

THE VICTIM OF THE BATHTUB.

Was Mrs. Snead's Mother Partner in Guilt? A Veil Which Will be an Exhibit at the Trial. Prosecutor Expects to Have Three Indictments.

New York, Dec. 21.—"I believe I have evidence enough to obtain three indictments," was Prosecutor Mott's declaration to-day when marshalling his witnesses for the presentation of the facts concerning Mrs. Oey Snead's death to the jury in Essex county, New Jersey. Mr. Mott said he had evidence not only to connect Miss Virginia Wardlaw, maiden aunt of the bath tub victim, with the crime, but to establish the presence of Mrs. Caroline B. Martin, the young woman's mother, on the scene of the tragedy shortly before its discovery. Miss Wardlaw reported the death to the East Orange police on Nov. 29. On that day, Mr. Mott asserts, Mrs. Martin was seen by two persons on an East Orange street. A witness which she says Mrs. Martin dropped in her haste, and which the prosecutor states he has in his possession was expected to figure as an exhibit before the grand jury. The alleged discovery that a quarrel occurred between the sisters, and that Mrs. Martin left hurriedly the East Orange house of death, is another point the prosecutor is said to intend calling to the grand jury's attention. Just what evidence is in the hands of the New Jersey authorities to warrant their asking that Mrs. Mary Snead be formally charged with complicity in the crime, Prosecutor Mott declined to state in advance of the presentation of the case to the grand jury.

OLD RESIDENT.

Mr. James Fairclough Died at His Home Last Night. James Fairclough, an old and respected resident of this city, passed away last night at his late residence, 228 Market street. He came to Canada in the year 1857 from Aughton, Lancashire, England, residing near Barrie for about seven years, when he moved to this city, where he has been a resident ever since. He was one of the oldest and most esteemed members of All Saints' Church, having been connected with it when service was held in a mission hall, where Geo. T. Tuckett's now stands. He was a member of the Royal Arcanum, Home Circles, Chosen Friends and Ancient Foresters. He leaves to mourn his loss a widow, four sons, William E., organist of All Saints' Church, Toronto; Henry R., of Stanford University, California; David J., this city; George H., organist of St. John the Evangelist Church, St. Paul, Minn., and one daughter, Elizabeth M., at home. The time of the funeral has not been set yet.

ROUTE OF ROAD

Niagara, St. C. & T. Railway Before Railway Commission. (Special Wire to the Times.) Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 21.—Several applications of the Niagara, St. Catharines & Toronto Railway Company, before the Railway Commission, were this morning referred by the board to the Chief Engineer, Mr. Mountain, who will make an inspection and report to the Board. The company is asking for approval of its route location through the townships of Crowland and Humberstone for authority to cross certain highways in the village of Port Colborne and in Humberstone township and for authority to cross the Washline line and the Grand Trunk Railway in Humberstone township.

NO SUCH ALLIANCE BEING CONSIDERED.

Cataract People Smile at Story From London—Short Special Meeting of Council. The story from London that the Cataract Power Company is about to form an alliance with the Grand Valley Railway, the Southwestern Traction Company and the London Electric Railway Company to extend the radial line through Brantford to London and fight the Hydro-Electric Commission in every city and town along the line, was ridiculed this morning by officials of the Dominion Power & Transmission Company. Manager Coleman smiled broadly this morning when his attention was called to the report. "Have you ever been over the Grand Valley road?" he asked. "I think they would like to form an alliance, all right, but the indications of anything of the kind occurring all point the other way. The question of absorbing the Grand Valley road has been mentioned many times since I have been here, and it has always been looked upon more as an ex-

COST HIM \$10

To Trespass in Another Man's Chicken Coop. Grimsby, Dec. 21.—(Special)—The approach of Christmas was evidently too much for one Chas. Burgess, of this place, who took liberties in a chicken coop near Winona on Sunday night. The fowl were taken to Hamilton market, and sold. Burgess paid \$10 and costs into Magistrate Kidd's coffers for the offence yesterday afternoon. Farmers in the township have been making complaints for some time over the pillaging of their poultry houses, and it is said there will be some squalling done soon on a select few around town who have been doing a thriving business in this line unless there is a let-up. Yesterday's case and warning may, however, have the desired effect.

A BENEDICT.

Les. Crooks Joins the Great Army To-morrow. Mr. Leslie Crooks, son of Mr. Thomas Crooks, of this city, and a former champion Tiger football player, was honored by the officers and staff of Osgoode Hall, Toronto, yesterday, prior to his marriage. Mr. Crooks, who is secretary to the Judges of the Exchequer Division, was presented with a cabinet of cutlery. Mr. Crooks' marriage to Miss Blanche Bissone takes place to-morrow. Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Crooks and the family will be present from this city. They left by the ceremony "Les." and his bride will go to New York, via this city, and thence to Palm Beach, Florida, on their honeymoon.

A WRECK.

Car Struck Laundry Wagon and Injured Driver. While driving across Barton street on Mary street John Brown, a driver for the City Steam Laundry, had his arm deeply cut, and the wagon demolished, by car No. 117, at 9:50 o'clock this morning. Brown was driving north on Mary street and did not notice in time the approach of the car, which pitched squarely into the top of and breaking the shafts. Brown was thrown forcibly to the pavement, but, beyond the cut in his arm, was not seriously hurt. The fender and glass in the front of the car were broken, but the motorist luckily escaped injury. The horse was slightly bruised. The wagon was taken to the repair shop, but the owners think that it is beyond repair. Arthur Kline was conductor and Geo. Madden motorman on the car.

Lords and Labor

London, Dec. 21.—The House of Lords, the final court of appeal in this country, decided to-day that a trades union may not make compulsory levies upon its members to provide for its parliamentary representatives. The labor party had announced already that if the verdict of the Lords was against it a bill to legalize compulsory levies would be promoted.

THAT SHOCK.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 21.—There is no record on the seismograph at the Toronto observatory of the earthquake which shook Cape Breton on Sunday afternoon, and news of which was delayed through the breaking of the cables. "It must have been a purely local affair, and not a very big one at that," said an observatory official this morning. "Had it been otherwise, there would be some trace of it on the tape, but there is none that we can find."

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES.

To rent at \$2 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables. TRADERS BANK OF CANADA.

COOK NOT AT NORTH POLE.

Copenhagen University Found No Proof That Explorer Had Discovered Pole—Peary Knew He Wasn't There—Bradley Talks. Copenhagen, Dec. 21.—The University of Copenhagen, the first institution of learning to recognize Dr. Frederick A. Cook as the discoverer of the North Pole, to-day solemnly declared that the explorer had failed to establish the claim upon which his high honors had been based. The committee appointed by the university to examine Cook's records recently presented its report to the consistency of the university, which reviewed the deductions of the experts with great care and discussed the finding from every standpoint. That both the committee and consistency were disappointed was soon known. This morning the consistency met and adopted a written report to the effect that the alleged records submitted for examination by Dr. Cook failed to prove his claim that he had reached the North Pole. The report of the committee, of which Prof. Strong was chairman, as presented to the consistency, states that Cook's papers are without any value, and that his report to the university is practically the same as that published in the New York Herald upon his return from the Arctic expedition. The copies of his notebooks submitted, says the committee, contain no original calculations of observation, but only results thereof. Accordingly the committee concludes that he affords no proof of having reached the Pole.

On Nov. 28, 1906, Dr. Frederick A. Cook, physician and explorer, arrived in New York city with the story of having ascended Mount McKinley, an unprecedented feat. On July 9 of the following year he touched at North Sydney, C. B., aboard the schooner John R. Bradley, and made known that he was bound upon a scientific trip to the Arctic regions. Two months later word came from Etah, Greenland, that the conqueror of Mount McKinley was about to make a dash for the north pole. His backer, John R. Bradley, later stated that his expedition had been fitted out quietly and that in the following spring the dash for the top of the earth would be begun. The astonishment over the news of the great achievement was followed by unmitigated praise that was fairly world-wide. With few exceptions the press accepted Cook's claims at their face value. What doubt was expressed was chiefly in the British press, a portion of which, while not questioning the explorer's veracity, expressed a doubt of whether he had actually accomplished what he believed he had done. On September 7 the explorer was presented with a gold medal by the Crown Prince. That day a sensation was caused (Continued on Page 4)

FOR BEATING BOARD BILL

Walter Smith Goes to Stone Pit For Three Months. Mark Peace Gets a Dose For Insulting a Lady. East End Young Man Fined For Bad Language to Officer. Walter Smith, 108 Birch avenue, will not receive for three months—friends and acquaintances will kindly accept this intimation. Enforced retention in the Ogilvie retreat during the next three months makes it necessary for him to forego all social functions. Magistrate Jells sent the young man down for that term for obtaining board from Bessie Murphy by false pretense. Smith owes that lady the good round sum of \$53, and yesterday he left, making no offer to pay, hence receiving out a warrant for his arrest, and hence his appearance behind the fence this morning. One year ago he came from Brantford. He lived at Mrs. Murphy's house for some time and, as his stay lengthened, so did his board bill. When the lady mentioned that she would like a little of the money due her, he went out and said he had got work in Chadwick's, but the next day and following days he laid in bed till noon. Further remonstrances on the part of the lady of the house and further excuses on the part of Walter. Then he left without paying. The Magistrate this morning sized the youth up and said such as he were the most despicable kind of fellows. His Worship said there was no doubt he had obtained board by misrepresentation and the light of bold effrontery could be seen in his face. There are too many of your class in Hamilton, and you ought to be ashamed of yourself. You think you are smart. I can see it in your face," said His Worship. Then Walter went over the bridge for Christmas.

BOYS' UNION.

Debating League Organized and Schedule Drawn Up. A meeting of the literary representatives of the various boys' clubs composing the Hamilton Boys' Club Union, was held at the Y. M. C. A. parlors on Saturday evening last. It was decided to organize a boys' debating league, and entries have been received from the boys' clubs of the following churches: Zion, Erskine, Centenary, Central Methodist, First Congregational, First Methodist, St. Andrew's, and the Victoria Avenue Baptist, also Central Y. M. C. A. Junior Department. The clubs were divided into Eastern, Central and Western groups, of three clubs each. Schedules were drawn up and the debates are to be held at the rooms of the home club not later than the dates mentioned. Western Group, composed of Zion, Centenary and Erskine—Zion at Centenary, Jan. 15; Centenary at Erskine, Jan. 31; Erskine at Zion, Feb. 14; Centenary at Zion, Feb. 28; Erskine at Centenary, March 15; Zion at Erskine, March 31. Central Group, composed of Central Methodist, Y. M. C. A. and First Congregational—Central at Y. M. C. A., Jan. 15; First at Central, Jan. 31; Y. M. C. A. at First, Feb. 14; Y. M. C. A. at Central, Feb. 28; Central at First, March 15; First at Y. M. C. A., March 31. Eastern Group, composed of St. Andrew's, First Methodist and Victoria Avenue Baptist—St. Andrew's at First, Jan. 15; First at Victoria, Jan. 31; Victoria at St. Andrew's, Feb. 14; First at St. Andrew's, Feb. 28; Victoria at First, March 15; St. Andrew's at Victoria, March 31. The winners of the groups will then debate for the championship. Representatives of these clubs will be present at the next meeting of the Union on Dec. 29, when all further details will be arranged.

HANNABURY GOT OFF.

Thomas Hannabury was tried this morning in the Criminal Court, by Judge Monck on a charge of passing a bad fifty cent piece on a newboy. Hannabury pleaded not guilty and said that he was so drunk he didn't know the difference between a good coin and a bad one. "How many hotels did you visit during the day?" asked F. Martin, acting Crown Attorney. "I don't know. I parted with a two-dollar bill and that was all I had left." His Honor gave him another chance, as he considered that probably the man had not known the difference.

ORDER RESCINDED.

Magistrate Jells has given his decision in the Freeman case that was up for hearing last Saturday in Police Court. He has rescinded the order that compelled Charles Freeman to pay his wife \$3.75 a week for her support. His Worship contended that the evidence furnished by complainant was sufficient to warrant this decision. The order compelling Freeman to pay the aforesaid weekly sum was made six years ago.

STRATFORD PLEADED GUILTY.

Charles Stratford, charged with attempting to commit suicide, was led into the Sheriff's room this morning being taken into court. His head was bandaged up, but that did not keep him from taking comfort out of a cigarette which he diligently puffed at. When arraigned before Judge Monck he pleaded guilty and was remanded for three weeks.

Parkes' Cough Balm.

Local insurance agent—Bob Jones just taken out a \$5,000 policy. Superintendent—Why, I thought that hacking cough he had last spring would end his life. Agent—Parkes' Cough Balm cured it. Dr. Sam Johnson compiled a lexicon that contains many thousands of words, so did Daniel Webster, but one would

WILL APPEAL. TAGLERINO IS ON TRIAL.

Last of the Black Hand Cases Before the Jury. John Corto Tells the Story of Letter Writing. Case Not Concluded When Court Adjourned at Noon. The last of the cases in connection with the Blackhand outrage of the past summer was tried by jury this morning at the Criminal Session of the County Court before Judge Snider, it being that of John Taglerino, charged with complicity in the outrage by writing or instigating others to write threatening letters to Salvatore Sanzone demanding money under pain of death. Three conspirators in the case were sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment some weeks ago. The main witness for the Crown, John Corto, was in the witness box all morning. Crown Attorney Washington briefly explained the case to the jury. Corto, who acted in the capacity of a detective for Sanzone, said he had been in the country for three years, during which time he had boarded with Taglerino, who kept a store on Sherman avenue. Other men who boarded with Taglerino were Wolfe, Colombo and Speranzo. "Did you have any conversation with Taglerino about obtaining \$1,000 from Sanzone," asked Crown Attorney Washington. "Yes, when we were on the way to Niagara Falls." "Who suggested Sanzone as the victim?" "The three men who were convicted." "Did you see the letter?" "Yes." "Can you tell the letter?" Corto showed some peculiarities of the letter by which he could identify it. "What did Taglerino do with the letter?" asked Mr. Washington. Mr. McBrady objected on the ground that the evidence had no bearing on the case. The objection was not upheld. "What became of the first letter?" asked Mr. Washington. "Speranzo took it with him." "What did he do with it?" "He went to the Falls and posted it." The witness in answer to questions said he had gone down to Taglerino's house during the morning and secured the letter. "How long after the letter was written, was it before it was posted?" asked Mr. Washington. "Three days." "What did Taglerino say to you?" "He said to be careful and not let the police catch me, and that it would be better for me to go than too many, as they might get caught." "Who paid for your trip to the Falls?" "Speranzo secured the money from the others and gave it to me." "Did you go out on the Dundas road to meet Sanzone?" "Yes." Mr. McBrady entered a strong objection to the questions Mr. Washington was asking, claiming that his client was miles away from the occurrences which were being considered. The objection, however, was not upheld, His Honor holding that if the occurrences had been under Taglerino's direction he was indirectly connected with them. "Did you post the letter given you, that was written by Speranzo threatening Sanzone?" asked Mr. Washington. "Yes." "Did you see Taglerino in Toronto?" "Yes." "Was anyone with you?" "Yes. Ralph Rufus and his wife." "Who did Taglerino speak to?" asked Mr. Washington. "Rufus." "Where did Rufus go?" "He went into a house with Taglerino." "All in one room?" (Continued on Page 10.)

PONG OR WIFE.

One Must Pay For the Furniture They Bought. Only one non-jury case was taken up at yesterday afternoon's session of the County Court, it being Thomson vs. Gynn for to recover \$171.20 for furniture sold the defendant with which to fit up a restaurant. Only two witnesses were heard so that the time occupied with the case was short. The reason other cases were not proceeded with was because the counsel did not put in an appearance or else were not ready to go on. The action was brought against Margaret Gynn, who purchased the furniture for her husband but signed for them, according to a Chinese custom, in her own name. Her husband is Pong Wah Lee and he recently opened the restaurant on James street north. As the goods were signed for in Mrs. Pong Wah Lee's name the action was brought directly against her, but A. M. Lewis, for the defence, contended the action should have been brought against Pong Wah Lee. G. S. Kerr, K.C., for the plaintiff, however, held that as the goods had been signed for in her name it was necessary to bring the action against her. No denial of the indebtedness was made and his Honor reserved judgment as to who should be held responsible for it.

HOTEL FIRE.

