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TO LET.
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Births, Marriages, Deaths

DIED.

BERRINGTON—At Woodstock, Dec. 17, 1897. Frederick Berrington, aged 17 years, son of the late John Berrington, late G. T. R. station agent at Springford, Ont.

BELL—In the township of Delaware, on Saturday, Dec. 18, 1897, Eveline E., eldest daughter of W. F. and Maggie Bell, aged 21 years 11 months and 18 days.

Funeral will leave the family residence, con. 3, lot 11, township of Delaware, on Tuesday, Dec. 21, at 10 a.m. Friends and acquaintances will please accept this intimation.

FAWCETT—Departed this life in Guelph, on Saturday, at 1 o'clock, Rev. M. Fawcett, for nearly 60 years an active minister in the Methodist Church. Mr. Fawcett was nearly 82 years of age.

Amusements and Lectures

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

AUDITORIUM

—Under the auspices and patronage of officers and members of the Y. M. C. A.—Three nights and Wednesday matinee,

DEC. 27, 28, 29.

—Engagement of the Gilbert-Gordon Company, including Miss Bessie Gilbert, renowned lady cornet virtuoso; Mrs. D. Louis Gordon, dramatic soprano; C. Le Roy Kennedy, monologue artist; Frank Kidner, phenomenal boy baritone, and others. Positively last visit and only opportunity of seeing the original marvelous Cinematograph, presenting Queen's Jubilee Procession and new views. Admission 25 cents. Reserved seats 35 cents. 6t tzyww

JUBILEE RINK—ORIENT CLUB FANCY dress carnival tonight, twelve prizes Admission 15c. b

JUBILEE RINK—SKATING TOMORROW afternoon, band tomorrow night. Popular prices; ladies 5c, gents 10c. b

PRINCESS—OPEN TONIGHT; ELEGANT sheet of ice. Admission 10c and 15c. Band tomorrow, Tuesday. b

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY of the First Methodist Church takes place tonight (Monday), 7:20. An excellent programme, including "The Arch of Fame," will be presented. Silver collection at the door. b

SKATING—CENTRAL RINK—AFTERNOON and evening. Good ice. Usual prices. 7n

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

LECTURE—BY REV. A. C. CREWS—IN Colborne Street Methodist Church, next Monday evening, on "Travels in the Far East and West." Special reference to international convention. Lecture illustrated with stereopticon views. Single tickets, 15 cents; double tickets, 25 cents. Doors open 7:30. 6u

$100,000 ROBBERY OF THE mails on the Central Railroad of New Jersey reported in telegraph dispatches. The careful remitter will send his money by express money orders, which are safe and cheap. F. B. Clarke, the Exchange, Richmond street, next door to Advertiser, sells them.

PALACE DANCING ACADEMY—SEASON tickets for advanced class now ready at special low rates. Meets Wednesday evenings. Learn the new dances as taught by competent teachers. Circular mailed on application. Dayton & McCormick.

Meetings.

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

IRISH BENEVOLENT SOCIETY MEETING, this (Monday) evening, 8 o'clock, at president's office in the Albion Block, to complete arrangements for Christmas cheer. P. Mulkern, president; Arthur Huff, secretary. b

CHEESE MEETING—THE ANNUAL meeting of the shareholders and patrons of The Muncey Road Cheese Manufacturing Company of Caradoc will be held in S. S. No. 3 schoolhouse, on Friday, Dec. 31, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Chas. F. Price, Secretary. b

KING SOLOMON LODGE, NO. 378, A., F. and A. M., London West, an emergent communication of the above lodge will be held in their lodge room on Monday evening, Dec. 20, at 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of conferring the third degree. Visitors welcome. John Hobbs, W. M.; W. Nicholl, secretary. b

CONDENSED ADVERTISEMENTS cost 1 Cent per word for first insertion and one-half cent per word for each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than 10 words.

Domestics Wanted.

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

CHAMBERMAID WANTED AT ONCE—Apply at Grand Central Hotel. 5c

WANTED—A COMPETENT GENERAL servant by Jan. 5, with references. Apply 470 Colborne street. 7c

GOOD CHAMBERMAID WANTED AT O'Neil House. Must understand dining-room work. 6c

WANTED—FIRST-CLASS SERVANT AT once. Apply 100 Cheapside street. 6u

YOUNG GIRL WANTED TO ASSIST IN housework. Apply 159 Queen's avenue. 6u

HEADQUARTERS FOR RELIABLE help. We have them: Man and wife as cook and coachman, housekeepers, nurses, dining-room girls, kitchen girls to suit all. We want hotel cooks for out of city. Dwyer's Employment Agency, 591 Richmond street. Phone, 1,121.

Wanted.

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

Board and Lodging.

FURNISHED ROOM, WITH BOARD, for two gentlemen, in central locality. Address Y, this office. 6c tzy

Lost and Found.

POCKET-BOOK FOUND—APPLY THIS office. b

LOST—SATURDAY EVENING—BETWEEN Dundas and York on Richmond, pair fur gloves (beaver). Finder will be rewarded by returning to 554 Waterloo. b

LOST—BLACK FELT HANDBAG WITH letter "C" on side. Reward at this office. b

Houses, Etc., To Let.

