..... $1.25
J. P. COOK,
173 Dundas Street.

Your money back if you want it.

West Middlesex Solid.

Hon. George W. Ross Again Nominated for the Legislature.

A Grand Convention of Liberals at Mount Brydges.

Large and Unanimous for the Minister of Education.

The Candidate's Great Speech in Accepting.

The Questions at Issue Thoroughly Discussed—The Delegates Present—Eulogies of Mr. Ross by Local Speakers—Great Enthusiasm.

The Liberals of West Middlesex yesterday again chose Hon. G. W. Ross as their standard-bearer for the Legislature. The convention was a great tribute to Mr. Ross—a striking pledge of the affection and confidence of his constituents which sustained him at the beginning of his career, and have been confirmed and strengthened by 25 years of faithful and brilliant service. The size, unanimity and enthusiasm of yesterday's gathering prove that the Liberals of the riding disdain the cry that "it is time for a change," either in men or measures.

From every corner of West Middlesex came the stalwarts of the party, and never in the history of any constituency has a nominating convention been more inspiring to the man of its choice. The capacious town hall was so crowded that delegates blocked the aisles and clambered on the platform for sitting or standing room. Mr. Ross held the supreme place in everyone's mind, and his name was always the signal for a demonstration. At 11 a.m. Dr. Whitehead, of Strathroy, president of the Liberal Association, took the chair. Mr. E. Vokes, of Strathroy, acting as secretary. The following delegates handed in their credentials:

Caradoc—Samuel McCracken, Henry McCracken, Robert Beltern, Charles Nagle, W. S. Trott, James D. Carrothers, John Cooper, D. Small, F. Lloyd, A. Humphrey, N. Mitchell, T. C. West, M. M. Campbell, N. M. McGugan, Arch. Campbell, J. C. McNeill, John Walsh, James Dolphin, Oliver Campbell, M. McGugan, M.P., A. McDougall, A. K. Campbell, D. M. McNeill, D. G. Graham, D. N. McGugan (president), A. K. Campbell (secretary), J. P. Grigg, J. E. Adair, S. Oakes, J. Q. Adamson, A. R. Wilton, C. Sisson, M. C. Campbell, W. Adair, G. Northcott, R. Bond, W. Winters, I. Bond, R. Arnold, A. Waters.

Mosa—Duncan Campbell, Thomas Simpson, John Craig, D. N. Munro, Robert McDonald, Duncan Fletcher, W. R. J. Blott, Elias Reycraft, George Innes, John Watterworth, James W. Watterworth, Wm. Webster, W. K. Sutherland, Levi Annett, Richard Reycraft, John Watterworth (chairman), J. W. Watterworth (secretary).

Metcalfe—Thomas Brady, W. J. Johnston, George Langford, W. H. Foster, Joseph Brady, John Brady, William Field, Joseph Lyons, George Winter, Charles O'Connor, J. J. Brady, W. H. Sutherland, D. Cameron, R. Pettit, Arthur Gullen, Wm. Bryan, Geo. Foster, Wm. Sifton, J. W. Bryan, Thomas Young, Samuel C. Laughton, Charles Kettlewell, John Beckett, Robert Pickell, J. D. McBride, John A. Walker, Geo. Gough, Wm. Pickell, Arch. Munro, Wm. Walker, Thomas Towers, Dugald Walker, Neil Munro, John McNaughton, Donald Mitchell, Jos. S. Graham, John H. McFarlane, John Hanson, D. A. Leitch, Wm. Yager.

Newbury—John J. Archer, D. Stalker, jun., John G. Bayne.

Wardsville—E. Aitchison, J. T. McKillop, E. T. Dufton, J.P.

Glencoe—John A. McAlpine, Joseph M. Tait, W. J. French, Alex. Stuart, Wm. McCracken and D. Henderson.

Strathroy—Dr. Whitehead, L. H. Smith, David Evans, H. C. Brittain, Joseph Butley, Thomas Douglas, T. E. Collins, George Macbeth, Wm. Geddes, Andrew Thompson, E. Vokes, Fred W. Atkinson, D. McPaid, John Murray, Henry Nicholson, G. V. Tomlinson, Edwin Morrow, Peter Fitzpatrick, Thomas M. Dunn, Daniel Harrington.

Ekfrid—G. C. Elliott, John Murray, Henry Murray, James V. McDonald, C. J. Campbell, Angus McTaggart, Duncan A. McLean, Alex. McLean, Alex. S. McDonald, C. M. McFie, Warren Lockwood, Wm. H. Butler, J. E. Hall, Robt. Webster, P. J. Coulthard, John McCallum, Henry Roemmele, jun., Charles Strachan, Hugh Chisholm.

The chairman opened the convention by wishing all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

MR. ROSS NOMINATED.

Mr. Thomas McMillan, of Caradoc, aged 95 years, the oldest Liberal in the riding, rose amid applause to nominate Hon. George W. Ross. Mr. McMillan showed astonishing bodily and mental vigor for a man of his age. The career of Mr. Ross, he said, had been honorable to himself and beneficial to the country. The Liberals of the riding had stood by him in the past, and would stand by him again. (Applause.) Mr. McMillan referred to the efforts of the Conservative government at Ottawa to seize Ontario's rich possessions of timber and mines, to be squandered on political favorites. But that attempt had been foiled by Mowat, Hardy and "little Ross," as Sir John A. used to call him. (Applause.) And now Sir Charles Tupper, through his tool, the Ontario opposition, was trying to snatch Ontario's wealth. Quebec was on object-lesson. That province got, in the first place, the same amount of money and lands as Ontario. What had become of it? Quebec was $40,000,000 in debt, while Ontario had $5,000,000 left after all these years of expenditure. (Applause.) The speaker pointed out the good uses made of its surplus funds by the Ontario government, laying stress on the municipal loan fund and the portion secured by Middlesex. As sure as the Conservative party returned to power, Ontario's wealth would go to every Tom, Dick and Harry, and direct taxation would stare them in the face.

The veteran was tendered a hearty round of applause as he finished.

Mr. John McCallum, of Ekfrid, seconded the nomination of Mr. Ross.

Mr. E. T. Dufton, who first nominated Mr. Ross a quarter of a century ago, also spoke to the motion. He was glad to see his old friend (Mr. McMillan), whom he had met here for 25 years, fighting for the good cause. West Middlesex was honored as a constituency by having as its member a man who was foremost in the statesmanship and political oratory of the country. (Applause.) When the motive that inspired such eloquence as Mr. Ross' was right, it had great influence on the nation. At the World's Fair did not Ontario show she had the best educational institutions extant? And yet Ontario was a young country compared with Britain, France or Germany. (Applause.)

OTHER NOMINATIONS.

The chairman called for other nominations, but as Mr. Ross was everybody's choice, no response was made, until Mr. Calvert suggested that delegates should nominate anyone whom they wished to hear speak. The following names were then proposed: John Watterworth, Mosa; W. S. Calvert, M.P., Napier; Wm. Sutherland, Napier; Alex. Stuart, Glencoe; George C. Elliott, Mayfair; M. McGugan, M.P., Mount Brydges; L. H. Smith, Strathroy; A. P. McDougald, Melbourne; Henry Hardy, Caradoc; Dr. McKillop, Wardsville; J. M. Kiser, Delaware; John P. Grigg, reeve of Caradoc; Hardy Johnston, Metcalfe; Thomas E. Cowan, Strathroy; Duncan Campbell, Mosa; George Innis, Mosa, and Dr. Whitehead, Strathroy.

THE NOMINATION UNANIMOUS.

An hour's adjournment was then made for dinner.

Upon reassembling, all the nominees withdrew from the field, excepting Mr. Ross. It was moved by Mr. Watterworth, seconded by Mr. Edward Morrow, of Strathroy, that the nomination of Mr. Ross be unanimous.

The delegates signified approval by rising en masse and cheering heartily. The demonstration was renewed when Mr. Ross rose to acknowledge the resolution of the convention. He spoke in good voice for nearly two hours, and held the enthusiastic attention of his audience.

MR. ROSS' SPEECH.

Mr. Ross' speech was as follows:

I propose as briefly as possible to place before you the main issues on which I think the present election will turn. I need not waste your time in arguing that because a Liberal government has had the confidence of the country for 26 years it is now time for a change. Such an argument is a reflection on the judgment of the electors by whose favor we hold office. If sound, it would apply with equal force to judges, magistrates and public officers of every description. Moreover, it is an hypocritical cry, as we have never heard the Conservative party ask for the retirement of their friends on the ground that they had retained office, as we thought, far too long for the public good. I am assuming, therefore, that no Liberal will vote against the government simply because of its long continuance in office. I also dismiss for the present the demise of a few hogs by cholera on the banks of the Humber and the tragic circumstances which led to the peremptory slaughter, by order of the Dominion government, of the survivors. I have no fear that the electors of this great province will be stampeded by the loss of a few hundredweights of bad bacon or the premature decease of that ill-fated stock of which the devil took possession in the land of the Gadarenes. (Laughter.) We are face to face, Mr. Chairman, with far greater issues—issues which we approach without any fear, and which we submit to the electors with the utmost confidence of their approval. There is no question which in my long experience in public life receives more attention from the people of Ontario than the management of

THE PUBLIC REVENUES.

This arises partly from the fact that we are a commercial people, that we know the value of a profit and loss account, and that in the hard training of this northern climate we are obliged by the force of circumstances to husband our resources. In the management of the revenues of the province, we have been guided by two well-established principles, (1) to spend the revenues placed at our disposal entirely for the relief of the taxpayers of the province, and (2) to live within our means. Under the first head let me briefly indicate the extent to which taxpayers have been relieved by the provincial treasury. In every civilized community there are certain expenses which must be incurred for the maintenance and preservation of the body politic which are as essential to its existence as food and clothing are to the existence of the individual. For instance, every one will admit the necessity of preserving law and order in the community. This can only be done by means of the machinery of the courts and the punitive restraints of jails and prisons. These expenses must be paid by somebody. In the Province of Ontario they are divided between the municipalities and the government. Every dollar spent by the government is a dollar saved by the taxpayer. Last year the government spent $441,055 in the administration of justice and the legal machinery for protecting the lives and property of the people of Ontario, and to that extent the people have been relieved of municipal taxation. It is also admitted to be the duty of the government to see that every child domiciled in the state is qualified at least by an elementary education for citizenship. The acceptance of this principle has led to the adoption of free schools in almost every province of the Dominion, and latterly in England by the Free Education Act of 1891. In many countries the care of the state extends even to higher education. This is the case in all the provinces of the Dominion, in France and Germany and in the United States, though not yet the law in the United Kingdom. In 1871 the Legislature of Ontario, under Sandfield Macdonald (all honor to him for it), adopted the principle of free schools, and recognized also the importance of high schools by continuing the generous aid they received before confederation. No one now would revert to the old practice of the weekly or monthly rate bill. Who that has children under his roof is not most anxious to see them educated and fitted for competing with their fellows in any avocation they may choose, or in discharging honorably any public duty imposed upon them? As a mark of our appreciation of the

IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION

and as a proof of our desire to make the work of education as easy for the taxpayer as possible, we have paid out of the treasury of the province since 1871 for public, separate and high schools the sum of $9,100,000. In 1896 alone the grant for education was $762,000. (Applause.) It is possible you could have found this money for yourselves; no doubt you would have found it rather than that the education of your children should suffer. Had we wasted the public revenues, or to use Mr. Whitney's words "squandered" them, we would have less to give for education. Again, unhappily in every community from causes not fully disclosed, notwithstanding the scientific progress of this age, there are many children and adults in every country so afflicted in mind or body as to be dependent upon others for their maintenance. Men and women are still to be found who are blind from their birth, and in the absence of the Great Healer provision has to be made for the care of the lunatics and the imbecile and the infirm. The better feelings of our nature respond almost involuntarily to the calls made upon us by the helpless, the idiotic and the insane, and I cannot conceive of any government in a Christian community neglecting their wants or sufferings. Proud as we all are of the moral and intellectual standing of our province, I think we have greater reason to be proud of the contributions which we have made for the afflicted and the dependent classes than of any other phase of its Christian intelligence. In olden times, and not more than 50 years ago, the blind practically received no education. I can remember myself distinctly the first steps taken in Ontario for the education of the deaf and dumb. In olden times lunatics were bound in chains, or tortured with whips, or fastened in straight jackets and allowed to drag out an existence more terrible than death in dark cells, in squalor and in torture. Private families were kept in constant dread from the violence of some unfortunate member of the family, for whose care there was no public provision, and many valuable lives were lost to the community from the absence of such palliatives as the medical art now so successfully provides. In all the provinces of the Dominion, excepting Ontario, the care of the insane and dependent classes is borne mainly by the municipality in which they live, the cost falling upon the taxpayers as a matter of course. In Ontario the taxpayer is entirely relieved of the this burden. Where possible, the relatives are required to contribute, and that is all; the treasury of the province bears the remainder of the burden. I need not give the details of them; suffice it to say that we support in all 136 different institutions, such as asylums, hospitals, orphanages, etc., with about 32,000 inmates, for whose maintenance the province pays annually $950,000. (Applause.) Where can there be found such a record of public beneficence as these figures indicate? Who would not prefer to see the revenues of Ontario expended in this way than to see a surplus of millions hoarded up perhaps like the stores of the miser, to be squandered by some spendthrift of a government that might succeed some day to the reins of power. I have now pointed out three ways in which public money has been liberally expended directly for the relief of the taxpayer. Let me now point out an expenditure more specifically connected with the

DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRY.

I believe it to be the duty of a government not only to apply its revenues to such public and proper purposes as are necessary for the maintenance of the institutions of the country; but also to seek modes of expenditures which will tend to the development of the public resources and the enrichment of the nation. The enlargement of our canals and the construction of the Canada Pacific Railway are notable expenditures of this kind. Acting on this principle, the government of Ontario has spent large sums of money in various ways. First, and most important, is agriculture, on which we expended in the last 26 years about $4,000,000. As a result partly of this expenditure, and partly of the enterprise of the farmers of Canada, the development of our dairy interest particularly has been most remarkable. In 1870 the United States exported 57,296,000 pounds of cheese, and Canada 5,827,000 pounds; in 1895 the United States exported 60,448,009 pounds of cheese, and Canada 146,000,000, and last year I think the exports reached 164,000,000, and when it is remembered that Canadian cheese is recognized as the best in the English market, the progress of the last 25 years acquires additional significance. (Applause.) I expect in the course of a few years to see equal results from the encouragement given by the department of agriculture to fruit growing. The market of Great Britain is almost unlimited, and the Canadian supply of the best quality. All that remains is to provide such facilities for transportation as will enable shippers to place their goods on the market of Great Britain in prime condition. Again, by means of the advances which we have made to municipalities at a comparatively low rate of interest, thousands of acres of swamp lands have been recovered, and many thousand acres more of lands unfit for cultivation have been fitted for the plowshare. The value of these improvements to the province can only be reckoned in millions of dollars. Next to increasing the productions of the soil, come facilities for bringing these productions to the markets. In this respect our record is most satisfactory. Since 1871 we have contributed towards the construction of railways the sum of $6,200,000, by means of which districts most remote from the commercial centers of the country have been brought conveniently near, and hundreds of villages and hamlets, accessible only by the stage coach after days of tedious travel, are now within a few hours' reach of the capital of the province. As a result, the products of the farmer are enhanced in price, and timber that, within the recollection of many of the early settlers, would have been consumed in the logging pile, now finds its way to the markets of the world. Where railroads were not necessary, colonization roads have been built. Within the last 26 years we have constructed over 4,000 miles of colonization roads, for promoting the settlement of our waste lands, with the result that while in Algoma and Nipissing there were only 15,728 settlers in 1871, there were in 1891, 91,694 settlers, many of them quite as comfortable as the people in the older districts of the province. The mining interests, though comparatively young, have also received our attention. The last year has been one of great activity, and has brought to the exchequer of the province in the way of mining leases, etc., no less a sum than $175,000. Unless we are greatly misled by present indications, we have within the Province of Ontario a mining territory equal to the best in the known world. Now, I have dealt with two of the most important departments of public expenditure, namely, that for the necessary maintenance of the institutions of a Christian country, and that for the development of the resources of the province. It is possible that a more economical government could have maintained our institutions for less money. I may be pardoned for saying that while economy is a great virtue, and while waste of every kind is to be avoided, I should rather defend an expenditure on asylums, education, agriculture and public development which would err on the side of generosity or even prodigality, than to defend an expenditure which, because of its meagreness, not to say its niggardliness, deprived a single inmate of our asylums of any proper comfort, a child of a liberal education, a farmer of any suggestion by which he might improve his position, or the province of any addition to its wealth by the development of its unproductive resources. Canada is not to be developed by parsimony, but by frugality and by enterprise. There is a great difference between wasting, or, to use Mr. Whitney's term again, "squandering," our resources, and expending our revenue for the good of the whole people.