C. P. R. Man Suffocated in Fire at Winnipeg. Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 21.—Fire, which started in the kitchen of the Hotel Metropole about 3 o'clock this morning, filled the building with smoke, but all the forty boarders were got out safely except John Allock, a C. P. R. employee, who was suffocated in his room. Geo. Baxter and Hilda Brown, employees of the hotel, jumped from the top story and were badly hurt. The fire was not under control before much property damage had been done outside of the kitchen.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

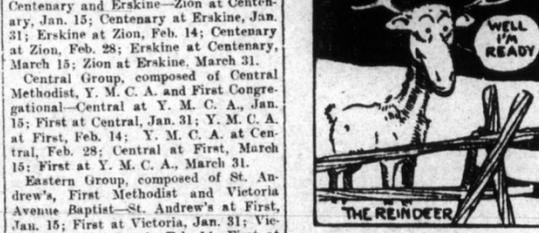
Mrs. E. Sterling, formerly of this city, but now a resident of Fort Dodge, Iowa, where Mr. Sterling holds the position of physical director of the Y. M. C. A., is home for a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Feast, 19 Mill street. Mrs. Sterling, though liking the west very well, thinks there is no place like good old Hamilton. She will be at home to her friends until after the holidays, when she will return west.

MRS. PONG MUST PAY.

Judge Snider this morning gave his decision in the case of Thomson vs. Gynn, which was tried yesterday at the County Court. He considered that as Margaret Gynn, wife of Pong Wah Lee, had purchased goods without mentioning her husband's name, she was responsible for it. He gave judgment for \$171.20, the full amount.

A Smoker's Christmas Box.

You can please any smoker with a box of good cigars, and you can always depend on the quality at peace's cigar store. He has some fine Havana cigars at the headquarters, 107 King street east. —Dr. Hilker, Barton street east, is moving to his new home.



STEWART WILL NOT BE A CANDIDATE.

Gave Positive Refusal to the Hydro Clique Committee Which Waited Upon Him. The Hydro-Electric agitators who have been working hard to drum up opposition to Mayor McLaren practically threw up the sponge this morning when T. J. Stewart, the man upon whom they pinned their faith, refused to run. If there is to be a contest now Dr. Hopkins, alderman from Ward 6, will be the candidate. No one takes the doctor seriously, though, as a majority possibility. It will simply be a question of how much Mayor McLaren will beat him by. The general opinion is that the Mayor's majority would be far larger than it was when he snowed ex-Ald. Bailey under last year. Mr. Stewart's refusal to run came as somewhat of a surprise and disappointment to the Hydro agitators, who had been assured by the ex-Mayor's friends that he could be prevailed upon to oppose Mayor McLaren if strong representations were made. Ninety petitions bearing 3,800 signatures, pledging his support, were presented, and the committee promised that 35 petitions, which have not been returned yet, would bring the total number of signatures up to 5,000. After a conference which lasted nearly until noon Mr. Stewart gave an emphatic refusal. When asked for a statement he said: "After considering the matter from every side I decided that I could not do justice to the three different positions, my parliamentary duties, the office of Mayor and my own business. Something would have to be neglected, and I did not care to place myself in that uncomfortable position. I think there is enough interest in the power question to decide it to the satisfaction of the people without my interfering." A similar statement was made to the press after the conference by William Childs, secretary of the committee. The fact that Mr. Stewart had his own lieutenants feeling the pulse of pub-

of the parents as well as the boys. Sometimes they are worse than the youngsters. If Toronto would save up its money in the summer instead of going gallivanting around, we wouldn't see such an appalling, gumless, hopeless crowd in its streets. There is a peculiar satisfaction in giving a Christmas gift to one who can't give one in return. Try it. Other majority possibilities are Ald. Hopkins and Thomas Gould. The year that is drawing to a close has been a pretty good one after all. Sir Wilfrid's sunny smile has kept us all in good humor. The Times was not caught napping with its Christmas number. It printed what was deemed sufficient to meet a largely increased demand—the largest ever—and the supply is not yet entirely exhausted. Call and get them. The best of the three Christmas papers. The rule is to give the Mayor two terms. The opposition to Mayor McLaren has become malicious persecution. Not satisfied with his \$20 a week as a city inspector, Jim Miller wants \$1,200 salary as a controller. It might be as well to pension Jim. I like a joke myself. But I have no liking for my contemporary's jokes with death. It's not a laughing matter. Perhaps the Herald thinks that if Mr. Stewart runs he will be foolish enough to put up another \$1,000. Looks like an empty stocking for the Herald this Christmas. They say that if Ald. Hopkins is defeated at the polls next January an effort will be made to put him on the Hospital Board. Why not place him on the Cemetery Board? Now, if you folks would hurry up and get your shopping done, I would do a little shopping myself after supper. N. B.—Shop early. P. S.—Better late than never.

THE MAN IN OVERALLS

Only three days now. Get in the scimmage. You can still get a Christmas number of the Times, in wrappers ready for mailing. Come round at once. The table boarder said to-day: "To tell the truth, some of those controller candidates should be herding cows." Those were his exact words. But where are the mountaineers going to get their right of way for their incline railway? Is it going to be a cantilever sort of an affair? By refusing to oppose the Mayor, Mr. Stewart has shown himself to be a "slick duck." Judge Snider may agree with me or he may not. But I favor the whipping.

3 More Shopping Days Before Christmas

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AT R. MCKAY & CO'S. WEDNESDAY, DEC. 22, 1909. Store open to-night till 10 o'clock. Shop early.

Remarkable Values in Christmas Mufflers, Fancy Collars and Embroidered Handkerchiefs. Come at 8.30



50c Phoenix Mufflers, your choice Wednesday morning only 25c each. 5 dozen only, on sale sharp at 8.30, White Phoenix Mufflers, a manufacturer's lot, fresh from the factory; some fasteners. Be on time to-morrow morning and secure one; worth regularly 50c, sale price 25c each.

Collars, Regular 75c and \$1.00, for 50c. Ladies' Neck Edge Silk and Wool Covered Umbrellas, worth up to \$2.50 to go on sale Wednesday at \$1.49

Handkerchiefs. Swiss Embroidery Handkerchiefs, plain and scalloped edge, all pretty patterns, in boxes, prices 3 for 25c, 2 for 25c, 3 for 50c, 25c each, 50c and up

Buy Your Xmas Umbrellas Now. We still have a large assortment to choose from, but every day makes the stock lower. If you buy now we can show you the most stylish Umbrellas in Hamilton.

\$4.00 and \$4.25 Ladies' Umbrellas--Wednesday \$2.98. This is a decided bargain and put up in a neat box makes a very pretty and serviceable Christmas gift.

Needle Cases and Elastic Sleeve Holders. Needle Cases, containing all wanted sizes of sewing needles; also darners, carpet, crewel, straw, gloves, in nice case, a very handy Christmas gift, worth 50c, for 35c; Gold Eye Reddish Needles.

Great Reductions in Dressed and Undressed Kid Body Dolls. Special for Wednesday Only, 8.30 Sharp. Regularly \$2.25 Kid Body Dolls \$1.75 \$2 beautiful Dressed Dolls for \$1.00

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Saved From the Sea

CHAPTER XI. The additions had their town house in that part of the "old court suburb" where it is still possible to find here and there a fine roomy old house with a large garden, which is precisely what Helen wanted.

"The house stood forward, close to the road--detached, of course--the gardens extending away at the back, the spacious suite of drawing-rooms opening to them, and running the width of the house; so that even if Mrs. Addison had been given to the essentially vulgar fault of overdecorating, she would have found it rather difficult to do so. But she was not; there was plenty of room for entire enjoyment of everything that goes to make the enjoyment of a ballroom--dancing, promenading, sitting down to rest, and last but not least, those attractive, well-shrubbed gardens, that seemed made for strolls in the cool evenings, and fitting, "especially" and delicious St. Maur had whispered in pretty Helen's ear, "when such a charming temptress attempts a fellow to prove its efficacy in that line."

"She looked very radiant to-night as she stood with her husband receiving the guests, who arrived fast. "I do hope," she said to the major--a good-looking man of forty--"that that tiresome St. Maur won't be late. Have you seen him to-day, Frank, anywhere?" "Yes, at Tattersall's, this morning. Archer was with him."

Helen puckered her brow; but just then her brother came in, kissed her, and asked, with a nod to the Addisons, if the Cliffords had come yet. "No, not yet, but they won't be late, I am sure," said she, with a twinkle in her eye. "You need not go far, Archie."

"Don't mean to, Nell," said he, laughing, and moved on as St. Maur and Mr. Orde entered; and a handsome picture they made of ripe manhood and green old age, Helen thought, as she warmly welcomed them, and presented her husband to William Orde.

"I am so glad you have come in good time, Mr. Orde," she said; "one doesn't always want to keep the best to the last, you know; and I've kept a dance for your nephew, which he will have to give up to you--"

"Hard on me!" put in Falconer, with a wicked glance. "My dear madame, you are too good," said courteously Mr. Orde. "But my dancing days are over, and resigned to these young fellows. Pale must keep his dance."

"Not a bit of it, Mr. Orde. I shall put down your initials, and if you won't dance I shall show you my gardens and hot-houses."

"I shall be delighted, indeed. Major Addison, your charming wife is going far to turn an old gentleman's head, and persuading him he is a fascinating young beau again."

The major laughed and drew him away to introduce him to some other guests, chaperons to the younger ones, who would presently drift into the card-room, while St. Maur turned to speak to some one near, and the band, concluding a lively melody by way of overture, began to play for the dances, and there was a low murmur of seek partners.

Just as the band struck up, Dr. Clifford and his party arrived, and Archer Northcote stepped quickly forward to join Helen in her greeting; while St. Maur, from where he stood, only glanced round carelessly outwardly, but with every pulse quickening as he saw his wife.

"How beautiful she was! how picturesque in her graceful, flowing robe of dove-gray satin, embroidered with crimson flowers, with a cluster of rosebuds among the falling lace at her bosom, and pearls in her ears and round her throat and arms--surely, surely, the set of pearls that had been one of his own wedding-gifts to his child-bride! How fast the heart beat! how impossible to resist the magnetism that made him turn toward that group with a glance at Helen which she at once took."

"Allow me," she said. "My friend, Mr. St. Maur--Mrs. Errington, Miss Clifford, Miss Leroy, and Doctor Clifford."

"How absurd it seemed to be to be introduced as a stranger to his own wife! Their eyes met, and through all the inevitable pain, the sense of humor in it struck both at the same time."

"I have been so favored," Falconer said then, "as to see these three ladies and yourself before, Doctor Clifford; you were at the Lyceum one evening about a fortnight ago."

"Yes, so we were," exclaimed Blanche, instantly, mentally appropriating the lion's share of the implied compliment, and eagerly longing to dance with the handsome newcomer. And you were there then, too, Mr. St. Maur? How odd that we should meet you!"

"Having met Miss Leroy," he said, bowing, "may I improve the pleasure to myself" taking up her card. "I see you have not, happily, promised everything."

"Oh, no, I never do. You may have this first one, then. See, Mr. Northcote and Miss Erle are off already."

"And, Mrs. Errington," Falconer said, pausing, with Blanche's hand in his, "let me be too late, may I pray you to keep me a waiter?"

His glance said, "Two--three." Christine smiled. "Very well; the third is yours, then."

But as her husband joined the throng with Blanche, he saw with a jealous pang--jealous, yet proud--that several men gathered quickly about her, eager to secure a dance. One of them, a young husky officer, carried her off.

"Who is that lovely girl my nephew is dancing with?" asked Mr. Orde of the elderly lady by whom he was then seated. "Ah, pardon me; St. Maur is my nephew, Mrs. Darnley."

"Indeed! Well, his partner is Blanche Leroy, niece to Doctor Clifford, and heirs to a nice fortune, too, I believe. Both she and her cousin, Miss Clifford, are charming girls; only, said the old lady, with an indulgent smile and shake of the head, "I'm afraid that pretty Miss Leroy is a rare little flirt when she likes, and can make any man first--will-ye, will-ye. Your nephew must take care of his heart."

"Oh," said Mr. Orde, laughing good-naturedly, and highly amused at the notion of "making," "my boy can flirt nineteen to the dozen without any 'making.' I assure you, my dear madame--most men can; and as to his heart, I wish he would lose it to the right sort of young lady, and settle down. Oh, he knows I wish it, the young scamp! And I'm sure," continued the artful old gentleman, confidentially, intending every word to be repeated,

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after her marriage, to take the blame, and exonerate Berenger. He had been her lover; there was some pique--her fault, she said--a quarrel, and a separation. Then I came, and you know that part. She had met Berenger again three weeks or so before our wedding-day. She never told him of her engagement when he renewed his own suit--only said that her elder sister (her only relative) would not consent, and they must marry at once."

"A cruel, sorrowful story. Uncle Will," said Falconer, clasping the old man's hand; "but still the poor daughter may have her noble father's nature, not her mother's. You never saw Captain Berenger?"

"No, never." (To be Continued.)

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The accident happened about 4 o'clock. The train is a local, operating between Hamilton and Toronto. Engineer Connors, who was driving the train, claims that his engine bell was ringing. How the fatality actually occurred is not known, as there is said to be a clear view of the rails from the approach. Conductor McEnaney was in charge of the train.

RUSH FROM STATES. Nearly Ten Thousand Homestead Entries This Year.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.--During the first ten months of the present calendar year 9,919 homestead entries were made in western Canada by United States citizens. Every State and Territory of the American Union was represented. North Dakota contributed the largest number, namely, 3,464. Other States are represented as follows: Minnesota, 1,741; South Dakota, 922; Michigan, 514; Washington, 510; Wisconsin, 477; Iowa, 430; Illinois, 206; Montana, 184; Indiana, 162; Missouri, 151; New York, 150; Oregon, 150; Idaho, 144; Kansas, 140; Nebraska, 134.

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### BURNED TO DEATH.

Weston, Va., Dec. 21.—Fire, which started late last night in a general store at Burnsville, near here, spread to other buildings causing a loss estimated at \$50,000. A three-year-old child was cremated in the flames.

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## BIG GAME.

Mr. Roosevelt Kills His First Hippopotamus.

But, we got within half a mile of McMillan's house without seeing a hippo, and the light was rapidly fading. Judd announced that we would go home, but took one last look around the next bend, and instantly sank to his knees, backslapping to me. I crept forward on all-fours, and he pointed out to me an object in the stream, fifty yards off, under the overhanging branch of a tree, which jutted out from the steep bank opposite. In that light I should not myself have recognized it as a hippo head; but it was one, looking toward us, with the ears up and the nostrils, eyes, and backslapping to me. I aimed for the centre; the sound told that the bullet had struck somewhere on the head, and the animal disappeared without a splash. Judd was sure I had killed, but I was by no means so confident myself, and there was no way of telling until next morning, for the hippo always sinks when shot and does not rise to the surface for several hours. Accordingly, back we walked to the house. At sunrise next morning Cunningham, Judd and I, with a crowd of porters, were down at the spot. There was a very leaky boat in which Cunningham, Judd, and I embarked, intending to drift and paddle downstream while the porters walked along the bank. We did not have far to go, for as we rounded the first point we heard the porters break into guttural exclamations of delight, and there ahead of us, by a little island of papyrus, was the dead hippo. With the help of the boat it was towed to a convenient landing-place, and then the porters dragged it ashore. It was a cow of good size for one dwelling in a small island, where they never approach the dimensions of those making their homes in a great lake like the Victoria Nyanza. This one weighed nearly two thousand eight hundred pounds, and I could well believe that a big lake bull would weigh between three and four tons.

In wild regions hippos rest on sandy bars, and even come ashore to feed, by day; but wherever there are inhabitants they land to feed only at night.—From "African Game Trails" by Theodore Roosevelt in the January Scribner.

## COURT BENEDICT.

The largest attendance in several years was present last night at the regular meeting of Court Benedict, Independent Order of Foresters, in the chambers of Over Traders Bank. Rev. T. De Courcy Rayner occupied the chair. Three applications for membership were received and two candidates initiated. The election of officers for 1910 took place, with the following results: Rev. T. De Courcy Rayner, C. R. Frank Cooper, V. C. R. E. S. Hogarth, Rec. Sec. W. G. Cox, Fin. Sec. Chas. Start, Treasurer. L. E. Diver, Orator. Thos. Thompson, S. W. Jas. Cooper, J. W. John Warby, J. B. Ogilvie Stevens, J. B. Dr. Gilbrie, Physician. E. S. Hogarth, Court Deputy. J. H. Smith and E. S. Gilbert, Auditors.

A spasm of vertigo often indicates a sick soul. You can always get the price of the man who wears his pride on the outside.

## BARONNESS BANISHED.

Belgium Will Not Tolerate Her Presence, Now King is Dead. No Record of Alleged Religious Ceremony Has Yet Been Found. Princess Louise Received With Royal Honors.