COTTAGE—123 RECTORY STREET—near car shops. Apply M. F. O'Mara, market. 5c

TO LET—THE UPPER FLAT IN THE Canadian Savings and Loan Company's building. Apply M. H. Rowland, manager. 1tf eod

TO LET—185 ST. JAMES STREET—NICE 2-story brick; 4 bedrooms, bath, grate; very convenient; choice location. Apply 419 Princess avenue. 3tf

Articles For Sale.

DON'T FORGET THE KLONDIKE when buying your Christmas goods. Everything up to date and fresh. S. Grigg, 555-557 Richmond street. 7c b

FOR SALE—GOOD CUTTER—APPLY Taylor's Hardware, 211 Dundas street. 7c

FRESH OYSTERS—EVERY DAY—wholesale and retail. Any orders received by mail given prompt attention. Catalano & Sansone, 396 Dundas street.

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

BATHS, SINKS, PUMPS, WATER CLOSETS, steam and hot waterboilers Smith Bros., 263 Dundas street. z

ENGINE FOR SALE—A BARGAIN—Thirty horse power; can be run at 90 revolutions; is in capital order; can be had at a very low figure. Address Engine, care "Advertiser" Office. 5otf&6dtf

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

GLASS SALTS AND PEPPERS—OUR SPECIAL 7 CENTS. R. V. S. SAUNDERS, 350 Dundas street, East London.

TIMBERS, TRUSS RODS AND PLATES. Patterson & Jolly. 12tf

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

Situations Wanted.

EXPERIENCED COOKS, DINING-ROOM girls, general servants, housekeepers, ladies' companions, salesladies, etc., are waiting situations.

London Employment Bureau, 372 Richmond.

Business Chances.

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

Educational.

LONDON BUSINESS UNIVERSITY—Shorthand and Typewriting Academy, Higgins Block, 212 and 214 Dundas street. The winter term will commence on Monday, Jan. 3, 1898. Comprehensive course, thorough and practical instruction. Very moderate charges. Evening classes meet Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. This institution presents unequaled advantages to young men and women desirous of obtaining a good business education. W. N. Yerex, B. C., Principal. 2b ytzxvexy

Real Estate.

FOR SALE—THAT FINE NEW BRICK residence on Central avenue, second house from Colborne street, 13 rooms, all modern improvements. Will be sold away below value if sold at once. Apply W. Gray, from 4 to 5 p.m., on premises. 6c tzx

FOR SALE—New brick cottage; bath, furnace, electric light and gas. $100 or more cash, balance on monthly installments if desired. Must sold. J. F. SANGSTER, 403 Richmond street. b

Medical Cards.

DR. CLINE—OFFICE AND PESIDENCE late Dr. Gardiner, corner Dundas and William streets. Phone, 1330.

DR. N. R. HENDERSON, CORNER Queen's and Park avenues. Eye, ear, throat and nose only.

DRS. MACARTHUR AND THOMPSON—Office and residence, 485 Dundas street and corner Richmond and Oxford streets.

ROVENS, M.D., L. R. C. P. & S., EDINBURGH—Eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, Kingsmill's terrace, 205 Queen's avenue, after Oct. 1st. Office hours, 1 to 4 p.m., and 6 to 8 p.m.

DR. W. J. WEEKES, 405 DUNDAS street, corner Colborne. Hours 11 to 3 and after 7.

DR. R. M. COOPER L.R.C.P., AND S. ED. L.F.P. and S. Glasg.—Office and residence 587 Richmond street. Telephone 1004.

DR. T. CAMPBELL, M.D., M.C.P.S.—Office and residence, 327 Queen's avenue, London. Office hours, 8 to 9:30 a.m., 1 to 2 p.m. and 6 to 7:30 p.m. Skin diseases a specialty.

DR. A. F. WOODWARD—OFFICE AND residence 466 Dundas street. zxv

DR. ECCLES, QUEEN'S AVENUE—London, Ont., special attention to all diseases peculiar to women. Hours 10 to 2.

DR. GRAHAM—OFFICE, 389 CLARENCE Residence, 616 Richmond. Specialties—Pulmonary affections, cancers, tumors, piles, diseases of women and children.

DR. ENGLISH—OFFICE AND RESIDENCE 685 Dundas street. Telephone

DR. JOHN D. WILSON—OFFICE AND residence, 589 Queen's avenue. Special attention paid to diseases of women.

DR. MACLAREN—OFFICE AND RESIDENCE, northeast corner of Park and Queen's avenue. Hours, 11 to 3 and 6 to 8. Careful attention paid to diseases of digestive system. Telephone 869.

DR. WOODRUFF—EYE, EAR, NOSE and throat. Hours, 12 to 4. No. 185 Queen's avenue.

DR. MEEK—QUEEN'S AVENUE, LONDON—Specialty, diseases of women. Hours, 10 a.m. till 1:30 p.m.

Business Cards.