IMPORTANT LEGISLATION.

Before proceeding to answer some of the objections taken to the government, it might be profitable to spend a few minutes in pointing out the useful character of the legislation of the past 26 years:

(1) The power of the courts has been invoked to preserve the purity of elections, and stringent provisions made against bribery, undue influence and all other improper methods for influencing the election. The consequence is that we may, I think, safely say elections in the Province of Ontario are reasonably free from all improper and corrupt practices.

(2) By the extension of the municipal powers of cities, towns and villages, many grievances complained of years ago have been removed. Provision has been made for the abolition of market fees and of toll roads, for the better drainage of the country, for acquiring lands for parks, the extension of the municipal franchise to unmarried women and widows, the erection of houses of refuge, the appointment of a municipal auditor, the reduction in the number of county councilors, the exemption of personal earnings to the extent of $700, and for many other matters, though less important than the ones I have mentioned, still of great value to the people.

(3) The laws relating to labor have been revised and improved. A mechanic's lien is now more secure than ever before. The employer is now made liable for the injuries done his employes under certain circumstances. Persons engaged in factories are protected from unsanitary conditions and from accident through machinery or fire. Railway companies have elevated overhead bridges for the safety of their employes. Courts of Arbitration are provided for settling disputes between capital and labor. Wages are given a preferential lien on the assets of an insolvent. The importation of contract labor has been forbidden, and this year, by order-in-council, American labor has been shut out from the Canadian lumber woods.

(4) In education there have been also many substantial changes, such as the establishment of county model schools for the training of third class teachers, the establishment of the Normal Col-

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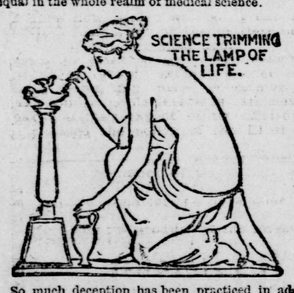
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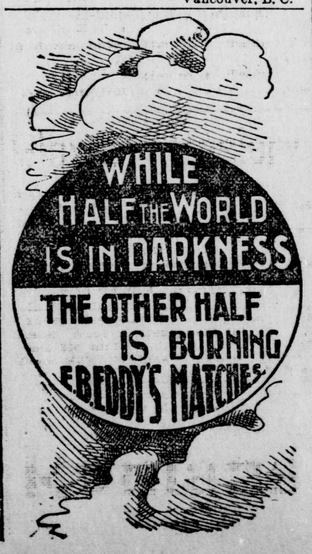
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lege for the training of first class teachers, the expansion of the high school course of study, the application of the ballot to school elections in cities, towns and incorporated villages, at the option of the board of trustees, the collection of school rates by the municipal authorities instead of by the trustees, the guarantee of all public school debentures by the municipality, the leveling up of the inequalities of school sections to a certain extent by requiring the township to provide $150 for the maintenance of each school in the township, the establishment of kindergarten schools, the representation of public and separate schools on high school boards, the establishment of art schools for workingmen, the federation of the University of Toronto with Victoria University, the establishment of a medical faculty in the University of Toronto, the admission of women to the privileges of the University, the consolidation of the departmental examinations with the University examinations, the reduction of the number of text books in public schools from 53 to 11, the reduction of the number of text books in high schools from 131 to 25, the introduction into public schools of drawing, physiology and temperance as compulsory subjects, the use of bilingual readers in French and German schools, the use of the Bible or selections therefrom, with devotional exercises, is obligatory at the opening and closing of public schools, the establishment of Arbor Day for the purpose of planting shade trees, the establishment of a standard for specialists for high school work, the improvement of the School of Science and the extension of its teaching faculty to the departments of electrical engineering and mineralogy, the establishment of a chair of political science in the University, the establishment of a commercial course in high schools, the establishment of continuation classes in public schools, the study of Canadian history made compulsory.

These are but samples of the very important legislation with which the country has been favored in the last 26 years in education. (Applause.) It would be tedious to enter into details of the improvements made in the laws respecting the administration of justice, agriculture and the multitudinous projects which necessarily occupy the attention of the Legislature. Suffice it to say that the Consolidated Statutes of the Province of Ontario, now revised for the third time by a Liberal Government, represent as much advanced legislation with regard to every matter affecting the privileges of citizenship, the rights of property and the prosperity of the commonwealth, as will be found in the statutes of any other colony of the empire. In fact, I can say without boasting that much of the legislation of other provinces and colonies is but a transcript or an adaptation of laws first passed by the Legislative Assembly of this province.

CHARGES MET.

I come now to consider some of the charges made against the government:

(1) We have wasted the surplus left by Sandfield Macdonald. Our answer to that charge is that Sandfield Macdonald's surplus, such as it was, was pledged partly by statute and partly by obligations which he had not discharged, and which the Liberals had to discharge for him, so that in the proper sense of the term he left but a very small surplus to squander. Let us see how this matter stands. When Sandfield Macdonald retired from office, there was to the credit of his government, in hard cash, $3,810,000. By an act passed during the session of 1871 he appropriated for railway aid the sum of $1,500,000. He had further made such promises of railway aid as to render it necessary when Mr. Blake took office to supplement this sum of a million and a half by $400,000. There was due the Dominion Government for moneys advanced on behalf of Ontario the sum of $691,131. There was due the Province of Quebec the sum of $197,000. There was due the Dominion Government a further sum for the purchase of the Rockwood Asylum of $96,500, and on account of the Central Prison $320,000, so that when Mr. Sandfield Macdonald's debts were paid, this enormous surplus for which so much credit is claimed dwindled down to about $700,000, and if anybody is anxious to know what became of this amount, they have only to refer to the act passed by Sir Oliver Mowat in 1874 for the settlement of the municipal loan fund, by which there was paid over to the municipalities of Ontario $3,100,000 in hard cash, or more than four times the surplus left by Sandfield Macdonald.

(2) We are charged with running the province into debt. Our answer to this is that although we have outstanding obligations for railways amounting to $2,770,000, we have against this obligation interest-bearing assets worth $5,258,000. Practically we have, therefore, a surplus over all liabilities of two and a half millions. But it is said that these assets, unlike Sandfield Macdonald's surplus, were not acquired by any act of the government, that they are assets, some of which came to us from funds established prior to confederation, and therefore, we deserve no credit for them. Well, suppose they were, they are assets nevertheless — assets so substantial that they yielded us last year $212,414 in interest, and it is of little consequence to the tax-payers of Ontario how we came by them, so long as they are available for the payment of our obligations.

(3) We are charged with having largely increased the annual expenditure of the province. This charge we do not deny. Indeed, we rather claim credit for the increase. For instance, in 1871, Sandfield Macdonald expended on education $351,306; our expenditure in 1896 was $702,000; on agriculture and arts in 1871, $76,381; in 1896, $192,000; on hospitals and charities in 1871, $40,260; in 1896, $165,000; on asylums in 1871, $171,423; in 1896, $750,000; on administration of justice in 1871, $104,049; in 1896, $445,000; on colonization roads in 1871, $55,469; in 1896, $95,000. On these different services Sandfield Macdonald expended $798,828 in 1871 against $2,349,000 in 1896.

Now I ask, is there an elector present who is prepared to say that we should reduce by one dollar the expenditure on education, on agriculture or asylums, or in any of the other services mentioned? Does it require any argument to show that with an increase in our population since 1871 of over 600,000, there would not necessarily be a larger expenditure in many departments of the public service? Surely we are not to be bound by the standards of 1871. Even municipal corporations, whose economical tendencies are so well known, have increased their expenditures within the last few years. For instance, the cost of municipal government for the whole Province of Ontario in 1886 was $1,761,000, and in 1893 $2,664,000, an increase of nearly $1,000,000. No doubt this increase is justifiable by the growing wants of the municipalities. In the administration of justice, and the maintenance of police and jails, the expenditure for 1886 was $814,651, and in 1893, $997,080, an increase of nearly $200,000. It is true that we have increased the public expenditure in many directions, but, as I have indicated in my opening remarks, such increases have been made for the relief of the taxpayer and for the development of the country.

THE TIMBER POLICY.

(4) We are also charged with advocating a timber policy which favored the Michigan lumberman at the expense of the Canadian. You have all no doubt heard of the so-called secret conference with the Americans at which a bargain was made to supply the sawmills at Saginaw with Canadian pine logs for election funds and so on, and so on. (Laughter.) No doubt you were surprised to think that a government which fought so hard for provincial rights a few years ago would have turned traitors to their own province, and possibly some of you were moved with feelings of indignation which could not be expressed in language suitable for a public platform. Yet this charge, like many others, has at length been exploded, and the Government of Ontario, loyal at all times to the people whose trustees we are, are not guilty of selling out the timber interests of the province to the Michigan lumber kings, as has been charged. (Applause.) I must frankly admit that I regret the circumstance which led to the adoption of this policy on our part. The Americans for many years have imposed duties on Canadian exports which were in many cases all but prohibitory. They have passed alien labor laws and enforced the same against Canada in the most irritating manner, but, worst of all, by the Dingley bill, they practically assumed to control the actions of Canadians with regard to the products of their own forests. Moreover, we found that the lumber manufactured from Canadian logs exported to the United States was placed on the Canadian market in competition with lumber manufactured in this country, and while we allowed American lumber to be imported free of duty, Canadian lumber was taxed $2 a thousand at the ports of the United States. We had, therefore, no choice but to assert the right of Ontario to husband its timber resources and to declare that so far as we had power, the products of our forest would be used to give employment to our own sawmills, to our own workingmen and to all industries incidentally benefited by such manufacture. This policy, I am confident, will meet with your cordial approval. (Cheers.)

THE SCHOOLS.

(5) It is said that our educational policy is all wrong. Mr. Whitney thinks the minister of education should be aided by a board of experts, who would tell him what to do and how to do it. On two former occasions in the house, namely, in 1890 and 1894, Mr. Whitney voted for the abolition of the office of minister of education, but he has changed his mind since 1894, and now proposes to retain the office, but to place the minister of education in the hands of an advisory board, from whom he is supposed to take instructions. I can understand a policy which involves the abolition of the office of minister as unnecessary, but I cannot understand why a minister should be retained not to represent the people according to the time-honored constitutional practice in Great Britain and Canada, but to represent the views of a small committee, no matter how respectable, not responsible to the people. Again, Mr. Whitney complains that the public school course is not broad enough to meet the educational wants of the people of Ontario. His colleague (Mr. Willoughby) says it produces mental and physical cripples, and leads the school children to despise the farm and all farming occupations. Now Mr. Whitney does not say how our system of education should be broadened. Taking it subject for subject, it is as broad as any system on this continent and much broader than the system of many of the American States, notably New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Michigan. It is broader than the courses in the best educated countries of Europe. In England, Scotland and Ireland the obligatory subjects of the public school course are reading, writing and arithmetic, with needlework for girls and drawing for boys, and any two of the following, namely English history, geography and science. Of course, there is a wide range of additional options for which the grant is paid, if taken, but a school secures its full standing, under the English system, by taking the six subjects mentioned. In Germany, the course of study is almost identical with the course in Ontario, excepting that more attention is paid to science and music. Agriculture is not taught in German elementary school, nor physiology and temperance. If Mr. Whitney proposes to broaden the public school course he will have to add subjects not adopted by the best educated countries known to us. But I should like to ask, can we afford to add to the subjects of the school curriculum? Are not the demands on our school children already great enough? If they are mental and physical cripples under the present curriculum, what would they be under a heavier curriculum? My own opinion is, and I think it is the opinion of the teachers of the province and of the parents of our school children, that our present public school course is quite heavy enough, and if it were to be modified at all, it would be in the direction of a reduction of subjects rather than an increase. (Applause.) No greater mistake can be made in the education of a child than to dissipate his energies over too wide a field. A few subjects thoroughly mastered produce far better results in the way of mental discipline (and that is the main thing) than a curriculum of which the pupil can obtain at best but a superficial knowledge. (Applause.) Now I do not say that our school system is incapable of improvement. I think, however, improvement will lie more in the direction of the training of teachers and the consequent advantages to the pupil than by additions to the curriculum. I hope yet to see more attention paid to the elements of science and natural history, with a view to cultivate closer habits of observation on the part of pupils and to awaken their interest in the great world of nature lying all around them. In other directions a great deal has been done, even in my time. The English language and the wonderful literature which it contains are being unfolded in our public schools as they never were before. Drawing, so essential to the artisan classes and so useful to all, is now compulsory. The study of Canadian history, without which no Canadian can properly understand his relations to the mother country or the great price paid for the civil and religious liberty which he enjoys, is now taught in every public school. (Applause.) There is room, I think, for some more attention to the elements of agriculture in rural schools and for plain sewing and needlework in cities and towns. These are, however, incidental to the cardinal subjects in every school curriculum which develop the thinking powers of the pupils, and by means of which, mainly, for many generations, the most advanced nations of the world have been educated. While courageous to advance as improvements might warrant, we must at the same time be courageous enough, even in our anxiety for reform, not to reject theories of education which have stood the test of ages.

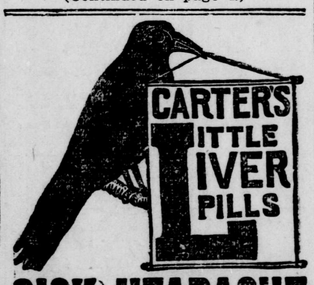
PRAISED BY OUTSIDERS.

It might be worth while, in the light of the criticism to which our school system is subjected, to remember that outside the ranks of the opposition in the Ontario Assembly, it is considered worthy of the most flattering encomiums. Dr. Clifford, a distinguished divine from London, England, speaking of our school system, in Toronto on Sept. 24, said: "After studying our school system, he hoped that he would be able to show old country educationists that they must study the Ontario system of education in order to make their next advance effective and assured of success." Sir Richard Webster, speaking of the Ontario exhibit at Chicago, referred to the school system of Ontario "as the finest system of public instruction from the kindergarten to the university that the world affords today." Sir John Carling, speaking at the medical dinner of the Western University, a few weeks ago, said: "It is one of the best in the world. No other country can surpass it." Dr. Harris, commissioner of the bureau of education at Washington, speaking of our school system, said: "It may be doubted whether there is any instance in America of so wise a use of money and supervisory power as is shown in this Province of Ontario, except the administration of the Peabody and Slater funds for education in the Southern States." (Cheers.) But why waste time in attempting to prove what nobody would question on the merits?

TEXT BOOKS AND EXAMS.

(6) Objection is also taken to text books and examinations. On both points the opponents of the government are easily answered. When I took charge of the department, fourteen years ago, there were 53 different text books used in the public schools; now, there are only eleven, or only one in each subject. In the high school there were 131 text books; now there are only 25. (Applause.) For this reduction in the number of text books no credit is ever given by our opponents. Of the 184 text books used in

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West Middlesex

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the public and high schools, fourteen years ago, 135 were written by foreign authors; now, with the exception of two, they are all the product of Canadian authors. Fourteen years ago, 87 of the text books used in our public and high schools were imported from Great Britain and the United States; now they are all made in Canada. I have taken the ground that Canadian authors and Canadian workmen were more likely to produce text books satisfactory to our own people in nearly every subject of our course of study than authors in Great Britain, and certainly than American authors, and I am confident that this policy of "Canada for the Canadians" will meet with universal approval. (Cheers.) Nor can it reasonably be said that our text books are too dear. The average cost of text books per child in the Province of Ontario for the last three years was less than 20 cents; in the city of Toronto, where text books are supplied free, the cost was 18 cents per child; in the city of Hamilton the cost was 24 cents per child. He must be a very small-souled parent who will begrudge half a cent a week, on the average, to each of his children for text books in the year. The text books required for the whole public school course, and that covers a child's education from 5 to 14 years, on an average, cost only $4 95. In the State of New York, the cost of text books, over the same ground, would cost $9 95, or more than double the cost in Ontario. The complaint with regard to the examinations is equally baseless. During my time they have been reduced from 27 to 11, and of the 488,000 pupils attending our public schools, every one can complete the public school course without taking a single examination, or paying a single sixpence for examination fees. Pupils may even be admitted to the high schools without fees, at the option of the board of trustees. Where a pupil proposes to enter a profession for his own advantage, then an examination is required for which the pupil pays a fee equal to the cost of conducting the examination, and no more. Formerly the fees for nearly all the examinations were paid by county councils; now they are paid mainly by the candidates themselves, and, I think, very properly so.

