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A MEDIUM

Tells about the Spirit World.

He Says Their's is a Religion Itself,

AND BASED UPON THE SCRIPTURE --JESUS HIMSELF WAS A GREAT MEDIUM, HE DECLARES.

"Like any other religion," said G. G. Griffin, the spiritualist, of whose seances all the town is talking, "spirituplism, at once a religion and a science, is based upon the Bible." Opening the Bible at I. Corinthians the medium read the opening verses of chapter 12. "Now, concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. . . . And there are diversities of gifts, but the same spirit. . . . And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit. . . . To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; (now I have that gift) to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues. . . ."

Proceeding from this point Mr. Griffin stated that his wife had, under control, the gift of tongues, speaking French, Spanish, saveral Indian dialects and other languages of which she was entirely ignorant.

"To do as we would be done by is a fundamental law of spiritualism; we know that we must work out our own salvation and this is where we differ from the orthodox churches. Life is probation and when we throw up this body we keep on progressing. We enter a state of light or darkness according as we live in this life. Orthodoxy will not admit that there is progression after death, and yet they say that Jesus Christ descended into hell, and that the reason of his going among those in darkness was to uplift them to the light. We simply teach that everything is done by natural laws. You are a spirit encased in a body. That spirit never dies; and if a man goes out, by natural laws, through the change called death, why can he not by the same law return."

Mr. Griffin then turned his attention briefly to thought. Brain, he said, cannot create thought. Knowing this, what is more natural than to suppose our spirit friends are here trying to throw their thoughts into our brain.

PRETTY STEEP FIGURES.

"In the United States there are between sixteen and seventeen million spiritualists outside of the church, and many more who do not avow themselves, as spiritualism is not a popular religion. We have five societies in the city of Detroit and fourteen in Cincinnati. We have regularly ordained ministers and hold over fifty camp meetings during the warm weather. Now, in 16,000,000 people there must be some clever, thinking men, some smart minds. If you believe in spiritualism—if you believe that the dead mother or father, sister or brother can see you and know everything you do—you are bound to be a better man.

"Preachers of orthodoxy are down on spiritualism; but take spiritualism away from this book (the Bible) and there is nothing left but history. Preachers tell us that God is Spirit and that we are part of God; that God never changes. And yet they say that the passage I read to you, and others like it, had reference to that day and date and not to the present enlightened age.

"Jesus Christ was a medium, and the voices he heard and obeyed were those of his controls and guides."

The Biblical account of the immaculate conception was characterized as being in direct violation of the laws of nature. "Yet we are asked to believe that the man who established these immutable laws was the one to break them.

IS NOT A VENTRILOQUIST.

"Ventriloquism and mesmerism are looked upon by many as the forces at work to produce what they consider phenomena; and I would like to be as good a ventriloquist and mesmerist as they give me credit with being."

Mr. Griffin then stated that from several of the seven spheres in the spirit world he and Mrs. Griffin had had spirits come to them for guidance upon the road to proper progression. Others had come to them and asked to be prayed for.

"The Bible says that there are spirits ascending and descending to and from the throne of grace trying to uplift fallen spirits.

"Spiritualism does away with the fear of a burning hell and orthodoxy, too, is drifting more and more away from this dogma which makes God appear inconceivably cruel and unjust. How could we be happy on the other side if we knew that father, mother, sister or brother was down there in a burning hell? Is it not more natural to suppose that we can come back if we want to?

"The churches have always opposed spiritualism, and have turned our mediums. Jesus Christ was a medium, and if He came to earth to-day they would tear Him to pieces if He taught the same as He did in the days of old. What did He mean when He said there were others to come after him who would do greater things than He did?

"We do not interfere with anyone's belief and no one enjoys a good sermon more than a good spiritualist. And no beggar is ever turned away empty-handed from a spiritualist's door, charity being one of the foremost principles of spiritualism. We who reach up to higher intelligences for help also reach down to help others."

Mr. Griffin, who was born in Norfolk county, Ontario, will hold developing classes in Chatham if suitable rooms can be secured. He and Mrs. Griffin, a natural clairvoyant, have developed twenty-seven media and are developing others here. No one, says Mr. Griffin, but has some latent spiritual faculty capable of development.

CAN'T AFFORD IT

The City is too Hard up Just at Present

To Give $100 to the Indian Famine Fund--Have Our Own Poor.

At last night's council meeting, Ald. Sulman moved, seconded by Ald. McPhee, that to show our sympathy with the famine sufferers in India, $100 be granted to the Indian relief fund.

The mayor said we had so much distress in our own town he could not see how we could send $100—how we dare send $100 to the Indian relief fund. He said he knew families in Chatham who were to-day suffering for the actual necessities of life, and were without fuel. He believed, England, wealthy as she was, ought to be able to relieve these people.

Ald. Bray agreed with the mayor. The churches had taken the matter up and a good deal of money was already being sent out of the country.

Ald. O'Keeffe opposed the motion. The money could very well be spent in Chatham.

Ald. Carpenter thought it would have been better to have sounded the council before bringing the matter up, but now it had been brought up it would lower the city to throw out the motion.

Ald. Blight and Ald. Lewis opposed the grant, as unnecessary, the churches having actively taken up the work. Still Ald. Lewis admitted it would look rather small to refuse to vote such a sum after all.

Ald. Sulman said if Chatham gave nothing it would stand alone among the other cities of the dominion. Montreal had given $5,000, Toronto $4,000 and Winnipeg $2,000. If there were people in Chatham as badly off as the mayor said, it was mostly their own fault.

The mayor—Not so. You come with me after the council is over and I'll show them to you.

Ald. Sulman—Perhaps they are like the man who came to me the other day and said they hadn't a bite in the house. I offered him an order for a roast of beef, but he refused it. He wanted a turkey.

Ald. McPhee pointed to the smallness of the grant, and said if wasn't sent the money would not go the poor of Chatham. It would simply remain in city treasury.

To let the council down easy, the following amendment was then suggested and carried:

"That in view of the subscriptions in the banks and collections in the churches, it is not deemed necessary for this council to take any action."

STREET OBSTRUCTION.

Several Parties said to be Breaking the By-law.

R. T. Phillips asked the council last night for leave to occasionally occupy a small section of the side of the street near his mill in North Chatham. The mayor and Ald. Smith urged that Mr. Phillips be granted the concession. Other mills, lumber yards and ice houses now used the streets whenever they wanted to.

Ald. Carpenter said we might as well rescind the by law. If, as his worship alleged, a number of others were occupying the streets the by-law was simply useless. If we knocked the by-law out altogether we would know what to do.

"I must say I agree with Ald. Carpenter," said Ald. Blight. He had had no less than three complaints last week, he said, of street obstruction.

Ald. Lewis said if damage resulted from these obstructions the city was liable. Because three or four people were already breaking the by-law it did not follow that another man should be allowed to do the same. All should be made to observe the by-law.

The mayor said what seemed peculiar to him was that Phillips should be singled out and brought up in the police court, while the Blondes, Hadleys, Piggotts and others could obstruct the streets when they liked and nothing was said about it. He suggested the committee of works consider the matter and make some suggestion as to whether it would be wise to amend the by-law or not. This was agreed to.

JUST RECEIVED AND PUT INTO STOCK, CASES of new shirting, new prints, new white and gray cottons; new cotton tweeds, new flannelettes, new hosiery, new gloves, new laces, new edgings, and new towellings and tablings all at cut rate prices. 13 bars Judd's soap 25c, 12 lbs best oatmeal 25c, best Singapore pepper 15c, English breakfast coffee 22c and a nice tin pail free at the E. Hennessy Co. to-day.

The "Tandem" a new shade of red—very warm—from the line of Berliner & Lenzer, 616 and 618 Broadway, New York, is one of their most recent creations and is known as Style 571. By a unique and economical method of Cutting the material, a reversible scarf is obtained, which we can afford to sell at the same price as the ordinary four-in-hand. Also styles 572, 573, 574, 575 and 576 in Bows and Clubs at 25c. Puffs, wide end Four-in-hands and the Tandem at 50c. See window, but do not get close to the glass. The 2 T's.

C. C. I. STAR LECTURE COURSE.

No. 5, of the series of six. The X Rays, F. W. Merchant, M. A., Principal London C. I., Friday, Feb. 12, at 8 p. m., in Collegiate Hall. Admission—other than coupons, 25c and 15c (pupils). Experiments fully illustrative. See program. 1w

LAID OVER.

Expected Fight Over Coyle

Did not Materialize at the Council.

FIRE AND LIGHT COMMITTEE WILL TAKE MORE EVIDENCE DURING THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.

Ald. Smith, chairman of the fire and light committee reported to the council last night the suspension of Watchman Coyle for drunkenness and the subsequent investigation into the affair. All the evidence was not taken, the committee decidind to ask for fuller powers from the council. He moved that the matter be referred back for the committee to thoroughly investigate and report.

Ald. Weaver—I would like to ask Ald. Smith if there is anything more than that Mr. Coyle was intoxicated that night, against him.

Ald. Smith—I do not care to anticipate the report of the committee by answering the question.

Ald. Weaver—But I would like an answer.

Ald. Smith—I know you would, but this is not the time to give it. I have no right until the committee investigates the case to answer any questions of any kind, and I'm not going to.

Ald. Weaver—I simply ask to have that question answered.

Ald. Smith,—Then I decline to answer it.

Ald. Carpenter said Ald. Smith was right. Ald. Weaver had no business to ask such a question.

The mayor ruled that Ald. Weaver had a perfect right to ask the question.

Ald. Weaver—Of course I have.

The mayor—And Ald. Smith has a perfect right to decline to answer it. (Laughter).

Ald. Smith said the preliminary investigation was simply held to justify Chief Jacques' course in suspending the watchman.

The mayor said Mrs. Coyle was present and expected to be heard. But in view of the postponement that would not be expedient.

Ald. Bray urged the committee to expedite affairs.

Ald. O'Keeffe claimed the committee should have acted in the first place and brought in a final report. He wanted a ruling of the council so that if there was a repetition of such an affair they would know what to do.

Ald. Carpenter claimed the committee had no power to act in such a matter until they were empowered to do so by resolution of the council.

Ald Bray upheld this view, and the mayor sustained it.

The matter then went back to the committee for a full investigation, the committee to report at the next meeting of council.

LEFT IN THE LURCH

Late City Solicitor Throws up Three Cases.

Two of Which are Just Ready to go for Trial—Council Felt Sore.

Wilson, Rankin, McKeough and Kerr wrote the city council last night withdrawing from the three pending law suits—two by the Aldis family and one by Contractor Graham. The firm explained that their action was not dictated by pique but by a sense of delicacy in accepting other business against the city while acting in these cases on its behalf.

Later on when a discussion arose over the settling of the Aldis suit reference was made to Mr. Wilson, last years solicitor, throwing up the briefs he held. Ald. Carpenter said only it had been understood Mr. Wilson's firm would continue these suits it might have made a difference in the appointment of Mr. Douglas as city solicitor.

Ald. Arnold said the Aldis cases were about ready to go for trial. If Mr. Wilson threw them up nearly all the expenses incurred would have to be incurred over again. He suggested that some independent solicitor be consulted as to Mr. Wilson's right to abandon cases under such circumstances and at the same time present a bill of costs for them.

Ald. Carpenter thought Mr. Wilson could be retained for these particular cases still.

"If Mr. Wilson sees fit to throw up our business now I don't think we ought to go cringing to him," said Ald. Sulman.

"It seems to me unreasonable that a solicitor can throw up his brief whenever he feels like it without just cause," said Ald. O'Keeffe.

Some further discussion followed. Finally the finance committee was empowered to consult C. R. Atkinson, Q. C., as to the propriety of Mr. Wilson's course.

The firm's communication withdrawing from the cases in question was accompanied by a bill extending from July 18 to date. It amounted to $512.63. Of this amount only about $45 was incurred in the Aldis cases.

As far as the Aldis cases were concerned the majority of the aldermen favored letting them go to trial. They expressed the opinion that if the city fought one or two cases it would stop it being imposed upon by claimants for damages.

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In Diamonds And Other Precious Stones. — We exhibit an assortment without equal in the city, and (as the custom house records will show), being the only importers of these goods in the state, our prices will be found most reasonable!

In Medium-Priced and Fine Articles of Jewelry. — The season's productions show great advances over former years, and never before would the same amount purchase equal values!

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In Fine Imported Porcelain — We exhibit a large assortment of richly-decorted vases, meat sets, chop sets, ice cream sets, coffee sets, chocolate sets, plates, cups, etc., etc.

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NEWSPAPER CORRESPONDENTS.

Why Some are Good and Others a Perfect Nuisance.

At the meeting of the press association in Toronto last week A. R. Fawcett, of the Toronto Junction Leader, read a paper on "Country correspondents." The best correspondent he ever had was a shoemaker. School teachers, he said, are too pedantic and prosy. Ministers of the gospel, said he, are dead failures as correspondents. They usually send church news, and, ten to one, news of their own church only."

There is something in what Mr. Fawcett says, but this journal from experience can put in a good word for both school teachers and ministers. Their correspondence is usually reliable. If they do not cover all the ground what they do cover is done properly. The poorest correspondent a newspaper has to deal with is the man who imagines its columns are for the purpose of making jokes about his neighbors. He is greatly mistaken in that. A lie is a lie whether it is in a correspondence column or not. Ridicule is offensive whether offence is intended or not. If newspapers could slay correspondents who think it is funny to say or hint that so and so visited his best girl on Sunday last or was frequently seen on our sideroad—wonder what's the reason?—and so on, the world would be better and happier for the crime.

Anyone who imagines such items are clever is greatly mistaken. His work is very differently appreciated both by the paper he is writing for and by its readers. But fortunately for one correspondent of this kind a good journal usually happens across twenty honest, able men and women whose items are a credit to themselves and an assistance to the paper. On the other hand where it is unlucky enough to have unwittingly secured the services of a fool joker his work is a material injury, for he loses the paper both prestige and subscribers.