WANTED—GENTS' CLOTHING TO clean, dye and repair; also ostrich feathers to dye, clean and curl equal to new. Eyres' Steam Dye Works, 221 Dundas street.

A. HOWAY (SUCCESSOR TO ED. F. HOWAY)—House-moving, building and repairing. 815 Queen's avenue.

JUBILEE HAND LAUNDRY HAS removed to more commodious premises at 224 Dundas street (Spencer Block.)

JIM LEE, CHINESE LAUNDRY—ALL hand work, first-class; parcels called for and delivered. 637 Dundas street.

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GEO ROUGHLEY—FELT AND GRAVEL roofer; repairing a specialty; estimates on application. 206 South street, London. Telephone 888.

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MISS SHELDON—

—TEACHER OF—

ELOCUTION AND PHYSICAL CULTURE,

will form classes at private residence if so desired. Apply at

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MR. FREDERICK G. SIMPSON, ORGANIST Askin Street Methodist Church. Instruction in piano and harmony. Accompanist. 199 Richmond street. zxt

J. F. WOLCOTT, ORGANIST, FIRST Methodist Church, teacher piano, organ and composition, 5 Prospect avenue.

JAMES I. HILL, VOICE SPECIALIST Voices tested free. Studio, 398 Queen's avenue.

W. H. HEWLETT, ORGANIST DUNDAS Center Church, teacher piano, organ and theory, 463 Dundas street.

Miscellaneous.

JUBILEE HOSPITAL PLANS ON exhibition at 441 Richmond street, tomorrow (Tuesday), and for several following days. The public is cordially invited to inspect them. b

ST. GEORGE'S XMAS CHEER DISTRIBUTED at 380 Richmond, Thursday morning. b

Legal Cards.

W. B. LAIDLAW, BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, etc., Bank of Commerce building. Money to loan at lowest rates.

JARVIS & VINING, BARRISTERS, etc, 101 Dundas street. Private funds to loan on real estate.

STUART, STUART & ROSS—BARRISTERS, solicitors, notaries, etc. Offices, London Strathroy and Glencoe. Alex. Stuart, Duncan Stuart, Duncan C. Ross, LL.B. London offices, corner Dundas and Richmond; Glencoe, Main street.

U. A. BUCHNER, BARRISTER, ETC., 39 Dundas street, London; telephone 99; money to loan at lowest rates.

MAGEE, McKILLOP & MURPHY—BARRISTERS, solicitors, notaries, etc Offices, corner Richmond and Dundas, London James Magee, Q.C., James B. McKillop Thomas J. Murphy, Philip E. Mackenzie LL.B.

G. N. WEEKES, SOLICITOR, 367 RICHMOND street, will lend large or small sums on city or farm property.

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W. H. BARTRAM—BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, etc. Office, 99 Dundas street

GIBBONS, MULKERN & HARPER—BARRISTERS, etc., London. Office, corner Richmond and Carling streets. George C. Gibbons, Q.C., P. Mulkern, Fred P. Harper

H. A. BEATTIE—BARRISTER, ETC.—874 Dundas street. Private funds to loan on real estate at 5½ per cent.

T. W. SCANDRETT, BARRISTER, Solicitor, etc., 98 Dundas street, London.

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MCEVOY & POPE—BARRISTERS solicitors, 402 Ridout street, opposite court house. Telephone 979. Money to loan. J. M. McEvoy, LL.B.; H. C. Pope, LL.B.

A. GREENLEES, B. A.—BARRISTER, etc., Canadian Loan Company Buildings, Richmond street, London. Private funds to loan.

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

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

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

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ALFRED BODLEY, ARCHITECT—Hiscox Building, corner Richmond and King streets, London.

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HERBERT MATTHEWS—ARCHITECT—(formerly with C. C. Haight, New York), Carling Block, Richmond street.

MCBRIDE & FARNCOMBE—ARCHITECTS and Surveyors, 213 Dundas street H. C. McBride, F. W. Farncombe, H.S., C.E

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THOMAS TREBILCOCK—STAR LIVERY—233 Richmond street. Best hacks, coupes, etc. Light livery a specialty. Careful attention to orders. Phone 423. Open night and day.

LILLEY'S LIVERY—NO. 619 DUNDAS street, East London, Ont. Telephone No. 606.

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

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

DR. HARRY E. SILK, DENTIST—Honor graduate of Toronto University. 1254 Dundas street, over Gurd's gun store.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Money to Loan.

MONEY TO LOAN ON FIRST MORTGAGES, at 5 per cent; on second mortgages and other security at low rates, at G. W. Francis' loan office, 90 Dundas street, London, Ont.

SOME MONEY TO LOAN ON MIDDLESEX farm property at 5 and 5½ per cent, and on city property at 6½ and 6 per cent. T. W. Scandrett, solicitor, 98 Dundas street, London, up stairs.

$100,000 TO LEND ON MORTGAGES and notes. Tennent, McDonagh & Coleridge, barristers, solicitors, notaries 78 Dundas street, London. Branch offices, Glencoe, Bothwell and Alvinston.