Brussels, Dec. 20.—Baroness Vaughan, whom Leopold made his queen in fact if not in name, secretly left Belgium to-day, accepting the hint of the Government that if she did not depart voluntarily she would be expelled.

The baroness packed up those magnificent furnishings of her chateau which were the personal gifts of King Leopold and sent them across the frontier.

To the Belgians she was always a great mystery, but they accepted her as they had the other whims of the determined and self-willed King. Yet now, with the King dead, they have been driven to deep resentment, that as the King's body was borne through the streets and was lying in state at the palace, her photograph was exhibited and sold in the Brussels thoroughfares and her name shouted out by hawkers as "Caroline the Queen."

In spite of despatches from Italy and other countries, asserting that King Leopold and the baroness had been married according to the rites of the church, the King's personal friends persist in their disbelief, and they say the stories of a civil union are nonsense. They say that Leopold, whatever his fault in private life, would never destroy the official dignity of the kingdom.

M. Rallis, also an ex-Premier, joined the Protestants and left the house. The sitting was suspended in disorder.

M. Tholokis later interviewed Premier Mavromichalis and declared that he would demand the resignation of the Minister of War, under the threat that a majority of the chamber would abstain from taking part in the sittings.

The semi-official Twentieth Century points out that the Belgian code stipulates that the rights of succession to the throne pass to direct descendants of legitimate birth. If there was a civil marriage in Italy, it might create potential rights, but it is argued, the absence of all records, all publication of such a ceremony, and especially the fact that Leopold never proclaimed Baroness Vaughan his legitimate wife, effectually disposes of the question.

Prince Albert's plan to reunite the exiled and separated family was fulfilled to-day. As Baroness Vaughan passed out forever from Belgium, Princess Louise triumphantly entered the city and was officially greeted at the station and acclaimed by the people.

She was conducted with royal honors to the Chateau Belvedere, which henceforth will be her official home.

Again to-day a vast crowd viewed the body of the late King. Many of the people who came in from the provinces were incensed that the gates were closed at 3 o'clock, and they tried to force an entrance. In the panic, people were trodden on and a number were injured. Finally, the palace was reopened and the visitors were allowed to file past the catafalque.

Arrangements for the funeral and the swearing in of the new sovereign are proceeding rapidly. An army of workmen has taken possession of the cathedral, which is being draped, and the Chamber of Deputies is being rearranged for the ceremonies on Thursday when Albert will triumphantly enter Brussels on horseback. Delegations are arriving from the European courts.

The United States will be represented by Henry Lane Wilson, the Minister to

Belgium, and U. G. Smith, the new secretary, who will arrive here to-morrow from Santiago.

BARONNESS SILENT. Paris, Dec. 20.—The Baroness Vaughan, accompanied by a single woman companion, arrived here from Brussels this evening. When she alighted from a train at the northern station, she was thickly veiled, but was recognized at once by a crowd of photographers, who snapped her as she passed through the gates. She was surrounded by reporters, who besieged her with questions. To them she said: "I cannot tell you anything at present. Please do not insist. I do not know as yet what I am going to do."

Hastenings to a taxicab she drove rapidly to the western station, where she entered a train for Pontoise. There an automobile was in waiting and in it she was whirled to the chateau, which had been put in readiness for her comfort. Her children are there.

NO TRACE OF MARRIAGE. Paris, Dec. 20.—A despatch to the Matin from San Remo says that inquiries at all churches fail to discover any traces of King Leopold's marriage with Baroness Vaughan.

MARRIED AT BOBBIERE. Paris, Dec. 21.—A man employed on Leopold's Cape Ferrat estate told the Matin's Nice correspondent that he accompanied King Leopold and Baroness Vaughan in an automobile to the Franciscan Chapel at Bobbierre in February, 1908, where, he asserts, a marriage as celebrated. The superior of the Franciscans, when seen by the correspondent, refused either to confirm or deny this statement.

## LEFT \$45,000.

Will of Late Henry Anderson Entered.

Among the wills entered for

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TUESDAY, DEC. 21, 1909.

OPEN YOUR HEARTS.

In dispensing your Christmas generosity do not fail to remember those noble charitable institutions of the city which depend so much upon the kindness of its open-hearted people.

HARD ON COOK.

The University of Copenhagen, after a careful study of the data submitted by Dr. Cook, has decided that it furnishes no sufficient proof that he reached the North Pole.

didate will give way to the Labor candidate. It was in this constituency that D. McMaster was defeated by a Liberal at last election by 2,006 majority.

OUR ICE CREAM.

The ice cream season has almost passed away when bulletin No. 109 issued by the Inland Revenue Department appears to inform us as to the commercial article dispensed during the summer.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Lord Rosebery wants a declaration from the House of Lords that it will undertake reform from within.

Japan's budget for 1910-1911 estimates receipts at \$27,000,000, of which \$10,000,000 is from taxes.

A Dundee manufacturer is reported to have contributed £10,000 to the funds for the Liberal campaign.

Mayor McLaren's summary of the work of the Council of 1909 appears to have added frenzy to the Herald's hatred.

The movement to prevent the discharging of untreated sewage into rivers is spreading in the United States.

The protectionists of Holland were, a short time ago, said to have obtained a majority of the general elections.

Midlothian, which gave a Liberal majority of 2,217 at last election.

Rotherham, Liberal by acclamation at last election.

Stalybridge, Liberal by 454 majority.

Newport District (Shropshire); Conservative by 166 majority at last election.

Monmouth District, in which there was a three-cornered fight, a Liberal being elected by 592 over a Unionist after a Labor candidate had drawn off 1,678 votes.

East Carmarthen, in which a Liberal was unopposed.

Coventry, in which a Liberal had 1,092 majority.

Mid-Glamorganshire, which elected a Liberal unopposed.

connected with the Bible neither your committee nor the Board of Governors has any right to interfere.

"Tariff reform," the suphemism employed by the British Tories for protection, is leading to difficulties for the party already.

The artificiality of the high prices of foods is well illustrated in this comparison of the prices charged to Toronto retail purchasers with the prices obtained by tenders for that city's Isolation Hospital.

The Toronto verdict may be accepted as the expression of workmen who had hoped for much from Mr. King, but he is a broken reed.

The Rev. A. J. Vining, of the Talbot Street Baptist Church, says that the House of Lords is the enemy of liberty.

Just returned from England, where he was privileged to listen to the budget debate in the House of Lords, Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux declares that the Upper House represents the greatest aggregation of intellect, wealth and oratory the world has ever seen.

Dealing with the faults of United States technical schools Prof. Robertson, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, complains much of the neglect of English and its bad effect upon the students.

What do the reports show? That the average rate of wages for men employed in British cotton mills in 1908 for 52.62 per week against \$7.71 for men serving as operatives in American mills in 1905.

Just before noon to-day the committee representing the Hydromanic clique waited upon Mr. T. J. Stewart and made its strongest appeal to him to come forward and give opposition to Mayor McLaren at the forthcoming municipal election.

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Our Exchanges

THE LAST CHANCE. (Toronto Star.) There will soon be time only to buy them late, if at all.

THE SHORTEST DAY. (London Free Press.) This is the shortest day of the year.

BABY'S TREE. (Buffalo Express.) "It is the baby's Christmas tree," The parents proudly boast;

POOR PLACE FOR PRINTERS. (Galt Reporter.) Palmerston is said to be the charcoal house of journalism in Ontario.

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"IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE." (Mail and Order Journal.) There was a man in our town who thought he was wondrous wise;

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EIGHT DEAD.

Details of Disaster to London Department Store.

Not Known If Any of the Customers Were Lost.

London, Dec. 21.—Five bodies were recovered this morning from the fire-made ruins of the dry goods store in the Capham quarter.

The block occupied by the firm consisted of a number of separate small shops.

The proprietors, who were on the premises, acted with coolness and promptitude. Immediately the flames were discovered the customers were led across the buildings to a side street, where all made their exit in safety.

There were about 600 employees in the building. Four were instantly killed by leaping from the third story.

On Monday, Dec. 20th, at 1.30 p. m., St. Peter's Church was the scene of a very pretty ceremony, when Mr. P. A. C. McIntyre, of Winnipeg, Man., and Miss Ethel May Clarke, of this city, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony.

The bride was charming in a dress of pale blue taffeta silk, trimmed with Irish point lace.

There were numerous and beautiful presents, among them being a silver tray, a gift from the members of St. Peter's choir, with whom the bride has been associated for a number of years.

Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre left at 5.45 for Chicago, and other western cities, where they intend making short visits, after which they will proceed to their new home in Winnipeg, Man.

The funeral took place at 8.30 a. m. to-day of Daniel Young from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Thomas Costello, 172 Cumberland avenue, to St. Patrick's Church, where mass was said by Rev. Father Cassidy, thence to Holy Sepulchre cemetery, where Rev. Father City officiated.

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FIRST CHURCH FEDERATION.

Two Fine Addresses Last Night by Local Speakers.

Sergeant-Major Huggins on the Boy Scout Movement.

W. H. Wardrope, K. C., on Canada and Character.

Last evening was Canadian night at First Methodist Church, the event being given by the Home and Hearth Club, a branch of First Church Federation. It was held in the school room, which was appropriately decorated for the occasion with bunting and an electrical display of red, white and blue lights. The feature of the evening's programme was addresses by W. H. Wardrope, K. C., and Sergeant-Major Huggins. In giving his address on "The Boy Scout," Sergeant-Major Huggins said that the Boy Scout movement had nothing whatever to do with the military or military men, although it was founded by one. In a detailed manner the speaker told of the life of Baden Powell, the instigator of the movement, and the circumstances that led up to the Boy Scouts being formed. There were between four and five hundred thousand of these scouts in England, and the movement had done a great deal in raising the moral standard of all these boys. They were taught self-reliance and to know the right thing to do in case of accident. They were also taught astronomy, woodcraft, how to procure and cook food, and many other useful things. They were also taught to have profound respect for animal life. But the greatest of all, said the speaker, was that it taught the boys their duty to God and King, and one of the rules was, "To help others at all times." He did not think the movement should be started in the public schools, as it would be necessary for the boys to change their patrol every six months or so. The proper place, he thought, was the Sunday school. The speaker concluded by relating a few of his experiences while serving as a soldier in India.

In addressing the meeting on "Character and Canada," Mr. Wardrope thought that in the majority of cases of disrespect on the part of children it was the fault of the parents. It was the environment that affected and moulded the character of the child. A lot of disrespect and discontentment in Canada was due to the proximity of the United States. While he did not wish to say one word against that country, he believed that when they had broken away from their mother country they had lost that respect which a boy loses when he abandons his home. He was glad that Canada had remained true to the mother country. Canada was a great country in all respects, in material, wealth, climate and all that went to make a country great and comfortable. Canada was a greater and grander country than England, and those who came from there and who were not bigoted admitted that it was so. For all these things, he said, Canadians ought to be grateful. But material wealth could not make a country great. While it was reasonable for every person to strive for a comfortable and honest living, still it was more necessary that its people should be intelligent and Canada had a system of public education that could not be surpassed by any other country in the world. Canada not only had intelligent, but also law-abiding people. But even all these with material prosperity did not make any nation great. The only truly great nation was that which lived up to the standard set in the Bible. "Righteousness exalteth a nation," this he said, was the only way in which a country could be great and noble.

Fred Moutain, president of the Home and Hearth Club, gave a brief address on the importance of the duty of young men to-day. Although Canada was a great country, there were many stunts, he said, to be washed away, and it was for the young men to do this. Gambling, the liquor traffic and the immigration question were three of the things that were threatening Canada, and if the young men united in faithful service they could eradicate the evils of these systems, and make Canada a great deal better than it was to-day. During the evening an appropriate and excellent musical programme was rendered by Wilfrid Oaten, George Robertson, J. Cunningham and F. Wright. A banquet will be tendered to the First Methodist Football Club by the Federation on Thursday evening, December 30. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 10, when the Alexander choir and the Evangelistic Band of Barton Street Church will be present.

ON GOUGH.

Dr. Williamson Gave a Fine Address Last Evening.

The lecture and entertainment in Emerald Street Methodist Church last night was very largely attended and the audience was impressed with the history of John B. Gough as described by Rev. Dr. Williamson, who ably outlined the career of the great temperance lecturer. Mr. Williamson spoke of the terrible depths to which he had sunk before finally being led out of the mire of evil by the kindly advice of a young man. He outlined the schoolboy days of Gough who was the son of a soldier. He was born in Kent County, England, and at the age of ten years, was called to be the assistant teachers in arithmetic at the Folkestone Academy. He came to the United States when 12 years of age, and after working on a farm for two years he broke into the bookbinding trade in the Methodist Bookbinders' Concern at New York. Through the influence of evil companions he was led to drink, and from there drifted from bad to worse, until he was at the lowest depths possible. Then he became a theatrical actor. When his first wife died he promised her not to take another glass unless out of her hand, but the craving for liquor was too strong and, unable to resist he poured out a glass and after placing it in her hand drained it. After being afflicted with delirium tremens and about to commit suicide he was accosted by a young man named Joel Stratton, who called him by the name of Mr. Gough, by which he had not been called for a long time, and at his urging, agreed to sign the pledge, which he did, and at once began lecturing. Although his first lecture netted him only \$2, the price commanded lat-



SHE MESSENGER OF SANTA

JOHN B. GRUELLE.

WHEN THE MESSENGER OF SANTA COMES AND PAINTS A RUDDY GLOW ON THE FACE OF EVERY BOY AND GIRL HE MEETS. HE RIDES LIKE TAM O' SHANTER, DROPPING LETTERS MADE OF SNOW, TELLING ALL THE KIDS OF SANTA'S TOYS AND SWEETS.

SO HURRAH FOR GOOD KING WINTER WITH HIS WHISTLE AND HIS BITE; HE MAKES US ALL STEP LIVELY TO HIS TUNE WHEN HE WHISTLES AT THE WINDOW; AND HIS LETTER SNOW FLAKES, WHITE, TELL US SANTA CLAUSE WILL PAY A VISIT SOON.



er was \$300 a night, and all engagements could not be fulfilled. When heard in this city his lecture dignified labor and sympathized with the poor. He demonstrated his sympathy for the poor by his kindness to the bootblacks and newsboys. His plea was for moral suasion for the drinker and enforcement of law against the seller. Gough was recognized as the greatest orator of his time, and probably the best temperance lecturer in Canada of the twentieth century, for by his earnest ways he could cause showers of tears to fall and smiles to shine through them, so pleasing was his personality. When he died in Philadelphia on February 18, 1885, at the age of 69 years, while preaching a sermon, the cause of his death being apoplexy, his last words were, "Young man keep your record clean." In his life he delivered 8,500 lectures, and it was estimated that the people who attended them numbered 8,500,000. The distance travelled by him was about 448,000 miles. The record left behind is that more drunkards were reclaimed by him and his time was more fully devoted to the work than any of the men of the past century.

The epitaph for the monument of Gough as prepared by himself was: "I can desire nothing better for the great country than that a barrier, high as Heaven, should be raised between the unpolluted lips, and the intoxicating cup." During the evening a number of musical selections were rendered by the church choir and were much enjoyed.

HYDRÖ FOG.

A Voter Who Would Like to Have Light Let In.

To the Editor of the Times: Sir.—While we hear a lot of talk about the Hydro-Electric question, and see a lot of canvassing and petitioning for a candidate to oppose Mayor McLaren, none of the Hydro-Electric supporters tell the voters in plain words just what we are going to get from this commission, and that is what many voters, myself included, would like to know. I have enquired many times, and have not been given facts or figures in regard to the points I am going to mention. The points which I, as well as many others, would like to have cleared up before we can cast our votes either way are:

If we get Hydro-Electric power will all business men and private residences have a chance to use it, or will it be for the use of manufacturers and for city lighting only?

How much will it cost the city to build a street lighting system for 800 to 1,000 lights, if the \$225,000 voted according to Mr. Sothman's estimate would only do for 400 lights?

How much will it cost the city to build a system for house-lighting before the ratepayers could get light?

If the local company undersold the hydro-electric for house lighting, what would become of the house-lighting plant? Would it have to be paid out of our taxes?

On being asked to sign a petition to get a hydro man to run for Mayor, I mentioned the above points, and was told to think of what the Cataract would do if they got a chance to have a contract. My answer is: What can they do? After they sign an agreement to give us light ten per cent. less than the hydro will charge the people of Toronto or any other place? What more can we ask for, what more should we want than to get cheaper light for our houses than Toronto, and spend nothing for it?