SERIOUS BUT UNFOUNDED.

(7) Mr. Whitney charges that the education department has been used for political purposes. That simply means in plain English that the minister of education has used his position for improper and immoral purposes. This is a serious charge; indeed, so serious that I considered it my duty at the earliest opportunity to challenge the opposition to the proof, and so when I met the leader of the opposition face to face, I asked him on the floor of the house to make the charge specifically as to persons or circumstances, and he would have a committee of the house forthwith to take evidence and to see whether it could be sustained or not. During my fourteen years of office over 300,000 persons have been examined for certificates under the authority of the department, many persons have been appointed to office and a few retired, many text books have been published, and I have put my name to numberless transactions of an official character. If there was political corruption or official immorality in any of these transactions, either the proof should be forthcoming or the charge be withdrawn. But my offer was not accepted, no charge was formulated, no committee was called for, no evidence was produced, and no evidence can be produced to sustain such a charge. (Cheers.) I may have made mistakes in the administration of my department. I may have been too anxious for the improvement of our school system, and therefore may have made too many changes in the courses of study or in examinations. These are matters on which there might be reasonable room for differences of opinion, but to say that I have exercised political favoritism in examinations or in appointments of an educational character, is a charge which I propose to resent wherever it is made, whether on the floor of parliament or elsewhere. (Cheers.)

THE HIGH SCHOOLS.

8. It has also been said that we have been favoring the high schools unduly, and that our grants to public schools have increased but lightly as compared with our grants to high schools. This statement is absolutely without foundation. In 1871, the grant to public, separate and poor schools was $194,171; in 1896, $310,851, or an increase of nearly $117,000. In the same time the grant to high schools increased from $72,754 to $100,000, or an increase of only $27,000. For every dollar we gave to the high schools in the last 26 years, we gave over $4 to the public schools. I think this fact is conclusive that we are not regardless of the interests of the public schools where the great mass of our population receive their education. (Applause.)

THE LIBERAL POLICY.

I have now stated at too great a length, I fear, some of the matters on which you will be called upon to pronounce judgment at the coming election. Our record, extending over 26 years shows far more conclusively than promises or declarations can show what you may expect of us. Briefly summarized the policy of the Liberal party is as follows:

1. To apply the public revenues solely for the maintenance of the service of the state; for lightening the burdens of the taxpayer, and for the development of the latent resources of the province.

2. To apply the product of the forests and mines of the province from year to year in such a way as will best minister to the immediate wants of the whole people, without imperiling the interests of the lumberman or the miner, or without impairing the future productiveness of these sources of wealth.

3. To promote agriculture, by disseminating information with respect to husbandry in all its branches, so as to increase the fertility of the soil, the profits of the farm, dairy and orchard; and the comfort and happiness of the rural population in all parts of the country.

4. To maintain in their integrity and efficiency all schools aided by the government; to provide for the thorough training of teachers of every rank and grade; to increase the facilities for self-improvement by means of public libraries, and to insist that every child domiciled in the province shall receive such a liberal and comprehensive education as shall prepare him for discharging intelligently the duties of citizenship as becomes a broad-minded progressive Canadian.

5. To provide generously for all citizens who suffer from mental aberration or the loss of any sense or faculty, and to minister to the wants of all persons compelled by misfortune, sickness, or poverty to seek the shelter of any hospital, house of refuge, or other charitable institution.

6. To enforce without fear, favor or affection the laws respecting the liquor traffic, and to impose from time to time, as may be practicable, such restrictions on the sale of intoxicating liquors as will promote public morality and protect society from drunkenness and all kindred vices.

7. To recognize Canadian citizenship as embracing all nationalities and creeds, and so to administer every law placed upon the statute book by the authority of parliament, that the rights of every subject of her Majesty may be guarded against innovation or restriction from any source or by any influence whatsoever.

8. To maintain the rights of the Province of Ontario as guaranteed by the British North America Act, and to exercise all the powers conferred by the constitution to preserve inviolate to the people of Ontario, the workingman as well as the capitalist, the legitimate profits of their enterprise and industry.

9. To foster and strengthen our relations with the empire to which we belong, and to adopt on all questions such a resolute, honorable, and progressive policy as will guarantee to the Province of Ontario at all times that influence in shaping the future of the Dominion of Canada, to which it is entitled by virtue of its area, wealth and population. (Cheers.)

That has been our policy for 26 years. It is our policy still. In vindication of that policy we ask you to examine our record—a record which does not falsify a single principle of Liberalism, or reveal a single broken pledge, or disclose a single corrupt act or the betrayal of a single trust. With that record we feel perfectly safe in the hands of an electorate too intelligent to be misled by false cries, too shrewd to be deceived by platitudes and mere platform declarations. (Loud and prolonged cheers.)

RESOLUTION OF CONFIDENCE.

At the conclusion of Mr. Ross' address, Mr. John Watterworth, seconded by Mr. Henry Hardy, moved: "That this convention, in again tendering the renomination of West Middlesex to Hon. George W. Ross as the standard-bearer of the Liberal party at the approaching election for the Legislature, desire to congratulate him on the brilliant position which he now occupies in the political and literary life of this province, and trust that he may be long spared to enjoy our confidence; and we heartily assure him that we shall use our utmost endeavor to secure his election by a largely increased majority, that the people of this province may know that we heartily indorse the educational policy of the government of which he is a distinguished member."

MR. WATTERWORTH.

Mr. Watterworth, in speaking to the motion, said it would be superfluous to say anything of Hon. George W. Ross, whose abilities they all recognized. He recalled the time when they first prevailed on "little George Ross," as they called him then, to accept the candidacy for West Middlesex, which he did with a great deal of reluctance. He fought the good fight, like David of old going forth to meet the great Goliath, and he won a grand victory. (Applause.) He had been fighting and winning ever since, and he hoped Mr. Ross would be spared for the next 25 years to fight the same good fight. (Cheers.)

MR. HENRY HARDY.

Mr. Henry Hardy, who was warmly welcomed, said union was strength, and the Liberals were going strong into the fight to win West Middlesex again. (Cheers.) "I have been patted on the back," continued Mr. Hardy, "and urged to come out as a candidate. But when I scrutinized those who patted me, I saw their object, and it was a bad one. They wished to break up the West Middlesex Liberals and win the riding through that. I said: 'Gentlemen, if it is ever my lot to be asked to represent you in the Local Legislature, I say it will be Liberals and Liberals only that I will offer my services to. (Cheers.) We have had Mr. Ross for 25 years, and we are going to keep him. (Cheers.) As long as life and health are spared him we are not going to desert him for any other man." (Cheers.)

The resolution was carried with great fervency.

THE HARDY GOVERNMENT APPROVED.

Mr. L. H. Smith, of Strathroy, the next speaker, said he was glad to see so representative an audience. The Opposition leaders had been going up and down the country, making statements which they could not back up in the house. West Middlesex was not a hive constituency, and there should be no apathy on the part of Liberals. He had no fear of the result in West Middlesex or the province, but each man should do his duty. Mr. Smith then moved the following resolution:

"That we, the Liberals of West Middlesex take this opportunity of expressing our utmost confidence in the Ontario Government as led by the Hon. A. S. Hardy, believing as we do that he has governed our province in a wise, progressive and economical manner, and is making the very best use of our great natural wealth and resources, and we wish to express our entire approbation of the wise selection of our late premier, Sir Oliver Mowat, in the gentleman in whom we all feel such unbounded confidence."

MR. W. H. SUTHERLAND.

Mr. W. H. Sutherland, of Napier, made a telling address. At no time, he said, was Liberalism so strong as at present. At no time were the services and ability of the minister of education more recognized by his friends and constituents than today. (Applause.) Canada was never more in touch with Liberalism than today, and never so much known and appreciated throughout the British Empire. (Applause.) The Liberals were not ashamed of their leaders. They were not ashamed of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who had shed such luster on himself and his country at the Queen's jubilee. (Applause.) They were not ashamed of Sir Oliver Mowat, with his 25 years of honest, progressive government. They were not ashamed of Hon. A. S. Hardy, who had been trained in the school of honor. As for Mr. Ross, there was not an educational convention in this country or across the border, at which he, if present, was not the star. At the World's Fair, the greatest figure in that grand demonstration of Ontario's educational principles was Hon. George W. Ross. (Applause.) He taught the doctrine of true democracy—that the only passport to true eminence was worth. And were they to be told that Mr. George Campbell, who knew nothing about the public business, and had had no experience with the great questions of the day, was to replace a man of Mr. Ross' undoubted integrity and lofty ability. (Cries of "No!") Mr. Sutherland instanced the failure of the opposition to successfully challenge one dollar of the government's expenditure, and alluded eloquently to the government's victories, which preserved for Ontario her natural wealth. He resumed his seat amid a storm of applause.

MR. ALEX. STUART.

Mr. Alex. Stuart, of Glencoe, gave some interesting reminiscences of Mr. Ross' early career. He had heard it said that he (Mr. Stuart) was coming out as an opponent of Mr. Ross, but such was not the case. To go back on the Liberal party would be the last thing he would think of doing. He was not asking anything of the government and had no desire to run for parliament. It did not matter how long Mr. Ross had been a member for West Middlesex—he had been an honor to West Middlesex. (Applause.) They were proud to read how often he had made the most able and eloquent adresses upon the public questions. Mr. Stuart admitted he had been dissatisfied with some acts of the government which Mr. Ross had permitted in his absence, but they referred to private matters, which concerned only himself, and he would not press them upon the audience. He moved a resolution, seconded by Dr. McKillop, to the effect that the convention desires to record its unbounded confidence in the government of Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and to express the gratification it feels in seeing in his cabinet men of such strong character and executive ability—a government which, combined with its leader's brilliant personality, had inspired throughout the Dominion, and among the nations of the world, confidence in Canada's enterprise and commercial interests, and which commanded the respect and admiration of every portion of the British Empire. They begged to assure Sir Wilfrid Laurier's government of the unfaltering allegiance of the Liberals of West Middlesex, and their approval of his policy.

Continuing, Mr. Stuart said the Ontario Government had been a grand one. There was no comparison at all between its members and the leaders of the opposition. Liberals were to be congratulated upon having at the head of Dominion affairs a man of the transcendent ability of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. He rejoiced also to see the position Sir Richard Cartwright had attained. Next to the premier, there was no man in Canadian politics who had been so brilliant a success. Mr. Stuart paid a compliment to Mr. Sutherland, and eulogized Mr. Calvert, M.P., for the very promising position he had taken in the halls of parliament.

DR. McKILLOP.

Dr. McKillop, in seconding the resolution, said he was proud to be associated with a resolution in favor of their brilliant premier, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and to be associated also with Mr. Stuart, who was known as a sound and thorough Liberal.

Three cheers for Laurier and Hardy were given to signalize the adoption of the resolution.

MR. W. S. CALVERT, M.P.

Mr. Calvert, the popular M.P. of the riding, was loudly called for, and made an effective speech. Mr. Calvert quoted from the addresses delivered at the convention which nominated Mr. Ross' opponent, and turned the speakers' arguments against themselves. Dr. Roome had complained of the reckless extravagance of the government. This government in the past four years reduced the annual expenditure by $100,000. (Applause.) Warden Leitch said the government was one of corruption and Mr. Ross one of its most corrupt members. (Laughter.)

A Voice—Did they have the pig? (Laughter.)

Mr. Calvert said the great piggery question had been effectively disposed of by the provincial secretary. Mr. Campbell, the candidate, followed Warden Leitch, and had nothing to say, merely indorsing the remarks made by the chairman. Mr. Gough found fault with the County Councils Act. Yet last year, Mr. Calvert pointed out, the Middlesex county council had cost $899, as compared with $1,774 the year before—a saving of one-half. (Applause.) Continuing to read the report of Mr. Campbell's meeting, Mr. Calvert said Mr. Pat McPhillips, of London, had made the speech of the day. Mr. McPhillips said that Mr. Ross was a manipulator of the worst character. (Laughter.) He said that Mr. Ross had made the educational department a political tool, and that it should be taken out of the minister's hands and placed with an educational council. "No doubt," added Mr. Calvert, "Mr. McPhillips and Mr. Toothe would be two members of that council." (Laughter.)

Mr. Calvert showed the scandalous mismanagement of the Kingston penitentiary by the late Dominion government. The net cost of each prisoner in that institution had been $200 per year, compared with $97 per prisoner in the Central Prison, which was under the control of the Ontario government.

Speaking of Hon. George W. Ross, Mr. Calvert said: "I have heard eminent men say that there is no man in Canada, taken in a general way, equal in ability to Hon. G. W. Ross. (Applause.) We are proud of him, and you will show that pride by electing him by a bigger majority than ever before." (Cheers.)

Cheers for the Queen, Hon. G. W. Ross, Hon. A. S. Hardy, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the chairman closed the splendid meeting.

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Wheat, spring, per bu....81½c to 82¾c
Oats, per bu.....23¾c to 25½c
Peas, per bu .....43c to 48c
Corn, per bu.....34c to 36c
Barley, per bu..... .....29c to 31c
Rye, per bu.....33½c to 36½c
Buckwheat, per bu.....31c to 36c

WEEKLY REVIEW.

Values of wheat were about 2c higher all this week, and at the close it was steady, at $1 38 to $1 40. The demand was good and the supply moderate.

Oats have advanced about 3c per 100 lbs; the demand was strong and the supply light; 73c to 75c were the closing values—74c for standard weight, 75c being paid by private parties.

Peas brought 70c to 80c per 100 lbs—the last price in one case only, the quality being extra fine; the average sale was made at 75c.

Corn sold at 62c, and was of poor sample.

Only a few lots of feed barley offered, and 60c to 64c was paid.

Rye sold at 65c per 100 lbs.

Buckwheat went away up; 70c to 75c were closing prices; the demand was very good, and the supply only moderate.

Beans were quiet, at 40c to 50c for ordinary to good, and small lots a little higher.

Butter was steady and unchanged in values.

Eggs quiet, and little change can be seen in prices; the demand for new-laid continues good.

Turkeys were one of the leading lines, and had rather a checkered career, owing to the enormous supply on Thursday; the range for the week was 7c to 8c by the quantity, a decline of at least 1c per lb since.

Chickens sold at 35c to 60c per pair, according to size.

Ducks went from 60c to 90c, and geese at 6c to 7c per lb.

The meat market was a little quiet, especially in beef and lamb. Dressed hogs presented more activity; $5 50 to $6 was the price of ordinary choice.

Apples were quiet, at 75c to $1 per bag.

Potatoes were slow, at 80c to 90c. All other kinds of winter vegetables were slow and unchanged. Lettuce offered more freely.

Hay—Receipts were good and prices easy; $6 to $7 was the usual price.

Little business was done in live stock.

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St. Thomas Market.

St. Thomas, Dec. 28.—Today's quotations for grain are as follows: Wheat, 83c to 85c; oats, 22c to 23c; peas, 40c to 42c; barley, 40c; corn, 35c to 40c.

American Markets.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—The leading futures closed as follows: Wheat—No. 2 Dec., 99½c; Jan., 9?½c; May, 94½c. Corn—No. 2 Dec., 27?c; Jan., 27½c; May, 30½c; July, 31½c. Oats—No. 2 Dec., 22½c; May, 24c. Mess pork—Dec., $7 70; Jan., $8 70; May, $8 87½. Lard—Dec., $4 42½; Jan., $4 55; May, $4 70. Short ribs—Dec., $4 35; Jan., $4 37; May, $4 52½. Cash quotations were as follows: Flour, steady; No. 2 spring wheat, 89½c to 90c; No. 3 spring wheat, 84c to 91c; No. 2 red, 96½c to 99½c; No. 2 corn, 27?c to 27½c; No. 2 oats, 23½c to 23½c; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 24½c to 25½c; No. 3 white, f. o. b., 24½c to 25c; No. 2 rye, 46½c; No. 2 barley, f. o. b., 26½c to 38c; No. 1 flaxseed, $1 17½ to $1 21½; prime timothy seed, $2 75; mess pork, $7 70 to $7 75; lard, $4 52½ to $4 56; short rib sides, $4 55 to $4 70; dry salted shoulders, 4½c to 4?c; short clear sides, $4 65 to $4 75; sugar, unchanged; No. 2 yellow corn, 27½c to 27½c; eggs, firm; fresh, 21c.