ARE AFTER ST. THOMAS, TOO.

Fire Underwriters want that City to buy all Sorts of Things.

And now it is St. Thomas that is kicking against the demands of the fire underwriters. That corporation insists that it shall strengthen its fire department by

An electric fire alarm.
One thousand feet of reliable hose.
Four chemical fire extinguishers.
An enlarged fire hall.
Two "Y" Siamese to unite two streams.
One cellar revolving nozzle.

St. Thomas is in Class B., Chatham is in Class C. If the Railroad City is in need of all those articles, we should at least be in as high a class as it is. The St. Thomas council has seemingly determined to be the judge of its own needs, and has told the fire underwriters so. The outcome will probably be a reduction of the city's rating to Class C.

LOOKS LIKE A CONSPIRACY

To Defeat the Ends of Justice—The Globe on Personation.

The outcry the political debauchery practiced by the Liberals in South Brant has caused is widespread. Even the Globe is outspoken and honest enough to condemn the acts of its political friends. It says:

"The personator must go. Not merely the personator who lies and cheats and perjures himself for the opposing political party, but also his brother who does the same thing for the Liberal party. His crime is treason against good citizenship, and its punishment should be as swift and as severe as that which our courts mete out to the burglar or highway robber. There has been too great a disposition to regard all sorts of election frauds as legitimate weapons of party warfare. Men who in their private relations are the very soul of honor countenance the most flagrant breaches of the election law by failing to denounce them. Men of education and refinement, the leaders and captains of political parties, should set their faces steadfastly against these debasing practices and should cast out the election workers who in the past have earned an ignoble reputation by their proficiency in the arts of political corruption."

The Globe might even be more specific. It is fair to assume that when the briber Johnston was bailed it was intended he should skip out. That being the case the party must have pledged itself to make good the $200 bail if it were estreated. The magistrate, too, who granted the bail must have had a good idea what might happen when he fixed on such an absurdly low figure. Personation will never be put down until the bribers are properly punished. The Globe should insist on Premier Hardy putting the law in motion in this case. There is a very strong appearance of a conspiracy to defeat the ends of justice. If the Attorney-General does not approve of the whole scoundrelly proceeding he will soon act. Of course if he does approve of personation we can expect nothing from him—not even the dismissal of the magistrate who released Johnston.

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The only Black and White Front in the world.

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Only a Matter Of Clothes

The above are portraits of a famous actor in two roles. They serve to show that while clothes do not make the man, they go a long ways towards it.

If you intend to buy a suit you want to feel certain that you will get 100 cents of value for every dollar invested. You may do this at other stores; you are certain to do it at ours.

Reid..

The Tailor

It only took one Cook to spoil the Liberal broth in East Simcoe. He did it by giving it in the soup.

Offensive partisans, dear sir, are men commissioned to try other persons accused of offensive partisanship.—Kincardine Review.

Recent letters to the Spectator seem to indicate that, so far as some farmers are concerned, the tester goes against their grain.—Hamilton Spectator.

There is only one way in which Attorney General Hardy can clear himself of endorsing the outragrous cortion by which the Liberals carried South Brant, and that is by revoking the commission of the Liberal magistrate who released a party plugger on straw bail.

Mr. Goldie, the flour mill man of Guelph, is the man who gave us the English sparrow and, it is said, still defends his action. There are men who have done slightly more insane things than Mr. Goldie. For instance take the individual who introduced German carp into our lakes.

A resident of this city was sentenced to three months' imprisonment for not objecting to a personator whom he was supposed to know voting. In London and Brantford real personators were caught in the act and let go, their party friends paying or agreeing to pay trifling fines in the way of estreated bail. In the first case the culprit was a Conservative. In the other two cases the magistrates, crown attorneys and prisoners were all Liberals.

The Toronto Electric Light Company announces a reduction in the price of lighting for residences only. The reduction is put in the form of discount for prompt payment. The discount, which was formerly 40 per cent., is now 60 per cent. This reduction appears to place the cost of electric light a shade below that of gas, even at the low charge of 90 cents per thousand feet, the figure at which it is supplied in Toronto. The electric light company is evidently going in to increase its business by giving cheap light and thus make money. The Chatham Gas and Electric Light Company should take the hint.

Listowel, Sept. 22nd, 1896.

Edmanson, Bates & Co.,

Gentlemen,—I have pleasure in saying that Dr. Chase's Ointment, Pills and Catarrh Cure and Linseed and Turpentine are selling well, and are giving every satisfaction. Many of my customers have spoken highly in their praise.

Yours truly,
J. A. HACKING.

WANTED, A LEADER OF MEN.

Wanted, a light in the darkness, a
leader to love and obey,
A guide through the mist and shadows
that darken, endanger the way;
From cottage and crowded city; from
mountain valley and fen,
Comes the cry of a nation's travail,
"Wanted, a leader of men."

A leader unblinded by passion, with
feelings unbittered by hate,
Not all for the vote of the people, nor
all for the strength of the state;
A heart with a mind to govern, a
mind with a heart to control,
Not always forgetting the body, nor
ever forgetting the soul.

Not a man of one party or faction,
but a zealous uniter of creeds;
Not an engine of wordy vapour, but a
doer of worthy deeds;
Not a speaker of veiled sedition, but
a guide for the struggling mass,
Who crowd through the valley of labor, crying, "Room for the millions to pass."

Not a man of priestly compassion, giving alms at charity's door,
Who sees through the eye of a needle
the woes and wants of the poor;
Nor a man of the people's passions,
who sees through a widening glass,
The faults of those in high places, ever
urging on class against class.

But a leader grave and earnest, like
some patriarch seer of old,
Who saw with vision prophetic, the
scroll of the future unrolled,
And heard in his heart a message
like love to the ears of a bride,
And felt in his soul's aspiring the God
given wisdom to guide.

To gather the lost that are scattered,
and speak with no faltering voice,
To counsel our hearts in sorrow, and
joy with us when we rejoice;
Not seeking with blind adoration the
praise of illustrious fame,
Nor making the goal of ambition the
bribe of a gilded name.

But to guide in a great reunion, to
lead in a righteous cause,
Distributing mercy with justice, not
ruling by rigor of laws;
Not bidding the poor to rebellion, nor
teaching the rich how to give,
But telling a sorrowing nation how
nobler and better to live.

New faith for the weak and faltering,
new paths for the struggling to tread,
New strength for the strong who are
fallen, new life for the hopes that were dead;
New pride for the proud ones vanquished, the great ones we cannot recall,
And the heart of our country's honor,
unbroken, unblemished through all.

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Are you ailing, anxious or despondent? You must be if disease has bound you in its chains. Let us urge you to use at least one bottle of nature's great health restorer—Paine's Celery Compound—and you will quickly find that you are on the highway to physical health, vigor and strength.

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CURES SUMMER COMPLAINT.

Dear Sirs,—I have used Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry for twelve years when required, and think it is the best remedy to be had for all kinds of summer complaints. In our family it has never failed to cure any case.

MRS. BENJ. LONGLEY,
Chatham, Ont.

DOYLES.

Feb. 2.—A number of young people attended a social hop given at Mrs. Geo. Martin's, at Mull, on Monday evening. Music was furnished by the O'Rourke orchestra.

Mrs. Jas. Doyle, who was very ill the past few days with diphtheria, is improving.

Jas. O'Neill has finished his wood contract for the Separate school.

Duncan Horn is all smiles. It is a daughter.

Michael Higgins has purchased all the fallen timber on the Byram estate.

Misses Theresa and Mary Earlie have entered for a course at the Ursuline Academy at Chatham.

Wm. Ramstein, who has been visiting the Waddick brothers for the past two weeks, has left for his home in Highgate.

A dancing party was given at R. Barns' on Monday evening. Music was furnished by Maurice O'Neill and P. Doyle.

S. F. White has given the contract of his new additions to Blonde Bros., Chatham.

Hugh McDougall, of Harwich, spent Sunday in our neighborhood.

Thomas Dillon, of Cork, spent Sunday on the ninth.

Mrs. Ranger, of Manitoba, is visiting her sister, Mrs. S. F. White.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Ramstein, of Highgate, and Misses Frances and Katie Berhorst, of Chatham, were the guests of the Misses Walker on Monday.

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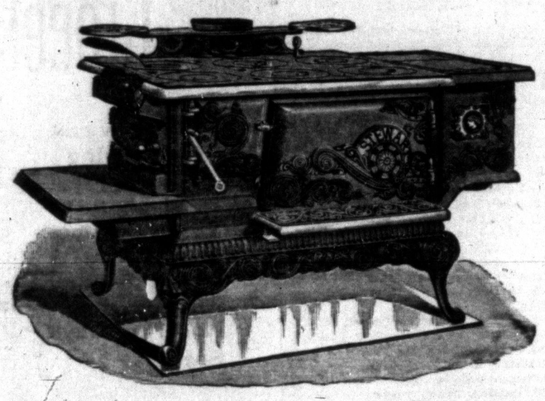

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Isobel, countess of Aberdeen, is a daughter of the first Lord Tweedmouth, and long before she came to Canada was prominent-

LADY ABERDEEN AND HER SONS.

ly identified with movements for the elevation and enfranchisement of women. The Aberdeens came to Canada in 1891 and spent the summer of that year in Hamilton, Ont. They traveled much, and while in British Columbia Lord Aberdeen bought a tract of 16,500 acres in the valley of Lake Okanagan. Before coming to Canada Lady Aberdeen had founded the Onward and Upward society, an association having for its object the presentation of a higher ideal of life to working women. It was in a desire to improve the condition of her own servants that Lady Aberdeen's idea first took root. From this grew the association which now has a membership approaching 10,000. This busy woman's good work in the establishment of the Irish village at the World's fair at Chicago was only a continuation of the work in which she has been engaged for years as president of the Irish Industries' association. The labor involved was very great. She visited towns, villages and districts all over Ireland, selecting exhibits and suitable persons to take them in charge, and finally made it one of the most popular features on the Midway plaisance. Better than that, substantial benefits were reaped from the advertising by many an Irish lacemaker and artisan at home. Lady Aberdeen was a conspicuous figure at the World's fair, where she was elected president of the world's congress for women, and just before leaving England in 1893 for Canada—Lord Aberdeen having been called sooner than was expected to accept the post of governor general—she accepted, in succession to Mrs. Gladstone, the presidency of the National Women's Liberal Federation. This is distinctively a partisan office and is largely honorary, since she is prevented by absence from active participation in the ante-election work of the society.

Lord Aberdeen is a man of considerable wealth, as riches in England are considered, and has a long rent roll. But the noble mistress of Haddo House does not entertain with the lavishness of some of her predecessors. For that reason—there can be no other—Lady Aberdeen is not as popular in Ottawa as she is elsewhere in Canada. But she is a devoted wife, a fond and indulgent mother, and her three children, Lady Marjory, and the two handsome young Gordons whose frank faces are shown in the accompanying picture, idolize her.—Buffalo Express.

The Mother as a Home Nurse.

While the children are small the mother is, of course, the family nurse.

For many reasons this is as it should be, perhaps, but for a greater number the mother is the very last person to undertake the work, both on her own account and on that of the child she is to nurse.

In the first place, the mother argues in favor of her affection for the child, while this same affection is the greatest argument against her real efficiency. By reason of her very feeling she is prevented from doing firmly and regularly all that is required in nursing. She "uses her judgment" when strict attention to orders is necessary. The patient cries and whines, and unless she is an exceptional mother the teaspoonful of bitter medicine is either made very scant or the time for taking is delayed. She resorts to coaxing and cajoling and persuading, all of which is deleterious to the patient and retards convalescence by inducing a condition of excitement.

A nurse trained for the purpose, or even an obliging neighbor or relative, is of far more advantage all around. She can see and will see that there is great regularity of treatment in the sickroom. She, having her mind free from other household arrangements and management, can give her undivided attention to the patient. And she can do it with far less mental and physical strain than can the mother.

While the mother is making Mary's bed or administering her medicine she has her ears constantly open to listen for baby's cries and her nose constantly tilted to catch the odors ascending from the kitchen, for only in this way from her isolated perch can she judge whether the meals are being burried or even being started on time. Her mind is in a constant strain devising plans, laying out future work, wondering what the children are at and tending the patient. What wonder that the last imbibes from her nurse a restless frame of mind which affects her whole system, for, little as one may believe it, nothing is more quickly communicated to a patient than the mental atmosphere of the nurse.

Now, then, for the mother herself. Housekeeping, with its multiform duties and demands, is, if well conducted, enough for one woman to contend with. Add to this the conditions previously spoken of, and what wonder that the illness of the nurse so often follows that of the child or husband, and now some one must come in to take the mother's place. How much better to have a nurse for the first invalid, and thus avoid the probability of a second, by leaving the mother to pursue her regular avocations without the added physical and mental labor entailed by watching beside the sickbed of one near and dear. The mere wear and tear upon the affections in witnessing sufferings one is not able to relieve is in itself strain enough to break many down.

Hence, as we have argued, whoever may or may not be called upon to do it, a mother is the very last one to undertake the "home nursing."—Emma Churchman Hewitt in Home.

The Use of Coal.

A great many housekeepers do not know that there are two varieties of anthracite coal. The hard anthracite kindles slowly, but gives a lasting and strong fire. It may be recognized by its red ash. It is a far more economical coal to buy for the range than the more common white ash or soft anthracite. The soft anthracite, however, will do better in the grate because it makes a rather more luminous fire, possessing something of the brilliancy of bituminous coal, but none of its smoke.

The soft anthracite is distinguished from the hard anthracite by its white ash. Probably the cook will prefer the white ash coal because it comes up quicker in the morning.