Some of my fellow labor men to whom I have spoken, say we should vote for it on the principle of municipal ownership. What good is municipal ownership having some of our Government members having a string on it? Anyway this is not a good time to vote for the principle of the scheme. It is a business proposition, a question of dollars and cents. Hoping I will be enlightened on this Hydro-Electric question before election day, as I do not want to lose my vote, I remain, yours truly, Charles Condon.

THE BEVERAGE FOR ALL WEATHERS.

EPPS'S COCOA advertisement with logo and text: "Epps' means Excellence. A delicious food and drink in one. Grateful for a cup of 'Epps' at breakfast warms and sustains you for hours. As a summer beverage it is perfect. Comforting."

Amusements

The popular play, "The Time, the Place and the Girl," was presented before a rather small audience at the Grand Opera House last evening. The cast was made up of clever actors and actresses, and although the singing was not up to the standard, the show did not fail to please. George Ebner, as Happy Johnny Hicks, a gambler, provided the broad fun and proved the popular member of the company. Vivian Allen, in the role of Margaret Simpson, the girl, had a part that entirely suited her dainty and winsome personality. Her voice, though not of great volume, is very sweet. Amanda Hendricks, as Molly Kelly, a nurse, also won deserved recognition. The part of Laurie Tarnham

which was one of the greatest successes of recent years in London, where it enjoyed great popularity at the Prince of Wales Theatre, will serve to bring Marguerite Clark, the well-known comic opera prima-donna, supported by a cast of unusual excellence, to the attention of playgoers at the Grand Monday next. This musical play is the combined work of Frederick Lonsdale, who wrote the book, and Adrian Ross. The score is by Sydney Jones, the well-known composer of those delightful melodies found in "The Geisha," "San Toy," "The Greek Slave," "The Gaiety Girl" and "An Artist's Model." The story concerns a country where the only amusement the natives have is plotting against their kings.

The supporting company is an unusually brilliant one and contains many well-known players in William Norrie, William Danforth, Clara Palmer, Zella Sears, Stewart Melville Stewart and Robert Dempster.

"THE RETURN OF EVE." Bertha Galland is to play an engagement at the Grand Christmas in New York success, "The Return of Eve." The beautiful young star comes under the management of the Shuberts. "The Return of Eve" was produced in New York early last spring meeting with instant success, much of which was due to the fine acting of Miss Galland and her company, and the thoroughly novel theme on which the play is based. The story tells of an old millionaire who has an idea that he would like to establish a modern Eden. Fencing in a wilderness on his estate in Virginia he takes two children, a girl and a boy, and transplants them in the wilds of his estate. Under the care of an old tutor, they are left there to work out their own lives as best they can. The millionaire and his sister takes the girl into her home in New York, while the boy is sent to Paris. The delightful comedy infused into the piece can be imagined when one thinks of the life of the girl in the Virginia wilderness, contrasted with what she finds in modern New York society. The author has very cleverly introduced allegorically, of course, the serpent in the person of "Seymour Perchwell," and his tempting Eve forms one of the strong elements in the play. That he does not succeed is due to the innate goodness of the girl, her love for Adam and the teachings of the old tutor in that fenced-in Eden. After several lessons in New York, the boy and girl return to Virginia, where they learn for the first time that love has won the battle. The play is not a sermon, yet it teaches a strong moral. So strongly is the comedy element interwoven in the thread of the play that it gives Miss Galland delightful opportunities for the brilliant work in which she excels. So fine an impression did the play make in Montreal recently that the Herald of that city said of it, "Lee Wilson Dodd must be conceded to have achieved a dramatic success. Miss Galland's work is convincing, and instinct with charm." The seat sale began this morning and there is a big demand.



BERTHA GALLAND. To be seen in "The Return of Eve," at the Grand Christmas afternoon and evening.

was well acted by Roy Largay, and Tom Cameron, as Tom Cunningham, did the noble justice. The other parts were all creditably filled.

THIS WEEK AT BENNETT'S. No more pleasing vaudeville bill has ever been seen in Hamilton than that offered at the Bennett Theatre this week, and large audiences at yesterday's performances showed appreciation by unusual applause. The programme includes acts of every variety, and each number is worthy of being ranked as a headliner. Lola Merrill and Frank Otto, in a quaint sketch, entitled "After the Shower," have one of the most amusing acts ever seen locally in this line. The skit is full of bright, breezy dialogue, and makes a big hit. "An Evening With Twain" and other character impersonations by Charles Leonard Fletcher is one of the strong acts of the bill. Fletcher is an impersonator of unusual merit, and his act is educational as well as interesting. Nellie Elting and William Keough score a triumph with their comedy sketch, entitled "23 on the Red." Ed. Rose wrote it and wrote it well, but showed no more merit than does Keough in acting the gambler, who makes his last throw and wins a fortune. "Taking the Third Degree" introduces Monroe and Mack, two of the cleverest black face comedians ever seen here. Meadeyitt and Kelly have some bright dialogue, and are good singers and dancers. The Belois, novelty gymnasts, perform some wonderful feats of strength. Comedy juggling by Bedini and Arthur is one of the hits of the programme. Moving pictures are the last items on a really good bill that is sure to please.

THE CAMERA.

The "Welcome" photographic exposure record and diary for 1910 has just been issued. In no other book can be found such a wealth of expert, practical information on the essentials of photography, in such a condensed and crystallized form—not a word is wasted. Practice is the keynote throughout the book—its size prohibits theory. Make good Christmas presents.

WEBB VS. ST. MARY'S.

At Toronto yesterday, before Cartwright, K. C. Master, in Webb vs. St. Mary's & Western Railway, No. 1, C. A. Moss, for defendants, on motion for particulars of amended statement of claim. W. R. Wadsworth, for plaintiff, contra. Judgment: The demand made in Mr. Moss' letter of 24th November seems fair and reasonable. It is the only way in which the order of 24th September can be substantially complied with, and it does not seem to be laying too heavy a burden on plaintiff's advisers to require this to be done. As vacation is almost here, the particulars need not be marshalled and defined until 10th January. Costs of this motion to defendants in any event. Time for delivering statement of defence extended until eight days after compliance with this order.

Often you must forget the good you have won to reach the good you would be.

"Do you think my hair is getting thin?" "Which one do you mean?"—Life.

SERVED HER COCKTAILS.

Mrs. Brokaw's Butler Insists She Drank Them at All Times.

He Insinuates That She Kicked a Nurse.

Brokaw Could Not Use Stimulants in Small Doses.

New York, Dec. 20.—Cocktails and cigarettes, which have figured so prominently in the suit for separation, with alimony of \$80,000 a year, brought by Mrs. Mary Blair Brokaw against her husband, W. Gould Brokaw, again assumed importance to-day in the trial at Mineola, L. I.

Sidney Woods, the Brokaw's butler, testified for the defence that he had served cocktails to Mrs. Brokaw in a tea cup, in tumblers, in a shaker, when she was up and dressed and when she was in bed. He was positive that he had seen Mrs. Brokaw puffing cigarettes, and he swore that he had served them to her in her room.

During her butler's testimony, Mrs. Brokaw, who, on the stand, would own only to an experience of four cocktails and an occasional cigarette, sat open-mouthed.

"I carried a cocktail to Mrs. Brokaw in the sun parlor," continued the butler, "and she mentioned to me that she had discharged her nurse, Miss See. I told her that Miss See had asked me for liniment to apply to bruises which she said had been caused by kicks and lashings from a whip."

"Was the name of the person mentioned who applied the whip or did the kicking?" asked counsel.

"Mrs. Brokaw knew who did it," replied the butler.

"Was anything said to indicate that she had knowledge of the cuts on Miss See's limbs?"

"Mrs. Brokaw was very cross and no body asked her."

H. Bramhall Gilbert, of Great Neck, brother-in-law to Brokaw, was the first witness to-day. The most he would admit when questioned as to Brokaw's indulgence in liquor was that Brokaw on several occasions showed "trivial exhilaration," but at no time reached a stage that he would call a jag. He recalled that Mrs. Brokaw had visited at his town house while the Brokaws were staying at The Sussex, and that Mrs. Brokaw had so annoyed his wife that he requested Mrs. Brokaw to cease her unnecessary visits. He also said that he had admonished her to remember that she was a lady. He never heard the defendant call Mrs. Brokaw a liar.

Dr. Charles W. Stimson, who was Brokaw's physician on many occasions, testified that alcohol had a very bad effect on the defendant and that he was not able to use it even in small quantities. Prior to his marriage to the plaintiff, he had not known of his using it at all. Dr. Stimson had told Mrs. Brokaw to humor her husband. "Do you remember Mrs. Brokaw telephoning you one night that Mr. Brokaw would probably phone you to call again, but that there was nothing the matter with him except that he was drunk?" asked Mr. Badwin.

Brokaw started out of his chair, saying: "That is a lie," but Dr. Stimson said that he had no such recollection. Pressed for an answer he said that it never had happened.

George Richard Radmore, of London, testified that he had known the defendant for fifteen years and had never seen him under the influence of liquor. He had met Brokaw at the Victoria station at the time Brokaw was returning from Paris after his wife had slammed the door in his face, and Mr. Radmore said that Brokaw appears to be a wreck. Mr. Radmore was quite sure that Mrs. Brokaw had had excellent accommodations in the first-class saloon carriage on the boat train.

THE SHOREHAM

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Washington, D.C., the capital of the United States, is becoming one of the most popular winter resorts in America. It is not that the climate of Washington is tropical or even semi-tropical during the winter months, but at the same time it is located sufficiently south, especially from New York, New England and Canada that the difference in temperature is very noticeable and the winter as a whole, from a climatic standpoint, pleasant and yet not enervating. Washington has many hotels. The Hotel Shoreham in the very centre of many of these public points of interest in the fashionable northwest section was within the past few years entirely reconstructed with the idea of a winter rendezvous for discriminating people.

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The Montreal Winter Carnival Committee is enabled to offer the following valuable prizes for the best essays on "The Canadian Winter." There will be no restriction regarding the length or matter of the essay, and it is open for competition to all Canadians. All essays to be sent in on or before Jan. 10, 1910, to Mr. W. B. Baikie, Secretary, Carnival Committee, Inglis building, 485 St. Catherine street west, Montreal. 1st prize—Trophy. Comprising a large Grecian vase, oblique square Bellek ware, standing fourteen inches high, mounted on ebony base. Value . . . \$125 00

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Warm Winter Kimonos, in fancy Cotton Crepes, Floral Velours and Heavy Eiderdown. Long, loose styles with cord belt, in good range of all colors, in plain or fancy patterns. Special Christmas sale at \$1.00, \$1.50 way up to . . . . . \$5.50
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# CHURCHILL GETS \$50,000.

### Dundee Jute Manufacturer Gives to Campaign Fund.

### Hon. Mr. Balfour is Again on the Sick List.

### Liberals in a Joyous Mood, Says Mr. Birrell.

London, Dec. 20.—There is the greatest disappointment at the indisposition of Mr. Balfour, the Unionist leader, who has been forbidden by his physicians to speak at the Conservative Club luncheon at Edinburgh. The absence of the leader will prove a serious handicap to the Conservatives if prolonged. The Christmas lull is thus doubly welcome to the Unionists as affording him an opportunity to recover. Mr. Balfour is also on the sick list.

The Liberal campaign to-day received a filling in the shape of a gift of \$50,000 to Mr. Churchill by a Dundee jute manufacturer for the defence of free trade, which probably will be a very grateful augmentation of the funds.

The speakers to-night included Mr. Birrell and Sir Edward Grey. The former said the present House of Lords was Jerry-built house. In future the Second Chamber must be differently composed. "We are in a joyous mood," he declared, "with customary cheerfulness we scent victory."

Sir Edward Grey, at Sunderland, replied to a severely personal attack by the Duke of Northumberland. He also declared the House of Lords to be the only permanent opposition to the Liberal party.

Lord Charles Beresford, at Pembroke Dock, reiterated his determination to speak out unless things naval were put right. The public had been misled by the Admiralty press bureau, which had done away with the good-feeling and comradeship in the navy.

Mr. F. E. Smith, speaking to a Salford audience, emphasized the danger of the German challenge to the Empire's naval supremacy.

Mr. Keir Hardie, at Glasgow, referred to the fact that the House of Lords to-morrow gives judgment on the question whether trades unions possess the right to levy for salaries of representatives in Parliament. He said if the judgment was adverse, the party had everything in order for carrying on its financial work for at least two years.

Mr. Lloyd-George had a remarkably enthusiastic reception while motoring through the streets of Newport. A crowd of several thousands compelled him to make a speech.

Both sides are conducting the campaign with the utmost vigor in every corner of the land.

Mr. Haldane is also sick-listed. Lord Rosebery has written to the Times asking for definite declarations of policy on the question of reform of the House of Lords from both sides. He says: "I can find no pledge in Mr. Balfour's manifesto that his party will undertake a reform of the House of Lords, and yet unless such pledge be given thoroughly and unmistakably we may see a Conservative Government come into office and repeat once more the fatal error of letting the opportunity pass."

The campaign has brought out two interesting communications. Jerome K. Jerome, addressing the workmen at Marlborough, speaks strongly for the Liberals. He said that if the Lords were once given power over finance the Liberals could never hope to take office again, because 99 out of every 100 Conservatives were rich men and able to afford to contest at election every year, if necessary, while the Liberal Labor men could not stand the cost of yearly elections, which the Conservatives could finance by constantly throwing out the Liberal budgets.

### THE ISSUES IN THE CAMPAIGN.

From the London Daily Graphic's report of Premier Asquith's address at a mass meeting held in London on December 10th: "Mr. Asquith went on to declare (quoting Mr. J. Chamberlain's letter to the Balfour meeting at Birmingham) that it was the fear of the Budget as an alternative to tariff reform which had led to the rejection of the finance bill. Neither he nor any of the Liberal Ministers supported by a majority of the House of Commons were going to submit again to the rebuffs and the humiliation of the last four years."

The issues in the common campaign against the common enemy were the absolute control of the Commons over finance, the maintenance of free trade, and the effective limitation and curtailment of the legislative powers of the House of Lords. Let them show themselves worthy of the task and quit them like men."

### THE BUDGET A SCARECROW.

From a manifesto issued by Mr. Balfour, and published on Dec. 11:

"It is not so much the privileges of the Lords which are threatened by the single Chamber plan as the rights of the people. It is in their interests that the plan must be defeated."

"The Budget now waiting the sentence of the people seem designed to set purpose to make every man who has invested his money in this country consider how he can remove it, and every man who is hesitating where to invest it determines to invest it abroad. The super-tax frightens some, the new death duties cripple others, and worse than all, the origin of the proposals and the principals on which they have been defended show clearly how thin is the dividing line which separates the policy of the Government from that of the avowed Socialists."

London, Dec. 20.—(Globe Cable.)—Mr. Balfour's continued illness, which prevented his fulfilling an engagement to speak at Edinburgh to-day, is having a serious effect on the Conservative campaign. The tariff reformers especially are much disappointed at the inability of the Opposition leader to speak at Edinburgh. Mr. Balfour has been looking into the tariff problem, and it was hoped that he would give the lead as to the articles which, in the event of the adoption of the tariff reform proposals, would come under the head of "raw materials," and would therefore be admitted free.

Someone has been raising trouble in

# TIMES PATTERNS.



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the publishing trade over a story that wood pulp, of which a considerable quantity comes from Canada, would be taxed.

Mr. Chamberlain, in a letter made public to-day, says that he has no authority to speak for the party on the question, but he would suppose that wood pulp would come under the head of "raw materials."

The Liberals are growing more confident every day that the proposed taxation of foodstuffs is so unpopular that it will neutralize any benefit which may accrue to the Conservatives from the cry "tax foreign manufactures." Alone, the latter cry would be dangerous to the Liberal prospects.

At this distance from the date of polling it would appear that in the final phase of the contest all may depend on the effectiveness of the aid given by the liquor trade and the big navy party to the Conservatives. True, the Liberals laugh at the Lords, but they fear the public house.

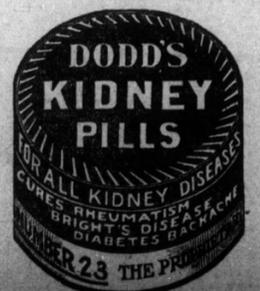
## GOLD COINS.

### Fifty Thousand Dollars of Yukon Gold at Ottawa.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The first big consignment of gold from the Yukon was received to-day at the royal mint here. Mr. Jos. Boyle, now of Dawson City, and formerly of Ottawa, arrived to-day with a grip containing gold bricks worth \$50,000, which he disposed of to the mint to be coined into gold currency. It is probable that the first Canadian gold pieces will be coined from the bricks brought out by Mr. Boyle. A number of English sovereigns were coined last summer from Canadian gold, but so far no Canadian gold pieces have been coined. Hon. Mr. Fielding announced in his budget speech last week that arrangements were being made to begin a Canadian gold coinage, and next year should see a considerable number of Canadian five and ten dollar gold pieces in circulation.