Receipts—

Flour	33,000	Wheat	232,000
Corn	365,000	Oats	483,000
Rye	17,000	Barley	75,000

Shipments—

Flour	23,000	Wheat	5,000
Corn	80,000	Oats	430,000
Rye	34,000	Barley	21,000

English Markets.

RULING PRICES FOR THE PAST FOUR DAYS.

The following table shows the quotations per cental at Liverpool for the three previous market days. In the case of wheat highest prices are given:

	Dec. 21	Dec. 22	Dec. 23	Dec. 28
WHEAT—	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
No. 1 nor. spring	7 9½	7 9½	7 10	7 10½
No. 1 Cal	8 4½	8 4½	8 4½	8 9½
Dec	7 5¾	7 3½	7 6	7 6½
March	7 5	7 5½	7 5½	7 5½
May	7 4½	7 3½	7 4½	7 4½
CORN—				
Spot	3 2½	3 2½	3 2½	3 2½
Dec	3 2½	3 2½	3 2½	3 2½
Jan	3 1½	3 1½	3 2	3 2½
Feb	3 1½	3 1½	3 1½	3 2½
March	3 1½	3 1½	3 2	3 2½
May	3 2½	3 2½	3 2½	3 2½
Flour	25 6	25 6	25 6	25 6
Peas	4 9	4 9	4 9	4 9
Pork	48 9	48 9	48 9	48 9
Lard	24 3	23 6	24 0	24 0
Tallow	18 6	18 6	18 6	18 6
Bacon, light	29 0	28 6	28 6	28 0
Cheese, both	42 6	42 6	42 6	42 6

Liverpool, Dec. 29, 12:30 p.m.

Wheat—Spot firm; demand poor; holders offer moderately; No. 1 California, 8s 3½d to 8s 4d; No. 1 red northern spring, 7s 10 to 7s 10½d; No. 2 red western winter, no stock.

Corn—Spot steady; demand moderate; American mixed, 3s 2½d; Dec., 3s 2½d; Jon, and Feb., 3s 2½d.

Peas—Canadian, 4s 9d.

Beef—Extra India mess, 66s 3d.

Pork—Prime mess, fine western, 48s 9d.

Bacon—Long clear heavy, 40 to 45 lbs, 28s; short clear backs, 16 to 18 lbs, 29s; long clear light, 35 to 38 lbs, 29s.

Lard—Prime western, steady 24s.

Butter—Finest United States 92s; good, 60s.

Cheese—American finest white and colored, 42s 6d.

Tallow—Fine, American, city, 18s 6d.

Turpentine—Spirits, 24s.

Rosin, common—4s 1½d.

Petroleum—Refined, 5½d.

Linseed oil—15s 6d.

Dairy Markets.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Butter—Market firm; creamery, 15c to 21c; dairy, 12c to 18c. Cheese quiet at 8c to 8½c.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. — Butter steady; western creamery, 15c to 22c; do factory, 12c to 17c; Elgins, 22c; imitation creamery, 13½c to 18c; state dairy, 13c to 20c; do creamery, 15c to 21c. Cheese quiet; large white, Sept., 8½c; small do, 9c to 9½c; large colored, Sept., 8½c; small do, 9c to 9¼c; large late made, 7⅝c to 7¾c; small do, 8¼c to 8½c; light skims, 6c to 6½c; part skims, 4½c to 5½c; full skims, 3c to 4c.

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Live Stock Markets

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Beeves—Receipts, 266 head; no sales today; dressed beef steady at 7c to 8½c per lb for poor to prime native sides. Calves—Receipts, 292 head; steady; veals, $5 to $8 50; grassers, $3 to $3 50; westerns, $3 25; city dressed veals firm at 11c to 12½c per lb. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 2,308 head; 13 cars on sale; sheep steady; lambs lower; sheep, $3 50 to $4 02½; lambs, $5 75 to $6 55; dressed mutton, 6½c to 8c; dressed lambs, 8½c to 10½c. Hogs—Receipts, 2,032 firm, at $3 90 to $4 15.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—There was the usual Tuesday dullness in the cattle trade today, but prices were no lower, only about 3,000 head being received; fed western sold at $3 75 to $4 75, and Iowa and Missouri fed brought $4 to $4 35; stockers and feeders, $3 40 to $4 25. Calves—Best grades, $5 75 to $6 50; sales of hogs were largely at $3 42½ to $3 50, coarse heavy packers selling at $3 30 to $3 37½, and prime butchers' weights at $3 55 to $3 57½. There was a good demand for sheep and lambs, and prices were steady at $3 to $3 50 for common, up to $4 65 to $4 75 for strictly choice flocks; lambs, $4 to $4 85 for common to prime lots, with a few culls at $3 75 to $3 90. Receipts—Cattle, 3,000; hogs, 18,000; sheep, 12,000.

TORONTO, Dec. 28.—There was scarcely any business done today at the Toronto cattle market. The receipts were 11 cars, including 260 hogs and 250 sheep and lambs. Prices were unchanged. Hogs sold at 4¼c to 4¾c, the latter for choice selections, weighed off the cars. The market for hogs was firm. Export and butchers' cattle, stockers and feeders were unchanged from last Friday's quotations. There will be practically no business done till after the first of the year.

EAST BUFFALO, Dec. 28.—Cattle—Receipts, 3 cars of Canadas that came in late; the market was considered strong and firm for good to fat butchers' cattle and good shipping steers, and all of these kinds were sold, with the general outlook fair for the future; bulls and calves were light, only about 30 head; the market ruled with a fair demand; fair lots of veals sold at $7 to $7 50; common, $6 to $6 50; extra quotable at $8. Stockers and feeders—The receipts this week were light, only about 20 loads of Canadas, and 12 loads of natives; the market on Monday opened slow, and it was late in the day before buyers and sellers got together; prices ruled weaker for all but choice light well-bred stockers and good feeders by fully 10c per cwt, but about all were sold before the close of the day's trade; choice to extra Canada feeders, 800 to 900 lbs, sold at $4 to $4 10; fair to good do, $3 60 to $3 90; Canada yearlings and stockers, $3 50 to $3 80; do, culls and rough lots, $3 to $3 40. Hogs—Receipts, 11 cars; the market opened with a fair demand, and prices for all grades stronger, except pigs, these kinds generally selling from 2½c to 5c easier, but the bulk of supply was composed of pretty fair weight hogs; good to choice Yorkers, $3 65 to $5 70; weights, $3 65 to $3 70; heavy hogs, $3 65 to $3 70; roughs, $3 to $3 25; stags, $2 60 to $3; pigs, $3 25 to $3 70. Sheep and lambs—Receipts were fair, about 9 cars of fresh sale stock and 8 loads that held over; the market was very dull and slow for lambs, with a number of good ones still unsold, and what was sold were at full weak to 10c off from yesterday's closing prices; sheep were in light supply and about steady; lambs, yearlings choice to prime, $4 80 to $5; fair to good, $4 50 to $4 75; culls to common yearlings, $4 25 to $4 40; native lambs, choice to extra, $6 15 to $6 25; fair to good, $5 75 to $6; culls to common, $4 50 to $5 60; native sheep, choice to selected wethers, $4 60 to $4 85; good to choice mixed sheep, $4 25 to $4 50; common to fair, $3 85 to $4 15; culls to common sheep, $2 50 to $3 75.

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The Legislature.

Important Government Measure Considered.

Taking Care of the Trees—Reserving Water Powers for the People.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—The Legislature reassembled yesterday, with a pretty full attendance. Mr. Whitney was absent, and Mr. Marter was the opposition leader. Three important bills received their second reading. The first of these was entitled a bill to establish forest reserves. Col. Gibson explained that the bill was a further step in the direction that was taken when the office of forestry clerk was created. During the past few years there had been an accumulation of valuable knowledge, with respect to the question of reforesting in this province, and this had been supplemented by the inquiries and experiments made in various States across the border. We had not in this country felt the full effects of the denuding of watersheds, as they had been felt across the line, in the shape of violent floods, by which enormous damage had been done. Nevertheless, there were other branches of the question with which we were beginning to be concerned. The operation of the bill before the house was, of course, restricted to the newer parts of the province. There were parts of the province unsuited for agriculture, where limits had been abandoned after the removal of the timber, and other portions which had been run over by fire—brule lands—which were well fitted for the work of reforestation. In some of this the process of reforesting had begun naturally, and all the government would have to do would be to provide means of protection from fire or any other enemy that might threaten the destruction of these growing pineries, and in a comparatively short time there would be merchantable timber on them.

Col. Gibson is also sponsor for another bill, respecting water powers. Its purpose is to reserve to the public such water-powers on crown lands as may be of mercantile value. Col. Gibson stated that on each side of the height of land it was known that there were a great number of water-powers, some of which would undoubtedly be found to be of commercial importance, more especially in view of the mining possibilities in adjacent districts.

Mr. Dryden moved the second reading of the bill to prevent the running of wheels of fortune and other gambling devices for extracting coin from the pockets of guileless youths at country fairs.

The house then went into committee on the estimates, and passed a number of important items.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Harry Hollinghead has opened his skating rink at Dutton.

Simcoe merchants report the Christmas trade the best for years.

Rev. C. H. Kimball, of Aylmer, has returned home, and will assist Rev. G. Veil, of Springfield, in special meetings.

The firm of Wynn & Co., boot and shoe merchants, of Milton, has assigned with liabilities of $19,000. There is a nominal surplus of $3,000.

Rev. H. W. Crews, of Chatham, has accepted the invitation to the pastorate of the Central Methodist Church, St. Thomas. Rev. C. T. Scott, the present pastor, goes to Aylmer.

On Saturday, in St. Thomas, at the residence of the bride's uncle, Mr. W. Nichol, Miss Mary Dow, of Hamilton, and Mr. W. Traverse, St. Thomas, were united in marriage beneath a horseshoe of holly, by Rev. W. D. Cunningham.

G. B. Hawkins, Tilsonburg, is completing arrangements to try his fortune in the far-off Klondike region. He has already sold a good deal of his farming plant. He expects to set out about Feb. 20.

While Mr. Joseph Spackman, sen., was attending the evening service in the Baptist Church, Shedden, some sneak thieves wrenched his silver-plated sleigh bells from his cutter and carried them off.

A telegram from Flint, Mich., of the 27th, says: Mark Casseles, of Wingham, Ont., came here to spend a merry Christmas with his son William. Time passed pleasantly until the middle of the day when Mr. Casseles, who had just risen from the table, fell to the floor and expired in a few minutes.

Bailiff Wm. Bailiff, of Elgin county, has been committed for trial by Squire McCausland on a charge of fraud. The information states that the bailiff seized wheat, barley and other effects of Mr. Gregory's to the value of $380, to satisfy a landlord's warrant, taken out by Samuel Haight, sold the articles and converted the money to his own use, and also gave Ald. McCully a chattel mortgage on the effects.

Mrs. Stockton died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Williams, of Fingal, on Saturday morning, and the body was interred in Fingal cemetery. She leaves four sons and seven daughters — Mrs. Albert White, of Shepherdville, Mich.; Mrs. Stitsley, St. Johns, Mich.; Mrs. Mitchell, Merlin, Ont.; Mrs. Riggiesworth, Southwold Station; Mrs. John Williams, Mrs. Thomas Williams and Miss Annie, of Fingal; George Stockton, Southwold; Taylor Stockton, of St. Johns, Mich.; F. Stockton, of St. Johns, Mich., and Frank Stockton, of New York State.

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Miss Helen Nussey, who acted as bridesmaid for Charlotte Bronte, has just died at Birstall, at the age of 83 years.

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The new lord mayors of Liverpool and Leeds are brewers, and the local temperance parties have protested loudly.

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Visitors to Delaware: Dr. Grey and Mrs. Grey, of Rochester, N. Y., are at Mr. F. Jarvis'; Andrew Elder, of Montreal, at Dr. Mitchell's; Miss Eva Minor and Miss Nellie Minor, of Union; Fred Small, of Sparta, and Blake Harris, of Delaware West.

Mrs. George Lale died suddenly on Christmas evening at the home of her son, Mr. Albert Lale, of South Dorchester, a mile west of Lyons. Deceased was in her 63rd year, and besides her husband, leaves three children, Albert Edward, of Sparta; George, of Orwell, and Mrs. Helman, of Stevens' Point, Wis.

SIMCOE.

Simcoe, Dec. 28.—As Mr. and Mrs. J. Herbert, of Walsingham, were returning from doing their Christmas shopping in town, their buggy was run into by the train for Port Dover. The rig was smashed and Mrs. Herbert was severely shaken up, although not seriously injured.

Bad whisky and exposure to the cold came near putting an end to Iky Cumingham, a colored lad of this town. He was out with a crowd, took too much firewater, and his companions left him in the woodshed. In the morning he was near dead, and has been in a serious condition ever since.

The Christmas market was a great success. A fine lot of poultry was exhibited. A hog, weighing 887 pounds, dressed and belonging to H. Sandiford, and a chair made of horns by Mr. Wilcox and exhibited by A. C. Lee, attracted the attention of the crowd.

Miss E. Clarke was married on Christmas day, at Mr. J. Austin's, to Mr. Small, an electrician, of Hamilton.

Mr. W. O. Foster and family spent Christmas with J. Austin and attended the wedding of Miss E. Clarke.

At the parsonage, Miss Ethel Gordon, a most popular young lady of Port Rowan, was married to Mr. J. A. Woodward, general merchant, of St. Williams. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Prescott, after which the happy couple left for St. Thomas, London, Toronto and other points west.

Mrs. Corlis left Friday morning for Granton, where she will help celebrate Mr. and Mrs. Grant's golden wedding. She was present at their wedding 50 years ago.

BELTON.

Belton, Dec. 28.—The home of Mr. John Lince, of this place, was made happy Christmas day by the gathering of a large number of his kith and kin, who were made heartily welcome by their host and partook of a grand Christmas dinner. The little folks cleverly arranged a good programme of song, recitations and speeches, which was well executed in the afternoon to the delight of all present, and then Mr. Lince, in a neat speech, gave utterance to the fullness of his heart for the pleasant gathering, and gave some very wholesome advice to his children, grand children, and all present on "Pride and Scorn." A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the chairman and to the genial host and hostess, when all united in singing the doxology, the programme being brought to a close by J. Lince pronouncing the benediction. One thing had a tendency to make this gathering less bright than it has been in former years. Mrs. Lince, the hostess, is very ill, having recently undergone an operation at the London hospital for an inward cancer, which is pronounced incurable by the physicians, and it was keenly felt by all present that probably this would be her last appearance at these pleasant annual gatherings. Mrs. Lince has always been a warm friend of The London Advertiser, and has been one of the most successful agents since the second year of its existence. Some years she has sent in over 80 names for its valuable pages. Our heart's wish is that she may be spared to be with us much longer.

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FLORENCE.

Florence, Dec.29.—The annual Christmas entertainment, given under the auspices of St. Matthew's Sunday school, on Christmas Eve, was attended by a large audience. The programme, consisting of recitations, solos, duets, choruses, tableaux, etc., was prepared by the choir, guild and Sunday school, and the excellent manner in which it was rendered reflected credit to those who took part. The Christmas tree was laden with many nice presents. Although the admission was only 10 cents, the proceeds amounted to over $20.

The Christmas service at St. Matthew's Church was largely attended. The singing, sermon, etc., were appropriate for the occasion. The two pretty new hangings on the pulpit and prayer desk, presented by Mr. R. Shaw-Wood and Miss Wood, of Woodholme, Hyde Park, add much to the adornment of the church edifice.

THAMESFORD.

Thamesford, Dec. 28.—The Christmas tree and entertainment in connection with the Methodist Church came off on Friday evening, Dec. 24, and was a decided success. The church was full, there was a full programme, and two trees were filled with beautiful and valuable gifts. Santa Claus was there with a bag full of presents. The "Hand-bells," as rendered by the Echardt family, received long and loud applause and encores. Mr. Echardt deserves great credit for his untiring efforts in connection with church and school. Mr. Newton read the address, and Mr. Judd presented Miss Lawrence with a beautiful cabinet, as a small token of appreciation of her services as organist in the school. Mr. James Brown, of London, who was spending Christmas with his sisters, came in at a late hour, and was at once chosen by a unanimous vote to take the chair, and it is needless to say he "did it up brown."