Marriage Licenses.

WM. H. WESTON, 64 STANLEY STREET, issues marriage licenses; open evenings; take belt line car.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED BY J. G. Shuff, chemist, 540 Dundas street (corner William). Trolley cars pass the door. No witnesses required.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED AT Strong's Drug Store, 184 Dundas street. Residence 289 Dufferin avenue.

LICENSES ISSUED BY THOS. GILLEAN Jeweler 402 Richmond street.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED BY W. H. Bartram, 99 Dundas street.

Millions Vanished!

Melbourne's Blaze Caused a Loss of $7,500,000.

Sale of Lady Harding's Jewels —$7,000 for a Dog Collar.

Port Arthur the Point to Which All Eyes Are Turning.

Jealousy the Motive for Actor Terriss' Assassination.

Damaging Testimony Adduced in the London Fire Inquiry.

Earthquakes in Italy—The Czar's Peril —Fatal Explosion on Board a British Steamer.

THE ETRURIA 24 HOURS LATE.

Queenstown, Dec. 20.—The Cunard line steamer Etruria sailed from here at 9:25 this morning, about 24 hours behind her usual time, having been detained at Liverpool by fogs, and having remained here all night on account of bad weather.

ANNA GOULD'S NEW HOME.

London, Dec. 20.—Count and Countess Castellane (formerly Miss Anna Gould), have purchased an Italian palace at Verona, in which are eleven ceilings painted by Tiepolo. They will be transferred to the Castellanes' Paris house, which contains a splendidly appointed theater.

TROUBLE IN SWEDEN.

Christiana, Dec. 20.—The political situation since the failure of the united committee on foreign affairs has become critical, and it is feared that Sweden will seek an occasion for armed intervention in Norway. The dispatch adds that the Swedish press hopes for assistance from Emperor William.

INCENDIARISM SUSPECTED.

London, Dec. 20.—At the inquiry into the recent fire in the Cripplegate district of London, Mr. Brown, of the firm of Waller & Brown, in whose show room the fire was started in a stock of clothing, admitted that the firm was six months in arrears in rent, and that its stock was smaller than usual at the time of the fire. He had claimed $39,430 insurance, which, he admitted, represented a big stock.

$7,000 FOR A DOG COLLAR.

Paris, Dec. 20.—The society event of Paris the past week was the sale of Jane Hading's jewels on Thursday. Her lapdog's collar, studded with diamonds, fetched $1,000; a dog collar, with superb pearl and diamond pendants, was sold for $7,000, and a pearl necklace was auctioned off for $9,000. The paintings and furniture of the popular French actress will be sold next week. The principal actresses and demi-mondaines were present.

THE LORD NEVILLE SCANDAL.

London, Dec. 20.—Judgment in the case of Spencer Clay, an officer of the Guards, who was sued by Samuel Lewis, the London money lender, to recover $55,565, due on two promissory notes given by Lord William Neville, with Clay's indorsement, has been rendered. It is to the effect that Clay is not bound by the signatures obtained from him by Lord Neville, because, in substance, they were forgeries.

EARTHQUAKE IN ITALY.

Rome, Dec. 20.—Strong earthquake shocks, lasting 12 seconds, were felt at 8:30 Saturday morning at Curta Di Castello, Province of Perugia, Central Italy. The walls of houses split, many chimneys fell, bells rang and a panic prevailed among the inhabitants. The shocks were registered by the instruments here, at Sienna and at Velletri. There was also a slight shock felt at Bologa.

THE CZAR'S PERIL.

Berlin, Dec. 20.—A German railway official, who was an eye-witness of the facts, tells the correspondent here of the Associated Press an unpublished story of the czar's journey from Darmstadt to Cobourg in October last. Information reached Russia through the secret police of a plot of Nihilists, studying at German universities, to wreck the czar's train, and most extraordinary precautions were taken to protect his majesty. The train only traveled 17 to 21 kilometers per hour, instead of 80, and the whole trip consumed twelve hours. Twenty Cossacks of the body guard, with rifles and revolvers, constantly patrolled the gangways of the train and the whole track from Darmstadt to Cobourg was guarded by several thousand of German troops under special command of Russian secret service officers.

DISASTER ON BOARD A STEAMER.

London, Dec. 20.—In an explosion aboard the British steamer Southern Cross, from Buenos Ayres, for Liverpool, which arrived at Maderia, yesterday, several were killed or wounded.

A fire has broken out in the afterhold of the British steamer Silverdale, from Galveston, via Newport News, for Bremen, before reported, put in at St. Michael's with her rudder broken and other damage. Efforts are being made to extinguish the flames.

VOLTAIRE AND ROUSSEAU EXHUMED.

Paris, Dec. 20.—The bodies of Voltaire and Rousseau have been again exhumed at the pantheon, in order to settle a long standing controversy as to their authenticity. The remains of Voltaire were well preserved, and markedly resemble Houdon's statue. Of the body of Russeau only the skeleton remained.