At present practically all the gold taken out of the Yukon is marketed at Seattle or in other American cities. Efforts are now being made to secure the establishment of a Government purchasing office in Dawson, where miners can get full value for their gold. At present there is a discount of nearly two per cent. charged by the banks, although it can be sent to the mint at Ottawa by mail for less than one per cent. of its value. It is asserted that the mint can coin Yukon gold at a small profit, the same as is done in other countries using gold currency, while at the same time there would be a considerable amount saved to the producers in the Yukon.

The shore workers of Toronto are going to present a demand to the manufacturers for an increase in the present scale of wages.



# CAPE BRETON EARTHQUAKE.

### Ground Swayed and Trembled With the Shock.

### Felt Over a Large Extent of the Territory.

### Not Much Damage Done—Communication Cut Off.

Halifax, Dec. 20.—Northern Cape Breton was shaken by an earthquake yesterday afternoon, the effects of which were felt from Mabou, on the western coast of the island, to St. Annis, on the east. Communication with Inverness was wholly cut off last night. The shock was felt there more severely than in any other section of the island, and after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon it was impossible to get in communication with that section of the island. While it was not thought there has been serious damage, there was some anxiety felt last night over the interruption of communication. The first news of the disturbance came from Baddeck. The telephone central there reported that between 3 and 3:30 o'clock the town was rocked by a seismic disturbance of considerable force. St. Ann's, on the eastern coast, also reported severe shocks.

Reports came in next from Orangeville of a disturbance there. The telephone central at that point stated that shortly after 3 o'clock the village was startled by a heavy rumbling sound. At first it was thought to be an express train running at high speed, but in a moment the ground began to sway and tremble. Dishes and light articles danced around on the shelves and houses were badly shaken. No damage was reported along the line of the Intercolonial. The operator at the Grand Norfolks station stated that the earthquake had not been felt there, but Orangeville station, before it closed for the night, stated that, in addition to the shock there, West Bay, Mabou and Margaree had also been visited by the tremors. No news could be secured from Inverness or Pothook last night. All evening the long-distance operators in the Sydney central endeavored to establish communication with these points, but every attempt proved futile. The wires all failed to respond, and about 11 o'clock the Sydney office concluded that the earthquake was responsible for the derangement of communication. Judging from the force of the disturbance in other sections of the country it is not thought that the quake could have been severe enough in Inverness to have caused any damage, but the fact that no word could be got from there during the night caused some anxiety.

## EARLY CLOSING.

### Wave of Temperance Sweeping Over Montreal.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—By a majority of three-fourths of its members the City Council to-day gave second reading to the by-law which will provide that from the first of May next all restaurant and hotel bars shall be closed at 10 o'clock each night, except Saturday night, and at 7 o'clock on Saturdays. The present hours are midnight all the week, with the exception of Sunday. Never in the history of Montreal has such a wave of temperance reform spread over it. From all parts of the city petitions were sent in in favor of the by-law, and the aldermen, who took the view that they were the representatives of the popular will, gave their support to the project. A bitter fight will likely be waged by the liquor interests against the by-law, which is assured of passing its third reading after to-day's vote.

## ROAD BUILDING.

### Southwestern Traction Line to be Extended.

London, Ont., Dec. 20.—Full inspection of the Southwestern Traction Company's line was made to-day by Mr. Murray Verner, of Pittsburgh and Brantford; Mr. W. S. Dinnick, of Toronto; Mr. T. H. Purdom, K. C., and Mr. John Milne, of this city; Manager Mower and other officials. According to semi-official information the line will be extended from Brantford to London in the spring, involving construction of the line from Brantford to Woodstock. At the latter place the Woodstock-to-Ingersoll line will be taken over, and the line from London to Ingersoll will be projected. Other lines are in contemplation.

## SAVED MOTHER.

### Five-Year-Old Lad's Plucky Attack on Assailant.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The five-year-old son of Mrs. Philemon Wright, of Ironsides, Que., four miles from Hull, did heroic service on Thursday afternoon last in saving his mother from a brutal assault by George C. Hammond, a hired man on Mr. Wright's farm. During the husband's absence Hammond entered the house, where Mrs. Wright was alone with her two babies in arms, and Harold, a boy of five. Hammond seized Mrs. Wright and attempted to assault her. Young Harold, picking up a stick of cordwood in the kitchen, ran to his mother's rescue, and while Hammond was struggling with her hit him over the head with all his might. Hammond knocked the boy down, but the plucky youngster ran outside and called two men, who luckily happened to be passing on the road. They hurried in and Hammond escaped by the back door. He was captured by Sheriff Wright yesterday after a long chase. In the Hull Court this morning he was remanded until to-morrow.

Mrs. Wright is critically ill as a result of the shock and struggle.

It is officially announced that the Army Council has accepted Sir Henry Pellatt's offer to take his regiment to England for training at Aldershot next autumn.

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## News in Brief

### The Welland Canal is closed for the season.

Dr. Jose Madriz has been elected President of Nicaragua.

John Glanville, former city weighmaster at Toronto, is dead.

Bradstreet's have opened a fully-equipped office at Edmonton.

Toronto Congregationalists will take a plebiscite on the question of Church union.

The non-jury assizes at Welland were adjourned to Jan. 14 on account of the illness of Chief Justice Falconbridge.

Mr. James Walmsey, street commissioner for North Toronto, died in Grace Hospital, following an operation for appendicitis.

A by-law granting a fixed rate of assessment for the Electro-Steel Company was passed on Monday in Crowland township by a vote of 328 for and nothing against.

W. B. Chamberlain, a nephew of the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, who has been on a hunting expedition at Lake Edward, brought down to Quebec a fine bull moose with a spread of antlers of 72 inches.

During the first two weeks of December sixty cases of bubonic plague, of which twenty-three proved fatal, were officially reported at Guayaquil, Ecuador. In the same period there were twelve cases of yellow fever and five deaths.

Rev. J. D. Fitzpatrick, pastor of Wesley Methodist Church, Dundas street, Toronto, has accepted a call to Norfolk Street Church, Guelph, Rev. C. A. Sykes, B. D., of Sydenham Street Church, Kingston, has accepted the invitation to succeed him.

Rev. Charles A. Sykes, B. D., of Sydenham Street Methodist Church, Kingston, has accepted a unanimous invitation from the official board of Wesley Methodist Church, Toronto, to become its pastor at the next conference year, July, 1910.

The British wrecking tug Bulldog, from London to Havana, was sunk at sea off Norfolk, Va. The crew is safe and the United States cruiser Birmingham, now en route to Norfolk. The Bulldog was owned by the Caribbean Wrecking Company of Liverpool.

John Main, aged twenty, who worked at Tomiko Mills, 27 miles north of North Bay, all summer, left Tomiko ten days ago to set some traps and has not been seen or heard of since. It is supposed the young man fell through an air hole in the ice and was drowned.

George Witherup, aged 18, of Creemore, brakeman on the G. T. R., while switching at Callander, near North Bay, on Monday, fell beneath the wheels and was fearfully mangled. He was taken to North Bay Hospital, where one leg was amputated. The other had a compound fracture.

It is expected by the financial authorities of the Canadian Pacific that the total gross earnings of the system for the calendar year now coming to an end will approximate \$100,000,000, or \$5,000,000 more than the estimated revenue of the Dominion for the current fiscal year, which was placed by Hon. Mr.

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Fielding in his recent budget speech at about \$95,000,000.

Mrs. Charity Burnett, aged 23, wife of Edward Burnett, died on Monday afternoon at her home in Flint, Mich. She was vaccinated a week ago and it is said the virus acted in such a manner as to bring on a severe attack of gastritis. Mrs. Burnett was a native of London, Ont.

David Lamic, having pleaded guilty of the theft of a large quantity of grain from Albert Stevens, a Harwich farmer, was sentenced at Chatham to three years in the Kingston Penitentiary by Magistrate Houstler. Lamic forged Stevens' name to a cheque some months ago and was allowed out on suspended sentence.

Jumping from the second-story window at 26 Hayter street, Toronto, last night to escape from a fire which had started in the floor below, Mrs. Jennie Allingham fractured her ankle and was suffering so much from shock that she had to be taken to the General Hospital.

The first move of the new Quebec light and power merger has been to raise the price of gas to \$1.50 gross per thousand cubic feet. During the last year Quebecers had paid 50 cents per thousand feet owing to the competition existing between the Quebec Gas and the Frontenac Gas Company.

There is a pretty row between the men and women of Belgrade. A group of Belgrade women sent a petition asking the authorities to enforce the gambling laws, as their husbands were ruining themselves and families by gambling. The indignant husbands retorted with a petition for a compulsory closing of all millinery stores, declaring that they are the greatest source of domestic discord and poverty.

Mr. J. M. Courtney, Treasurer of the National Battlefields Commission, has presented to Earl Grey, on behalf of the commission, a gold medal in commemoration of the Tercentenary celebration of the founding of Quebec by Champlain. He has also handed His Excellency a similar gold medal for transmission to the Prince of Wales, and bronze medals for Lord Crowe and other members of H. R. H.'s suite.

On Saturday night, Nov. 27th, an Indian farmer from the Mohawk Reserve, while on his way home, driving a team and wagon, was waylaid, struck on the head and robbed of \$24. Charles Kiser, Thomas Irvine and Ben Simpson were arrested. The first two pleaded not guilty, but Simpson turned King's evidence, implicating the others. The trial took place yesterday, when all pleaded guilty, and Magistrate Mason sentenced Kiser and Irvine to three years in Kingston Penitentiary and Simpson to four months in jail.

During the first ten months of the present calendar year 9,019 homestead entries were made in Western Canada by United States citizens. Every State and Territory of the American Union was represented. North Dakota contributed the largest number, viz., 3,464. Other States are represented as follows: Minnesota, 1,741; South Dakota, 522; Michigan, 514; Washington, 510; Wisconsin, 477; Iowa, 430; Illinois, 290; Montana, 184; Indiana, 152; Missouri, 151; New York, 150; Oregon, 150; Idaho, 144; Kansas, 140; Nebraska, 134.

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JOE CHAMBERLAIN.

Frederic Harrison Talks of His Vagaries and Betrayals.

I am going to speak quite freely of Joe Chamberlain. I respect his great powers, his tremendous energy, and his many fine qualities of nature. It is a sad sight when a strong man of seventy is crippled and is unable to address his fellow countrymen in Parliament, and on platforms. But Mr. Chamberlain remains still the dominant force in politics. He has lost nothing of his wide popularity, of his creative influence over parties, even of his casting vote in the inner council chambers of his party. And it is rank hypocrisy to pretend that the retrograde dictator of the hour should be spoken of only in the farcical lapdances of his own clique.

STILL THE BOSS. Though he has not appeared in public for three years, he has never ceased to give orders to his own followers, and to press his advice on the public. His absence from the House and from the platform has even increased his influence; for it has spared him from uttering the wild promises and the rotten sophistries of his public campaign, whilst his malady has too long protected him from the exposure of his bombastic fallacies. He is the absolute dictator of the Tariff Reform Unionists; and he has just for the third time split up the confederate Unionists. A few weeks ago Lord Lansdowne and the sensible Conservatives who have long held office were able to control the majority in the Lords. A fierce letter of Mr. Chamberlain, timed to carry away a most critical meeting, and to discount the counsels of the titular leader of the party, entirely changed the situation and put Conservatives at logger-heads. We are told that Mr. Balfour was not a party to the precise form of this edict; but this would be a piece of sharp practice too shameful to imagine possible.

HIS EARLY POLITICAL CAREER. Having made a fortune by dexterously under-selling his fellow tradesmen, he entered politics rather as a Republican than an ordinary Radical. He did bring himself, as Mayor of Birmingham, to do honors to the then Prince of Wales—but for the first half of his career he was the terror of all Conservatives, for his doctrine of "ransom," the doctrine of the Budget—that the holders of great estates and the monopoly of "land" may fairly be taxed in proportion to the security they have guaranteed them by the state. For many years he expounded this principle with extraordinary energy and courage; nor did he shrink from being the bete noire of Lord Salisbury and the whole Tory interest. As an hereditary Nonconformist Mr. Chamberlain was for years the boldest and ablest leader in the cause of the Disestablishment and Disendowment of the Church of England. His first appearance in parliament was as

A TEMPERANCE REFORMER. Until Mr. Gladstone took it up, Mr. Chamberlain was one of the keenest advocates of Home Rule; and, in close association with Mr. Parnell, for the local management of Irish affairs. For forty years of his political life he was one of the most passionate believers in Cobden's Free Trade system. No public man has reasoned it out with more intimate knowledge of trade, and with more acute logic than did Mr. Chamberlain only a few years ago, even when he was a minister in a Unionist government.

UTTERLY UNRELIABLE. Until his fiftieth year, having served the public with conspicuous success for some twenty-five years, he had never betrayed the smallest doubt or misgiving in any one of these causes. Until he left Mr. Gladstone's Ministry he was the most typical all-round Radical freetrader and reformer of his time. He then broke up the Liberal party and made himself the real head of an independent group. Since then he has been an indefatigable and relentless wrecker of parties by a system of underselling the political body with which for the time being he is acting. Long before he was still too much of a Liberal to support Lord Salisbury without reserve, whilst Liberals found him their most dangerous opponent. He was always ready to "go one better" on every opportunity.

THIS old ally of Parnell became the fiercest denouncer of Home Rule; this old nonconformist advocate of disestablishment has served in a Cabinet which has been the unblinking partisan of church monopolies. The famous author of the "ransom" doctrine is to-day the fierce critic of a budget founded on this very doctrine. And the passionate free trader of forty years' standing is now the pioneer of a doctrine that it is the duty of the rich to

TAX THE FOOD OF THE POOR. Politicians in the course of a long career have sometimes changed their party and revised their principles—and no one could deny their right to do so. They have done it by gradual steps, upon grounds fully explained, and under new circumstances. They left their party when it attempted a new departure; they modified a single principle they formerly held; but they did not suddenly break out into furious repudiation of all their old convictions together. They did not pass at a bound from the leadership of full-blown Radicalism to be the leader of the most wholesale reaction—from being the hope of Republicans, Irish Nationalists, Dissenters, Land Reformers and Free Traders to be the apostle of taxing food and to be the darling of the House of Lords.

AN UNEXAMPLIFIED CHANGE. Our history records no example of a change of policy so sudden, so violent, so sweeping as this. And the examples of change of policy we know all had this feature—they were made at great personal sacrifice. Though the terrific form of the Revolution in France turned Burke from a sentimental Whig into an apocalyptic Tory, he never entered a Cabinet. When Peel with his vision of statesmanship and his popular instincts, gave up the Corn Taxes, he sacrificed his whole life. When Mr. Gladstone abandoned Irish Coercion for Home Rule, he lost half his following, and almost all his power. His grand dual, logical, reasoned and intelligible changes of policy are perfectly consistent and justified by changes of conditions and persons. The

changes in policy or in party of Lord Goschen, of Lord Hartington, of Lord James, of Lord Selbourne, of Mr. Bright all have the same character. They were made by gradual and no violent steps, they were amply explained by themselves and were justified by circumstances—and, above all, they involved at the time great personal sacrifices.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S DESERTION of party and recantation of principles have had no such character. They have been sprung upon the nation as sudden surprises, with the plain end of snatching a party victory. He never explained or justified them except by eating his own words with violent exaggeration and denouncing his own life-long convictions. And the curious thing, in face of this present volte-face, is this—that every one of his new projects has been a conspicuous failure. His original democratic faith—with land taxation, local self-government for Ireland, Disestablishment of Episcopal Churches, peasant proprietors, old-age pensions, "ransom," and free trade—holds the field to-day, and is about to receive an overwhelming support.

BOER WAR AND PROTECTION. Having done his best to ruin Mr. Gladstone's Irish policy, Mr. Chamberlain found himself the darling of the magnates to whom for a whole generation he had been a terror. When he was admitted to a strictly Conservative Cabinet he looked about for some opening for playing a startling coup. He found it in the infamous and disastrous South African war, which he engineered entirely by his own hand, and with his own yet unavowed secret devices. Appalled at the awful ruin which his nefarious schemes had caused in South Africa, he brought home his feathers, and sought how to hide his failures under some new startling adventure. To the amazement of mankind, this veteran free trader suddenly posed as an all-round protectionist—flatly advocating a series of

TAXES ON FOOD and an elaborate tariff for taxing what was that this was to benefit the colonies and to consolidate the Empire was at once exposed, and it was plain that it must ruin India—the principal part of the Empire—and would be useless to Africa and other parts of our dominion. No public man up to his old age, had ever been a more clear-sighted and eloquent opponent of the whole protectionist fallacy. Yet around to expound the fallacies that he had ridiculed all his public life, and his manufacturers hailed him as their deliverer—as the one man who was to raise their rents and boom their trade markets.