Mr. Daniel Calder, of Kintore, was presented with a fine parlor suite, and Miss Jennie Calder with a gold watch and chain, on Wednesday evening, prior to their departure for Ingersoll.

Rev. G. H. Smith, M.A., B.D., presented the Sabbath schools with a photo of the schools, teachers and pupils of Pointe Aux Trembles, as a souvenir, on Sunday. The scholars of Thamesford school are supplementing the education of a pupil of the Quebec school with a yearly donation.

John Johnston, who had his right arm amputated recently, is doing well.

CENTRALIA.

Centralia, Dec. 27.—One of the most interesting social events which it has been the lot of Centralia to behold took place on Christmas eve, when neighbors, friends and citizens to the number of about 60 or 70 assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cobleigh to celebrate the 25th anniversary of their wedding day. A peculiarity seldom or never seen in an assembly of this kind was noticeable there. The assembly was composed of all nationalities, creeds, religions, and all shades of politics were fully represented, showing clearly the popularity of Mr. and Mrs. Cobleigh in all classes of the community. The music was supplied by the Crediton orchestra, under the able leadership of Master George Zwicker, famous for his musical ability. It is needless to say the gifts were numerous and costly. Among the most prominent was that of Squire Kennedy, of Ilderton, who came down very substantially to his daughter. After the party had partaken of a bountiful repast, Mr. R. Cobleigh, the host, was called upon to address the audience, which he did in his usual eloquent way, and at the close the assembly joined in singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." The orchestra discoursed music and song until the small hours of the morning, when the guests expressed their best wishes to the host and hostess, hoping that their lives would be spared to celebrate their golden wedding. Then all returned to their homes to sleep away the few remaining hours before the dawn of a merry Christmas morning.

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Late Afternoon Markets.

Montreal Stock Market.

MONTREAL, Dec. 29.

	Ask.	Bid.
Canadian Pacific	81½	81
Duluth, common	4	3
Duluth, preferred	6½	6
Commercial Cable, xd	179	178½
Commercial Cable Coupon Bonds	106	104
Commercial Registered Bonds	106	104
Montreal Telegraph	185	179½
Richelieu and Ontario	110	107
Montreal Street Railway	240½	236
Montreal Street Railway, new	235	234
Toronto Railway, xd	88	87½
Montreal Gas Company	189	188½
Bell Telephone	175	173
Royal Electric, xd	142	141½
Bank of Montreal	240	235
Ontario Bank	101	99
Molsons Bank	210	202
Bank of Toronto	235	228
Merchants Bank	..	177
Merchants Bank of Halifax	..	180
Quebec Bank	..	120
Union Bank	..	..
Bank of Commerce	135	134
Northwest Land, pref	54	52
Montreal Cotton Company, xd	140	137½
Canada Colored Cotton	75	58
Dominion Cotton	97	94½

SALES—Canadian Pacific, 225 at 81½; Duluth Com. 100 at 3½; Rich. & Ont., 25 at 108; Mont. St. Ry., 240, 1 0 at 236½, 21 at 236¾, 100 at 236½; Toronto Ry., 1225 at 88, 5 at 87¾, 225 at 87¼, 150 at 88, 25 at 87½; Mont. Gas, 125 at 188½, 250 at 188¾, 30 at 189; Bank of Montreal, 4 at 237, 4 at 236½; Merchants Bank, 2 at 175½; Dominion Cotton, 50 at 95.

Toronto Stock Market.

TORONTO, Dec. 29.

	Ask.	Bid.
Montreal	238	234½
Ontario	100½	99½
Toronto	234	228
Merchants	182	176
Commerce	136	135
Imperial	190	189½
Dominion	250	249½
Standard	..	172
Hamilton	173	169½
British America	129½	129½
Western Assurance	169½	169½
Consumers' Gas	..	211
Montreal Gas	188½	188
Dominion Telegraph	..	130½
Montreal Telegraph	..	..
Northwest Land Company, pref.	54	52
Canada Pacific Railway Stock	81½	81½
Commercial Cable Company	178½	178½
Com. Coupon Bonds	105	104½
Commercial Registered Bonds	106	104½
Postal Telegraph Company	..	..

COMMERCIAL.

Toronto Produce Market.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Wheat—Dull; cables for Ontario wheat inactive; red and white are quoted at 82c and 83c respectively north and east. Manitoba wheat quiet at $1 03 for No. 1 hard, Montreal freights, and 97½c to 98c Sarnia and Midland. Flour—Dull and unchanged at $3 80 to $3 90 for cars of straight roller west. Mill-feed, barley and buckwheat unchanged. Rye—Steady, at 45c east and 45c west. Corn—Firm at 27c to 28c for new Canada yellow west. Oats—Firmer, at 25c to 25½c west for white, with exporters bidding 24½c. Peas—Steady at 44c to 45c west. Seeds—Dull; deliveries in the country light; alsike, $2 to $5, according to quality; red clover, $2 50 to $4, and timothy, $1 to $1 50, the latter for choice flail threshed. Eggs—Strictly new laid scarce and firm at 18c to 20c, held fresh slow at 14c and limed firm at 13½c to 14c. Butter—Large rolls plentiful and steady at 13½c to 14c; choice dairy tubs wanted and 15c asked.

Montreal Produce Market.

Montreal, Dec. 29.—Grain in store: Grade No. 2 oats, 27c; peas, 51c; rye, 52c; barley, 36c to 40c; buckwheat, 36½c; white winter wheat, 95c; red do, 89c. Flour—Trade stocked; nothing expected till new year; strong bakers', $4 50 to $5; spring patents, $5 40; winter do, $4 75 to $5; straight roller, $4 35. Feed—Ontario bran, $10 50; shorts, $11 50, bulk; Manitoba bran, $11 50; shorts, $12 50, bagged. Provisions: Canada pork, per bbl, $15 to $16; ham, 11c to 13c; bacon, 10c to 12c; lard, pure, 7c to 7½c; compound, 5c to 5¼c. Produce: Eggs—New-laid, 22c; choice candled, 18c to 19c; Montreal limed, 14c to 15c; western do, 12½c to 13c. Poultry—Better demand; turkeys, 9c to 9½c; chickens, 6c to 7c; ducks, 8c to 8½c; geese, 5c to 7c. Beans quiet at 80c; primes, 90c. Potatoes, 50c to 60c per bag.

Chicago Exchange.

Following are the fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade furnished by F. H. Butler, Broker, Masonic Temple. 'Phone 1,273.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—Dec	99	99	99½	96½
May	94¾	94¾	92¾	92¾
July	84¼	84¼	83¾	83¾
Corn—Dec	27¼	27¾	27¼	27¼
May	30¼	30¾	29½	29¾
July	31¼	31¼	30½	30¾
Oats—Dec	23¼	23¼	23¼	23½
May	23¾	24¼	23¾	23¾
Pork—Dec	7 87	7 90	7 80	7 80
Jan	8 67	8 82	8 67	8 80
May	8 87	9 02	8 87	9 00
Lard—Dec	4 55	5 55	4 55	4 55
Jan	4 52	4 67	4 52	4 62
May	4 67	4 82	4 67	4 77
Ribs—Dec	4 40	4 00	4 40	4 40
Jan	4 35	4 40	4 35	4 40
May	4 50	4 60	4 50	4 55

Puts, 91¼; calls, 93¾.

American Markets.

Chicago, Dec. 29—Opening—Wheat, May, 93c to 94c; Dec., 91c; July, 84c. Corn, May, 30c to 30½c; July, 31½c; Dec., 27c. Oats, May, 23½c. Pork, May, $8 87½; Jan., $8 67½. Lard, Jan., $4 52½. Ribs, May, $4 50 to $4 52½.

NEW YORK Dec. 29.—Flour—Receipts 16,944 bbls. sales, 3,000 packages; quiet and steady. Rye flour—Quiet. Wheat—Receipts, 214,600 bu; sales, 375,000 bu options opened easy on bearish cables, but rallied on con covering, Jan., 99½c; Feb. 99½c; May, 94½c to 95 3-16c; Dec., $1 01¼. Rye—Dull. Corn—Receipts, 27,300; sales, 50,000; options opened easy, but rallied on export rumors; May 33c to 35½c; Dec., 34¾. Oats—Receipts, 191,200; sales, 40,000; options dull but steady; May, 28½c to 29½c. Butter—Receipts, 6,200 packages; firm; state dairy, 15c to 21c; state creamery, 15c to 21c; western creamery, 15c to 22½c; Elgins, 22c. Cheese—Receipts, 1,794, packages steady and unchanged. Eggs, receipts, 3,973 packages; firm; state and Pensylvania, 22c to 25½c; western, 22c to 24c. Sugar—Raw and refined, strong and unchanged.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Flour dull. Spring wheat, No. 1 hard, $1 02; No. 1 northern, $1; winter wheat, No. 2 red, 96c; No. 1 white, 96c. Corn—No. 2 yellow, 33c; No. 3 red, 32½c; No. 2 corn, 32½c; No. 3 corn, 31½c. Oats—No. 3 white, 28½c; No. 3 white, 27½c No. 4 white, 26½c on track.

DETROIT, Dec. 29.—Wheat—No. 1 white cash, 93c; No. 2 red, cash and Dec., 93c; May, 94¼c.

TOLEDO, Dec. 29.—Wheat—Cash and Dec., 95c; May, 94¾c. Corn—Cash and Dec., 28c; May, 30½c. Oats—Cash, 23c; May, 24¼c.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 29.—Wheat, cash, 87½c; May, 93c.

English Markets.

Liverpool, Dec. 29—Closing.

Wheat — Spot, No. 2 red western winter, no stock; spot No. 1 red northern spring, quiet, 7s 9d.

Corn—Spot American mixed, steady, 3s 2½d; Futures steady; Dec., steady, 3s 2½d; Jan., steady, 3s 2½d; Feb., steady, 3s 2¾d.

Flour—St. Louis fancy winter steady, 10s.

Beef—Firm, extra India mess, 66s 3d; prime mess, firm, 56s 3d.

Pork — Prime mess, fine western, firm, 48s 9d; do, medium, western firm, 46s 3d.

Hams—Short cut 14 to 16 lbs, firm, 44s.

Bacon—Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs., dull 29s 6d; short ribs, 20 to 24 lbs, easy, 33s 6d; long clear middles, light, 35 to 38 lbs, dull, 29s; long clear middles, heavy 40 to 45 lbs, dull, 28s; short clear middles, heavy, 45 to 50 lbs, no stocks; clear bellies, 12 to 14 lbs, dull, 40s; short clear backs, 16 to 18 lbs., steady, 30s

Shoulders—square 12 to 14 lbs., firm, 29s.

Lard—Prime western, steady, 24s.

Butter—Finest American, 92s; good, 60s.

Rosin—Common, steady, 4s 1½d.

Cheese—American finest white, steady, 42s 6d; colored, steady, 42s 6d.

Tallow—Prime city, steady, 18s 6d.

Cottonseed oil—Liverpool refined, steady; 16s 9d.

Turpentine spirits—Steady, 24s.

Hops—At London (Pacific coast), firm, £4 15s to £5 5s.

Live Stock Markets.

MONTREAL, Dec. 27.—There was no new feature in the live stock situation to note; the offerings of live stock at the east end abattoir market were 300 cattle, 100 sheep and lambs and 15 calves; the supply of cattle was small and the market quiet; prices were fully maintained; a few choice beeves sold at 4½c; choice at 4¼c; good at 3½c to 4c; fair at 3c to 3¾c, and common at 2¼c to 2¾c per lb, live weight. The demand for sheep and lambs was fair, and prices firm; the former sold at 3¼c to 3¾c, and the latter at 4¼c to 4¾c per lb, live weight. The calves offered were principally common stock, and sold at from $2 50 to $5 each; one choice beast brought $12.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Hogs—Estimated receipts today, 31,000; official left over, 2,247; rather slow, 5c lower than yesterday morning; light, $3 30 to $3 50; mixed, $3 35 to $3 52½; heavy, $3 25 to $3 50; rough, $3 25 to $3 30. Cattle—Receipts, 14,000; good steady, others weak; beeves, $3 75 to $5 30; cows and heifers, $1 90 to $4 50; Texas steers, $3 20 to $4 25; stockers and feeders, $3 20 to $4 25. Sheep—Receipts, 17,000; best grades steady, others weak to lower.

OLD COUNTRY PRICES.

London, Dec. 27.—Although the trade in cattle was fair, the tone of the market was weaker and prices show a decline of ¼c since this day week, choice States selling at 11¼c; on the other hand, Argentine cattle were cabled steady at 10c, and sheep at 10½c.

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Will He Come Back?

Unexpected Departure of a Maitland Street Butcher.

His Family and Several Creditors Want to Know His Whereabouts.

John Lovell, the proprietor of a butcher shop at the corner of Maitland street and Dufferin avenue, was summoned to appear for examination under judgment debt on Friday last, but failed to put in an appearance. The action was brought by Mr. Isaac, another butcher, with whom Lovell was in partnership for some months last year in business on Dundas street. When the partnership was dissolved, Isaac claimed Lovell owed him $450, and obtained judgment against him for the amount. Lovell would not produce his books and submit to an examination, but on the day before Christmas took his departure for parts unknown, leaving his wife and children to face his creditors. "I don't know where he is," his wife said, when asked about her husband; "he's gone and left nothing but debts behind him. He took his portmanteau, and left on Friday morning." It is supposed his debts amount to over $1,000, and the principal creditors include Messrs. Newcombe, of London township, and Isaac, of this city. He leaves some real estate, which, though encumbered, will partly meet his liabilities. Great astonishment is expressed at his departure by all who knew him, and it is hoped that he will return and endeavor to arrange matters.

Private Bills

Before the Committees of the Ontario Legislature.

A Measure Affecting London Dealt With.

[G. N. W. Special to The Advertiser.]

Parliament House, Toronto, Dec. 29.—At a meeting of the private bills committee of the Legislature this morning, a number of interesting measures were passed.

The City of London Bill went through, annexing the village of London West and authorizing the borrowing of $56,000 to pay London West debentures, and $75,000 for hospital and other purposes.

The "Bicyclist's Best Friend" is a familiar name for Trask's Magnetic Ointment, always ready for emergencies. While a specific for Piles, it also instantly relieves and cures cuts, bruises, salt rheum, eczema and all affections of the skin. It never fails. 25 cents. 27

Topics of Today.

Dr. Wilson wiggled in London West, also.

Has the man been discovered who can pin Dr. Wilson down to a statement made by him?

Diplomatic relations between Great Britain and Venezuela are now finally and completely restored.

Mr. Whitney, leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly, was nominated by his constituents in Dundas.

It is reported that Sir J. A. Chapleau will take control of La Presse, of Montreal, after his term as lieutenant-governor has expired.

The late Mrs. Cawthra, of Toronto, left $2,685,909 40. Of this sum $2,501,280 40 goes to her grand-nephew, a son of Hon. Wm. Mulock, Postmaster-General, yet in his teens.

LATEST WEATHER FORECAST.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—11 a.m.—Probabilities for the lower lakes region for the next 24 hours: Strong southerly to southwesterly winds; mostly fair and considerably milder; a few local showers of sleet or rain at night.

LOCAL MENTION.

ATTRACTIONS TONIGHT.

Catholic Club—Entertainment.
Auditorium—Cinematographe.
Jubilee Rink—Skating.
Princess Rink—Skating.
Central Avenue Rink—Skating.
Daisy Rink—Skating.
Colborne Street Church—Cantata.

Around the City

—Mrs. Wm. Gibson, of West London, is visiting relatives in Chicago.

—Hon. George W. Ross, minister of education, left the city for the east today.

—Hon. Edward Blake sailed from New York for Liverpool today on the steamer Majestic.

—Mrs. D. Nicoll, of London, Ont., is visiting Mrs. Renwick, 535 King street east.—Hamilton Herald.

—On New Year's eve a Christmas tree entertainment will be given at the Aged People's Home, beginning at 8 o'clock.

—Mayor Little today signed $150,000 worth of sewerage debentures, $120,000 of which has been sold to the Confederation Life.

—Miss Marie Lenox, of Mill street, is spending Christmas with her aunt, Mrs. George Bradbeer, Lincoln avenue, Detroit, Mich.

—Is it calculated to make property in No. 3 ward sell any the better for anyone to describe it as the home of a nest of germs?

—Wm. Long, an orphan aged 11, has been committed by Magistrate Noble, of Strathroy, to the care of the Children's Aid Society of this city.

—Miss O'Dell, who now holds an excellent position in the Woman's Hospital, of New York city, is spending a three weeks' vacation at her home.