There is about the same difference, however, in a fire made of pine or any soft wood and one made of hickory or oak as there is between a fire of white ash coal and one of red ash. The red ash coal gives out a more intense heat, insures a better oven and is a better fire for broiling. The best broiling is not done over coal, however, but over the redhot embers of a hickory fire. Even this fire is superseded now by the modern gas stove, where roasting and broiling are both done under the flame in a draft so that no taint of the gas can affect the meat.

The best kindling wood for a stove or range contains about equal amounts of hard and soft wood. It is utterly superfluous for any intelligent person to add kerosene or asbestos soaked in kerosene. The latter is a contrivance frequently offered to assist in kindling the fire and practically indestructible and safe. It leaves, however, an unpleasant odor, like all such patent fire kindlers, and its use is entirely unnecessary.

If the paper is crumpled loosely and the kindling wood laid in loosely so as to allow air to blow through the mass from beneath and reach the chimney through the drafts, there will be no difficulty in starting the fire. When the fire fails to burn, it is because there is some impediment to the drafts or because the kindling wood is damp.

The little bundles of kindling sold by the grocer are very apt to harbor water bugs and cockroaches, and for that reason careful housekeepers prefer to buy their wood by the quantity and keep it in the coal cellar. Where wood is needed for the fire in the morning it should be brought up the night before and left in the heating closet under the oven to dry. It is much more economical to buy wood by the cord or quarter cord than by the bundle.—New York Tribune.

The Rocking Chair Spine.

"Weaver's thumb" and "housemaid's knee" are quite familiar terms, especially to those who are fond of perusing journals, medical and hygienic, but the "rocking chair spine" is less talked of, possibly because it is one of the possessions of those dwelling in more affluent circles and is what may be classed among the luxuries in the way of disease.

But it is none the less a clearly defined ill, and one that often leads to consequences more serious than its primary condition might suggest.

Indolence and love of ease are the inciting causes of this affliction, and genuine spinal disease has in many instances been its unfortunate climax.

Strict hygienists and health culturists tell us that the rocking chair is an unmixed evil. It perpetually changes the equilibrium of the body and agitates the circulation. It injures the eyes, as it continually changes the focus of whatever one may be looking at. It so disturbs the brain that physicians have forbidden mothers and nurses to rock delicate babies.

It will thus be seen that the rocking chair begins its deadly mission very early in the lives of its victims, and it is equally true that they are very likely to keep up the mischief until they are ready to make their final exodus and slip from the rocking chair in to the grave.

The symptoms that first attract attention are a soreness and sensitiveness of the spine, usually that portion near or below the waist, and sometimes extending to the lower edges of the shoulder blades. There may be more or less indigestion accompanying it, and headaches are not infrequent.

The trouble arises from an improper position in sitting. Instead of keeping the spinal column in a perpendicular position the lower part is bent forward, as one lounges in a chair with a soft cushion. The strain on one side of the spine caused by its curved shape after a time produces irritation, and if long continued inflammation of a serious character ensues. While there may not be fatal consequences, there surely are much inconvenience and discomfort attending a weak or irritable state of the spinal column. Good health cannot exist with such a condition of affairs; neither can good spirits dwell in such a body. Persons who experience a sense of weakness or weariness or a dull ache in the back will do well to take thought if they may have been too devoted to the rocking chair and its luxurious cushions.

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LAST EDITION

THE PROBS.

Moderate to fresh westerly and northerly winds; cloudy to fair, and a little colder, with a few snow flurries.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

DIED.

SIBBALD—On Monday, Feb. 8, Frances Sibbald, aged 71 years.

The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 11th, at 2.30, from her late residence, Adelaide St.

McCRAE—On Tuesday, 9th February, 1897, at 7 a. m., Jane McCrae, aged 80 years and 6 months.

The funeral will take place on Thursday, the 11th inst., at 1 o'clock p. m., from the residence of George McCrae, Esq., Park avenue, west, to Maple Leaf Cemetery.

LOCAL BRIEFS

W. F. Rutley, Toronto, is in the city.

Lead wanted at The Planet office.

Ex-Mayor Campbell is down with grippe.

Geo. E. Kempt went to Bay City to-day.

Miss Hennessy entered the hospital on Saturday.

A McCallum underwent an operation yesterday.

Bert Scott, of Blenheim, was in the city yesterday.

John Cary, Barth street, is confined to his house with grippe.

Hugh Doherty, who has been ill with la grippe, is somewhat better.

S. C. Walker, agent of Bell Organ and Piano Co., is in Bothwell to-day.

John Buttery, Strathroy, formerly of Chatham, is here on a business trip.

I. B. Thayer, inspector of the Travellers' Life Insurance Co., is in the city.

A child of Mrs. Baird's which recently entered St. Joseph's hospital is very ill.

Charles Sulzer is receiving congratulations over the birth of a son on on Saturday last.

Mrs. Frances Sibbald, Adelaide street, passed away yesterday at the age of seventy-one years.

Miss O'Neill, from Near Ridgetown, underwent an operation in St. Joseph's hospital yesterday.

The Houston-Purdie case was remanded until Thursday by Squire Forhan this morning.

George Plummeridge, who has been laid up with rheumatism for the past five weeks, is a little better.

The advisory board of Christ church will not meet this evening as announced, but some evening next week.

Roses, Carnations, Violets, Smilax, and Asparagus Plumosus, in great quantity at Tissiman's Greenhouses.

Leguille and Chrysler will air another oats case before Squire Forhan to-morrow. Chrysler will be defendant this time.

George, son of Philip Mills, who has been for some days ill in St. Joseph's hospital with typhoid fever and pneumonia, died to-day.

Two loads of Blenheim young people visited the residence of Mrs. Bass, St. George street last evening, and spent an exceedingly enjoyable social time.

Dr. Stevens, of Detroit, passed through the city yesterday returning from a visit to his old home in Dresden.

Bert Scott, of the Bank of Commerce, Woodstock, is home spending a few weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Scott, Park Ave.

The C. M. B. A. will entertain friends in their hall, over Standard bank, tonight. A select musical and literary program will be presented and refreshments served.

Major Coogan yesterday brought John Flaxon, a professional whiskey informer, back from Sarnia. He left here some time ago neglecting to pay the costs in a liquor case against Fred. Robert which failed.

Our junior hockey boys did not play the match yesterday, as the Ridgetown boys were unable to secure the rink from the curlers. They will play to-morrow.

Members of Thames Lodge, S. O. E. B. S., are requested to meet at the lodge room Wednesday, Feb. 10th, at 1.30 o'clock p. m., to attend the funeral of our late brother, Matthew Tomlinson. C. F. Chanter, Sec'y.

The initial meeting of the Bright Idea Club, an organization of young people, who propose to give a series of entertainments during the coming spring, was held last evening, when arrangements were made for the presentation of an Irish concert on or about March 17.

As a consequence of the publication of W. E. Hamilton's address to the Farmers' Institute on "New Crops," in The Planet he received to-day from far-off Yorkton, Assiniboia, a letter from J. R. Goodacre, asking for coffee peas to grow there, a request which will be attended to.

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The Brown-Nutbrown aggregation appeared in police court again this morning. The case against Mrs. Nutbrown was dismissed, Brown putting up $3 costs. One of Mrs. Nutbrown's girls yesterday laid a complaint against Brown for abusive language. This was dismissed without costs.

CHATHAMITE IN TROUBLE.

Robert Ritchie, of Detroit, formerly of Chatham, is locked up at police headquarters in Detroit on suspicion of having been one of the men who committed the robbery Saturday night at Walkerville. Two masked men entered two stores and held up the proprietors getting away with $200. He will be extradited to Canada.

THEY IGNORED IT.

Chatham Sportsmen did not Attend the Pain Court Meeting.

The meeting of fishermen, held pursuant to adjournment, at Bechard's Hotel, Pair Court, yesterday, was fairly large, upwords of 50 being present. Promptly at the hour appointed the meeting was called to order, but as the sportsmen of Chatham and London had not put in an appearance it was decided to delay proceedings till 3.30, but still they did not come. Then Mr. Julius Crow was elected chairman, and proceedings commenced.

Mr. Northwood made a statement as to the steps that had been taken at previous meetings, and moved, seconded by Mr. Taylor, that the fishermen here assembled, will continue their efforts to get signatures to their petition now in circulation. This was carried unanimously, as was one submitted by Mr. Edwards, as follows:—"That we as fishermen should stand firmly shoulder to shoulder in this fight to maintain our rights and liberties."

During the full and free discussion which was had, statements were made by fishermen of life long experience to disprove the statements of the sportsmen. Mr. Taylor stated that last Friday afternoon he and Mr. Mundy made an examination of the entrance to Little Lake, the government reserve, and found the same depth of water as at Mitchell's Bay. Mr. Alexander, a fisherman of 30 years' experience in these waters, stated that after careful observation he had come to the conclusion that the carp did more towards the distruction of bass than all the seines drawn, and that to prohibit seines would only tend to increase carp at the expense of the other fish.

He also stated that the bass never spawn in these waters before the 20th of May. These statements were corroborated by others present. It was a matter of regret to those present that the sportsmen did not attend this meeting. The meeting passed a vote of thanks to Mr. Bechard for the use of the room, and adjourned to meet again at the call of the chairman.

KNEW GOOD THINGS WHEN HE SAW THEM.

"How strange a thing is human nature!"

This is what A. E. Ham feelingly remarked one day recently when a wealthy Torontonian came in, purchased a large bill of goods and ordered them shipped to Toronto.

"Why, what's the matter now?" asked the reporter.

"Oh, nothing; only that I bought all those goods in Toronto about a week ago."

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GET READY TO VOTE

New Market House to go Ahead

If the People will Authorize an Expenditure of $10,000—City Council Routine.

Every alderman was present at last night's meeting of the city council and patiently waded through much routine business, lasting until 11:30.

The following accounts were passed: Martin Kennedy, $7; Hadley Lumber Co., $13.90; Chatham Mf'g Co., $7; Mr. Kitchen 50 cents; Mrs. Washington, $4; Mrs. Venables $2; St. Joseph's hospital, $32.14; Com. E. Shea, $8; Bell Telephone Co., 25 cents; T. Nichol, dog tags, $19.50; J. H. Blackburn $4; Miss Macpherson, 75 cents; Wilson & Cousins, $30.65; Gutta Percha Rubber Co., $451.40; Maple Leaf Laundry, $2.90.

Ald. Weaver reported he had sent Hanna Hendersite, a domestic, to the hospital.

"I would like to ask Ald. Weaver if he investigates these cases before he sends them to the hospital?" demanded Ald. Blight. "Are they deserving objects of charity?"

"I do investigate them," retorted Ald. Weaver. Only the day before he said he had investigated a case before his breakfast.

Ald. Blight said it was queer, then, he did not even know the name of one of the parties.

Ald. Weaver protested that they were all thoroughly investigated.

BAND UNIFORMS.

A petition was received from the Excelsior Band, asking the city to contribute towards the purchase of their uniforms, which would cost $275. They were $150 shy. Referred to finance committee.

W. J. Kitchen offered to purchase a first-class street sprinkler if the city would give him a three years' contract for street sprinkling. Referred to Board of Works.

M. Caron, treasurer of Dover, asked the city for $113 on the second concession drainage account. Finance committee.

The Mayor said that his attention had been called to the conduct of a boy named Arthur Wrightman, who had bravely saved the son of Rev. N. E. Baker from drowning. The act was considered worthy of the Royal Humane Society's medal. The Mayor will recommend Wrightman for it.

CLAIMS GALORE.

The finance committee had a lengthy report. To prevent a division court suit with E. S. Spashett for damages to a rig they recommended payment of $10. It would cost that to go into court. Adopted.

A compromise of John Fox' claim for damages at $15 was recommended. Fox has been laid up three weeks from a fall.

"I never knew the city to have as many claims as it has for accidents on sidewalks the last few months,' said Dr. Bray. "I think it would do no harm to let one of these small claims go into court to discourage others."

Ald. Sulman said in this case the council were not offering Mr. Fox enough.

A claim of $5 from F. Marx in connection with the late debenture sale was disallowed.

The action of last year's council in offering Job Moore $16 as a compromise of his claim of $51 was approved of by the report.

Ald. Carpenter moved, seconded by Ald. Wanless that Moore be given half of his claim, $25.50. This carried.

The committee also recommended that Thomas Martin's account of $5, having been thrown out by last year's council, no action be taken.—Adopted.

PIGGOTT & SON'S ACCOUNT.

Regarding the claim of John Piggott & Sons for lumber furnished Contractor Illingsworth, the committee recommended no action. The city solicitor reported that the city was not liable.

Ald. Blight moved in amendment that the claim be paid. He said they would have to pay it ultimately. He had no confidence in solicitor's opinions. They differed one with another and changed their opinions over-night.

Ald. O'Keeffe supported Ald. Blight. Ald. Arnold said if they decided to pay the account they had been threatened.

NEW MARKET HOUSE.

Ald. Mounteer reported that they examined the old market building and found it utterly unfit for use. They recommended the erection of a new market building properly heated and ventilated; also that a small fee be charged until the building is paid for, and that in the meantime a by-law be submitted to the people asking power to raise $10,000 for the purpose by issuing thirty year debentures.

Ald. Mounteer claimed that $10,000 would erect a building suitable for the free library as well as for market purposes.

Ald. Smith opposed a $10,000 market house. It would be utterly unsuitable, he said, to put the free library over a noisy market, and the people would never vote $10,000. He thought $7,000 or $8,000 quite sufficent.

Ald. Mounteer said the free library board was looking for suitable quarters for which they expect to pay $400 a year rent. He claimed that the interest on $10,000 capitalized would only amount to $146 a year more than on $8,000 and for the extra $2,000 they could give the free library board suitable quarters at say $300 a year thus saving money for both the city and the board.

GOING TO MOVE.

The mayor said more extensive quarters were certainly necessary for the library. These they did not expect to secure for less than $400 a year.