A POLITICAL MOUNTEBANK. For years he continued to rage about the country in a wild hustling propaganda, shouting out bunkum about the "flag," pouring out fallacious figures, and making silly prophecies about ruin and sillier prophecies of coming boons—every one of which random assertions was exposed and laughed out of court as a silly imposture. Not only Mr. Balfour nor Lord Lansdowne are masters in their own houses, and the ablest and most experienced statesmen of their party are profoundly opposed to the protectionist adventure. As ever, Mr. Chamberlain is again underbidding not only his political opponents, but his own political colleagues.

A DANGEROUS MAN. He is a man of extraordinary impulse and of great force of character. With wonderful gifts of inspiration, of eloquence, and of organization, Joseph Chamberlain never possessed solid judgment or mastery brain. He is by nature an inventor, a demagogue, a speculator, a gambler. He has a magnetic power of deceiving crowds, of deceiving himself. He is one of the men of untrustworthy genius, who found Panama companies, Sale Lake cities, and Rhode Island settlements. He is the genius and passion of a true inventor, but not the statesmanship or the clear brain which alone can make vast speculations succeed. I believe him to be sincere and in earnest to-day as I believed him in earnest forty years ago. And the proof of his sincerity lies in this—that he is too often the worst enemy of both himself and of those who trust him. This is the inevitable fate of the great speculators who unite restless imagination with indomitable courage, and yet make

HIDEOUS FAILURES for want of patience, self-control and balance of brain, the whole protectionist "flag," pouring out fallacious figures, and making silly prophecies about ruin and sillier prophecies of coming boons—every one of which random assertions was exposed and laughed out of court as a silly imposture. Not only Mr. Balfour nor Lord Lansdowne are masters in their own houses, and the ablest and most experienced statesmen of their party are profoundly opposed to the protectionist adventure. As ever, Mr. Chamberlain is again underbidding not only his political opponents, but his own political colleagues.

SELL HER BODY. Baltimore Woman's Offer Will Attract Attention to Her Need.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 20.—Driven to desperation by the thought that her children would be deprived of the Christmas joys to which they had been accustomed, a woman this afternoon advertised that for \$10 she would sell her body, to be delivered after her death, to the buyer. She is the mother of four children. This year, owing to an accident to her husband, the family has been living on \$3 a week, earned by the oldest girl, who is fourteen years old. She got the idea of selling her body from the experience of an old man she used to know, who sold his body to a medical college. Asked what she would buy with the money, she answered, promptly: "First of all, shoes."

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Junior third and second classes, L. M. Lillis, teacher—Helena Woods, John Macklow, Grace Armstrong, Lottie Donnelly, Robert Charters, Amy Woods, Edith Williams, Helen Gage.

Senior second—Ellen Byrne, Irene Punt, Eva Allan, Lizzie Rippon, Thos. Hough, Alec Thomas.

Junior second—Reginald Jacobs, Reuben Vancour, Elsie Bird, Ada Wyatt. Junior second, Miss Foreman's classes—Wallace Cosby, Blanche Ellis, Mary Morrison, Margaret McIntyre, Gladys Preece, Sarah Turner, Ruth Parslow, Edith Williams, Helen Gage, Honor Woolvett, Sadie Livsey, Lily Cooper, Edward Calligan, Fred Preece.

Senior first—Ethel Corp, Dennis Gill, Eva Herron, Albert Brown, Alex. Weiss, Mabel McAuley, Viola Urquhart, Colin Hanna, Willie Allen, Edgar Bodden, Fred Smith, Myrtle Weaver, Florence Clarkson, Russell Stirling.

Room 11, M. A. Kitchin's classes: Girls—Dorothy Gartley, Marjorie McAuley, Gertrude Armstrong, Myrtle Haining, Katie Morrison, Edith Bird, Pearl Allen, Violet Bodden, Harriett Eden, Marian Tournay, Aileen Day, Hazel Ford.

Boys—Gordon Sterling, Maurice Holton, Arthur Pickles, Willie Smith, Alid Shipman, Edwin in Douglas, J. Hobbs, Roger Button, Charlie King, Reginald Jernan, Charlie Taylor, Frank Byrne, Alfred Calligan, Cecil Sterling, Stanley Partlett, Alex. Mann, Percy Calligan, Oswald Wolf, John Rogers, Harold Tye.

Junior first, Miss F. E. Horne's classes: Girls—Dorothy Duce, Violet Wyatt, Irene Ford, Evelyn Jerman, Nellie Hough, Fannie Vancour, Emily Vancour, Laura Pugh, Edith Wood.

Boys—Percy Pickles, Reggie Tournay, George Eden, Westley Eden, Freddie Ford, John Jacobs, Arthur Hale, Jack Tyler, Albert Hesketh, Percy Taylor, George Matthews.

Girls enrolled for 1909 ..... 139 Boys enrolled for 1909 ..... 188 Total ..... 327 Average attendance ..... 181

NEW BOOKS

One Week's Additions to the Public Library Shelves.

Books received at Public Library during week ending Dec. 17: The Sheriff of Dyke Hole, Cullum, L8764. The Tyrant, DeLa Pasture, L 8763. Higgins, A Man's Christian, Duncan, L8767. The Tenants of Pixy Farm, Goldring, L8765. The Broken Trail, Kerby, L8761. With the Merry Austrians, McLaren, L8766. The Valley of the Kings, Pickthall, L8769. The Canvas Door, Sanborn, L8762. The Children's Book, Burnett, M2275. Women in Industry, Abbott, 396.5A. Eusapia Palladino and Her Phenomena, Carrington, 133.9C2. Right and Wrong Thinking and Their Results, Crane, 130C2. Departmental Ditties, Graham, 827G. Birds of the World for Young People, Hardestadt, Jun. ed. 598.2K5. Chemist, for Young People, Jenks, 540J. The Evolution of Worlds, Lowell, 529.9L. Kings in Exile, Roberts, Jun. ed., 590R2. Curiosities of the Sky, Serviss, 520S2. New Poems, Watson, 521.982W2.

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Stoney Creek The regular meeting of the Stoney Creek Epworth League was held in the Methodist Sunday school-room on Friday evening, Dec. 17th, the evening being a missionary night.

Kelvin The Methodist Sabbath school scholars are very busy these days, preparing for the Christmas entertainment.

Caistorville Mr. Christopher Warner, of Caistor Corners, passed from this life on Wednesday, Dec. 15, and was buried in Caistorville cemetery on Saturday, Dec. 18, Age, 66.

Sheffield Christmas tree entertainment will be given in the Methodist Church on Wednesday evening, Dec. 22nd.

Jerseyville Miss Attridge purposes closing the public school for the year with a concert by her pupils, to which all interested are cordially invited.

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TEXAS LYNCHING. Had Wounded Mayor of the Town While Resisting Arrest.

SUICIDE OF NEGRO. Abbeville, La., Dec. 20.—Boy O'Hare, a negro, who on Tuesday last killed two white officers, was surrounded this afternoon in a swamp near here.

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SPORTS: BASEBALL, BOXING, BOWLING, RACING, SOCCER, ROWING, YACHTING

HOCKEY FOR HAMILTON.

Games Played on an Open Rink.

SHAMROCKS QUIT.

Ontario Pro. League Opens in Two Weeks.

The attempt to get a hockey league formed in this city will be appreciated by all lovers of Canada's great winter sport.

However, the proposed league will help to supply the want, even though it be on a small scale.

The trip of the Winnipeg-Shamrocks to Ottawa in search of the Stanley Cup has been abandoned.

An Ottawa despatch says: Ridpath, while not in the best of shape, showed a magnificent burst of speed.

The team that will likely represent Varsity at New York will be: Goal, Richardson; point, Galt; cover, Code; rover, Evans; centre, Frith; left wing, McEloy; right wing, undecided.

The Queen's team to play a game in New York on Dec. 30th will be: Gilbert, goal; McKenzie, point; Lockett, cover-point; Campbell, rover; Crawford, centre; Dobson, right wing; George, left wing.

Brantford Expositor: Two weeks from now Tuesday the Ontario professional hockey season opens.

Ottawa will play three matches in one week or five in ten days.

Bonuses have been guaranteed the Ottawa players if they succeed in holding the Stanley Cup.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—The Galt Hockey Club wired to President McGee of the Ottawa last night accepting January 5 and 7 as the dates for their Stanley Cup match.

The "substantial increase" granted John Heydler in his new-old job as secretary-treasurer of the National League is reported to bring his salary up to \$7,000 a year.

PRES. LYNCH IN OFFICE.

He Took Up New Duties Yesterday.

Defeated Candidate Makes a Statement.

New York, Dec. 21.—Thos. J. Lynch, the new President of the National League, assumed his duties yesterday morning.

That the election of Lynch to the Presidency has not entirely restored harmonious relations between the National and American Leagues is evidenced by the statement given out to-night by John H. Ward, who was the candidate for president.

The election of Mr. Lynch as President of the National League was a happy solution of the situation.

He has a mind of his own, and will have something to say about the business of the National Commission.

The chief objection to Heydler as President was the fact that he stood by his umpires.

New Yorkers are beginning to doubt the proposition that "what goes up must come down" when they consider the prices of food and study the quotations of the retail market for the last week.

London has 1,950 post offices.

Talk We'll Get This Winter

Did you ever hear two bowling fiends discussing "last night?"

Their chatter is as intelligible as Choctaw. Here's a sample:

"Going up against new wood is fierce. It was hole after hole, and the majority were railroads.

For the uninitiated, "Big Dick," often the "Limit," is the 7-10 split.

"Ladyfinger" is the 6-7-10 or 4-7-10 split, "Poodle," otherwise "One Dog," to roll in the gutter.

"Hole" is a split. "Railroad," horizontal two-pin split, as 4-6 or 8-10. "Baby" is 3-10 or 2-7 split.

"Brooklyn" is to go head pin on far side.

Gossip and Comment

"Jeff" says he'd rather whip Johnson than have \$1,000,000.

Harvard University has a Chinese athlete. The Chinik can go a fast 100 yards, can beat any of his American brothers at the university at the pole vault, and it a prize-winning broad jumper.

Investing in selling platters doesn't appear to be such a bad stunt, after all.

N. J. Cartmell, the U. of P. sprinter, who beat Postle on Saturday, is handicapped at two and one-half yards in the Powderhall (Edinburgh) handicap at 120 yards, scheduled for New Year's Day.

The fact that Jockey Musgrave was not seen in the saddle at Jacksonville on Saturday was probably responsible for the rumor that his riding on Fulfill on the previous day was unsatisfactory.

"Tex" Rickard will make a special effort to have women at the ringside of the Jeffries-Johnson fight.

A New York Irishman sizes up the ability of the latest recruit to Jim Jeffries' training camp about correct.

"My old county Galway friend, James J. Corbett, who was knocked out twice by Jim Jeffries and 'pasted in the plex' by Old Man Fitzsimmons, is back from that dear Europe with a copious line of dope on how he is going to fix up Jeff for speed stamina, judgment of distance and footwork, and blime me if I know what else. Hot stuff that from Corbett.

"But where on earth does he come in with any goods to sell to-day to a fighter seeking heavyweight championship honors?"

In his last two scraps the uncouths pompodour person was as slow as a Swiss waiter.

"Now, I'd hate like the deuce to take lessons from anybody that I made a sucker of twice in succession. You may learn useful experiences from failures in the prize ring, but you can't learn many new wrinkles."

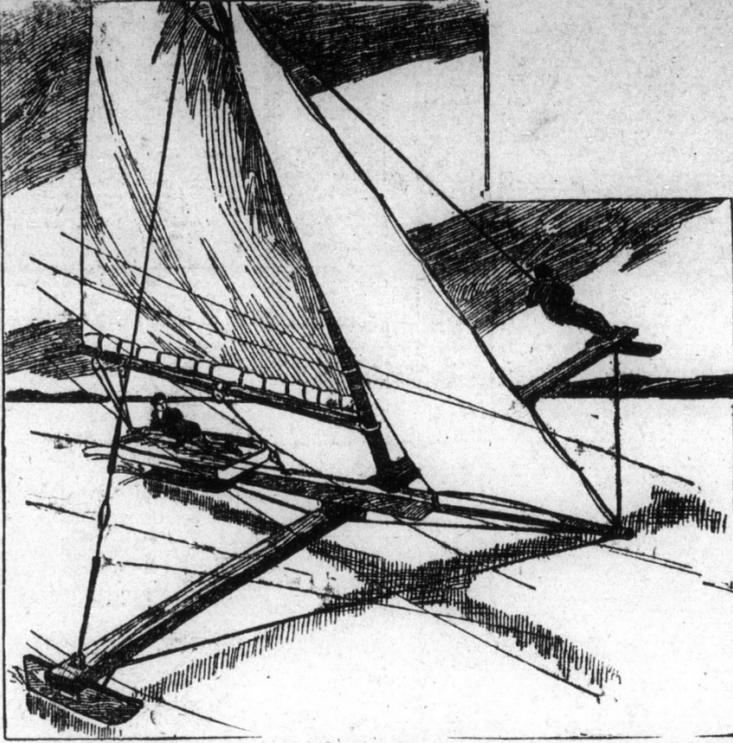
While you're talking of sporting bodies and the size thereof, don't forget to mention the Ontario Curling Association.

It has a measly little membership of 107 clubs and 4,167 members—and every man of them an actual player and an amateur.

"Take an end run, for example, and compare the two styles of play. Suppose three backs go around the end in the American game.

The Canadian game is a happy medium between the two.

ZIPP! BING! Z-Z-WISH! BANG! 60 MILES AN HOUR ON A DARTING HALF-FLYING ICEBOAT.



EATING THE EYE OUT OF THE WIND, WITH THE WEATHER RUNNER CLIMBING SKYWARD.

Ever ride on a racing ice yacht? Yes? Then you know what it is. No? Then you have something coming, a sensation which can be likened to nothing else in the wide, wide world.

You don't know what travelling is until you fly over the glassy surface of river or lake in a piping blow, with the cordage humming like a gigantic Aeolian harp.

On a dry, cold day, when the ice cracks and rings and reverberates in the cold, like metal striking against metal, with a 50-mile breeze (which one gets only occasionally by the way), and a stoutly built craft, there is nothing so exhilarating as an hour on an ice yacht.

You may have your high-priced, high-powered racing automobiles, your 80-miles an hour express train, your aeroplanes and dirigibles, but give me the lean, slender, skeleton racer, and I'll not wish for greater pleasure.

Zepplin, the Wrights, Strang, none of them feel the thrill that is the man's who, lying flat in the low cockpit, one hand upon the sensitive tiller, feels the swoop of the runway thing he has loosed as it darts away in this direction and that, at his slightest touch.

You stand there, clinging to the singing steel stay as it hums and vibrates, the wind biting into your marrow despite heavy clothing.

But the big holes, ten and fifteen feet across, are a menace. And so is rotten ice, with its treacherous surface. Tough as whalebone and a duck in the water must be the hardy son of adventure who rides the darting, side-stepping, dancing winter craft.

at such an angle and maintain its equilibrium, and just about the time you are looking for a soft piece of ice to light upon and figure how far you will scoot when you land at 60 miles an hour, the fiend back there at the steering gear gives the tiller a slight touch and you return to an upright position as the steel takes the ice again.

Ice yachting is a grand sport. True, it has its element of danger, but what fun worth the candle hasn't? There is the ever present fear of air holes, and it requires a keen-eyed, nimble-witted, cool-headed man at the helm to avoid a hole at 50 or 60 miles an hour.

The small holes are not dangerous, for, rip-snorting along on the invisible planes of the wind, the yacht jumps them with the ease of a living thing.

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interfere and dispose of two effective tackles by the defence. If unsuccessful, the interference is quickly broken up, the runner falls over them and spectators have seen what may have been a well-executed, if unsuccessful, play.

"Did the interference fail? Was it a brilliant tackle? Did he get the runner or did the man with the ball simply trip over the wreckage?"

"In three cases out of five it is by no means clear even to the closest observer.

"Now, compare this with a typical end run in the Canadian game. The inside, and not the outside, back carries the ball to the end. It is his duty to draw the first tackle of the defence and give the next man the ball as he is tackled; the next man draws the next tackle, and the outside man in thrown ahead of him.