Voltaire's skull was found to be cloven in two down the center. There was no trace of a shot wound in the skull of Rousseau; and this disproves the general belief that the author committed suicide by shooting.

THE MURDER OF ACTOR TERRISS.

London, Dec. 20.—The Sunday Special publishes a report of an interview with the fiancee of Wm. Arthur Prince, who murdered Wm. Terriss, the actor, on Thursday night, as he was entering the Adelphi Theater. The lady attributed the crime to a long standing jealousy of Terriss, whom Prince believed to be responsible for the rebuff his advances had received from the leading lady of the Adelphi three years ago, when Prince was employed there as a "super." His advances became so persistent that the lady complained to the managament, which resolved to discharge Prince, but Terriss intervened, and the dismissal was delayed. Prince misunderstood Terriss' action in the matter and resolved upon revenge.

At the inquest today over the remains of Wm. Terriss, the actor, the coroner's jury returned a verdict of willful murder.

ARMY REFORM.

Army reorganization is a highly contentious subject, and Lord Lansdowne is unhappy in the war office over the divergence of expert opinion. His department is represented in the Commons by Mr. Broderick and Mr. Powell Williams—one a Liberal-Unionist and the other a Tory. The prophets insist that they will modestly retire from the field, and leave Mr. Chamberlain in charge of the bill, which requires the leadership of a trained tactician. Mr. Gould, the caricaturist, at once introduces Mr. Chamberlain to the public as a field marshal, in full uniform, before the rumor can be denied from Birmingham. Army reform is a matter outside the normal range of the master of the colonial office, and his colleagues are not likely to make public confessions that he is the only minister competent to direct the passage of a difficult measure.

CABLE NOTES.

Sir Frank Lockwood, Liberal member of Parliament for York city since 1885, is dead.

It is considered probable that the Queen's speech will announce that the government has decided to propose a conference of the powers interested in sugar bounties.

Port Arthur,

The Point to Which All Eyes Are Turning.

Russia's Latest Step Regarded as Tantamount to Permanent Occupation.

London, Dec. 20.—The correspondent of the Times at Pekin says: China approves of the Russian fleet wintering at Port Arthur, being persuaded that this action is taken in the interest of China and necessitated by the German occupation of Kiao Chau.

A dispatch to the Times from Shanghai says the occupation of Port Arthur by Russia cannot fail to provoke popular indignation in Japan, where public opinion is already excited over the Kiao Chau affair.

According to a dispatch to the Daily Mail from Shanghai the high officials of the Chinese court have advised the emperor, in view of further complications, to remove the court to Nanking (the southern capital). The dispatch says it is reported there that overtures have been made to England to exercise protection over the Yang-tse Valley and the West River, and that numerous rumors are current regarding the activity of the British squadron in Chinese waters.

A well-informed St. Petersburg correspondent says there was no agreement between Russia and Germany, and that the latter simply warned Russia when the occupation of Kiao Chau was already decided upon. The Novoe Vremya pretends that Japan has no cause of complaint, "since China is only giving the same shelter to Russian ships as Japan has hitherto so kindly afforded." This view is not held in Berlin, where the papers are already talking of the possibility of Prince Henry having to shake his mailed fist at Japan, which is supposed to be secretly backed up by England. Some of the Berlin papers express anxiety, but most of them welcome the news from Port Arthur as justifying the German position at Kiao Chau, if not as actual evidence that Russia and Germany are acting together. Curiously enough, Emperor William visited the Russian ambassador on Friday night, on his return from Kiel, ostensibly to congratulate him on the name-day of Emperor Nicholas. The visit lasted an hour. There is no doubt now that the emperor and the ambassador discussed Chinese affairs. The Paris papers, without pretending to be deceived by Russia's innocent explanations, are pleased with the action of the ally of France. The burden of Viennese comment is, What will England do?

The British fleet now in Chinese waters consists of one ironclad, nine cruisers and eighteen smaller vessels.

The Times, commenting editorially this morning on the situation in China, says: "Instead of the kaiser's mailed fist we have Russia's velvet glove; but the grasp is not less vigorous and unyielding. Great Britain ought now courteously to invite China to extend the same privileges to the British fleet at Chusan."

Westminster Nominations.

A MEETING OF THE ELECTORS OF the township of Westminster will be held at W. L. Odell's Hotel, on

MONDAY, the 27th December, 1897,

for the purpose of nominating candidates for the reeveship and councilors for the municipal council for the said township for 1898, at 11 o'clock for the reeve, and at noon for councillors.

HENRY ANDERSON, Township Clerk. bd&w

Veterinary Surgeons.

J. H. TENNANT—VETERINARY SURGEON—Office, King street, opposite Market House; residence, corner King and Wellington. Telephone.

Pawnbrokers.

WANTED—100 GOOD SECOND-HAND overcoats, pants, suits. Money loaned on above; also diamonds, watches, jewelry. J. Fox, pawnbroker, 209 King street, opposite Richmond.

Massage Treatment.

MISS SHUFF—GRADUATE OF DR. S. Weir Mitchell's Hospital for Nervous Diseases, Philadelphia. Massage and Swedish movements. 497 King street, London, Ont. Phone 502.