—St. Andrew's Society will give out their Christmas cheer tomorrow (Thursday) at 3:30 p.m., from the store of Mr. T. A. Rowat, Dundas street.

—Mr. J. W. Metherall has taken out a permit to erect a brick store on Dundas street, east of Adelaide, and a brick stable, to cost $2,377 and $500, respectively.

—Mrs. J. D. Hodgins and her daughter Mabel are visiting with Mrs. Hodgins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Edwards, of Lobo, who are celebrating their golden wedding.

—Charles Moore was arraigned before Judge William Elliot this morning on the charge of arson, and pleaded guilty to setting fire to a vacant house on the Bostwick line, Westminster, the property of Mr. Nemo. He was remanded until Friday for sentence.

—In No. 2 ward the electors are called upon to elect two school trustees, Dr. Wilson retiring, leaves the remainder of his term—one year—to be filled, and for this term Jas. H. Ferguson, of John Ferguson & Sons, the well-known furniture manufacturers, is opposed to Wm. T. Hamilton.

—The Glencoe Transcript, reporting the high school concert there the other evening, says: "Miss Margaret Cowan, soprano, of London, made her first appearance in Glencoe, and delighted the audience with her beautiful rendering of Scotch songs. Miss Cowan is the possessor of a rich, clear voice, and she responded cheerfully to hearty encores.

—Paul Weatherbee, chief engineer of the militia department, Ottawa, is in the city inspecting the sewerage arrangements of Wolseley Barracks. The barracks' sewage at present empties into Carling's creek. The city desire the government to defray part of the expense of carrying it to the new sewer on Lorne avenue, as the present condition of affairs is unsanitary.

—The annual tea meeting for the children of Knox Presbyterian Church, South London, took place last evening, in the school-room of the church. A bountiful tea was spread for the little folks, after which an interesting programme of recitations, singing, etc., was carried out, Miss Laura Brown acting as accompanist, and Miss Mary Leys conducting the singing of the infant class. The secretary's report was read and adopted, showing the school to be in a flourishing condition. Mr. Alex. McQueen, the superintendent, was chairman, and the pastor, Rev. J. G. Stuart, was also on the platform, and gave a short address. At the conclusion of the children's tea-meeting, a social tea was held for the teachers and the Bible class, which was greatly enjoyed.

HOCKEY.

An interesting game of hockey was played on the Central Rink between the Waterloos and the Central Rink club, resulting in favor of the latter by a score of 3 to 2. At half time the score stood a tie.

The Centrals are open for challenges from any juvenile team wishing to play on the Central Rink. Address R. Vick, Central Rink.

A DINNER PILL.—Many persons suffer excruciating agony after partaking of a hearty dinner. The food partaken of is like a ball of lead upon the stomach, and instead of being a healthy nutriment, it becomes a poison to the system. Dr. Parmelee's Vegetable Pills are wonderful correctives of such troubles. They correct acidity, open the secretions, and convey the food partaken of into healthy nutriment. They are just the medicine to take if troubled with indigestion or dyspepsia.

If you have ever seen a little child in a paroxysm of Croup, or if you have been annoyed by a constant tickling in the throat, you can appreciate the value of Ransom's Hive Syrup and Tolu, which gives quick relief. 25 cents. 26

Wiggling Again.

Dr. Wilson's Hospital Bylaw Explanations Knocked Out.

Mr. P. W. D. Brodrick's Letter to the Civic Authorities Contradict Them.

At East London and West London meetings the hospital bylaw formed a subject of dispute between Dr. Wilson, one of the mayoralty candidates, and Mayor Little. At the meeting in East London, Mayor Little said:

"Dr. Wilson was perfectly correct when he said that the council appeared to take two stands upon the hospital question when they agreed to submit the question, 'Are you willing to spend $70,000 for hospital purposes?' The other, 'Are you in favor of the new or the old site?' I approved of it myself, but before the time came when the bylaw could be formally presented in the council the jubilee plans were in such a position that they could not be opened. Is that not so, Dr. Wilson?"

Dr. Wilson replied that it was not so, and he asserted that the plans were always available for the civic representatives. The mayor promptly turned to the civic records, and at the West London meeting read the following letter:

"London, Nov. 18, 1897.

"To John Pope, secretary, No. 1 Committee:

"Dear Sir,—I am instructed by the directors of the Victoria Diamond Jubilee Hospital Company (Limited), to inform you that owing to unforeseen circumstances they regret their inability to lay the plans of the proposed Victoria Hospital before your committee. They also desire to express to No. 1 Committee their appreciation of the courtesy and kind consideration extended to them. I remain your faithful servant, P. W. D. BRODRICK,

"Secretary."

This letter should settle the question. Either Mr. Brodrick did not write the truth in November last, or Dr. Wilson is entirely mistaken today, and his attack on the mayor, aldermen, hospital trustees and the large majority of the medical profession of the city who support them in their action is most unwarranted.

In view of this strong documentary evidence, Dr. Wilson should withdraw his charge of bad faith, and apologize for having made it.

STOLE FIVE COATS.

Fred Williams Gets Six Months in the Central—Fined for Selling Liquor.

Fred Williams, alias Fred Smith, alias James McLeod, arrested a few days ago on the charge of having stolen on overcoat, was tried before Magistrate Parke today, and found guilty of stealing a fur coat, valued at $45, from Mr. Donald Dewar at the Bernard House, on Dec. 22, and a frieze coat belonging to Wm. Reed, from the Boswell House, on the same day. Wm. Crosley's coat had been stolen by Williams on Dec. 21, after his arrival in London, from St. Thomas, where he stole Engineer Ingram's coat from the Wilcox House there. He disposed of some of the coats here at local pawn shops, where he gave fictitious names. The sentence imposed was six months in the Central prison on each charge, to run concurrently.

E. H. Cowan, a grocer, on Richmond street north, pleaded guilty to selling liquor without a license, and was fined $20 and costs. On Dec. 20 Inspector Henderson seized 35 bottles of ale and 3 bottles of whisky.

The case against John Lewis, charged with violation of the liquor law, was again postponed, and a warrant issued for the arrest of young Delameter, the principal witness.

Two drunks, P. McCue and Thomas Walsh, were allowed to go.

SEPARATE SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

Retiring Members Re-elected by Acclamation—Two Vacancies Filled.

The nomination of trustees to replace the retiring members of the separate school board took place at St. Peter's school this morning between 12 and 1 o'clock. Mr. P. Mulkern was returning officer. The positions were all filled by acclamation, and the nominees declared duly elected. The following were re-elected:

Philip Pocock, No. 1 ward, for a two-year term.

Martin O'Sullivan, No. 2 ward, for a two-year term.

John Forristal, No. 3 ward, for a two-year term.

Rev. M. J. Tiernan, No. 4 ward, for a two-year term.

J. B. Murphy, No. 5 ward, for a two-year term.

Wm. P. Regan, No. 6 ward, for a two-year term.

John Loughlin, ward 5, for a one-year term, to take the place of Rev. Father McCormick.

J. P. Murray, ward 6, for a one-year term, to the position held by the late Dr. Hanavan.

The trustees whose terms of office have not yet expired are: P. Mulkern, No. 1 ward; J. D. LeBel, No. 2 ward; James Ward, No. 3 ward, and Wm. McPhillips, No. 4 ward.

AN EX-M. P. DROWNED.

John Burnham, Q. C., Loses His Life Mysteriously at Peterboro.

[G. N. W. Special to The Advertiser.]

Peterboro, Ont., Dec. 29.—The residents of this town were startled by the report that John Burnham, Q.C., ex-M.P., had met death in the Otonabee River.

An investigation showed that the report was only too true. Mr. Burnham had fallen through the ice, but under what circumstances nobody so far appears to know. The body has not yet been recovered.

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

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The Big Ball.

Victorian Era Celebration in Toronto.

Magnificent Entertainment Given by Lord and Lady Aberdeen—Londoners Who Participated.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—The Governor-General and Lady Aberdeen spared neither time nor expense to make the Victoria Era ball, given in the Armories last night, a magnificent success. It was a striking spectacle. The great hall was splendidly decorated, and the variegated costumes of the 2,000 guests were brilliant beyond description. The glowing light spread a soft radiance over the beautifully-decorated room, and on the hundreds of guests all seated closely in bright attire in the surrounding galleries; while in constant procession across the floor passed all the characters in fiction, art and music which the genius of the Victorian age has created; representatives from every land to "the last least lump of coral" over which the British flag waves, passed in picturesque procession, and a goodly and inspiring sight it was.

At about 9 o'clock the whole vast assemblage rose as one to receive their excellencies, who entered with a brilliant suite, his honor the lieutenant-governor, Col. Gibson and others.

His excellency the governor-general wore the full dress uniform of an imperial privy councilor, with the long mantle of Saxon blue satin, lined with crimson, of a knight of the Grand Cross of St. Michael and St. George. His decorations were the collar and star of the same order, the star and badge of a past grand master of the Order of St. Patrick, and the badge of a baronet of Nova Scotia, together with the Queen's jubilee medal.

The Countess of Aberdeen looked regal indeed in a gown of royal blue velvet edged with ermine, a petticoat of cream Irish poplin, richly embroidered in gold in a Celtic design, also edged at the foot with ermine, court train of Irish poplin, edged with gold embroidery from designs from the famous ancient illuminated manuscript book of Kells. The train was lined with crimson satin. Her jewels were an Indian necklace, a tiara and necklace of uncut emeralds, diamonds, rubies, pearls, and enamel and Celtic gold ornaments, crimson court feathers and lace veil. Her long train was carried by six dear little pages, Master Osler, Master Moss, Master Mulock and Master Kingsmill, little Miss Amy Denison, little Miss M. Barwick.

The group of people assembled on the dais was one of distinction, and comprised besides their excellencies no less than two lieutenant-governors of Ontario and Manitoba, and two ex-lieutenant-governors—Sir George Kirkpatrick (whose entrance to the ball room was greeted with loud applause, so glad were all to see him), and Sir Wm. Howland. The Bishop of Toronto, Mrs. Sweatman, the Hon. the Speaker of the House of Commons, and Mrs. Edgar, Lady Thompson, Sir Casimir and Lady Gzowski, Sir Frank Smith, Hon. the Postmaster-General and Mrs. Mulock, were among those who sat there, as well as the ladies and gentlemen who represented Europe and Africa in the empire group.

After the National Anthem, the bugles blared out the first historic dance, which was representative of the empire, embracing North America, India and Australasia, Europe and Africa. It was a splendid and inspiring sight to see these groups all in characteristic costume, rich in color and beautiful in every particular, march through the intricate figures. After the dance those taking part were all presented to their excellencies.

London was represented at the great social gathering by a party of ladies and gentlemen representing "Hunting." Mrs. Carpenter was the organizer, and Mr. Kilgour was the herald. The party embraced: Mrs. A. E. Carpenter, the Misses Lorna Gibbons, Kathleen Hutchinson, Amy McDonough, Mary Gartshore, Alice Marshall, Edna Gartshore; Messrs. G. C. Gibbons, Capt. A. E. Carpenter, Major A. M. Smith, Adam Beck, P. McKenzie, H. A. Richardson, F. F. Harper, John B. Kilgour (herald). Ladies' costumes: White satin skirts, scarlet velvet jackets with blue revers, white satin waistcoats with hunting stocks, black Gainsborough hats with plumes. Men's costumes: Pink dress (evening) coats, faced with blue, black satin knee-breeches, black silk stockings, white waistcoats. Herald: Blue velvet coat (1840), lace ruffles, black satin knee-breeches, black silk stockings.

Steamship Arrivals.

Dec. 28.	At	From
Lake Superior	Halifax	Liverpool
Ulunda	Halifax	Liverpool
Catalonia	Boston	Liverpool
Pennland	Philadelphia	Liverpool
Lake Winnipeg	Liverpool	St. John
Concordia	Glasgow	St. John
Sicilia	New York	Stettin
Westernland	New York	Antwerp
Dec. 29.	At	From
Saale	Southampton	New York

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Lobo Village.

Magnificent Success of the School Entertainment.

The Advertiser's Strathroy correspondent writes: The Lobo village school entertainment, held on Thursday evening, proved a magnificent success. The proceeds were $52, and about one hundred pupils and performers were admitted free. The children, who gave the whole programme, with the exception of five numbers, performed admirably. Miss Jean Gunn, of Ailsa Craig, possesses a splendid voice and a charming stage appearance, and we predict for her a prominent place among leading elocutionists. During the evening, the teacher, Mr. G. P. Smith, who is leaving the school to further pursue his studies, was presented by the pupils with a beautiful gold watch and chain. The presentation was made by H. McGugan, while Mamie Irvine read the address, which congratulated the departing teacher on the successful completion of his third year, but expressed the regret of the pupils and their friends at losing his much-appreciated services and society and voiced their heartfelt wishes for his success in the future. The address was signed on behalf of the school by Mamie Irvine, Lorne McArthur, Flo. McGugan, J. Steele, Floss Calvin, Jas. McArthur.

Mr. Smith did not attempt a speech in reply, but in a very few words expressed his regret at parting with the children, the interest he would continue to take in their welfare, his deep appreciation of the handsome gift he had received, and his sincere thanks to the children, and to the parents, who assistem them. At the close of the performance, Mr. Smith was informed that the trustees had passed a resolution that he be allowed to keep the proceeds of the entertainment after expenses were paid.

IN A FIT OF ANGER

A Dumb Man Recovers Speech—Profanity Gives Place to Praise.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 28.—Patrick Kelly, wood finisher, who for over a year has been dumb, suddenly recovered the use of speech yesterday during a fit of anger.

He was greatly surprised to find himself talking, and changed his words from curses to a fervent "Thank God."

He was formerly employed by Mahleson & Co., at Wilmington, Del., and it was when he was about to curse one of his bosses there that his voice was palsied.

Napoleon Millette, of Ottawa, while felling a tree in the Eddy Company timber limit near Mattawa, had his head crushed to a jelly. He leaves a widow and two children.

ITCHING PILES.

Some time ago I was completely incapacitated for business by Itching Piles. I bought a box of Chase's Ointment at Roper' Drug Store, and on applying it was relieved at once. I have given it to others and all have been relieved. It has cured some that had undergone an operation.

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HONORE'S FATE.

"Not quite yet," said Honore gently; "I will ask first if my Cousin Phoebe will come and stay with me."

"You will write to her, then, or shall I go down to Statton?"

"No, thank you"—Honore hesitated unaccountably over the reply. "I shall like to go down to Statton myself."

Mr. Stafford could not understand the tone.

"She is changed a good deal," he mused to himself, "since—I suppose since Lady Lawrence's death—and she looks changed, too; not by her mourning, but by something else. Unless it was Haughton's visit, I cannot make it out. There is some purpose in her mind, some decidedly real and earnest purpose. What is it?"

"I trust," he added aloud, "you had no ill news from Statton in the letters you found here, Miss Craven."

"No."

"That poor little French photographer is dead, I hear."

"Yes; and one of my other purposes for the journey to Statton is to bring his daughter back with me. There is abundance of room here, and I can take care of her, and perhaps lighten her suffering a little."

"One of my other purposes," repeated the lawyer to himself, watching her rather observantly. "To fetch her cousin if she will come, one purpose; to bring back the sick girl, another; and what is the third; The important one, evidently; I can see it in her face, poor child!"

The lawyer Lady Lawrence had chosen was a man of large, warm heart, and just sufficient self esteem to know how valuable was his advice and help.

So he said in his kind tones: "If you have any purpose in your visit to Kinbury in which my help can be of use to you, my dear Miss Craven, I hope you know your old friend John Stafford well enough to trust him."

She looked up into his face, in doubt only for a moment; then a great relief shone in her eyes.

"Will you help me?" she asked, almost below her breath.

"I will, my dear young lady; believe me in this—I will."

The promise was prompt and spontaneous, but it was none the less true for that; and she in a moment trusted it, and felt what a support and rest this help would be.

"I am going," she said, her hands clasped in her lap, and her lips trembling as the words passed them, "with this purpose—do not laugh or scorn; ah! please do not, for it is a purpose I cannot give up, though it will seem hopeless to you—I—want to find the real murderer of old Mr. Myddelton."

CHAPTER XXVI.

Honore's unexpected appearance at the Larches a few days after her return to England had a very curious effect upon Miss Haughton. If an opportunity had been given that lady of declining to see her young cousin at all she would gladly have availed herself of it; but Honore guessed something of this, and so sent no notice of her intention to visit Statton.