Ald. Smith—Your actions are very peculiar, your worship. You went to Toronto to try and knock the free library by-law out in 1894. Now you are upholding the idea of running the library on a more extravagant basis than ever.

The mayor said it was very true he did try to knock the by-law out but didn't succeed. Now they had the library he wanted it run on the most efficient but economical basis possible.

The report of the committee was adopted and power given to prepare a by-law for submission to the people to endorse an issue of $10,000 worth of debentures for a new market house.

R. G. Fleming asked for instructions concerning the vacating of the old market house. Ald. Mounteer said a months notice was sufficient. It would be too bad to turn the tenents out and then have the by-law for the new building defeated. The Council agreed to leave the matter to the market committee to have the building cleared when necessary.

Ald. Blight was added to the market committee on suggestion of Ald. Mounteer.

WARD REDUCTION.

Ald. Sulman moved a select committee consisting of Ald. Arnold, O'Keeffe, Mounteer, McPhee and himself, to consider the necessary steps for the reduction in the number of wards. The law will not permit the abalition of wards altogether, and it was suggested that the committee petition the legislature for this power. A report will be brought in at next council meeting. Ald. Sulman called attention to the necessity for a crossing at the corner of Murray and Church streets, but Ald. Blight said it could not be put down at this season.

The by-law for the purchase of an electric light plant, was read a third time in conformity with the law.

WANT THE MEET.

Londoners may yet Make a Bid for it.

However, their Chances Against Chatham are not very Bright.

(London Free Press.)

Local wheelmen are beginning to discuss in earnest the question of the C. W. A. meet for 1897, and whether or not it will be a wise move to have it in London. The London Bicycle Club in particular is devoting no small amount of attention to the matter, and already committees have been appointed by that organization to "feel" the merchants and citizens generally and obtain their views.

That it is pretty near time for London to again have the big meet is not denied, for over fifteen years have elapsed since the C. W. A. was here. Then the association was only two or three years of age, and small in point of numbers: high wheels were all the rage and low wheels were unthought of, and it was then that Jim Lamb, of this city, was at his best. The meet was held on the old Exhibition grounds, and the races were run on the sandy horse track, in the presence of a few thousand persons. Year by year since then the big meet has gone from place to place, until the principal cities and towns in Ontario and Quebec have been favored with it; and year by year the association has grown in strength, until the annual meet is an event of no small importance, for it brings to a place for three days thousand upon thousands of people, who spend their money freely.

London has always been well represented at the meets, and now its wheelmen are convinced that the gathering of 1897 should be held here. The city is suitably situated, and it has one of the best third of a mile tracks—if not the best—in Canada. The management of a meet such as the C. W. A. involves an immense amount of work and the expenditure of large sums of money in advertising, etc. and only once in the history of the association has a meet been held without loss to the club conducting it. That was at Waterloo a year or two since. The meet, however, is a big advertisement for a place, and sets in circulation with the railways, merchants and hotel proprietors large sums of cash, which might otherwise remain unspent. When the meet was held in Quebec the council of that city joined with the local clubs and made a very liberal donation of $2,000 to help the good thing along, while the business men gave guarantees to come to the assistance of the clubs in case the meet was a financial failure.

Of course, London's wheelmen do not for a moment expect that the city council would be so reckless as to make such a large grant towards the affair, should it come here, but they will expect the merchants to give guarantees, as they are the class that will receive the most benefit. Prompt action will have to be taken by the London club, as already Brantford has scattered throughout the country flaring posters, asking wheelmen to vote for the meet for that city. Chatham is also understood to be after it, but London's claim is stronger than either of those places. In fact, London has just to speak for the meet, as it was virtually promised at the last annual meeting of the association.

Some of the local riders are a little timid over the matter, while others are very anxious to have the championships run off on Tecumseh Park.

"There is no cause for fear at all," one of the latter said recently. "I waited on eleven business men in one day, and I got guarantees to the amout of $500. They would all follow suit, if once they were satisfied that the wheelmen would go in for it, heart and soul."

The old story of Prometheus is a parable. Prometheus was on terms of intimacy with the gods. From them he stole fire, and gave it to men. For this sin he was bound to the rocks of Mount Caucassus, and vultures were set upon him. They only ate his liver. This grew again as fast as it was pecked away. Are his sufferings to be imagined?

Take a modern interpretation of the parable. There is no cooking without fire. In cooking and eating the mischief lies. The stomach is overtasked, the bowels become clogged, they cannot dispose of the food that is given them. The impurities back up the liver. Then come the vultures—the torments of a diseased liver. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is more than equal to the vultures of dyspepsia and its kindred diseases. There is no more need of suffering from dyspepsia than there is of hanging one's self. Sold by all medicine dealers the world over.

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To enable all to participate in the pleasures of the Capital during the Inauguration week, greatly reduced rates will be made by the Lehigh Valley R. R. from all points along its lines. Tickets will be good going on March 1st, 2nd and 3rd, and good for return March 4th to 8th.

A special train of coaches and sleeping cars will leave Suspension Bridge at 4 p. m. March 3rd, arriving at Washington at 8 a. m. March 4th.

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"THE PRINCESS BONNIE."

The plan of seats for the above opera will open at the Central drug store on Thursday morning at ten o'clock. The best rehearsal of the season was held last evening when everybody was present except Joe Hadley. The public have been repeatedly informed that the rehearsals are private and not one admitted but those taking on active part in the opera; a word to the wise ought to be sufficient. Another meeting this evening at 8 o'clock sharp.

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William Gordon

"A GLASS OF BEER."

Rev. E. O. Taylor Describes the Harm, he Says, it can do.

The William Street Baptist church was filled last evening when Rev. E. O. Taylor rose to deliver his earnest and eloquent lecture on "A glass of beer."

In opening the lecturer put the query—what is temperance? and answered in a definite manner. Fifty years ago, he said, temperence was defined as the moderate use of liquor, but this definition was no good to-day for the reason that it had been learned that it was of no definite food value. Temperance was not the moderate use of any pure and simple drug, divested of its food value and capable of doing positive harm. Temperance was the moderate use of things good in their essential nature, but total abstinence for all things bad in their essential composition.

The lecturer placed alcohol in the class of narcotics and irritant poisons. It had a local affinity for the brain and unbalanced the higher faculties and rendered dominant the impulses of animal nature, thus leading to crime and accounting for the fact that the saloon and the brothel are generally found in intimate relations. He claimed that the drink habit lead on physiological grounds be the social vice, and that the government was under obligations to protect its citizens against the use of a deadly drug of which they know little, the same as it legislated against the indiscriminate sale of others of like character.

THE MARKETS.

(Via L. J. Atwater's Private Wire.)

Chicago, Feb. 9.—After opening easier ¼ to ⅜ cents below last night's close owing to discouraging Liverpool cables later became firm on good buying by local bulls and on very close advices from Liverpool that market was recovering the whole of the decline and closing firm on policical rumor. Our friends also cabled that fresh buying was starting there. Market quickly rallied 1⅛c from low point and closed with firm undertone at about highest point of the day. Cash demand both here and seaboard was slack which was rather discouraging but with firm markets we are inclined to think it will soon increase.

Corn and oats ruled easy early, but later became firm on covering and in sympathy with wheat. Cash demand disappointing and export limits were out of line.

Provisions strong from start to finish. Hog receipts were lighter than expected. Cash demand good and improving. Packers making heavy shipments abroad via New Orleans. Trade is picking up. We are going to see active trade.

CHICAGO GRAIN QUOTATIONS.

	Opn.	High.	Low.	Close
Wheat—May	76¼	77⅛	76¼	76¼
July	72¼	73⅜	72⅛	73⅛
Sept	70¼	71⅛	70⅛	71⅛
Corn—May	24	24¼	23⅞	24⅛
Sept	26⅛	26⅜	26⅛	26⅛
July	25¼	25½	24¾	25⅛
Oats—May	17⅜	17⅜	17¼	17⅛
July	18	18⅛	18	18⅛
Pork—July	7.90	7.92	7.90	7.92
May	7.70	7.80	7.70	7.80
Lard—July	3 95	3.97	3.95	3.97
May	3 85	3.87	3.82	3.87
Ribs—July	4.05	4.10	4.05	4.10
May	3.95	4.02	3.95	4.02

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10 lbs. buckwheat flour	25c
10 lbs rolled oats	25c
3 lb. mince meat (Delhi)	25c

2 Packages Mince Meat 15c

2 oz. bottle vanilla and lemon, (Sheriff's)	10c
Gold dust washing compound	25c

10 Bars Congo Soap 25c

Good corn, per 2 lb. can	6½c
1 gal. can apples (Delhi)	20c
Tomatoes, solid meat, 4 cans	25c
COFFEE—selected Java and Mocha, per lb	40c

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—Grocer

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And yet it is likely to happen any time. The pipe may break and deluge the house with water and maybe the furnace will smoke. The internal workings of pipes, drains and plumbing are beyond the control of mere mortals. They are like volcanoes—likely to go into business any moment.

Better be on the safe side and let us reinforce them for the winter.

Morton & Adam....

TILBURY

Feb. 9.—Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Zeller, of Morlin, were in town yesterday visiting friends.

The insurance inspectors were in town yesterday adjusting the losses of Messrs. Anderson and VonGunten at the recent fire.

Mrs. Andrew Wilson is on the sick list.

Mrs. James Stewart still continues seriously ill.

A number from here will attend the Forester's concert at Quinn to-night. The Gant Quartette Club, of Chatham, will furnish the program.

Miss Etta Waddell returned yesterday from a few day's visit with friends at Rothwell and vicinity.

The Scotch twin evangelists are continuing their revival meetings in the Methodist church this week. Very large crowds are attending the meetings.

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For the three lines of dye just mentioned, see that your dealer gives you the proper dye for the work, and see that each package bears the name "Diamond."

WALLACEBURG.

Feb. 9.—The local dramatic company have a new play under consideration, which they are arranging to produce at an early date.

Miss E. McPherson is confined to her residence by an attack of grippe, and for a few days her scholars are enjoying a holiday.

A burning chimney in the Oddfellows block yesterday afternoon, caused the tenants some annoyance by the smoke penetrating their places of business.

Fred F. Davis left this morning for Hamilton after spending a few days at his home here.

The gymnasium is now managed by Frank Lewis, who has reorganized the institution and reduced the monthly fee to fifty cents. Each member is furnished with a card of admission, which must be presented at the door. Ladies' classes have also been arranged, and the proprietor will give his personal attention to all students of physical culture.

The Epworth League of James' St. Methodist church have organized a sacrifice fund in aid of the India famine sufferers. It is to be hoped that they may meet with success.

NOW THEY ARE WOOING

Sir Richard and Hon. Mr. Davies as Supplicants.

They are Saying Canada Wants the United States Market in Preference to the British Market—Canada's Largest Trade With the States is in Manufactured Articles—A Large Element in Canada, Mr. Davies Says, Whose Preference is for Trade With Great Britain—American Manufacturer Has Everything to Gain by the Arrangement Proposed.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Sir Richard Cartwright, Canadian Minister of Trade and Commerce, and Hon. L. H. Davies, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, for the Dominion, who arrived in Washington on Thursday last, are making the most of their visit to the National Capital. During the past few days they have had interviews more or less extended with Secretary Olney, Speaker Reed, Senator Sherman and other prominent Republicans and Democrats in the two Houses of Congress. To the United Associated Presses reporter to-day Sir Richard and Mr. Davies outlined the basis upon which such a treaty could be drawn.

"In the first place," said Mr. Davies, "please make it clear to the American people that we believe closer trade relations should exist between the two countries, and that a commission, consisting of two Americans and two Canadians, should be appointed to consider the general subject of reciprocity and report to their respective Governments if a commercial treaty be possible."

It was suggested to Mr. Davies that the American farmers along the northern frontier would protest vigorously against any reciprocity which included an exchange of the natural products of the soil.

"But," interjected Sir Richard, "our people raise the same objection. Our agriculturists fear American competition quite as strongly as the American farmers fear Canadian competition. During the past three months, while our Tariff Commission was giving its hearings at Ottawa, we were constantly reminded that American competition would be fatal to Canadian interests. The Canadians living in the Niagara peninsula were most insistent that the barriers should not be thrown down. They asserted that the American grape and the American strawberry would, if protection were removed, flood our country and destroy their interests."

"Similar objections were made by our farmers with reference to a free exchange of other products. The truth is," continued Sir Richard, "the quality of some of our articles is superior to yours. On the other hand, the Americans raise certain articles which are superior in quality to ours. For example, our wheat is better in quality generally speaking, than that of America. Your corn is superior to ours. This is true of a large number of articles. Those natural products which develop better in a warmer climate are superior on your side of the line to ours. Other products of the soil, which are more natural to a cold climate, are produced better by us. There is no reason why the people of both countries should not enjoy the superior products of Canada and America at the lowest price instead of purchasing an inferior article for the same money."

"Laying aside the question of natural products, to what extent would the manufacturers of the United States be benefited by such an arrangement?" Sir Richard was asked.

"The trade of the United States with Canada," replied Sir Richard, "would be greatly stimulated. We are to-day your best customers. We purchase more largely per capita in the American market than Great Britain does. Our trade with the United States aggregates $100,000,000, of which the larger share is in favor of the United States. Under the stimulus of reciprocity this trade could be expanded to $500,000,000 a year, with the same relative advantage on the side of the United States. We estimate it this way: We have a population of five millions of people, which is equal to the population of one of your larger States. There is little, if any, difference between the two peoples. We speak the same tongue, we are descendants of the same race, the climatic and soil conditions are similar, and there is no difference in temperament and feeling. Your statistics show that the trade in this country between two States having populations of five millions each amounts annually to about $200,000,000. I think trade between the States and Canada, with a liberal measure of reciprocity, would equal, if it did not exceed, that amount."

"Are the Canadians large consumers of American manufactures?"