Jewelers.

SPECIAL ATTENTION TO REPAIRING—J. T. Westland, Engraver and Manufacturing Jeweler, 340 Richmond treet (up stairs), London, Ont.

Dainty Perfumes

—How much one appreciates dainty floral odors in the dead of winter! It isn't for all of us, however, to enjoy them as flung from Nature's censer, but there is always the kind created by perfumers — "sweet meadow fragrance cased in glass."

Red Roses, Violette Reine, Aromis, Bouquet of Loves, Moss Rose, Violet Flowers, And almost a score of other odors.

A word about our perfume Stephanotis. The freshness and delight of a summer morning seem concentrated in it—one ounce 50c. A fragrant and appropriate gift for Christmas.

Cairncross & Lawrence,
Chemists and Perfumers.
216 Dundas Street.

HEAVY LOSS.

Millions Went Up in Smoke in the Melbourne Blaze.

The great fire in Melbourne on the morning of Nov. 22 was far more destructive than was indicated in the brief cable dispatch of the disaster. Mail advices state that the entire district bounded by Elizabeth, Flinders and Swanton streets and Flinders lane, comprising the great warehouse emporium of Victoria, was reduced to a mass of tottering ruins. The total amount of damages has been estimated at $7,500,000. About 1,000 regular employes engaged in the soft goods warehouses were thrown out of work for some time at least, and about 1,000 hands employed in the clothing factories and in other places will also suffer severely for a time, owing to the destruction of raw material. The theory of lightning has been advanced to account for the origin of the fire.

ROUGH WEATHER AT SEA.

Vessels Have Stormy Passages—Death of Missionary Day on Board the Lucania.

London, Dec. 20.—The German ship Humboldt, Capt. Wendt, which arrived at Dundee from Pensacola, reported encountering a heavy gale accompanied by very high seas on Nov. 11. For several days the cabin and provision room were flooded with water. The ship also had her fore rails smashed, main jib-boom blown away and foretopmast stays carried off.

The British ship Otterspool, Capt. Reid, which arrived at Antwerp from Sabine Pass, had her wheel broken and lost her deck load.

New York, Dec. 20.—The Cunard line steamer Lucania arrived here from Liverpool and Queenstown after a very stormy passage. From the time of leaving Daunts' Rock last Sunday morning until her arrival here, the Lucania encountered a succession of very severe gales and high head seas. There was one death on board in the saloon during the voyage. David A. Day, a missionary of the German Lutheran Synod, who embarked in a critical condition, suffering from fever contracted in Africa, where he spent many years. Dr. Day grew gradually weaker, and died Friday morning. The body was brought to port. Dr. Day's home is in Chester county, Pa.

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Rev. Dr. Russell T. Hall, of Greenwich, Conn., has resigned the pastorate of the Second Congregational Church there because he couldn't stop golf playing on Sunday.

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OXFORD PROHIBITIONISTS.

Annual Meeting of the Association at Woodstock.

Woodstock, Dec. 20.—The annual meeting of the Oxford Prohibition Association was held in the town hall on Saturday, Rev. Dr. Mackay presiding. The most important business transacted was the passing of a resolution committing the association to the nomination of candidates for the Local Government seats should an opportunity present itself. Another resolution indorsed the petition of the Ontario Alliance in reference to the license question and the limiting of the hours of sale. The convention also resolved that, while gratefully accepting the late license legislation of the Ontario Legislature as on the whole an improvement on previous legislation, it could not accept the legislation as an honorable carrying out of the promise to give all the measure of restriction within the power of the government. The meeting also resolved in favor of a revised voters' list, on which to take the plebiscite vote, and that it should be unencumbered by conditions as to raising revenue.

The following officers were elected: President, Rev. Dr. Mackay, Woodstock; vice-president for North Oxford, Mr. D. R. Ross, Embro; vice-president for South Oxford, Mr. R. Paxton, Otterville; secretary-treasurer, Mr. Clifford Kemp, Woodstock.

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In Good Shape.

Annual Meeting of the Commercial Travelers' M. B. S.

Financial Condition Highly Satisfactory—$9,528 10 of a Reserve Fund.

The annual meeting of the Commercial Travelers' Mutual Benefit Society was held Saturday afternoon, President T. P. Blackwell was in the chair, and others present were Secretary Alf. Robinson, R. W. Coates, Chas. Nicholls, W. L. Underwood, Bruce Wanless, W.J. Taylor, W. H. Mohan and others.

The annual report was read and unanimously adopted. The financial statement was very satisfactory, the president and others congratulating the society upon the condition of affairs.

The society had a cash and bank balance of $9,590 23 at the beginning of the year. Fees and interests on deposits and stocks amounted to $1,477 14, and benefit calls summed up $8,292 20. Disbursements included $4,360 for 1896 death claims and $5,250 for 1897 death claims. Expenses equaled $1,154 03. Law costs from 1895 to 1897 were $71 53. The balance in the Huron and Erie S. and L. Company is $2,846 75, and in the Dominion S. and I. $5,677 26—a total of $8,524 01. There is a balance to the credit of the expense account of $933 01. Following is a statement of assets and liabilities:

ASSETS.