Mr. Stafford traveled with her to Kinbury, then she walked alone to East Cottage, and Marie Verrien—but for the mourning dress and for something in Honore's face which gave it a new, sweet gravity—felt that Miss Craven might just have walked in from the Larches to chat with her is in old times.

And this was really the millionaire about whom the village had had so much to say, and of whose first visit here so many wild conjectures had been framed. Marie gazed in wonder greater even than her admiration. They had told her Miss Craven had become one of the grandest ladies in England, that she had visited all the kings and queens in Europe, and that the greatest gentlemen in the world were wooing her. Yet here she was, sitting quite naturally, in the bare little kitchen, and talking just as she used to talk. And—ah! was it a dream? Surely it must be a dream; —she was proposing to take back to her own beautiful, wonderful home, the lame, useless woman, whom others thought a burden.

Was it any wonder that Marie, after that, could not utter one single connected speech through Honore's stay? Honore herself made all arrangements for the removal. A neighbor who came in every morning and night to assist the lonely young Frenchwoman would help in this. The cottage could be given up at once to the old man who had the lodgings, and who, at her father's death, had expressed a wish to take the whole cottage. So Marie was to be ready to leave Statton on the next day but one.

After a bright hour for Marie, Honore continued her walk to the Larches. The distance seemed nothing to the girl, so busy were her thoughts, and so quickly memories crowded upon her. Ten years of her life had been spent here in uninterrupted routine; then had followed the two great events of her life. She had refused the only love she had ever prized or valued, and had won the vast wealth which made her life so different a one from that which thtey now lived, that formed her home in old days.

With her thoughts buried in those past times, she walked slowly on along the highway, and those who met and knew her stood to watch her out of sight, marveling because, like the young Frenchwoman, they had built their own romances of Miss Craven's coming to Statton some day with half a dozen horses to her carriage, and men in scarlet riding beside it, passing under arches of flowers and evergreens, to the music of the volunteer band from Kinbury. And this was the way she had come at last!

All unconscious of the disappointment she was causing, Honore greeted these villagers with her bright words and smiles, and seemed to forget just then that her home was not among them as it used to be.

Before she had reached the Larches she was overtaken by the rector, who hurried cordially up to her.

"Mrs. Romer will be delighted," he said; "you will come and see her, Miss Craven? You will come and stay with us a little?"

"I should like it very much, Mr. Romer," said Honore, with a readiness, and even gratitude, quite unexpected by him. "I only intend to be in this neighborhood two days, and I am going now to the Larches—do you think they will ask me to stay?"

"Promise to come to us today, Miss Craven, do! Whatever they wish, let them know that you have given me the prior promise."

"Yes, I will promise, Mr. Romer. I see that you feel sure they will not care to see me, and I am very much obliged for your invitation."

And this was the return of the millionaire!

"Mr. Haughton has grown more morose than ever during the last few days, Honore"—the old name slipped out so naturally when he found her just his little favorite of old days—"and Miss Haughton more wrapped up in her brother or herself, or both. It will not cheer you to stay there, my dear."

"And Phoebe?"

"Phoebe is just what she always was and probably what she always will be. You are sure to have heard all about the others," continued the rector, looking down into her face, "as Captain Trent hurried to town to put himself at your service."

"Hervey's service," said Honore, laughing, "is pre-eminently a summer pastime, Mr. Romer. It is not a wearying process for him."

"I suppose Lady Lawrence discouraged his visits?"

"Yes, and he did not force them upon us."

"That was well, but it will be different now. Shall you go to Deergrove today?"

"Oh, no!"

"That is well, too. Mrs. and Miss Trent are not generous to the memory of Lady Lawrence, or——"

"Or to me," smiled Honore.

"Of course, you are going over to Abbotsmoor? You will hardly know it."

"I hope not," she answered. "Mr. Stafford is staying in Kinbury, and will drive over tomorrow for me. I intend to spend a whole day at Abbotsmoor, as I want to go over the cottages as well as the house."

"The cottages, eh?" laughed the rector. "There will not be much pleasure in that for you. The Abbotsmoor poor are a benighted set."

"High time, indeed, is it not, that someone lived at Abbotsmoor?"

"High time, indeed, and a good day it will be for Abbotsmoor, Honore, when you go."

They had reached the Larches now, and the rector, with a last reminder to Honore of her promise, opened the gate for her.

She looked eagerly up at the bare windows of her old home, as she trod the familiar drive to the front door. No sign of any face looking out; and she knocked with a hand that trembled a little.

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Hospital Trustee Complin Exposes Some More Wilsonian Fallacies and Twistings.

Speeches by Mayor Little, the Aldermanic and Water Commissioner Candidates.

Collins' Hall, London West, was the scene of the second municipal campaign meeting. The place was filled to the doors, as usual upon such occasions.

It was 8:30 when Mr. Levi Hammond was called to the chair amid cheers and considerable uproar. Some discussion followed as to how long the speakers should talk, and the limit was placed at 30 minutes.

MR. C. F. COMPLIN,

hospital trustee, was the first speaker. He explained the bylaw upon which the people had to vote and the reason for the creation of that bylaw. He went over the ground from the year 1888, when the hospital trust took control of the institution. In that year 494 cases were treated in the old building. A building for contagious diseases became necessary, and one was provided. The necessity for this was proved by the fact that last year 99 cases of diphtheria were treated in that department. Increased accommodation was needed year after year, and was provided to some extent. But the demand grew so rapidly that, greater accommodation was an absolute necessity. The trust appointed a committee to consider the question of providing accommodation, but when the jubilee hospital committee proposed to build a hospital by subscription, they had taken no action, but resolved to await the outcome of the jubilee committee's work. When it was apparent that the money could not be raised it was decided to ask the people for a sufficient sum to provide sufficient accommodation, either by building a new hospital on the old site, or remodeling the old building. Last year 842 patients were treated, while the institution had only 70 beds. Many had to be turned away when their condition hardly warranted it. Doctors brought patients to London from long distances, and these, as a rule, were a source of revenue to the institution, but unless proper facilities were provided outside patients would have to be refused. The plans as submitted to the people were recommended and approved by the hospital trust and the medical men in the city. Neither the trust nor the doctors could recommend a new hospital on a new site, as the old building could be used for the nurses' department, and the new pavilions for treating patients. He hoped the bylaw would be carried.

ALD. PARNELL

was received with applause. He went over the work of the council during the time he had been a member, and challenged any man to point to an improper act on his part. He spoke of the electric lighting contract and cheap lights, the division system of paying taxes, which had proved so great a benefit and convenience to the poorer class, and the Port Stanley lease. By this lease London had been given a lake port, which was a great boon to the merchants. Citizens could not see such great evidences of this now as they would in the future. He characterized the sewerage scheme as one of the most beneficial works ever undertaken. He described its benefits, and said it had been condemned by his opponents and people who were ill qualified to judge. The council had constructed the sewerage system $40,000 cheaper than the original estimates.

Voice—Where was this $40,000 saved from? Was it taken from the workingmen? (Applause.)

Ald. Parnell—The question is a fair one, and all I have to say is that the $40,000 has been saved, not by any depreciation of the workingmen, but by judicious administration. He then read from the agreement, showing how the interests of the workingmen were protected by the enactment that the pay of the laborers should be at least 14 cents an hour. (Applause.) The money had been saved by careful letting of the contracts. The last contract had been let to Mr. Brown for $39,000, and the original estimate was $55,000 for the same work. Mr. Brown wanted to back out, but the specifications and agreement were so binding that he had to go on with the work at his contract price. The city by this gained just $13,000. (Applause.) Ald. Parnell refuted the attack made on him that he was opposed to amalgamation. He read from the minutes of the council proceedings of 1892, where he had advocated a move for the amalgamation of London West with No. 2 ward. He successfully refuted, with evidence that could not be denied, the allegations made by his opponents that he had tried to prevent London West residents from working on the sewer. Another lie was nailed by Ald. Parnell by a signed contract. Mr. Parnell said it had been reported that he had opposed a certain man getting a contract for pulling down public buildings because he lived in London West. That he denied. He had opposed it because the London West contractor had tendered for $151 and somebody else for $91.

Mr. Daniels—This is what I have reported, and what I am able to uphold.

Ald. Parnell (smiling)—Mr. Daniels, would you like to see your own signature?

The cheers and applause that followed this drowned Mr. Daniels' voice, and all that could be distinguished was "you know," "rougues," "sour bread," "London West," "fool us," "snag," etc.

Ald. Parnell—I don't wish to hurt Mr. Daniels' feelings.

Mr. Daniels—You can't hurt them. What I have said I am able to back up. I have offered to meet you on the platform of the city hall and discuss it with you——

Small Voice—Oh, close yer face.

Ald. Parnell felt sure that the better sense of the electors would prevail on election day. He felt satisfied that if the people wanted a man with a practical knowledge of what the city needed, gained by years of experience, they would not return Dr. Wilson. In conclusion Ald. Parnell said he had endeavored during his term of office to give a pure administration and a just one.

DR. WILSON

was also well received. He began his address by asking Ald. Parnell the question: "Do you feel disposed to carry on the mode of warfare which The Advertiser is pursuing?"

Ald. Parnell gave him to understand that he was not the editor of The Advertiser, and was not responsible for what it said.

Dr. Wilson said The Advertiser had made an unwarranted attack upon him. It garbled his speeches, and tried to force the hospital scheme on his shoulders? (Laughter.) He had always treated The Advertiser men like gentlemen, the same as the other papers. The Advertiser had tried to throw responsibility of the $70,000 on his shoulders. It flunked after advocating for nine months the very same thing as he had himself advocated. He termed the hospital question a vexed one, and was sorry to have to make any reference to it, but he had to in self-defense. Nothing was said until he came out as a candidate for mayor, and then he said The Advertiser wanted him to father everything. He accused Mayor Little of insinuating that he was thick-headed, and produced the bill in the Legislature and bylaw, which he read. These, he said, were in direct conflict. He thought the mayor retiring should step down and out on independent lines, and not speak on behalf of a candidate of his own persuasion. Dr. Wilson referred to Ald. Parnell as having made insinuations about "blue blood," but if Ald. Parnell kept on making those insinuations, his blood would be green before he (Dr. Wilson) got through with him. He disliked to say anything against the old hospital, but The Advertiser had forced it on him. He did say it was a "nest of germs," and gave as his reason for saying so that a woman had gone into the maternity ward, and before she came out she had suffered from measles, scarlet fever and diphtheria. He denied that he was opposed to No. 3 ward as a hospital site, and said that statement had been circulated by a "dirty little political feeling." The hospital bylaw, in his opinion, was a farce. The only good the bylaw did was to help spend money. Whether it carried or not, it meant $2 a day for about 72 scrutineers.

A Ratepayer—What about the 42 doctors, who think the old hospital is all right, and you say it is a nest of germs?

Dr. Wilson said the 42 doctors in the city all agreed with him. (Laughter.) Referring to the sewer, he said he did not know a great deal about it, but could not see where there was any benefit to West London. He opposed the sewage farm on account of its proximity to Springbank Park. He condemned the ward system.

EFFECTIVE EXPOSURES.

Ald. Parnell replied, and exposed Dr. Wilson's ignorance of the benefits of the sewer system to West London. By the dumping of the sewage into the river, the village people's property had been depreciated. Now such a thing could not happen from that cause.

Mr. C. F. Complin then got after Dr. Wilson. Mr. Complin denied that the hospital trustees had stood idly by and watched the jubilee hospital project die. Dr. Wilson and the jubilee hospital people had made no provision to use the old site, which could not be abandoned without a big loss to the taxpayers, and the bylaw was submitted as a last resort to secure the proper accommodation. Regarding the woman who had suffered measles, scarlet fever and diphtheria while in the maternity ward, Mr. Complin said it was very queer that such a thing could happen and the trust not know of it. (Applause.) If Dr. Wilson knew this to be a fact, that gentleman would have pursued a much better course had he reported the matter at once. (Applause.)

Dr. Wilson said he had been informed that such was the case, and promised the names of the informants and that of the woman.

MAYOR LITTLE

was received with cheers. He had not come, he said, to enter into any controversy with anybody, but wished to explain why it was that the hospital bylaw was submitted in its present form. When No. 1 committee were considering the plans, the jubilee hospital plans were not forthcoming, and the mayor here read a letter from P. W. D. Brodrick, stating that they were in such a position that it would be impossible to submit them. Under the impression that the jubilee committee had thrown up the sponge, the committee recommended the building of a new hospital on the old site. Dr. Wilson had made a remark about awarding contracts to the Canadian firms. He referred to an incident that happened at the time the asphalt pavement contract was let. He had a contract paper which had been given to a certain party, all signed, all the particulars, with guarantee, etc., with the exception of the price. That party was instructed to insert the price and secure the contract at all hazards. The contract was awarded to the lowest legitimate tenderer, and, in his opinion, it was the wisest thing the council had ever done. He concluded by congratulating the people of West London who had become citizens on terms honorable to both parties. (Cheers.)

WATER COMMISSIONERS.

Messrs. Joseph C. Judd, Wm. Jones and J. M. Parsons, candidates for water commissioners, spoke next. The latter gentleman was only half-through when the chairman called "Time."

The audience began to file out, and Reeve Saunby addressed them as they went on the good work the last council of London West had done.

W. H. Bartram opposed Mr. Saunby, and gave as his reason that Mr. Saunby was a party to the terms of amalgamation, which he said were a disgrace to every man who had anything to do with them. Amalgamation was wrong. He thought the council should give justice, and not talk about liberality. Mr. Saunby was disqualified because he had paid $300 of village money for a suit brought about by Mr. Macdonald against him (Mr. Bartram). The latter said there had been a compact between Mr. Macdonald and Mr. Saunby, by which Mr. Saunby was allowed the reeveship.

Mr. Saunby characterized this statement as a downright lie, and said Mr. Bartram had his knife in the council of West London because they would not pay him money he had no right to.

Mr. Hamilton, speaking as a Conservative, was proud of his colleague, Reeve Saunby. He thought Mr. Bartram's remarks an insult to the people, and if they wanted a good man, morally, as well as every other way, Reeve Saunby should be elected as an alderman.

Ald. Olmsted refuted the statement made by some parties that his factory was full of girls and boys who were half-paid. Mr. Olmsted said he paid his men and women union wages, and the girls made from $5 to $9 per week. Any person doubting his word could have access to his books.

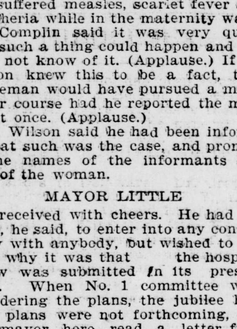
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FAIR AND MILDER.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—11 p.m.—The low mentioned last night is now centered over Manitoba, and pressure is highest over the Middle and Atlantic States. The weather has been for the most part cold and fair from the lakes to the Atlantic, and fair and mild over the western portion of the continent. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Esquimalt, 48-50; Calgary, 24-40; Qu'Appelle, 12-38; Winnipeg, 2-30; Port Arthur, 6 below-24; Toronto, 4-24; Ottawa, 10 below-6; Montreal, 2 below-6; Quebec, 2 below-4; Halifax, 8-30.

Probabilities: Toronto, Dec. 29—1 a.m. —Southerly and southwesterly winds; mostly fair and turning mild on Thursday.

Local Temperatures: The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the observatory here yesterday were 19.5 above and 8.2 below.

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News About Town

—Mr. Fred Henry went to Stratford today to examine the competitive plans for the proposed city hall.

—Miss Florence E. Payne, of Windsor, Ont., is spending her Christmas holidays with friends in London.

—Mr. Robert Burns has accepted the position of head clerk at the Grigg, vice Mr. H. E. Young, resigned.

—Brussels Post: Councillor Wilson and family intend removing to London early in January. We are sorry to have them move away from town.

—Hon. Thomas Greenway, premier of Manitoba, arrived here yesterday and left on the afternoon train to visit relatives and friends at Exeter and Centralia.

—Mrs. R. T. Lord, of Newbury, was brought to the city hospital here by her physician, Dr. Carson. An operation for the removal of a tumor was performed, and her friends are hoping for her speedy recovery.

—Galt Reporter: We regret to learn that Mr. F. S. Hungerford, of the Merchants' Bank staff here, and who went to London to spend Christmas, is ill of typhoid fever in the London hospital. We hope to hear of his speedy recovery.

—Charles Moore, a young man employed by Isaac Brooks, of Westminster, who was arrested a week ago for arson, was committed for trial by Squire J. B. Smyth for setting fire to one of Mr. Nemo's vacant houses on the Bostwick line, Westminster.