"Our largest trade with the United States," replied Sir Richard, "is in these articles. We purchase comparatively few manufactured products from Great Britain. We purchase from the home country our woolen manufactures, a certain brand of extra fine prints, cotton cloths and books of a certain quality. This practically covers our trade with Great Britain. On the other hand, nearly everything we need in the line of manufactures would, under reciprocity, come from this side of the line. Our manufacturers would naturally protest against this competition, but that is to be expected. I might observe in this connection that our trade with Great Britain has suffered a steady decline. During the 25 years I have been in Parliament it has decreased from $68,000,000 to $32,000,000 annually with a corresponding increase in favor of the United States."

Referring for a moment to an exchange of natural products, Sir Richard went on, "There is the matter of coal for, instance. Our statistics for the past five years show that our annual consumption of American coal has amounted in round numbers to $8,800,000. The United States, on the other hand, during the same period has purchased Canadian coal to the amount of $2,800,000 annually. If the duty on coal were removed in both countries Cape Breton coal might be shipped to the New England and some of the middle States at a much lower rate than it is now purchased. While this might affect the American producer, so far as this particular trade was concerned, his output would be largely increased through his sales in Ontario and Manitoba. Then, as an offset to this, British Columbian coal would find a larger market in your Pacific Slope States, so that the exchange would even up pretty generally all around, with both countries reaping the benefit of a cheaper price."

"What will be the result if the American Government declines to make a reciprocity treaty such as you desire?"

"It will result," said Mr. Davies, who at this point again took part in the conversation, "in an enlargement of our trade with Great Britain. We must trade somewhere and shall naturally trade where we can make the best bargain. We have in Canada today a large element whose influence is thrown in the direction of a more extended trade with the Mother Country as against the United States. We Canadians believe that our trade should flow through natural channels, and this natural channel inclines to this country. If we can't trade with America we shall be compelled to trade with Great Britain, and once these intimate relations are established with the Mother Country it will be difficult to break them. The effect of Canadian competition can only be felt immediately along your northern border, while on the other hand the manufacturers of the United States will secure a greatly enlarged market. I do not believe that the effect of Canadian competition is felt to any extent except along the northern fringe of your northernmost States. As Sir Richard has said, our Canadian agriculturists fear American competition quite as keenly as the Americans fear Canadian competition, so that there is practically little difference between them. On the other hand the American manufacturer has nothing to fear, he has everything to gain by such an arrangement as we propose."

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CUT HIS OWN THROAT.

That is What is Now Said Regarding the Dead Barnardo Boy.

Toronto, Feb. 9.

"That Charles Bradbury came to his death by a wound self-inflicted" was the unanimous verdict of 14 jurymen who sat on the inquest concluded last night, a verdict which was agreed in by 99 out of every 100 who heard the evidence.

The enquiry was resumed at 1.30 yesterday afternoon at Birrell's hotel, York Mills, and the decision was rendered at 10.10 at night, after the jury had been three-quarters of an hour in consultation.

Dr. W. H. B. Aikins was the coroner. He was assisted by the Crown Attorney, Mr. Dewart; High Constable Jones and County Constable Burns also assisted. Mr. F. E. Hodgins represented the Barnardo Home and Messrs. W. G. Murdock, B. E. Swayzie and W. P. Ball looked after the interests of John and Stewart Blain, Mr. Murdock having been called in by the relatives of the young man.

Dr. Thomas Armstrong, one of the coroners, gave the result of the first post mortem, held on the 2nd inst., when the examination was solely directed to the appearance of the remains in reference to cremation and not in connection with any wound on the throat.

The results of the second post mortem were detailed by Dr. Johnson, the others present having been Dr. Armstrong, Dr. Richardson and Dr. W. R. Walters, all of whom agreed in the results. The examination showed that the greater portion of the arms and legs had been burned away, but that the trunk and head remained. The head was turned to the right, and the right arm, or what was left of it, was raised. There was an irregular cut upwards in the throat below the Adam's apple, and the evidences were that smoke had been inhaled and, therefore, that the boy had been breathing when the fire reached him. The wound in the throat was not necessarily fatal. The razor blade produced could have inflicted the wound.

IRON AND STEEL TARIFF.

The Ways and Means Committee Increases the Duty a Fraction—It is to be 1 1-2 Cents a Pound.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The Republican members of the Ways and Means Committee held another session to-day, which was devoted mainly to the consideration of the iron and steel schedule in the new Tariff Bill. A slight increase was made in the duty on tin plate, which is fixed in the present law at 1 1-5 cents a pound. The manufacturers have asked for a rate of 2 cents a pound, but the committee felt that 1½ cents a pound would be a sufficient protection and the duty was placed at that figure.

In the McKinley law the duty was fixed at 2 2-10 cents a pound. Iron ore, pig iron, bar iron and steel rails were left at the present rate.

A tentative agreement was also made with reference to cotton ties, which as the new bill will pay 1 1-10 per cent. additional to the rate imposed on the iron from which they are made.

NIMROD FROZEN IN.

Steamer Sent to Look for the State of Georgia in Trouble Herself.

St. John's, N.F., Feb. 8.—The steamer Nimrod, which went out in search of the missing steamer State of Georgia, is frozen in an ice floe five miles south of Cape Race. Two of her crew came ashore over the ice to-day to report that the Nimrod had found no trace of the missing steamer. The Nimrod steamed 170 miles off the coast and searched the ice floes north, but without avail. The general opinion that the State of Georgia has gone down with all on board is strengthened by the report from the Nimrod.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Flour—There was a little better feeling to-day, but no business reported. Straight rollers are quoted at $3.75 to $3.80.

Bran—Trade quiet, with bran quoted outside west at $7 to $7.50, and shorts at $9.

Wheat—The local market is stronger, with a better demand, owing to advance in British prices. There were sales west of red winter at 77c and of white at 78c. White sold east at 80c. No. 1 Manitoba hard is quoted at 79c to 77c, afloat Fort William, and sales are reported at 93c, grinding in transit, Toronto freight. No. 2 hard 89c, North Bay, and 91c, grinding in transit.

Buckwheat—Trade is dull, with car lots quoted at 25c to 26c outside.

Barley—The market is weak. No. 1 sold at 31c. No. 2 quoted at 26c to 27c. No. 3 extra at 24c and No. 3 at 22c.

Oats—Market is unchanged, with sales of white at 17½c west, and mixed is quoted at 16½c.

Peas—Trade quiet and prices unchanged, there being sales north and west at 40c.

Corn—The market is weaker, with sales west at 19½c to 20c for new.

Rye—The market is dull with fair offering. Cars are quoted at 34c.

Oatmeal—The market is quiet and prices unchanged. Car lots, $2.85 to $3.

BRITISH MARKETS.

Liverpool, Feb. 8.—Spring wheat, 6s 6d to 6s 8d; red, no stock; No. 1 Cal., 6s 7½d to 6s 8½d; corn, 2s 7¾d; peas, 4s 5½d; pork, 46s 3d; lard, 20s 0d; bacon, l.c., heavy, 25s 3d; do., light, 24s 0d; do., s.c., heavy, 22s 6d; tallow, 18s 9d; cheese, white and colored, 59s.

London—Opening—Wheat off coast steadier, on passage 3d to 6d higher. English country markets 6d cheaper. Maize on passage quiet and steady.

Liverpool—Spot wheat steady; futures quiet at 6s 4½d for March, 6s 5½d for May, and 6s 4½d for July. Maize quiet at 2s 7¾d for Feb. and March, 2s 8½d for April, 2s 9½d for May, and 2s 9½d for July. Flour 23s 6d.

Paris—Wheat 22f 70c for Feb., and flour 47f 75c for March.

Liverpool—Close—Wheat ¼d better, at 6s 4½d for March, 6s 5½d for May, and 6s 4½d for July. Maize ¼d lower, at 2s 7½d for March, 2s 8d for April, 2s 8½d for May, and 2s 9½d for July.

London—Close—Wheat on passage quiet and steady. Maize on passage quiet.

Paris—Close—Wheat steady at 22f 75c for Feb., and flour 47f 80c for March.

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Oh, God, that bread should be so dear,
And flesh and blood so cheap.

Those handled in this store are not the product of white-slave labor, but the work of skilled makers, aided by the most improved machinery; and each and all have been turned out at prices which not only renumerate the sewer, but also the maker of the material and the manufacturer in whose establishment they were produced. And yet, so well adjusted are the various items of cost, these goods come to the retailer at a figure astonishingly low. This House in particular, can testify on the subject; for it effected a big purchase recently at a take-'em-all quotation. Now it purposes letting its customers into the deal.

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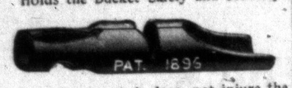

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ON THE PRAIRIE.

Bare, low, tawny hills,
With bluer heights beyond,
And the air is sweet with spring,
But when will the earth respond?

Prairie that rolls for leagues,
Dusky and golden pale,
Like a stirless sea of waves,
Unbroken by ship or sail.

The hollows are dark with brush
And black with the wash of showers
And ragged with bleaching wreck
Of the ranks of the tall sunflowers.

No cloud in the blue, no stir
Save the shrill of the wind in the grass,
And the meadow lark's note, and the call
Of the wind borne crows that pass.

Bare, low, tawny hills,
With bluer heights beyond,
And the air is sweet with spring,
But when will the earth respond?
—Herbert Boles in New York Tribune.

TREES IN THE STREETS.

A Society In New York City to Beautify the Avenues.

Without doubt the Tree Planting association of New York has undertaken a most beneficent work. So far as it proves to be practicable, it will contribute as much as any other scheme that could be projected for the embellishment of the city. The incorporators are to a considerable extent the same as the incorporators of the Botanic garden—men well known for public spirit and intelligence. Thus the society begins under the most favorable possible auspices, for caution and discrimination as well as for enterprise.

Of course its work will be largely experimental. There are streets, even residential streets, in New York in which it may not be wise to attempt tree planting at all, for the reason that the space cannot be spared, either from the sidewalk or the roadway, for the boxes that must protect the young trees or for the trunks of such as live to maturity. Even in those streets in which there is room enough for trees there are many places in which no trees can thrive by reason of the lack of sunshine, and, indeed, there are scarcely any streets in New York below the park in which trees can be expected to do so well as in a place like Washington, where the streets are so wide and the buildings so low as to give all trees that may be planted a fair chance for life. Almost the only streets in New York that are as favorably situated are the Broadway boulevard and the Riverside drive. The boulevard has been until within the past few months a dismal monument to municipal neglect. Now it is kept in order, but time is required to replace the trees that have been allowed to die, and the double row of trees that were meant "high overarched to embower" does not embower at all, but presents upon the whole a scraggy and dismal spectacle.

This, of course, comes mainly from neglect, for there is no reason why trees in this thoroughfare should not thrive if they can be made to thrive anywhere in New York. The general introduction of electric lighting will do much for the trees unless gas is still carried through the ground for fuel. It is given out that uncontaminated earth will be used for the setting of the new trees, but, judging from what we have experienced in the opening of Fifth avenue for a sewer and the previous openings of other avenues for laying cables, the percolation of the gas through the fresh soil would be a matter of only weeks at the longest. The new association is plainly destined to encounter many obstacles. If it succeeds in gaining even a partial victory over them, it will entitle itself to the gratitude of all New Yorkers.—New York Times.

Musical Recitation.

Although the Quakers, as a sect, do not favor music, regarding it as a profitless amusement indulged in by the world's people, there are occasionally stories told which show that the love of music sometimes steals its way into a Quaker household in spite of discipline.

George Thompson, the famous English abolitionist, while lecturing on the abolition of slavery in the British provinces, stopped one night with a Quaker family. He was a great lover of music, and at that time was a good singer.

During the evening he sang "Oft In the Stilly Night," which was listened to with the closest attention.

In the morning his Quaker hostess appeared somewhat uneasy. She wished to hear the song again, but it would hardly do, she thought, for her to request its repetition. At last, however, her desire overcame her scruples.

"George," she said, with a faint pink color in her soft cheeks, "will thee repeat the words of last evening in thy usual manner?"—Youth's Companion.

At His Own Expense.

Mr. Bluff—Look here, young man, you're always going about with my daughter, and I want to know what your intentions are regarding her?

Young Man—I really have no intentions, sir.

Mr. Bluff (angrily)—Then, what do you mean by amusing yourself at my daughter's expense?

Young Man (airily)—I'm not amusing myself at your daughter's expense, sir, but at my own expense. I always pay for the theater tickets and refreshments.—Pearson's Weekly.

Exchanging Compliments.

"I see that you are your own washerwoman," said Mrs. Spitely, who was leading her poodle past the place.

"Yes," retorted Mrs. Snaply. "But, thank goodness, I'm not reduced to playing nursegirl for a dog."—Detroit Free Press.

There are a great many spiders, especially among the tropical varieties, which have three eyes, one on each side of the head and the third exactly in the center of the "forehead." This middle or third eye is always the largest.

The book of Job, written about 1520 B. C., describes very accurately several processes of smelting metals.

Trying to be witty is like trying to be pretty.—Fliegende Blatter.

"77" FOR COLDS

A PUZZLING PARIS HOUSE.

It Has Two Spiral Stairways Which Look Like One at Times.

One of the greatest curiosities of Paris is the house with the double staircase. It does not figure in the guidebook and is not among the places of interest that are photographed, but, for all that, it is of greater interest than many of the things that come within this class.

This house has entrances at 35 Rue Radzivill and at 18 Rue de Valois. It is in the quarter of the Palais Royal—that palace now given up largely to restaurants and cheap jewelry shops, and once the residence of the most licentious of French princes, the regent d'Orleans. The quarter is one of the most central in Paris, and all Americans who have been in Paris know it, but the house, which is a few steps from the Palais Royal, the Rue de Rivoli and the Louvre, escapes general attention because it faces on dark and narrow streets.