Huron and Erie S. and L. Co. stock	$ 2,900 00
Huron and Erie Savings Bank deposit	2,846 75
Dominion S. and I. S. bank deposit	5,677 26
Total	$11,424 01

LIABILITIES.

Annual assessment, 1898	$ 13 00
Advance calls	76 90
Unproved death claim	875 00
Expense account	933 01
Reserve fund	9,526 10
Total	$11,424 01

At a subsequent meeting of the board Mr. Alf. Robinson was reappointed secretary, and Messrs. John Overell and C. F. Complin were elected auditors.

THE RAILWAYS.

Large Increase in the Earnings of the Big Canadian Roads.

Mr. B. U. Stiff, formerly of the G. T. R. freight office, Ingersoll, left on Saturday for Swift Current, N. W. T., where he has secured a good position on the C. P. R.

The G. T. R. shopmen now commence work at 8 a.m., and knock off at 4:30 p.m., Saturdays included. The change makes no difference, however, in the number of working hours per week.

St. Thomas Journal: The M. C. R. shops are crowded with work, and it is believed at the first of the year, in the locomotive shops at least, the working hours will be increased. Freight traffic on the M. C. R. is unusually heavy at the present time. The other day there were nineteen trains on the road at one time. During Wednesday night no less than 28 trains left this city, and there were 54 trains during the 24 hours.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Return of traffic earnings from Dec. 7 to Dec. 14:

1897	$545,000
1896	443,000
Increase	$102,000

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM

Earnings, Dec. 8 to Dec. 14:

1897	$492,436
1896	428,572
Increase	$63,864

KOMOKA.

Komoka, Dec. 20.—Rev. Mr. Blatchford, of Lambeth, occupied the pulpit of the Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon, while Rev. Mr. Little, of the Proof Line, took the services in the Presbyterian Church at the same time.

Shooting matches are the order of the day here now. Mr. J. A. McKellar has a shooting match this afternoon for turkeys and geese.

Mr. W. Noxell has gone to Toronto on a business tour.

Stealing fowl is getting to be almost an everyday occurrence in Lobo township. Just a few nights ago Mr. J. Harrison had twenty fine turkeys stolen from their roosting-place, and his cousin, Mr. Ben Harrison, on the opposite side of the road, had ten fine geese taken on the same evening.

For two or three nights in succession a man had been seen at a late hour going to the door of Mrs. Finch and Mrs. Miller, both widows, who live in the one house. When the two ladies were made acquainted with the fact that a man had been seen at their house at such a late hour, they became very much alarmed, and made up their minds that they would not go to bed next night, but would watch for the intruder. Finally he appeared at the door, as on previous occasions. Mrs. Miller, revolver in hand, presented herself at the inside of the door and sent a bullet through the panel. The fellow quickly decamped rubbing his knee, and at the same time turning around to see if any more bullets were coming.

—A. McGugan announces himself as a candidate for the deputy reeveship of Lobo for 1898.

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THE ACHING BACK.

MANY women have to do their own housework. The constant bending over—making beds, sweeping, ironing, sewing—comes hard on the kidneys; cramps and strains them. Backaches, sideaches, headaches follow.

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GREAT CRACKER COMBINE.

Consolidation of the Big Companies—Capital $55,000,000.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 20.—S. S. Marvin, of the United States Bakery Company, returned from New York today and announced that the consolidation of the great cracker companies of the United States is now an assured fact. The deal has been practically consummated, and only details of organization remain to be settled. The capitalization of the big combination, he says, will be $55,000,000; it will be in operation by Jan. 1, 1898. The three companies entering the trust are the New York Biscuit Company, the American Baking Company and the United States Bakery Company. The latter is now capitalized at $55,000,000, while the other two are rated at $10,000,000 each.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRE.

Mr. G. M. Rose, of Hunter, Rose & Co., printers, is seriously ill in Toronto.

The north-bound Alton train was wrecked near Pontiac, Ill., on Sunday afternoon. One train hand is reported killed and several injured.

The body of George Clark, distinguished as being the original of the character George Harris, in Mrs. Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin," lay in state for five hours at Lexington, Ky., and was viewed by hundreds.

The killing of Lieut.-Col. Joaquin Ruiz, an aide-de-camp of Marshal Blanco, the captain-general of Cuba, by the insurgents under Col. Aranguerin, is confirmed. Ruiz was recently sent to confer with the insurgents.

John McConnell's son, aged 12, had his left arm taken off within two inches of the shoulder in Morgan's sawmill, near Stirling. While the boy was playing near the belt it caught his arm and wrenched it completely off.

John J. Layburne, a Melancthon farmer, who was at Brampton in connection with the John Hamilton perjury case, entered the dining-room of the hotel, and, picking up a sharp table-knife, made an attempt to cut his throat. Bystanders prevented a tragedy.