"If the play comes off, the spectators have seen three or four passes and two or three tackles. Unless the play is blocked before it reaches the end, the spectators see one or two passes and as many open backs.

"The more men who handle the ball the more the game will appeal to the crowd, and to the players themselves when educated to it.

"Play behind the goal line is another feature of the Canadian game which must appeal to the player and spectator alike.

"The ball is not 'dead' if kicked over the goal line by the attacking side. The defence can either run it out, kick it out or rouge it by touching it down behind the line.

"It must be at once evident that this means of scoring opens up a field of play which the American game lacks. It calls for the best judgment to decide whether to attempt to clear or give your opponents one point by rouging. It puts a premium on accurate kicking, as it takes an accurate punt to put the ball across the goal line and into touch in goal if the kicker is twenty or thirty yards from the line.

"The average spectator sees clever running and passing, interspersed with unexpected kicking and quickly executed degrees.

"The English game is a game of individual opportunities and little team play, whereas the American game is just exactly the reverse. In the English game there is no possession of the ball. One side is as likely as the other to get the ball from a scrimmage, so that preconceived team play is almost impossible.

"The Canadian game is a happy medium between the two.

F. W. BALDWIN ON RUGBY.

Offside Interference is the Barrier, Says Casey.

ENGLISH RUGBY.

Interference Does Not Make Football Scientific.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—"Offside interference is the barrier between the Canadian and American games," says F. W. (Casey) Baldwin, who is associated with Dr. Alexander Graham Bell in aeronautic experiments at Baddeck.

"The Canadian rules do not permit men to run ahead of the ball and interfere for the runner. This ensures wide passing, clever running, and puts a premium on individual judgment, without sacrificing team play in the slightest degree.

"Offside interference does not make American football any more scientific, but obscures the real play, so that only experts can follow what is happening behind it.

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WELSH'S IDEA OF HONOR.

Gives Up Profitable Contract to Keep Word.

Longs for the Hills and Valleys of Wales.

Freddy Welsh, who is matched to meet Battling Nelson in London, has sent the following letter to the editor of London Sporting Life:

"I had been engaged, but, fortunately, on an optional contract, for £200 for the week. I endeavored to get Monday night free, but could not, and therefore cancelled the contract rather than be obliged to break my promise to help in a cause that appeals so strongly to me.

"I confess I am not sorry to be done with the music hall work. I have had one week of it, and that was long enough to satisfy any histrionic ambitions I may have had concealed in my breast.

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GOOD SCORES WERE PUT ON.

Monarch Team Won Three Straight Games.

M. Kaufman Made the Night's High Score.

The Monarch Typewriter Company's team again put on a splendid score in the H. B. & A. C. League in C class, last night.

The new bowlers are making the old "So-called" take notice.

The teams scheduled for Christmas eve and New Year's eve are arranging the games earlier in the week.

There is a great fight on for the 5 turkeys this week.

Dynes Soundrels won two—

Table with 2 columns: Name, Score. Wm. Murray 190 178 155 523, Wm. Hynes 185 133 146 464, Nash 152 147 174 478, A. B. Patterson 208 161 168 537, Wm. Jackson 136 156 157 449.

Lumsden Bros.—

Table with 2 columns: Name, Score. S. Ray 156 144 146 446, H. Marsh 158 165 156 479, C. E. Wilson 142 145 203 490, A. Clappison 174 157 156 487, A. D. Lumsden 150 152 150 452.

Post-Office—

Table with 2 columns: Name, Score. T. Hill 144 134 163 441, J. Simpson 97 157 124 378, H. Dilworth 169 177 182 528, R. Harron 128 159 133 420, F. Nash 158 168 167 493.

R. H. Y. C. No. 1 won two—

Table with 2 columns: Name, Score. E. W. Burrow 168 129 133 430, G. W. Scott 164 176 180 520, Geo. H. Raw 150 192 150 492, Al. Craig 144 136 151 431.

Monarch Typewriter Co. (won three)—

Table with 2 columns: Name, Score. W. Duffie 202 166 153 523, F. J. Walker 156 157 165 478, Thos. Crompton 128 132 177 435, J. Collins 164 158 188 510, W. Mapham 154 183 194 531.

Latch's Beauties—

Table with 2 columns: Name, Score. H. Hatch 157 138 172 467, A. Wright 134 144 159 337, M. Kaufman 196 179 214 589, P. Hughson 173 129 148 450, E. Woods 134 164 134 432.

T. H. & B. Ry. (won three)—

Table with 2 columns: Name, Score. C. M. Sinclair 123 160 214 497, Geo. C. Martin 150 177 183 519, H. T. Malcolmson 157 136 158 451, Geo. W. Holmes 136 146 119 401, W. Davison 153 149 162 466.

Terminals—

Table with 2 columns: Name, Score. E. James 135 127 136 398, G. Waller 130 139 122 391, C. Choate 159 180 169 508, E. Jordan 130 121 123 374, T. Robinson 131 89 109 329.

The following are the scores made at the Brunswick alleys last night:

Table with 2 columns: Name, Score. Wood (won 0)— Hotrum 105 89 136 330, Boungault 130 97 99 328, Vaseout 92 93 86 271, Kaday 124 138 138 400, Hughes 170 155 127 452.

Knife and Bar (won 1)—

Table with 2 columns: Name, Score. R. Green 157 191 143 491, Daily 161 171 175 507, McPadden 168 150 136 454, McLeod 178 141 116 435, Bolton 167 166 187 520.

Forge (won 3)—

Table with 2 columns: Name, Score. McTavish 182 139 158 509, Poole 148 180 133 461, Taylor 130 174 140 444, Fricker 141 148 129 418, Moon 183 143 170 466.

SPIKES ARE AN ASSET.

To Abolish Them Would Make Game Slow

SAYS UMPIRE EVANS

Player Must Be Able to Make Quick Start.

According to Umpire Evans, of the American League, the talk of abolishing spikes on shoes is foolish.

It is the one big asset of the ball player, says Evans. He must have his shoes so equipped that he can make a quick start as well as stop, and there is no substitute that offers the same possibilities as the steel spike.

To ask a player to work on a grass infield or outfield with leather cleats as his only means of reinforcement, would be foolhardy, is the opinion of Evans.

On a skin diamond it would not be so bad, but on a grass diamond, such as many major and minor league clubs now own, it would simply be out of the question.

Incidentally, it would tend to greatly slow up the work of the men, as they wouldn't take so many chances or be so certain on their feet.

Many players express the belief that spikes half the length of the present ones would be just as serviceable.

It is claimed that better results are obtained out of the second year of a pair of shoes, especially the outfielders, who have little chance of being cut down.

The rounding of the corners of the spikes also ought to help considerably, Evans believes. It stands to reason, he says, that spikes about half the length of the present ones, with rounded corners, would be much less dangerous than those now in use.

It has also been suggested, says Evans, that base runners be only allowed to slide head first, to eliminate the danger of spiking.

According to Evans, this has some redeeming features, as well as quite a few bad ones.

If players were required to slide head first, the advantage would be greatly in favor of the baseman as it is now in favor of base runner.

Realizing that there was little chance of his being injured by a head-first slide, the baseman would invariably block off the base runner.

While the possibility of injury to the man playing the bag would be slight, it would be rather dangerous to the runner.

Most men, however, slide head first, few of them preferring to slide feet first, as they contend it is the most natural way.

If the head-first slide were enforced, says Evans, it would necessitate the changing of their style by many players, and as a result one of the brightest features of the game—base running—would be compelled to suffer.

Speaking of Cobb's ability as a successful base runner, Evans says that Detroit's great outfielder has a slide peculiarly his own.

He does not slow down before starting his slide, but hits the turf at almost full speed. One of his legs is thrown in the direction of the bag, and the other is usually high in the air.

HANS HOLMER WINS THE RACE

Breaking the 5 1-4 Mile Record on Sunday.

The Canadian Had an Easy Task.

New York, Dec. 21.—Hans Holmer, the Canadian professional runner, who is now attached to the Mohegan Athletic Club, easily won the five and a quarter mile run of the Mohegan Club over the usual course in the Bronx on Sunday.

Holmer had an advantage of over 300 yards at the line on Dick Devlin, the track captain of the Mott Haven Athletic Club, who was second.

Holmer's time of 27.47 establishes a new record for the course. The Canadian had an easy task, keeping an eye on his Mohegan comrades until the third mile, when he set sail for the leaders, overtaking them in a short time.

Devlin challenged Holmer a half mile from home, but he was easily shaken off. The summary follows:

Table with 3 columns: Pos., Name and Club, Time. 1. Hans Holmer, Mohegan A. C. 27.47, 2. F. Devlin, Mott Haven A. C. 28.57, 3. G. Dietrich, Loughlin Lyceum 29.17, 4. J. O'Brien, Mohegan A. C. 29.33, 5. P. Conter, Mohegan A. C. 30.05, 6. C. Murphy, Mohegan A. C. 30.08, 7. O. Neilson, Mohegan A. C. 30.17, 8. W. DeBarr, Mohegan A. C. 31.45, 9. J. Ashby, Mohegan A. C. 31.48, 10. R. Smith, Mohegan A. C. 31.50, 11. G. Marzulo, West End A. A. 31.56, 12. Ph. Stiefel, Mohawk A. C. 32.10, 13. Dr. Brandster, Mohegan A. C. 33.16, 14. I. Benfield, West End A. A. 33.35, 15. W. Schnabel, Mohawk A. C. 34.00, 16. I. Benjamin, Uga A. C. 34.30, 17. S. Muller, Irish-American A.C. 34.35, 18. J. O'Neill, Mohegan A. C. 34.40, 19. W. Mollin, Poetjan A. C. 34.45, 20. G. Treubig, Poetjan A. C. 34.50.

Advertisement for Men and Women's health products, mentioning 'MEN AND WOMEN' and 'GONORRHOEA'.



LADY GOLFER LIVES HERE.

Miss Dorothy Campbell, Famous Scottish Golfer.

WONDERFUL RECORD

Three Times Scotch Champion, Holds Other Titles.

It has not been generally known, that Miss Dorothy Campbell, the famous lady golfer, who has won the greatest of golfing honors, is a resident of Hamilton, and a member of the Hamilton Golf Club.

Miss Campbell has a wonderful record on the links. Since 1904 she has always been in the semi-finals for the British or Scottish championships, and in that time has carried off the Scotch honors three times, and the British championships the same number of times, at present holding the British and American titles, naturally making her the foremost lady golfer in the world.

Since taking up her residence in Hamilton, Miss Campbell has made many friends, and as a member of the Hamilton Golf Club her prowess will do much towards building up the game here.

1904—Semi-finalist in British championships; 1905—Scottish champion; semi-finalist in British championships; 1906—Scottish champion; semi-finalist in British championships; 1907—Runner-up in Scottish championships.

1908—Scottish champion; runner-up in British championships; 1909—British champion; runner-up in Scottish championships; American national champion.

NO SUCH ALLIANCE BEING CONSIDERED.

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outfits, and two seventy-five horse-power motors at a cost of \$4,000.

Mayor McLaren's action in stopping the payment of extra money to the health inspectors for keeping the office open on Saturday afternoon was censured at length by the Board of Health last night. While it was admitted that technically the payments were illegal, the members thought that, as the duties of the inspectors were fixed by law, they should be paid for working on Saturday afternoons.

The trustees have arranged to visit the public schools in connection with the closing exercises to-morrow as follows: Lyman Lee, King Edward. C. G. Booker, Stinson and Boys' Home. S. F. Lazier, K. C. Central. Thomas W. Watkins, Queen Victoria. J. Orr Callaghan, Ryerson and Charlton avenue.

Alfred Ward, Caroline and Girls' Home. W. J. Clark, Hess street. Geo. R. Allan, Strathcona Model. F. J. Howell, Cannon and Murray. J. W. Lamoreaux, Murray. Geo. Armstrong, Pieton street. Geo. C. Holden, Barton and Wentworth.

Ernest Linger, King Edward. Alfred Wilkes, King Edward. Wm. Bell, K. C. Wentworth. John T. Wilson, West avenue and Wellington.

Thos. Hobson, Pieton. John E. Wedell, Victoria avenue. Alex. Blanchard, Queen Victoria. Leeming Carr, M. D., Wentworth and Victoria avenue. C. R. McCullough, Ryerson and Charlton avenue.

After the City Council meeting last night Mayor McLaren and Chairman Ferragrine of the Finance Committee entertained the aldermen and heads of civic departments at an informal dinner at Crawford's restaurant. The spirit of peace and good will that infects the Christmas season prevailed and a thoroughly enjoyable time was spent.

After the Board of Works meeting to-night Chairman Allan will entertain the members of the committee at the Commercial Club. The department's surplus this year will amount to nearly \$5,000, an exceptionally good showing for this committee. The chief business to-night will be the awarding of contracts for the re-decking of the Stewart bridge and approving of plans for the erecting of a bridge over Lottridge inlet, at a cost of about \$2,000, in connection with the opening of the base line.

A deputation of No. 2 ward residents waited upon ex-Ald. Hugh S. Wallace yesterday, and asked him to be a candidate for alderman again. Mr. Wallace was a member of the council six years, and was chairman of the Sewers Committee three years. He will likely give his answer to-morrow.

Referring to the criticism in the Herald last night of his pamphlet sent to the ratepayers explaining the record of

I THINK SMALL CHILDREN ALL ARE SUCH A CARE. I DRESS THEM NEAT AND BRUSH AND COMB THEIR HAIR. I HIDE THEM AND I SCOLD THEM BUT EVERY TIME IVE TOLD THEM TO KEEP REAL CLEAN, THEY ONLY SIT AND STARE.



LITTLE MOTHERS. (By John B. Gruelle.)

The Council for 1909, the Mayor this morning said:

"It is surprising what liberties the Herald is willing to take with the intelligence of its readers. It knows that every statement in that pamphlet can be verified by the city officials. It knows that Barton, James and Herkimer streets' paving account is a separate item applying only to that work, and not included in any way with the general fund of the city. It knows that all increase in assessment and tax rate was eaten up by interest, etc., on old debts, overdracts, school board and other boards, excepting \$16,000.

"It also knows that last year's Council overdrove \$70,000, the difference in the showing being that we spent \$54,000 less this year in controllable expenditure than in 1908 and \$73,000 less than the Council of 1907.

"It is a waste of fact to argue with people who refuse to deal in facts."

Chairman Allan thinks the most effective reply to any criticism levelled at the Board of Works Committee this year is a comparison with the expenditures of former committees. In 1906 the Board of Works spent \$26,446; in 1907, \$105,186; in 1908, \$97,227 and this year \$78,777, finishing up with a surplus of \$3,769 in the Board of Works account; \$1,402 on street lighting and \$555 on street watering.

Basketball.

On Christmas night at Central Y. M.C.A. gymnasium the senior basketball season will open and it is expected that one of the best games seen here in a good many moons will be pulled off. E. Sovereign, the old Hamilton boy and physical director of London Y., wrote to the Y.M.C.A. officials here and stated that the best team he had ever represented in London Y., and they expect to open their season with a victory.

The local team had a fine work-out last night and it is going to be hard work selecting a team. There will be some special events and a preliminary game. The plan is now open.

The C. A. A. U. has treated Hamilton as they generally do and the Independents have not received any word regarding their amateur cards. At the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium to-night the first game in the Commercial League will be played between the T. H. & B. and Wood Milling Co., which will be followed by Mills Hardware Co., vs. Oak Hill. Wood Milling and Mills Hardware Co., are making a strong fight for the championship. Oak Hall have strengthened their team and expect to win the Mills Hardware game to-morrow. The basketball committee will meet and select a team to represent the association against London Christmas night. The

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BEANO! NEW GAME! IT'S GREAT. PLAYING THE NEW GAME, BEANO.

Beano! Beano! Rah! Rah! Rah! This isn't a new college yell, neither is it the name of a new hashery, but it's a new game, a new Christmas game, if you please.

England is so stuck on Beano—not just plain beans, but the Beano-Oh thing, that even the budget is well-nigh forgotten by all but some of the peers and David Lloyd-George. Now at to the game itself. You have to have a hot plate, the larger the better, and of course the plate must be warmed frequently. Then get as many carapasa salitans, or to be plain about it, jumping beans, as there are players.

return game will be played at London New Year's night.

LICENSE REDUCTION.

To the Editor of the Times:

Sir,—With your kind permission I wish to reply briefly to the letter which appeared in the columns of your paper recently, signed "Justice."