Each staircase begins on opposite sides of the central space of the house and is continued separate right up to the roof. They are in a graceful spiral form. The house is nine stories high, a very considerable height for one so old. As you look up the wall you can hardly realize that there is more than one stairway.

The result of this arrangement is that one stairway takes you to the first floor apartment on the right, the second floor on the left, and so on. The other stairway takes you to the first floor on the left, the second floor on the right, and so on. You must be very careful to choose the right stairway when you are going to an apartment, otherwise you may mount as far as the sixth floor and find yourself on the wrong side of the house. It is just as well then to go to the top and come down by the other stairway.

It is difficult to describe the puzzling effect of this contrivance on those who see it for the first time. No more ingenious contrivance for exciting profanity and causing confusion was ever designed by architect. The beauty lies in its simplicity, which gives it an advantage over secret doors and such laborious devices

It is a favorite trick with those who know the house to take moderately intoxicated friends to see it. The man who knows tells his friend to go up stairs. Then he goes up himself by the opposite stairway. When he has gone up about two stories, he leans over the balustrade and tells his friend to join him. The inebriate endeavors to do so, running up and down stairs, but never able to catch the other.—New York Journal.

GREAT GRAPE INDUSTRY.

The Shores of Lake Chautauqua Supply Half the Country.

The management of the vineyard is an interesting study and one which to be successful requires technical knowledge. In the large vineyards, as a rule, the owner himself gives personal supervision to every detail. Sometimes a manager or overseer performs these duties. One of the largest growers in this section tells me that the most successful grower is the foreigner, who, with his family of eight or ten, comes and leases or buys 25 or 50 acres of land, each member of the family having his or her part in the work to perform from spring until picking time, while the winter is devoted to the making of the baskets. Thus no outside expenditure is incurred, and when the grapes are sold the proceeds return to the family as the profit on the individual labor of each member, quite in contrast with the large owner, who is compelled to hire help to do each little thing in addition to buying his baskets.

The Concord grape is the only variety of any consequence raised in this region, and some idea of the magnitude of the business carried on may be had when it is known that the shipments for one year from Chautauqua county alone will amount to 3,500 carloads, 3,000 baskets of 10 pounds each in each car. These are taken from the grower by some one of the numerous growers' associations, whose business it is to find a market. Strange as it may seem, it is nevertheless true that three-fourths of them go to points west of Chicago, while the other one-fourth travels eastward.

The making of baskets is an important item. Many factories are employed. The price ranges from 2 to 2½ cents per basket. Thus the grower who would find his business in any way profitable must, in addition to the cost of the basket, realize at least 1 cent per pound for his grapes, while today it is a common thing to find a ten pound basket on the retail market slow sale at 10 cents. Thus we find that the utmost care must be taken in the management of a vineyard to make it profitable.—Chautauquan.

Her Train.

"How did the queen of Sheba travel when she went to see Solomon?" asked the teacher of her Sunday school class of little girls.

No one ventured an answer.

"If you had studied your lesson, you could not have helped knowing," said their teacher. "Now look over the verses again."

"Could she have gone by the cars?" asked the teacher, beginning to lose patience as the children consulted their books, but appeared to arrive at no conclusion.

"Yes'm," said a little girl at the end of the class. "She went by steam cars."

"Did she, indeed? Well, Louise, we would like to know how you found that out?"

"In the second verse," responded the child, "it says 'she came with a very great train.'"—New York Advertiser.

Before the Effects Wore Off.

"Say, you're the fourth feller that has come here to try to trade hosses today," said Farmer Shortcrop. "What's got into you all?"

"W'y," said the visiting farmer sheepishly, "the story got out someways that you'd got religion at the revival las' night."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

PICKED PICKLES.

A Newnham College girl speaks of a tight-rope performance as "an inebriated cordage entertainment."

The eye-glass, says a philosopher, is worn by the masher. The theory is that he can see quite as much with one eye as he can comprehend.

A man's ears are placed in such a way that he may catch the things that are said in front of him. Merciful Providence never intends that he should hear what is said behind his back.

Professor (seeing the sign "Freshly painted" over the zebra's cage in the zoological gardens)—How very strange. I could have sworn that those stripe were natural.

Any tendency to premature baldness may be promptly checked by the use of Ayer's Hair Vigor. Don't delay till the scalp is bare and the hair-roots destroyed. If you would realize the best results, begin at once with this invaluable preparation.

RAEVERIE.

It was only a winsome way she had,
And there in the twilight gray
She smiled on me till my heart was glad,
In the glad, old-fashion way;
And fainter far than echoes are
Was the touch of a tremulous tone
That round me fell with the magic spell
Of a hand that clasped my own.

The rough old river, close to our feet,
Ran on with curve, and fret
As our love once ran on its way to meet
And be lost in vain regret:
My darkened room shook out its gloom
Into folds of a fair delight,
Till overhead was canopied
By only the stars of night.

She flung me a thread of broken song
Ravelled from the unrest
That flutters where faith has suffered wrong
From doubts in the human breast:
And here and there and everywhere
The world bent down to wait
With me the sign of a form divine
And the click of a cottage gate.

Ah! Fate, you cannot hide her face
And fairy form from me!
For the soul is careless of time and space
And master of things to be;
And while you would have my spirit sad,
As I sit in the twilight gray,
She smiles on me till my heart is glad
In the glad, old fashioned way.
—Chicago Record.

Souris, Man., Sept. 21, 1896.

Messrs. Edmanson, Bates & Co.

Dear Sirs,—I find your goods taking remarkably well with my customers and they appear to give every satisfaction, as indicated by the fact of our having sold one-half gross of your Kidney-Liver Pills alone during the month of August.

S. S. Smith, Souris, Man.

ABSENT, YET PRESENT.

As the flight of a river
That flows to the sea,
My soul rushes ever
In tumult to thee.

A twofold existence
I am where thou art;
My heart in the distance
Beats close to thy heart.

Look up, I am near thee,
I gaze on thy face;
I see thee, I hear thee,
I feel thine embrace.

As a magnet's control on
The steel it draws to it,
Is the charm of thy soul on
The thoughts that pursue it.

And absence but brightens
The eyes that I miss,
And custom but heightens
The spell of thy kiss.

It is not from duty,
Though that may be owed,—
It is not from beauty,
Though that be bestowed;

But all that I care for,
And all that I know,
Is that, without wherefore,
I worship thee so.

Through granite as breaketh
A tree to the ray,
As a dreamer forsaketh
The grief of the day,

My soul in its fever
Escapes unto thee;
O dream to the griever,
O light to the tree!

A twofold existence
I am where thou art;
Hark, hear in the distance
The beat of my heart!
—Lord Lytton.

THE MONTHS.

January brings the snow,
Makes our feet and fingers glow.

February brings the rain,
Thaws the frozen lake again.

March brings breezes sharp and chill,
Shakes the dancing daffodil.

April brings the primrose sweet,
Scatters daisies at our feet.

May brings flocks of pretty lambs,
Sporting round their fleecy dams.

June brings tulips, lilies, roses,
Fills the children's hands with posies.

Hot July brings thunder showers,
Apricots, and gilly-flowers.

August brings the sheaves of corn,
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The Hungarian Housekeeper.

The mistress of a large household in Hungary has need to be a very capable housewife, for she is cumbered with many cares. You must boil your own soap, mold your own candles, dry your own prunes, prepare your own candied fruits, smoke your own sausages, cure your own hams, bottle your own compotes, make your own vinegar, store your own fruits and vegetables, butter and cheese for winter use, grind your own maize for culinary purposes, grow your own wine, act as your own butcher and poulterer, laundress and seamstress. The eye of the mistress must be everywhere, even though she invariably has a housekeeper under her. Servants get much smaller wages, work harder and live less comfortably, but they are very independent, and there is absolutely no standard of personal morality among them.—H. Ellen Browning in "Wanderings in Hungary."

A Leg of Mutton.

An ordinary leg of mutton, says a famous chef, can be transformed beyond recognition by the following treatment:

Remove the bone and season the meat with a teaspoonful each of ground ginger and cinnamon and a quarter of a teaspoonful of pepper, cloves and mace, mixed with a pint of hot vinegar in which a bouquet of herbs has been placed. Rub the mutton with this preparation and set it in a cold, dry place for a day and a half. Then stuff it with a head of celery, chopped fine, cooked till tender, mixed with a pint of white sauce and seasoned when cold with a can of chopped mushrooms and half a pound of chopped almonds. Set aside for a day and then roast in a hot oven, basting constantly with a mixture made of equal quantities of strained tomatoes and rice stock.

A Hall Seat.

A hall seat seems to be what is needed in many halls, but every housekeeper cannot afford an old oak or mahogany settee, or even have one built of pine and stained to match the woodwork in the room. A plain wooden bench, such as is to be found in every house furnishing store, stained to imitate cherry or oak, makes a nice looking settee. Make a box cushion for the top, covering it with sumptuously colored cretonne, corduroy or some inexpensive material, tufting it by tacking down with covered buttons. Put a 12 inch flounce upon the cushion, box plaiting it on, and you will have a very comfortable and pretty hall seat.—New York Sun.

The Decorative Ironing Table.

The combination ironing table that can be turned into a seat has been put to other than kitchen use by some clever women. One had been stained a deep olive green and had the seat upholstered with olive corduroy fastened with white nails. Another seat, stained an oak color, had a pattern on the back picked out with fancy headed wrought iron nails. The one was covered with figured burlap in oak color, fastened in place with the same kind of nails used on the back. A seat of the kind in a bedroom is painted with white enamel and has the seat covered with scarlet.

How to Clean Necktios.

Take 18 grains of powdered white castile soap, 5 fluid drams of strong aqua ammonia, 24 grains of granulated saltpeter. First dissolve the soap in a pint of warm, soft water; then add the saltpeter, and after it has dissolved add the ammonia. Set aside overnight, or the equivalent of ten hours, and then it is ready to use. Take a cloth or small sponge and after wringing it out of this mixture gently rub the tie until all dirt disappears. Use this on white or dark ties and fine silk and wool goods. It can be made for about 10 cents per pint.

To Polish Steel Goods.

The most unresponsive metal for a housekeeper to attack is steel. Rub and polish as one will, unless a certain secret be known there is still the dull look, and the hardware dealer will only advise the expensive expedient of sending the article to be ground at the factory. The old fashioned knife brick, however, will work wonders here, by simply buying it powdered, mixing with sweet oil and rubbing on freely. Allow this to dry on; then polish briskly and finish off with emery powder.

Dressing Room Tables.

Small, round tables, that look at first glance like those intended for smokers' use, serve a valuable purpose in a lady's dressing room. They have attached to their polished tops all paraphernalia needed to crimp the hair, including safety matchbox, alcohol lamp, with tongs standard, hairpin tray and bandoline jar. The tables are in oak or mahogany finish and the attachments in various metals, brass, nickel or silver.

Admirable Flower Holders.

A woman who likes to have uncommon things in her home has discovered that the clear glass jars such as are used for electric batteries make admirable flower holders. She gets them at an electrical supply house, and at one visit found an old jar 2 feet high and not more than 5 inches across, into which a trio of American Beauty roses goes with rare effect.

Gas Stoves.

Miss Juliet Corson in the New York Press says: "Never buy a gas stove for heating or cooking in which the flame does not burn all blue. The yellow flame is brilliant, but expensive, as it requires at least three times the amount of necessary gas. Try the stove before buying, and insist upon having one which will emit the blue flame."

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Study Your Children.

It is an evidence of the advance of knowledge that the wise parent today studies his child and measures his physical development by the physical standard that science has established. He keeps himself in touch with the best knowledge. Foods are no longer considered merely the natural provision to meet the demands of hunger, but as the remedies, the protection, the substitutes provided to meet the physical needs of each body. This is one of the results of child study. Precociousness and stupidity are regarded as symptoms, and no longer as the cause of pride or shame. The physical causes are studied. If the child is stupid, his sight, his hearing may be at fault. If he does not spell, an effort is made to discover whether he is stone deaf. If he grows tired quickly, common sense seeks to discover whether his chair and his desk are suited to his height. If he is irritable, it becomes a question of food. If he does not develop physically, it becomes a question of exercise and nutrition. The temple of the Holy Ghost is considered as worthy of the best care and intelligence that time and education have developed.—Outlook.

The Housemaid.

A comely, tidy maid, gowned in blue and white in the morning and black and white at night, if imbued with your cordial warmth and consideration for others, will learn to be a sort of expression of the spirit of the house. The way in which she widely opens the door, as if hoping the guest will enter, will be a vicarious welcome. A door barely opened, threatening to close, as if there was a suspicion that the overcoats were unsafe, is not an uncommon piece of bad manners, and a servant with discretion enough to show you the respect to allow you to enter if you desire, or if an old friend, or "a cousin from the country," to make you comfortable, to take your wraps, stir the fire and offer you a cup of tea, is a jewel only to be found where the atmosphere is full of cordial friendliness. Such a one at dinner absolutely appeals to you to partake by her deft handling of the dishes and gives by her bright watchfulness of your likes and dislikes a sense of personal care which is comically gratifying.—Philadelphia Ledger.

The Teapot.

A terrible mistake of housekeepers is to leave the coffeepot and teapot on the back of the stove to steep all day. It is a fruitful source of dyspepsia and indigestion. Never set tea aside unless in a glass jar or pitcher for iced tea. Heated over, it is simply vile. Coffee, if you must economize that way, should be poured off into a bowl or pitcher and covered closely. Over the grounds pour a cupful of boiling water, shake and let simmer three minutes, then pour into the bowl and throw the grounds away and wash and dry the coffeepot. This will insure you sweet coffee. To make the coffee, grind fine the necessary amount, pour the liquid saved carefully into the pot, so as not to stir up the grounds. In a teacup mix a tablespoonful of coffee to each person, "and one for the pot," with half the white of an egg. When the liquid is boiling, dash the coffee in, stirring briskly for a moment. Fill the pot with boiling water—measured, mind you, one cup for each—and set to steep gently for five minutes.—Washington Star.