—Mr. Augustus Frizelle and Miss Lizzie M. Deehan, of this city, were united in marriage in Ingersoll yesterday afternoon by Rev. Father Connolly, of that town. The ceremony was performed in the church, Mr. Patrick Deehan and Miss Teresa G. Deehan, of this city, assisting the groom and bride, respectively.

—Another old resident of London, Mr. Thomas Bradford, passed away on Tuesday morning. He was 83 years of age, and a native of Cambridge. He came to Canada nearly 60 years ago, and for nearly 50 years years was a resident of London. For many years the deceased was connected with the Dundas Center Methodist Church. The remains will be interred privately tomorrow.

—The Cinematographe and the Gilbert-Gordon Company gave another delightful entertainment in the Auditorium last night. There was a special matinee for ladies and children this afternoon. The company reappear tonight and tomorrow night. They had intended to be in Stratford tomorrow night, but the burning of the hall there canceled the engagement.

—A jolly sleighing party, consisting of about 35 persons, after a drive around the city, made their way to St. Johns Monday afternoon, where a sumptuous dinner was spread by Mine Host Barrell. After doing justice to the tempting viands, a couple of hours was spent in games, music and song. At an early hour in the evening a return was made to the city, everybody having thoroughly enjoyed the outing.

—Mrs. R. Winnett, 520 South street, was presented the other evening by her Sunday school class with a set of George Eliot's works and a handsome volume of Browning's poems. The presentation was made by Miss Minnie Piercy, and an affectionate address read by Miss Beatrice Harpin. Miss Agnes Hossie, who is leaving the city, was presented with a group picture of the class and an address.

—A very interesting meeting of the microscopical section of the Entomological society was held in the society's rooms, Y. M. C. A. building, on Monday evening, when the subject of marine algae was taken up by Mr. Richard Lees, M.A., of St. Thomas. After a short verbal description of the different classes and their methods of propagation, the speaker first produced mounted specimens of many beautiful species, and then other specimens preserved in antiseptic hardening solution, which were cut and examined by the members on the spot. The peculiar methods of reproduction in these low forms of plant life was thus very clearly demonstrated. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the speaker. The next meeting of the section on Jan. 10 will be devoted to the study of diatoms.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FESTIVITIES.

The reputation of Adelaide Street Baptist Sunday school for enjoyable tea-meetings and entertainments was well sustained at the gathering of the young people and their friends last evening. Much time and good taste had been devoted to decorating the room, and the result was decidedly pleasing. The neatly arranged tables were loaded with refreshments in great variety and profusion, and the efforts of the ladies in this direction were evidently well appreciated by the 300 juveniles in attendance. The edibles having been disposed of, the intellectual part of the proceedings was introduced with devotional exercises and remarks by Superintendent George Bailey. The programme included: Instrumental selection, orchestra; recitation, Gordon Johnson; recitation, Macie Chalcraft; song, Mamie Mason; instrumental, Sadie Richards; chorus, infant class; dialogue, Miss Robertson's class; recitation, Eddie Wilmer; recitation, Ethel Moore; selection, orchestra; song, Pearl Bedggood; instrumental, Geo. Hammett; recitation, Geo. White; drill, fourteen girls; chorus, infant class; recitation, Winnie Gould; instrumental, Mamie Mason; cornet solo, C. Irvin; instrumental, Mr. Fitzgerald; dialogues, Edna and Alma Gillis; closing hymn. Where all the participants did so well individual mention is not needed. A marked feature of the enjoyable affair was the orchestra of fourteen pieces, including: First violins, D. Murray, J. Miller and A. Bragg; second violins, F. Chadwick and F. Cranes; first clarionet, C. Reid; flutes, J. Jeffery, E. Depotie and M. Young; piccolo, E. Rice; first cornet, F. Graham; second cornet, F. Bragg; 'cello, C. Bragg; trombone, F. Wilson; The success of the entertainment reflects great credit on the energy and patience of the committees and the officers of the school, including Superintendent Bailey, Secretary C. G. Moorhead, Assistant Secretary Miss Lillie Maynard, Treasurer Miss K. McKerricher; Organist and Choir Leader Miss Nellie Rendell; Pianist Miss E. Hartson, and the members of the committee.

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DEATH OF A PIONEER.

The Wife of the Founder of Clinton Town Passed Away at a Ripe Old Age.

Mrs. Sarah Townsend, relict of the late William Rattenbury, the oldest settler in Huron county, and mother of the late Mrs. George T. Hiscox, died at Clinton yesterday morning at the advanced age of 82. The deceased lady was born in Nottinghamshire, England, near the famous Sherwood Forest, of Robin Hood fame, in 1815. She came to Canada with her parents, who settled in "Muddy" York, now Toronto, where, in the year 1833, she was married to the late William Rattenbury, who at that time carried on a blacksmith business there. In the year 1835 she moved with her husband to lot 42, London road survey, in the township of Tuckersmith, Huron county. Mr. Rattenbury had not been stationed long at his new home when the Mackenzie rebellion broke out, and, leaving his home and property under the custody of his wife, he marched under Officers Hyndman and Lizars to the front to aid in the suppression of the outbreak. Mr. Rattenbury was the founder of the flourishing town of Clinton, and will be remembered by the older heads of the county as a man of great popularity. "Bill" Rattenbury, as he was called, purchased the log hotel kept by Thos. Reid, better known as "Yankee Reid," in 1845. The village of Clinton then began to grow, and mainly through his efforts. In the year 1855 the plans of the village were laid. The place was called Clinton in honor and memory of Lieut.-Gen. Clinton, upon whose farm in England Mr. Rattenbury's father was a tenant. For 27 years the home of the deceased lady was at the hotel, which had become famous on account of the popularity and generous disposition of Mr. and Mrs. Rattenbury. The deceased lady had been ailing for months, and was being nursed during her illness last summer by her daughters, Mrs. George T. Hiscox, when the latter took ill and died. The surviving members of the family are Joseph and Isaac, Mrs. S. H. Rance, Mrs. F. T. Rance and Mrs. R. H. Reid, all of Clinton. The late Mrs. J. Upshall, of Clinton, and the late Mrs. Wm. Shane, of Blythe, were also daughters of the deceased lady. The news of Mrs. Rattenbury's death will be received by all with genuine regret.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL TREATS

At Chalmers' and Memorial Churches —Charming Programme.

The Chalmers Church Sunday school tea-meeting and entertainment last night was very successful. Rev. Walter Moffatt, the pastor, presided, and introduced the following programme: Opening address, George Reid; recitation, Irene Chrystler; duet, Mabel Kermath and Mary Wallace; Mother Goose rhymes, by the infant class; dumb-bell exercises, by the seven boys of Miss Doty's class; quartet, Jessie Duguid, Tena Forster, Georgie Reid and Annie Millikin; school hymn, "There shall be showers of blessing"; doll drill, by sixteen little girls; recitation, "Jack Frost," George Pirie; recitation, "When the Smiles Are Kept," Pearl Kermath; singing by the infant class; floral choice, by Mrs. Millikin's class; recitation, "God Is Love," Nellie Reid; club swinging, by six boys; song, by school, "There's a Royal Banner"; "By Lou Land," five little girls; trio, "Red, White and Blue," Louise McLarty, Mazie Black and Millie Crouch; recitations, by Annie and Mamie Forster; dialogues, by Jennie and Minnie Atkinson and Mrs. Templeton's class; recitation, "Following the Star," by Miss Grace Stilson. Prizes were then presented to scholars who had repeated the shorter catechism satisfactorily and been good attendants. Jennie Atkinson gave the closing address.

THE MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS TREAT.

The Christmas treat of the Memorial Sunday school was held yesterday afternoon and evening. About 100 members of the infants' class, under the charge of Miss Bacon, Miss Lottie Griffin and others, were given a tea in the afternoon, Mr. Thomas Crawford, as Santa Claus, presenting each with a gift from a well-laden tree. In the evening the school-room was filled by scholars, parents and friends. Master Archie Bremner presided and delivered an address, followed by this programme: Violin selection, Miss Ling Strom; solo, Helen Thorpe; recitation, Mabel Grover; recitation, Mae Armor; dialogue, Messrs. Plant and Burdick; recitation, Phea Orr; song, Lillian Lyttle; recitation, Leona Griffin; reading, Master Frank Plant; recitation, Gertie Brodison; recitation, Edna Thorpe; song, Ethel Macready; recitation, Maude Wilkinson; dialogue, F. Plant and Burdick; recitation, Verna Burdick; solo, Nena Sanborne; recitation, Arley Marks; recitation, Mabel Dean; song, Master Frank Plant; violin selection, Ling Strom; recitation, Lillian Lyttle; recitation Ella Armor; recitation, Master Charlie Lyttle; song, Emma Austin and Lottie Smith; recitation, Miss Chester; instrumental, Master Charlie Percy; dialogue, Jennie Ward, Muriel Hudson, Maude Wilkinson and Ada Burdick; song, Miss Muriel Hudson and Maude Wilkinson; club swinging, Master Willie; dialogue, Misses Carrie Harper, Mary Harper, Rudd and Burdick; recitation, Beatrice Jackson. During the evening, Mr. J. H. Hambly, on behalf of the Sunday school members, presented Mr. Wm. T. Hallam, the organist, with a flattering address, signed by Canon Richardson, Mr. C. H. Armitage, the superintendent, and Mr. J. H. Hambly, the secretary. A Webster's unabridged dictionary and a set of poetical works accompanied the address.

THE NOMINATIONS.

Other Candidates Who Are Seeking Municipal Honors.

Amherstburg—Mayor, J. D. Burk, W. T. Wilkinson, Wm. McGuire; reeve, Colin Wigle (acc.); deputy reeve, J. B. Robidoux, jun., Jas. Campeau, Geo. D. Pettipiece.

Berlin—Mayor, Geo. Rumpel, T. G. Gardiner; reeve, J. S. Anthers, L. B. Clemens.

Biddulph—A. K. Hodgins, reeve, and Geo. Westman, deputy—both by acclamation. For councilors—All the old board were re-elected except Mr. John Abbott, who declined the honor. Mr. Thomas Armitage and Jas. O'Brien will go to the polls to capture the vacant seat.

Brampton—Mayor Crandell, Reeve Treadgold, Deputy Reeve Thaubourn and councilors all re-elected.

Bayfield—Reeve, Jas. Burns. George Erwin; councilors, Richard Bailey. Thos. Clark, Thos. Elliott, John McDonald, Jas. Thompson, Richard Stanbury.

Chesley—Reeve, Dr. Stewart (acc.).

Clinton—Mayor, Thos. Jackson, sen., Robt. Holmes; reeve, D. B. Kennedy (acc.) deputy reeve, W. Jones (acc.); councilors, J. P. Doherty, J. C. Gilroy, Jacob Taylor, H. Wiltze, Thos. McKenzie (acc.), V. Bowers, Thos. Walker, J. Ford, A. Ewing, S. G. Plummer, A. M. Todd.

Elmira—Reeve, P. Christmann (acc.) councilors, M. Burkholder, D. Holdinger, Geo. Klinck, H. Opperts, Wm. Allemang, Geo. Weismiller, John E. Bowman, Peter Mallusch.

Glencoe—Reeve, A. Stuart, J. Rathburn, Geo. Litteridge; councilors, D. McLachlan, J. Smith, D. Graham, J. T. Foster, J. Oldrieve, J. L. Luckham; school trustees, Dr. Walker, S. J. McCreery, W. J. Small, Chas. Currie and Geo. Huston.

Goderich—Mayor, Robert Thomson, M. Nicholson; reeve, Wm. Campbell (acc.); first deputy reeve, Thos. Niftel, Jas. Wilson; second deputy reeve, D. Holmes (acc.).

Guelph—Mayor, Jas. Hewer (acc.).

Kincardine—Mayor, Jos. Barker, Dr. Martyn; reeve, E. Miller (acc.); deputy reeve, R. Keyworth, W. D. Temple.

Lobo township—Messrs. Cameron and B. Jaynes were placed in the field for reeve, and Mr. A. McGuigan was re-elected deputy reeve by acclamation.

London township—For reeve, Jas. H. Hodgins, Ed. Dann, Robt. Dreaney, Samuel Lindsay, J. W. Ferguson, R. A. Powell, Abel Steele. Messrs. Hodgins and Dann will remain in the field. For first deputy reeve, John R. Hodgins (acc.); second deputy reeve, Joseph McLeod, Richard Gough; third deputy reeve, Thos. Clark (acc.); fourth deputy reeve, Chas. Needham (acc.).

Lucan—Reeve, Wm. Reid and H. F. Braithwaite; councilors, A. E. Stanley, F. F. Downing, T. A. Webb and Geo. Hodgins—all by acclamation; school trustees, John Fox, J. S. Gilfillan, T. G. Hodgins, James Stanley, Thomas Kitt—all by acclamation.

Lucknow—Reeve, John G. Murdoch.

Mitchell—Mayor, Wm. Ryan, S. R. Stuart; reeve, J. Whyte, jun., H. W. Hurlburt; deputy reeve. J. F. Dafton, A. J. Blowes.

Newbury—Reeve, Duncan Stalker (acc.); councilors, S. G. Ward, S. Fennell, John Vail, John Gay, Dr. Robertson, Edward Leech, John Burr, Alex. Graydon; trustees, C. Rush, A. Fennell, sen., R. S. Gage, Rev. Alex. Wilson, R. Callan, John Vail.

Paris—Mayor, Thomas Evans, John H. Fisher; reeve, R. Brockbank, W. R. Baker; deputy reeve, O. Hitchcox, G. H. Carroll.

Parkhill—Mayor, A. J. Garden, A. M. Miller; reeve, Wm. Boyce, Jas. Kinnisten; councilors, Wm. Fletcher, D. N. McLeod, N. McPhee, Wm. Ritchie, W. Sutherland, Wm. Baird, George S. Skinner, C. A. Gibbs, K. L. J. Hall, Mathias Jackson; trustees, Dr. Thomas Ovens, Oliver Baird, J. C. Knapson—all by acclamation.

Petrolia—Mayor, Jas. McCutcheon, Chas. Egan; reeve, Eli Perkins (acc.); first deputy, E. A. Archer, T. Kelly; second deputy, Edward Marshall, A. E. Fitzgerald; councilors, Bloss Corey, R. Marwick, George Anderson, William Pratt, C. Richmond, John Anderson, H. Brake, E. Marshal, James Peat, E. A. Archer, John McCarthy, W. A. Simpson; water commissioners, Oliver Simmons, Wm. English.

Point Edward—Reeve, J. F. O'Neil (acc.)

Port Rowan—Reeve, C. S. Killmaster (acc.)

Preston—Reeve, Otto Homuth and Dr. Lackner; deputy reeve, J. Werfich and John Soder.

Seaforth—Mayor, R. G. Scott (acc.); reeve, James Beattie, Robert Wilson; deputy, N. Cluff, W. Smith; councilors, James McGinnis, J. S. Roberts, George Sills, James Gilespie, R. Wills, F. G. Nolin, Adam Hays, J. O. Rose, R. G. McDonald, J. G. Wilson, J. Darwen, John Weir. Alex. Wilson, J. A. Wilson, D. McIntyre, J. H. Reid, Wm. Ament, D. Winter.

Tilsonburg — Mayor, B. F. Bell (acc.); reeve, Geo. Brasher and M. Kenny; deputy reeve, W. H. Jackson, and J. McRae; councilors, H. C. Hogarth, D. J. MacLeod, I. F. McMehen (acc.), J. A. Graves, Ed Tilson, J. H. Smith, James Clark, J. W. Fields, E. Becker, C. H. Denton, V. A. Sinclair, P. P. Newell, Geo. Geddes.

Waterloo — Mayor, Simon Snyder, J. B. Hughes, J. Conrad, J. R. Kaufman; reeve, H. B. During and J. R. Kaufman; deputy reeve, A. Bauer (acc.)

Westminster township—George Riddle, reeve, by acclamation, and John Cousins and John McDougall, councilors for the first and second wards, respectively, without opposition. There will be a contest in the third and fourth wards. Messrs. James M. Learn and R. Brown are the nominees for the third ward and R. M. Piper and Joseph Baker for the fourth. David Nichols was named to oppose Mr. Riddle for the reeveship, but the nomination was not seconded.

Wingham — Mayor, J. A. Morton (acc.); reeve, Thomas Gregory, Wm. Holmes; deputy reeve, James Angus,

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