We think that very few of your readers will be greatly deceived as to the character or object of this Mr. Justice, but will agree with us that he is probably more concerned about the size of the fee that he is receiving for the writing of these carefully chosen words than he is about securing the welfare of even the greatest degree of justice for his fellow citizens.

He claims to know very well what the citizens of Hamilton want, and intimates that they do not want a reduction of the liquor licenses. We shall see when the votes are counted on Jan. 3rd.

Mr. Justice is lifting up his voice, or rather his pen, on behalf of certain bar-room keepers. He states that before the commissioners would grant their licenses that they were compelled to make certain improvements to their premises in compliance with the liquor license act. He states, too, that now that these men have made the necessary improvements and demonstrated their ability to keep hotel that some people are so unjust as to want to cut off their licenses. You will please note that Mr. Justice states that they have proved their ability to keep hotel, not that they have actually kept hotel. He well knows that such a statement in regard to many license holders in this city could not be sustained. It is a well known fact that, while Hamilton has more than twice as many liquor licenses in proportion to her population compared with Toronto and London, that our bona fide and decent hotel accommodation is sadly lacking. It is well known that, while these so-called "hotel keepers" made the improvements referred to, that they did so with but one object in view, viz., the securing of a license to sell intoxicating liquors, and even viewed from that standpoint, it was no doubt a very profitable investment. It is also well known that many of these men make no pretext whatever of accommodating the travelling public; in fact, many of their places are located at points where the travelling public never go. They are located more with a view of catching the workmen's drink patronage.

In view of these facts, Mr. Editor, we ask you in the name of justice should like to have one of these drink shops located next door, or in close proximity, to his home. We would also like to ask if he, as a champion for honest dealing, has considered the in-

terests of the wives and children of the men whose downfall is in many cases directly traceable to the presence of these places in their neighborhood, whose only excuse for existence is to cater to men's appetites for strong drink.

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We know that many of the men whose wages at present go to support these drink shops, will undoubtedly vote for their renewal.

Mr. Justice takes occasion to criticize the honesty of those who are seeking for a reduction in the present large number of our liquor licenses. We venture the assertion that the people who are working with this object in view, are among our most self-sacrificing and best citizens, with no desire to injure any one, but rather with a desire to help the many by making it easy for them to do right and hard to do wrong. They are also endeavoring to secure the enactment of a by-law that is "the greatest good to the greatest number." As one has said, "A better Hamilton means a greater Hamilton."

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VILE CRIMES.

Two Cases of Depravity Unearthed at Brussels.

Guelph Man Committed For Trial For Shooting.

(Special Wire to the Times).

Guelph, Ont., Dec. 21.—Terrible conditions of human depravity in connection with two families living in the town of Brussels have been revealed through the investigations of Mr. W. A. Gunten, of the Department of Dependent and Neglected Children, who was in Guelph this morning, looking up evidence in connection with one of the cases. As the result of his investigations, John Bishop is at present at Goderich awaiting trial for an unnatural crime, and Jacob J. Wilton will to-day be arrested at Brussels charged with a similar offence.

Bishop, a strong, healthy man, thirty-six years of age, has pleaded guilty. He had been arrested and has pleaded guilty to the charge.

Wilton is sixty-two years of age. Both families live in Brussels, and while both are poor, there is nothing in their conditions of life in any way excusing the terrible crimes that have been committed.

Charged with shooting with intent to kill, William James Stronde was this morning committed for trial by Magistrate Saunders, as the result of the shooting affair which last night took place in Wonderland, one of the five cent theatres of the city.

This evidence was supported by a witness, who swore that the shooting had been deliberate and that the revolver had been fired directly at Mrs. Harris.

Stronde entered the witness box and gave the explanation that he put his hand to his hip pocket to get a chew of tobacco. The tobacco caught on the revolver and when he pulled it out it was discharged. Little attention was paid to his story. He is a married man, with five small children.

VESSEL WRECKED.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 21.—The Gloucester schooner Dora A. Lawson, with a cargo of 90,000 fish, is piled up on Grass Island, at the entrance to Canso harbor, and both vessel and cargo, it is declared, will be a total loss. The crew of seventeen were rescued at the height of a terrific snowstorm.

FROZEN OVER.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 21.—The bay is frozen over to-day for the first time this season. There was a faint semblance of ice a few days ago, but this morning the ice sheet was quite marked, and extended from the city side all the way over to the island. It did not last long, however, as the ferry boats soon broke it up.

The astronomer takes almost as much delight in discovering a new star as the theatrical manager. Jess—He said my face was a poem. Jess—It is like one of Browning's. Jess—How do you mean. Bess—Some of the lines are so deep.—Cleveland Leader.

MARKETS AND FINANCE

Tuesday, Dec. 21.—Although the market this morning was not as large as would be expected for Christmas week, the sales were decidedly brisk. The poultry market was one of the features, chickens especially being in evidence, but the fact that many people are turning to chickens this year kept them firm at from 90 cents to \$1.40 per pair.

There was a large supply of apples and potatoes, and they were of good quality, but there was practically no demand. Other vegetables remained at the same prices as quoted on Saturday. Christmas beef made a good show, and in some instances sold for as high as 10 cents a pound wholesale. The average price was 9 cents. Christmas beef is one cent higher than last year's price.

Wheat was reported to be a little easier this morning, the price now being \$1.05 per bushel.

Quite a number of loads of hay were in this morning, but the majority of them had been sold beforehand. The general price was \$15.50, although in some instances it brought \$16.50.

The current prices this morning were:

Table with columns for Dairy Products, Poultry, and Vegetables, listing various items and their prices.

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Dressed hogs are steady, with prices ruling at \$10.75 to \$11.

Wheat, white, new \$1.09 \$1.10 Do, red, new 1.09 1.10 Do, goose 1.04 0.00 Oats, bushel 0.40 0.41 Peas, bushel 0.88 0.00 Barley, bushel 0.63 0.64 Rye, bushel 0.70 0.72 Hay, Timothy, ton 17.00 21.00 Do, mixed, ton 10.00 16.00 Straw, per ton 17.00 17.50

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SUGAR MARKET.

St. Lawrence sugars are quoted as follows: Granulated, \$4.85 per cwt. in barrels; No. 1 golden, \$4.45 per cwt. in barrels; Beaver, \$4.55 per cwt. in bags. These prices are for delivery here. Cargos less. In 100-pound bags, prices 5c less.

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"Yes," witness swore that Rufus wrote the letter after 8 o'clock in the evening and they went to the Falls early next morning.

Mr. McBrady drew His Honor's attention to the fact that the letter had been dated on September 2. Corto had gone to the Falls the same day and it was posted at 5.30 in the afternoon, as the postoffice stamp on it showed, which was contrary to the statement of the witnesses.

Corto swore that he had known Taglerino about three years, having met him at his own house when he first came to this city.

"Did you ever go to Taglerino's house before the Sanzone affair came up?" "I went once when a man wanted money."

"When was that?" "I don't know, but I was going to pay a visit to Luco, who boarded at Taglerino's."

"When did you first hear of the matter?" "When I was at Taglerino's house."

"What did you go for?" "To hear what was said."

"How long were you watching before that?" "Two months."

"When did you first hear of the Sanzone matter?" "I think it was in June."

"Where were you when you first heard of it?" "In Taglerino's house."

"In reply to Mr. McBrady's question as to how he happened to go there, he said Spranzo Colombo and Luco had instructed him to do so."

"You went at their invitation to talk this matter over?" "Yes."

"When you met the men on James street was that the first occasion the writing of the letter was suggested?" "Yes, but it was not said who was to write the letter."

Witness said he had not been to Sanzone's that day, but went there that night. He informed Sanzone of the plot and promised to let him know of any further developments.

"He had later come to a house on Cannon street with Colombo Spranzo and Wolfe, which was kept by an Englishman."

"Did you take Spranzo there?" "Afterward asked Mr. McBrady."

"Yes."

"Did you tell Spranzo there were two women in there?" "Yes."

"What did Spranzo do?" "He asked the women to get some paper, and gave a couple of cents to them to do so. He also gave ten cents to them to buy some beer."

"Who went for the paper?" "A big woman."

"You are trying to convict these four men?" "One wrote the letter."

"You know the three men are now in prison in connection with it, and you are the traitor who was with them and wouldn't attempt to bring the English-speaking woman up to back up your statements. You said you left the others outside of the house on Cannon street, and yet you asked the woman to go and get the paper, why?"

"Because she could speak English."

"At 1 o'clock the court adjourned until 2.30, with Corto's examination still not completed."

DR. GULICK

Coming to Hamilton to Address Playground's Association.

Dr. Luther Gulick, of New York, President of the National Playground's Association, is coming to Hamilton early in January. The ladies of the local playground's Association held a meeting yesterday at the home of the President, Mrs. Woolverton, Bay street south, to consider the proposed visit.

January 15 is the date he will probably address a public meeting, to which every one interested in the welfare of the city is invited.

Ladies especially extend a cordial invitation to every member of the City Council, Board of Education, teachers all those whose work deals directly with children.

Particulars of Dr. Gulick's visit will be announced later on.

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Christmas Paper

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TEA TABLE GOSSIP.

The Caledonia Gypsum Company, of this city, has obtained a charter.

Mrs. Louise McDonald, of Detroit, is visiting her sister, Mrs. S. C. Glasco.

Frank Kaiser, formerly of this city, is back from Cobalt, and is a guest at the big four.

Mr. Geo. Cook, 117 Locke street north, is receiving congratulations today. It is his 63rd birthday.

The matron of the Salvation Army Rescue Home desires to thank the Grocers' Association for the kind gift of \$10.

A boy threw a stone through the window of car 118 last night at corner of King and Walnut streets. It will go hard with that boy if he is caught.

Julius M. Williams will give an address on "Looking Up and Looking Down," illustrated, at the meeting of the Astronomical Society to-morrow evening in the museum.

Henry Zoschke, 331 James street north, goes down to the Great Lakes in ships. While he was on his ship last week's somebody stole the pockets of his coat in his bedroom and extracted \$17.

In connection with the appointment of Rev. Father Fallon, of Buffalo, formerly of Ottawa, to be Bishop of London, it is said that London is the only city in Canada Father Fallon has never visited, and that he does not know one priest in the diocese, personally.

The marriage will take place on December 20th, at her residence in Kingston, of Eleanor Milnes, elder daughter of Mr. G. H. Macdonnell, K. C., and Mrs. Macdonnell, to Dr. Campbell Laidlaw, Ottawa, second son of the late Rev. J. Laidlaw, D. D., of this city.

At Sunday's services Rev. H. H. Bingham, pastor of the Baptist Church at Paris, announced that he would remain there, thus declining recent invitations to return to St. Thomas and Moosejaw, Sask., Baptist Churches.

Rev. Mr. Bingham is a son-in-law of Rev. Dr. Williamson, of this city.

"Ratepayer," whose letter to the Times does not appear to-day, is informed that it is so clearly an advertisement in the interest of a particular municipal candidate, who does not even announce his own candidature in our columns, that it should go through the advertising department in the usual way.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pauli, of Fairbanks, Alaska, have issued invitations for the marriage of their only daughter, Marguerite Myrtle, to Mr. Frank S. Gordon. The wedding takes place on Wednesday, December 22nd. Mr. Gordon is an old Hamilton boy; a son of Mr. James Gordon, of 81 Tisdale street, and has many friends here.

STEWART WILL NOT BE A CANDIDATE.

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lie opinion was taken as an indication that he had his mind made up to run. It is believed that the rebuffs met with in several quarters, where least expected, influenced him in his decision not to oppose the Mayor and risk political suicide.

The scene in Mayor McLaren's office at noon to-day when the Mayor and ex-Mayor met was in striking contrast to the talk that the air during the past two weeks, of the bitter campaign that would be waged if the two clashed in a Mayoralty contest.

When the ex-Mayor's smiling countenance loomed up in the entrance to the Mayor's office, his Worship hopped up out of his chair and invited Mr. Stewart to be seated.

"Well, I am in the Mayor's chair now without a fight," smiled the stormy petrel from West Hamilton as he sat down.

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Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths which are inserted in the Daily Times also appear in the Semi-Weekly Times. 50c first insertion; 25c for each subsequent insertion.

DEATHS.

CLARKE-At her late residence, 123 Mary street, on Sunday, December 19th, 1908, Loretta May, beloved wife of Aylmer J. Clarke and only daughter of George M. Young, aged 26 years and 5 months.

FAIRCLOUGH-In this city, on Monday, December 20, 1908, James Fairclough, in his 77th year.

METZ-At the residence of his father, 13 Prospect avenue, Mount Hamilton, on December 20th, 1908, Albert G. Metzner, aged 28 years.

TAYLOR-In this city on December 20th, James Dignan, youngest daughter of the late Christopher Dignan, Esq., of London, Ont., and relict of late Samuel Taylor, aged 72 years.

TOWESEY-At her late residence, 153 King street east, on December 19th, 1908, Eliza, relict of Joseph Towesey, aged 73 years.

YOUNG-In this city on Sunday, December 13, 1908, at the residence of his son-in-law, Thomas Costello, 172 Cumberland avenue, Daniel Young, aged 79 years.

THE WEATHER.

FORECASTS-Moderate to fresh west and southwest winds, partly cloudy to-day and Wednesday with local snow flurries, not much change in temperature.

The following is issued by the Department of Marine and Fisheries: Temperature. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.

Table with 3 columns: Location, Temperature, Weather. Includes Victoria, Calgary, Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Parry Sound, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, Father Point.

WEATHER NOTES. The pressure distribution remains almost as it was yesterday except that the centres of low in northern Ontario and eastern Canada have drawn somewhat to the westward.

Washington, Dec. 21.-Eastern States and Northern New York-Fair, local snows in north portion to-night or Wednesday, continued cold, moderate west winds.

Western New York-Local snows to-night and Wednesday, continued cold. Toronto, Dec. 21. (11 a. m.)-Forecasts for Wednesday: Local snow flurries, not much change in temperature.

Following is the temperature as registered at Parke & Parke's: 9 a. m., 20; 11 a. m., 23; 1 p. m., 23; 3 p. m., 24; 5 p. m., 18; highest in 24 hours, 23.

Special Fur Purchase.

Sharp at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning Thomas C. Watkins, Limited, will place on sale fifty new fur lined coats, secured of a leading Canadian maker at a price sacrifice, of which the public will secure the full benefit.

When Mayor McLaren left the room for a minute the ex-Mayor took advantage of the occasion to pay him a tribute.

"If there is one thing I admire about McLaren," he said, "it is that he has the courage of his convictions. You can't scare him."

And the reporters left the Mayor, the ex-Mayor, Mr. E. Albin and Mr. Perogrine busily engaged discussing what will happen to the aldermanic and Board of Control candidates in January.

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In a recent number of a German sporting paper a forester describes a scene which he witnessed in a clearing in the forest.

He came one afternoon upon a big black cat, occupied apparently in the pursuit of mice, and from the shelter of a tree he watched its movements through a field glass.

The cat had observed its enemy, but beyond keeping a sharp lookout on its movements it made no sign. Shortly a young fox joined the old one, and almost immediately bounded at the cat, which sprang aside and struck its assailant so effectively across its face with its sharp claws that it retired as quickly as it came.

After an interval the old fox, advancing slowly and carefully, made its attack; but the result was the same, the cat, spitting and hissing, struck out hard, and the fox retired discomfited.

A minute afterward it again sprang forward, but this time the cat got much the best of it and was left in peace.

Story of Evolution of the Modern Calendar.

The present fixed calendar has, as every one knows, come down to us from Julius Caesar. The great Roman played hob with the year as mapped out by his predecessors.

Rome originally had a year of ten months, beginning with March, whereat Numa had added two months, February and January. By this arrangement February came at the end of the year and January began the new one.

This plan endured until 425 B. C., when the decemvirs changed the order. The year then had 355 days, and Numa ordered an extra month every second year after the 23rd of February.

The situation was further complicated by the circumstances that the pontiffs had control over this intercalary month, and that they employed their authority in this respect to shorten or lengthen the term of a magistrate according as he was offensive or agreeable to them.

So it turned out that when Caesar assumed charge of affairs at Rome he found that November had been worked back into midsummer and that May found itself in the midst of winter.

As a preliminary experiment Caesar lengthened one year to 445 days, just by getting a fresh start on things, and then, on Jan. 1, 46 B. C., began the Julian calendar of twelve months, consisting alternately of thirty and thirty-one days, except February, which had thirty in leap years and twenty-nine in other years.

When the great Augustus took up the purple the senate decreed a change in the name of the sixth month from Sextilis to August in honor of the emperor. As, however, this month had but thirty days, whereas July, Julius Caesar's month, had thirty-one, it was de-

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