What to Do With a Tough Hen.

Sometimes a "green" housekeeper buys a tough hen unawares, and then she tears her hair because it is not fit to eat when baked. Dress fowl and hang it up over night to freeze. Put to boil in hot water as soon as the fire is made and keep it boiling for three hours. If in hard water, put a pinch of soda as large as a butter bean in the water. Do not salt. Two hours before dinner lift from the water; dress and stuff as though it had not been cooked at all; lard it with nice sweet bacon or fat pork, and bake in a medium oven, basting often. The hen will be tender as spring chicken. The water in which it was boiled will make delicious soup, with bits of chicken shredded in it, for the second day, and makes delicious stock for hashed chicken or toast.

The Foot Box.

The fashionable woman now cares for her feet as carefully as for her hands, and a foot box is as necessary to her as a manicure set. The box is a good sized one, and contains everything required for the well being of both shoes and feet. For the former there are various kinds of dressing fluids for taking stains out of satin, brushes for removing dust, spools of silk and waxed shoe thread, a cobbler's needle, thimble and scissors, quantities of laces of all colors and assorted buttons, while for the pedal extremities themselves there are provided instruments for amateur surgical treatment, soaps, salves and bandages, the last being intended principally for the correction of disfigurements caused by long use of shoes that do not fit.

Bags In Household Use.

Bags are a hobby with some women. They delight in all kinds for many different purposes. One of this class had a bag hung near her desk for receipted bills, which she looks over in December and puts away, the bag being large enough to hold a year's bills. She claims the stout linen bag is preferable to box or drawer in desk. Putting away summer stockings is an art in this same woman's case. "It is such a comfort," she says, "to find them ready for use in the spring," so instead of being thrown in a pile into some drawer or trunk, they are mended, rolled up in pairs and put away in chintz bags, each member of the family having one of these bags hung up in the dark corner of his chamber cupboard.

English Nursery Breakfast.

The bacon which is one of the most popular nursery dishes in English households is quite different from that usually eaten here. It is not smoked and is home cured, sweet and delicious. It is sliced very thin, cooked very quickly to be just done through, and is eaten hot, but not dried up, on slices of bread. English physicians consider this the best of food for growing children and as valuable as cod liver oil in tissue building. A typical nursery breakfast in a well to do English household is oatmeal porridge, with rashers of bacon, marmalade and cambric tea and coffee made with much rich milk and very little sugar.

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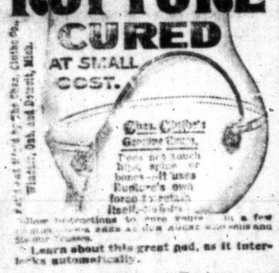

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THE KING WILL FIGHT

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The Trouble in Crete Not Half so Bad as Reported—Refugees From Canea Fed From a British Warship—M. Hanotaux, the French Foreign Minister, Intimates That Great Britain Has Violated International Law in Egypt—General News by Cable.

Brass, Guinea Coast, Feb. 8.—The King of Benin, who caused the massacre of Consul Phillips' party, to avenge which a punitive expedition is now being fitted out under the supervision of Rear Admiral Rawson, C. B., Commander-in-Chief of the British Cape of Good Hope station, has sent a message saying that if the whites choose to fight he will come and fight them with his soldiers at the waterside as they land. The King says that if his soldiers are killed he will send more, and if these are killed he will retire to the backwoods.

THE CRETAN TROUBLE.

Announcement in the House of Commons That Reports Were Exaggerated.

London, Feb. 8.—In the House of Commons to-day Right Hon. George N. Curzon, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated that the rumors of a massacre in Crete were unfounded. It was true that there had been some firing there, but the loss of life had been small. During the firing he said the Turkish troops are reported to have conducted themselves in an exemplary manner and there was practically no plundering. Mr. Curzon said that 5000 refugees had embarked from Canea, and that place was now perfectly quiet. As there had been a scarcity of food reported at Canea the admiral in command of the British Mediterranean squadron had sent a troopship with biscuits and meat sufficient to feed twelve hundred persons for a fortnight. Two thousand refugees were on board the British warships at Canea, Mr. Curzon said, and the last of the fugitives were taken off by the Greek war vessels.

Greek Ironclads Under Orders.

London, Feb. 8.—A despatch to The Times from Athens says that the Grecian ironclads Spetsia and Peara, now being repaired at Toulon, have been ordered to get ready for an expedition to Crete. The Government submitted a measure in the legislative chamber appropriating £4000 to the relief of the Cretan refugees at Milo and elsewhere.

A despatch to The Standard from Athens announces that an Englishman was killed and an Austrian subject wounded during the recent Cretan troubles.

Snubbed the Turk.

Athens, Feb. 8.—Advices received here to-day from Canea say the Greek squadron has arrived at that port, and that upon arriving failed to salute the Turkish flag, according to custom. The officer in command of the British warships at Canea paid a visit to the commander of the Greek vessels immediately upon their arrival.

The despatches also say that the Christians and Moslems at Retymo, Crete, are massing in opposition to one another and making all preparations for a battle.

Two Hundred Buildings Burnt.

Canea, Island of Crete, Feb. 8.—It is officially announced that the fires started by Mussulmans in the Christian quarter have been quenched. In all, according to the official report, 200 buildings have been destroyed, and 5000 Christians have fled. Of this number 2000 are on board British warships. The Greek warships have taken the remainder of the Christian refugees. In conclusion, the report says that tranquility reigns in the town and in the vicinity, and that the Turkish troops throughout behave in an orderly manner. No excesses are reported on their part, and it is asserted that there had been no plundering.

French Cruiser Started.

Toulon, Feb. 8.—The French cruiser Troude has started for the Island of Crete.

PAPAL DELEGATE FOR CANADA.

That Was One Subject Talked Over by Mr. Fitzpatrick in Rome.

London, Feb 8.—Lawyer Russell, who with Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick, Solicitor-General of Canada, is charged with the mission of presenting the Manitoba school case to the Vatican, will start for Rome to-morrow, for the second time, he and Mr. Fitzpatrick having fulfilled their mission a fortnight ago. Mr. Russell's present visit to the Vatican relates to the appointment of an apostolic delegate for Canada, which matter he and Mr. Fitzpatrick have already induced the Vatican to consider favorably.

DID THEY KILL HIM?

Second Mate and Crew of a Nova Scotia Vessel to be Tried in England.

London, Feb. 8.—The first and second mates and fifteen of the crew of the British ship George T. Hay, who were brought here from Rio Janeiro, on Jan. 8, charged with having caused the death of a seaman named Brostrom through ill treatment, will be arraigned for trial in the Winchester Court to-morrow. The specific charge against them is assault with intent to kill. The George T. Hay is owned by G. D. Spyer of Parrsboro, N.S., where her crew also belong, and the Canadian High Commissioner is watching the case on behalf of the men. The ship sailed from Mobile, Aug. 24, 1896, for Rio Janeiro, where she arrived on Nov. 22 last. It was on this voyage that Brostrom is alleged to have been so badly treated that he died from the effects of his ill usage.

BRITAIN AND FRANCE.

Foreign Minister Hanotaux Says the International Act Holds.

Paris, Feb. 8.—In the Chamber of Deputies to-day, M. Hanotaux, Minister of Foreign Affairs, replying to a question by M. Deloncle, regarding the effect of the Franco-Russian memorandum, said that nothing had been done to change the international situation in Egypt as founded with the accord of the powers. France, he said, was held by the international act, which it was impossible for any power to invalidate.

M. Hanotaux, continuing, said he did not desire to engage in any polemics between Parliament and Parliament (French and English) which might cause regrettable misunderstandings. The declarations made by Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, in the English House of Commons, would not tend toward a solution of international questions. England had accepted the position of defending her case before the mixed tribunal, and why should Sir Michael Hicks-Beach discredit that tribunal, which had the approbation of Europe? Would England have protested, he asked, if the verdict of the tribunal had been favorable to her?

The incident was closed.

BRITISH GENERAL DEAD.

Sir Wilbraham Oates Lennox Passes Over to the Silent Majority.

London, Feb. 8.—General Sir Wilbraham Oates Lennox is dead. General Sir William Wilbraham Oates Lennox, K.C.B., V.C., was born in 1839, entered Royal Engineers in 1840, became captain in 1857, major in 1868, lieutenant-colonel in 1859, colonel in 1867, major-general in 1881, lieutenant-general in 1888 and general in 1893, retired 1895; served in Crimean campaign in 1854-56, in the Indian mutiny campaign in 1857-58, was present with the German army in the Franco-Prussian war, 1870-71, was military attache in the Turkish army in Bulgaria during the Turko-Russian war, 1876-77, commanded the garrison at Alexandria 1884-87, and the troops at Ceylon in 1887-88, and was director-general of military education in 1893-95.

HONOR TO NANSEN.

The Arctic Explorer Lectures to the Big Bugs—Reporters Badly Treated.

London, Feb. 8.—The Royal Geographical Society held a reception tonight in Albert Hall in honor of Dr. Fridjof Nansen, the distinguished Arctic explorer. Sir Clements Markham, the president of the society, presided, with the Prince of Wales sitting at his right hand and the Duke of York at his left.

Dr. Nansen delivered a lecture describing the voyage of the Fram and telling of his adventures in the far north. He said that the object of his expedition was not to discover the North Pole, but to explore the unknown region in its neighborhood.

Upon the conclusion of the lecture the Prince of Wales presented to Dr. Nansen a special gold medal voted to him by the Geographical Society. The recipient expressed his thanks for the honor accorded him.

The audience was a most exclusive one. Despite the enormous capacity of the building the members of the press were ill-provided with facilities for reporting the lecture, and there is a very strong suspicion that it was not desired that the newspapers should have a verbatim report. All of the arrangements were of a "hole-in-the-corner" character, and the general public is resenting the manner in which Dr. Nansen's agents and publishers are reserving his explorations. Dr. Nansen's reception compares badly with that accorded to Henry M. Stanley upon his return from Africa. The conduct of the explorer's campaign here gives the impression that the object of the expedition was simply to make money, and that the benefit to science was a small consideration, especially as Dr. Nansen has declared that he will not go on another expedition.

M'VEAGH'S BALL.

The U. S. Minister to Italy Entertains Italian Royalty and Nobility.

Rome, Feb. 8.—A grand ball was given this evening by Wayne MacVeagh, the American Ambassador, and Mrs. MacVeagh, at their residence, the Palace Piombino. There was a large assemblage of guests. Among them were King Humbert, Queen Margherita, the members of the Cabinet, the diplomatic corps, all the prominent members of Roman society and a number of Americans who had previously been presented to Queen Margherita at a soiree.

The MacVeaghs will leave Rome upon the expiration of the Ambassador's tenure of office, and the ball was given as a formal adieu to Rome, and as a slight return for the marks of esteem shown to them during their three years' residence here.

Great Britain's Trade.

London, Feb. 8.—The returns issued by the Board of Trade for January show an increase in imports of £1,501,812 and a decrease in exports of £1,384,114 during that month, as compared with those for January, 1896.

Chamberlain Has the Gout.

London, Feb. 8.—Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, is confined to his bed with an attack of gout.

The Pope at Mass.

Rome, Feb. 8.—The Pope to-day attended a requiem mass for the repose of the soul of Pope Pius IX. His Holiness appeared to be in his usual state of health, and spoke in a strong voice as he pronounced absolution at the conclusion of the service.

Decline to Meddle.

Berlin, Feb. 8.—The Frankfort Zeitung's correspondent at Constantinople telegraphs that Germany has declined the Sultan's request to send officers and financiers to reorganize the country, as being inopportune. France and Belgium, the despatch adds, have also declined.

European Wheat Crop Prospects.

London, Feb. 8.—The Mark Lane Express to-day says: The sodden state of the land is damaging the autumn sown wheat. Reports from France say that there is very poor promise for the growing wheat, but in Italy the outlook is satisfactory.

Eminent Italian Dead.

Rome, Feb. 8.—Signor Galileo Ferraris, member of the Italian Senate, and a well-known electrician, is dead.

DEATH OF MR. FAUVEL.

The Liberal Member for Bonaventure Taken Off by Typhoid Fever at Paspebiac, Quebec.

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—(Special.)—The Premier received a telegram to-night, announcing the death of one of his stalwarts, in the person of Mr. Fauvel, M. P. for Bonaventure, which occurred at his home at Paspebiac, Que. Only yesterday Mr. Laurier learned that Mr. Fauvel was seriously ill from typhoid fever, from which he succumbed to-day. The deceased, who was a Protestant, was popular with both parties, as he was by no means a strong partisan. He was a Jerseyman by birth and prided himself on being an ardent Britisher.

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THIS GREAT COUNTRY

A Lot of General Information About Ourselves.

Over 51 Per Cent. of the People Live in Wooden Houses, 15 Per Cent. in Brick and 3 Per Cent. in Stone—Over Five Persons to a Family—Numbers in the Different Religious Bodies—Alaska Boundary Question Revived—Pen Tribute to the Late Mr. Pope—General News From Ottawa.

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—(Special.)—There was issued from the Printing Bureau to-day the fourth volume of the census of 1891. It is a bulky book of 570 pages, and is possibly the most interesting of the volumes so far published. It deals with immovable property, field products, animals and animal products, various farm products and products of the forest. Then there is a vast amount of information about industrial establishments, with comparisons for the years 1881 and 1891. A comparative statement of industries in cities, towns and villages is also given.

The summary statements relating to the population are most interesting. Canada is shown to have 439.1 acres of land to a person, while the unoccupied area of land is 428.9 acres to a person. The proportion to the total acreage by provinces is as follows: Ontario 6.5, Quebec 6.7, Nova Scotia 0.6, New Brunswick 0.8, Manitoba 1.9, P.E.I. 0.1, British Columbia 11.5, and Territories 71.4.

The following figures represent the kind of houses the people live in: Wood 81.5 per cent., brick 15.5 per cent., stone 3.0 per cent.

The percentage of population by provinces is: Ontario 43.9, Quebec 30.7, Nova Scotia 9.3, New Brunswick 6.7, Manitoba 3.1, P.E.I. 2.3, British Columbia 2.0 and the Territories 2.0.

The table relating to the civil conditions of the people shows that there are for the Dominion 5.6 persons to a house, 5.2 persons to a family, and one family to a house. The percentage of houses in Canada having one storey is 83.5, two storeys 33.6, three storeys 2.5 and four storeys 0.4. Out of every thousand in the population there are 509.1 males and 490.9 females; 328.6 are married, 29.7 widowed and 631.7 children and unmarried. The proportion of French Canadians is given as 290.7 per thousand.

The various religious denominations are represented in Canada by the following proportions per thousand of the population: Roman Catholics 412.2, Methodists 175.6, Presbyterians 156.2, Church of England 133.7, Baptists 62.9, Lutherans 13.2, other denominations 27.7, and not specified 18.5.

The places of birth of the people per thousand are given as follows: Born in Canada 866.0, in Great Britain and Ireland 99.0, in other British possessions 2.6, in the United States 16.8, in Germany 5.8, in Scandinavia, Poland and Russia 3.6, in China 1.9, in France 1.1, in other countries 2.5.

The urban population in 1891 was 28.7 per cent., and the rural 71.3 per cent.

Divided into two classes of age the population showed the following results: Under 20 years 46.60 per cent., over 20 years 52.11.

United States papers on the Pacific Coast are once more handling the Alaska boundary question, pointing out an alleged disagreement between the Canadian and American surveyors and the possibility of friction before an agreement is reached. All this talk is mere guess work. A comparison of the two surveys show that at Forty-Mile Creek, Fort Cudahy, the largest settlement on the Yukon, the 141st meridian, the international boundary as run by the American surveyors only shows a difference of six feet from that defined by Mr. William Ogilvie, the well-known Canadian surveyor. At another point, where there are neither mines nor population, there was a difference of 600 feet in the two surveys, but in this case the United States gave Canada credit for 200 yards more territory than Mr. Ogilvie did. All along where the line has been run the difference is so small comparatively that it is thought in official circles here there will be very little difficulty in reaching an agreement.

The Journal has a very sympathetic reference to the late Patents Commissioner Pope, who died yesterday and was a native of Toronto. It says: "In addition to his enlightened and far-seeing views of the place the mineral wealth of Canada held in any plans for development of his country, Mr. Pope had patriotic views of what constituted duty to the land of his birth. When, in the last days of November, 1861, Captain Wilkes of the United States steamer San Jacinto boarded the British Royal mail steamer Trent and forcibly carried off Messrs. Mason and Slidell, Commissioners of the Confederate States, great was the excitement throughout the United Kingdom, Canada and the United States. Rejoicings on a large scale were indulged in all over the Northern States. Within a month a firm despatch from the British Government was in the hands of the President in Washington. English troops and mail steamers were carrying soldiers to Canada. Halifax and St. Andrew's and Wood rock, N. B., were full of troops hurrying by forced marches in the winter through New Brunswick to Quebec and the martial spirit of Canadians was aroused at the very earliest information of the outrage. Mr. Pope at once saw the needs of the hour and organized the Quebec Volunteer Rifle Association, thus showing the Imperial authorities, at a time when it was most wanted, that the sympathy of Canadians went out to them in the trying time. In his official life those who came most closely in contact with Mr. Pope speak warmly of his unvarying urbanity and kindliness. His administration of the various public offices showed him to be an honest, active, painstaking public officer. The civil service owes him a debt of gratitude for preparing the case of the service in the cause of Leprohon v. the City of Ottawa, on assessment of the civil service incomes. In private life he was ever a true gentleman, hospitable, courteous and considerate. A large circle of friends will warmly sympathize with Mrs. Pope and the family in their hour of sad bereavement."

Little Bear, the Cree chief, was busy at the Department of Indian Affairs to-day. Little Bear is the son of the famous chief, Big Bear. On the return of the Crees from Montana last year Little Bear was arrested for complicity in the rebellion, but was acquitted for lack of evidence against him. Naturally he is very anxious to know the scope of the proposed amnesty, and it is for this reason chiefly that he is now in Ottawa.

Hon. Messrs. Mulock and Blair returned to the city to-day.

Sir Oliver Mowat leaves for Toronto to-morrow morning. He will be away about a week.

Sir C. H. Tupper returns from the Pacific coast to-morrow.

Mr. J. A. Smart of Brandon arrived here to-day to report to the Minister of the Interior on his examination of certain of the land agencies in the Northwest.

Hon. Dr. Borden left Dorchester for Halifax to-day. Thence he will come to Ottawa.

The Methodists of the southern portion of the city have just erected a magnificent new church to replace the one of which Sir John Macdonald laid the corner-stone in 1890. Rev. Dr. Carman will dedicate the new edifice next Sunday.

The estimates are in course of preparation in the departments.

The Venerable Archdeacon Phair of Winnipeg, secretary of the English Church Missionary Society, is here in the interests of Indian missions in the Northwest, of which he is superintendent. He had an interview with Mr. Sifton to-day.

John Tolmie, M. P. for West Bruce, is in the city, and had an interview with the Premier.

Hon. William Mulock will immediately make reforms in the mail service to the mining districts of British Columbia, and when Parliament meets he will ask for a special appropriation.

Mr. Sweetnam, Chief Postoffice Inspector, arrived here to-night.

TARIFF ENQUIRY.

Winnipeggers are Not All of One Mind—Farmers Want Wheat and Flour Protected.

Winnipeg, Feb. 8.—(Special.)—At the opening session of the Dominion Tariff Commission here to-day the elevator men made a demand for the reduction of the duty on gasoline, claiming that with gasoline power they could operate the elevators at a cost of one cent per bushel, as compared with two cents per bushel for steam power. They said the farmers would get the benefit.

Dairymen asked that the duty be taken off cream separators, which could not be manufactured in Canada.

The deputation of the wholesale fruit dealers of Winnipeg asked that American fruit be admitted to Canada free. They declared that after repeated experiments it was found absolutely impossible to import to Manitoba either Ontario or British Columbia fruit, the one item of apples alone being excepted.

The Northwest Patrons of Industry, through their president, J. K. McInnes, demanded tariff for revenue only, and vigorously condemned the policy of protection.

R. H. Williams, President of the Regina Board of Trade, on behalf of that body, asked for the abolition of the duties on wagons, cotton, coal oil, agricultural implements and other articles used by settlers.

At the afternoon session J. H. Ashdown, ex-president of the Winnipeg Board of Trade, dealt with the duties on hardware and building materials, urging reductions.

F. W. Thompson, manager of the Ogilvie Milling Company, adduced arguments in support of maintaining the duty on wheat and flour in the interest of farmers as well as millers.

A farmers' delegation presented a largely signed memorial declaring it would be disastrous to take the duty off wheat and grain.

Another delegation asked that the duty on pig iron be maintained, also the bounty of two dollars per ton.

The tariff inquiry goes on to-morrow morning. A delegation of forty representative farmers, one from each Manitoba electoral district, will then be heard.

A convict named Jones suicided at Stony Mountain Penitentiary, hanging himself with a pair of braces.

The full court has refused the final application of counsel for the Liberals to extend the time for the Marquette election trial, and Dr. Roche is confirmed in his seat.

Prominent Winnipeg business men tried to beat the Chicago wheat market. They lost many thousands of dollars. Now they have had Messrs. Beech and O'Brien, through whom they operated, arrested for breaking the laws in respect to gambling. The case is likely to be very interesting.

GOT THE ICY SHOULDER.

Don M. Dickinson Says the United States Commissioners Were Coldly Received in Victoria.

San Francisco, Feb. 8.—Don M. Dickinson, chief counsel for the United States in the pending international enquiry into the amount of damages due to British sealing vessels on account of seizure by United States cutters in Behring Sea, arrived here last night from Victoria, B. C.

When the United States commissioners first appeared in Victoria, said Mr. Dickinson, they were looked upon in their official capacity with very great disfavor. The witnesses introduced to give testimony favorable to the side of the United States were tabooed and were generally made to feel that they were very unpopular with the people of Victoria. But, notwithstanding all these disparaging conditions, the United States commissioners were able to bring out all the facts they wished to establish. This antagonistic feeling in Victoria was one of the very important factors.

It is estimated that 15 per cent. of the total business capital of Victoria is invested in the ocean sealing business. Those primarily interested are all sailors and men engaged in the marine business, but their success and their misfortunes have an effect upon the whole community, particularly when it comes to taking sides in an international controversy.

In private social life Mr. Dickinson found the people of Victoria most courteous and entertaining.

THEY HAVE 6000 MEN.

Bahia Fanatics are Growing in Numbers, and the Outlook is Not Very Peaceful.

New York, Feb. 8.—The Herald's correspondent in Rio Janeiro, Brazil, telegraphs that the fanatical insurrectionists, under Conselheiro, have now 6000 well-armed men, organized and concentrated in Bahia. The people in the rural towns are helping the fanatics with arms and money. Where this help is not given the vengeance of Conselheiro's band falls upon the settlers. In this manner more than 60 rich plantations have already been destroyed.

The Government has been informed that several foreigners have joined the fanatics and are pushing forward a more scientific military organization among them. Two small towns were pillaged and burned by the fanatics yesterday. In several skirmishes with the Federal troops the latter were defeated. The fanatics have obtained steam launches, and now patrol the rivers and streams in the districts where they are strongest. In this way the range of devastation committed by them is extended, and the utmost terror prevails in that region.

The press of Rio Janeiro demand that the Government immediately send a much stronger force to Bahia to overcome the fanatical movement. The Society of Spiritualists of Rio Janeiro has sent a commission to Bahia to attempt to convince the fanatics that it will be well for them to submit to the Government in temporary matters.

It is again charged by the press of Brazil that the enemies of the Republic are the instigators of the outbreak.

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CIVIC CONTRACTS.

Some Have Been Let by the Council.

Other Tenders are Yet to be Looked Into—The Figures.

The council wasted over half an hour last night going into the details of complicated tenders. In the end they had to refer the important ones to the board of works, where all of them might as well have gone in the first place and the work done in committee—if the committee doors were open to the press.

James Cornhill was the tenderer for porous tile and he got the contract at following prices: Four inch tile 1½ cents per foot; 5, 2c; 9, 3c; 7, 4c; 8, 5c; 9, 7c; 10, 8c; 12, 14c.

SEWER PIPE.

There were three tenders for sewer pipe. No. 1 was from Glenn Bros. on behalf of the Standard Drain Pipe Co., of St. Johns; No. 2 from O. B. Hulin, for the Ontario Sewer Pipe Co., and No. 3 from J. & J. Oldershaw.

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.
4 in. pipe	—	—	6½c
6 " "	12c	9c	8 1-10
8 " "	18c	13½c	13½c
9 " "	—	16c	14 9-10
10 " "	26c	19½c	17½c
12 " "	34c	25½c	22c
15 " "	50c	36½c	33½c
18 " "	68c	51c	47c

For the reducers and increasers, junctions, bends and traps the figures were about proportionate to the above except that J. & J. Oldershaw gave no quotations for reducers and increasers. All the tenders went to the board of works.

CEMENT.

J. & J. Oldershaw—Thorold cement, 80 pound sack, 33 cents; Buffalo, 90 pound sack, 43 cents; best English Portland, barrel, $2.75; second grade, $2.60.

O. B. Hulin—Best English Portland, $2.78; Buffalo 40 cents; Thorold 31 cents.

Both tenders were referred to the board of works.

TIMBER.

Hadley Lumber Co.—White pine plank, $13; white oak $23.50; oak scantling $24.

John Piggott & Sons—White pine $13.45; white oak $24.

D. R. McGarvin white oak $23.

McGarvin's tender was accepted for white oak and Hadley's for white pine.

Morton & Adam were the only tenderers for wire nails and spikes. They got the contract. At $2.41 per keg.

Speaking about cement Ald. Phelps claimed we could save $4,000 this year on our sidewalks, if they were laid by day labor. If that were the case it would be better to order our own cement direct from headquarters and then we would know what we were getting. Contractors couldn't put in inferior grades then and the ratepayers would be better satisfied.

BLENHEIM

Feb. 9.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Biggar returned last evening from a visit to friends in Thamesville.

A regular meeting of the R. T. of T. was held last evening in Templar's Hall.

Mrs. Charles Wedge and Miss Nellie Wedge have returned from an extended visit to Detroit.

Mrs. W. C. White entertained a number of young people very pleasantly at her residence last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Snyder have returned from a trip east. While they were absent Walter Morgan was in charge of the Crystal Laundry.

E. G. Thompson leaves for London this evening to represent Blenheim lodge at the Grand Legion of the Select Knights of Canada, which meets in session there to-morrow morning.

An oyster supper will be held in the new school house at Raglan on Friday evening next, when the building will be formally opened. Dr. James Samson, of Windsor, will occupy the chair. A general invitation to everyone is extended.

THAMESVILLE.

Feb. 9.—All those who enjoy a rare treat should go and hear Rev. E. O. Taylor, M. A., of Chicago, in the Methodist church to-night. His discussions on citizenship and alcohol are profitable and interesting.

R. Ferguson, M. P. P., leaves to-day for Toronto to be in attendance at the opening of the local legislature.

Robert Pye and wife, spent Sunday in Ridgetown.

Rev. Mr. Becket gave a very interesting discourse on the "Christian Endeavor Pledge," on Sunday niht. A large congregation was in attendance.

Some of the young ladies who were appointed to solicit subscriptions for the India relief fund, were canvassing the town yesterday, and met with a very liberal response.

Chief Twigg was in Chatham yesterday.

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