A fatal accident happened Saturday in the Hamilton cotton mills, the victim being Robert Marshall, a 15-year-old boy, who resides at No. 297 Mary street, near the mills. The lad leaned over a bar in front of the elevator shaft, and at the same moment the hoist descended and crushed his head.

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

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VICTIM OF HIS OWN KNIFE.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 20.—Rev. M. Rappahort, 42 years old, rabbi of the B'Nai Scholom Synagogue, died Saturday from blood poisoning caused by a cut on the middle finger of his right hand with a knife used in slaughtering cattle. He failed to recover after two operations had been performed.

The inquest in the Paul Fink case at Waterloo, Ont., was adjourned until Tuesday evening, Jan. 4, 1898. The analyst's report was not ready.

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Reopening, Monday, Jan. 3.

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In English Meltons, Beavers and Worsteds, Irish and Canadian Frieze, Domestic Tweeds and Beaver are made up in such a variety of styles that an inspection is necessary to appreciate the immense stock on our tables. We can fit tall thin men, short stout men, the ordinary man, and, in fact, any man who is not deformed. Prices begin at $1 and go to $16, with every price between. We recommend any Overcoat in our stock as first-class value, but call special attention to our Beavers and Meltons at

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Holiday Pocketbooks---Ladies' Chatelaine Bags.

Pocketbooks, 5c, 10c, 15c each.
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LUNCHEON—Deviled crabs. Potato croquettes, sweet. Cheese sandwiches. Caramel cake. Tea.

DINNER—Corn soup. Cold turkey, cranberry jelly. Browned potatoes. Piedmont turnips. Celery. Prune whip. Coffee.

Cut out these recipes and paste them in a scrap-book.

Vienna Potatoes—Peel cold baked potatoes, carefully removing every particle of the brown color; cut into dice. Heat one cup of thin cream in a saucepan. Mix until smooth—one small tablespoonful of flour and the same of butter; add this to the hot cream, season with salt and pepper, a pinch of cayenne. Add the potatoes, carefully stirring out until all are covered with the cream. Let stand a moment on the stove till thoroughly heated through, then serve at once.

Deviled Crabs—One can of crabs, the same quantity of fine bread crumbs, two tablespoonfuls of butter, the juice of half a lemon, half a teaspoonful of made mustard and a dash of cayenne pepper. Pack the mixture into shells, sift with powdered cracker. Pour over each shell a tablespoonful of cream. Place the shells in a flat tin and bake in a hot oven.

Caramel Cake—Two cups of sugar, half a cup of butter, one cup of milk, three cups of flour, two level teaspoons of baking-powder, whites of four eggs. Bake in three layers.

Caramel Filling—One cup of cream, two cups of yellow sugar, one tablespoon of butter, cook about 40 minutes or until thick and brown. Remove from fire, flavor with vanilla and stir until cool and of the right consistency to spread between the layers.

Piedmont Turnips—Boil turnips till nearly done, then cut in thin slices. Butter a pie dish and put in the slices; moisten with a very little milk, or weak soup stock; dust them lightly with fine bread crumbs, pepper and salt, and bake in oven till a light golden brown. Serve on a hot platter.

THEIR FAME WORLD WIDE.

Health, Strength, Happiness Mark Where Dodd's Kidney Pills Have Been Used.

Glencoe, Dec. 20.—From city to city, town to town, village to village, and over the broad fields of the Dominion, the fame of Dodd's Kidney Pills, the medical marvel of the century, the only infallible cure on earth for Bright's Disease, Diabetes, Lame Back, and all other kidney diseases, is spreading.

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Dodd's Kidney Pills are an unfailing cure for all diseases caused by impaired kidneys and impure blood.

Cabled Comment

On European Topics — John Bull Laughs at the Goings-On at Kiel -- The Situation in India Is Serious.

Germany's Designs on China — Efforts to Unite the Irish Leaders—Balfour Bothered--The Coal and Iron Question—An Employer's Ideas on the Eight-Hour Issue—Three Notable Old Men.

The New York Post's London cable says: The terrific goings-on at Kiel over Prince Henry's departure for China were the all-absorbing topic with Englishmen last week. Pale fear, says the German national organ in Vienna, will penetrate John Bull's marrow as he reads of it. As a matter of fact, John Bull's first impulse has been to split his sides with laughter over a farcical melodrama such as no coming Christmas pantomime can hope to rival. When the kaiser talks of "staking my only brother," and calls "heaven to witness how the German Michael has firmly planted on Chinese soil the shield, emblazoned with the imperial eagle, in order to afford protection once for all to him who applies for it," the Englishman rudely laughs. He recalls that the German Michael is the mildest mannered of young men, the idol of his English grandmamma, who is taking what even a half-seasoned sailor would regard as a pleasant cruise with one seven-thousand-ton, twenty-three-year-old iron battleship, and one four-thousand-ton cruiser in order to secure a coaling station which practically already has been ceded, over which no one dreams of a single shot being fired. When the same mild-mannered young man apostrophizes his own brother with "Most Serene Emperor, most powerful lord, king and master, forever, hoch, hoch," and eulogizes "the gospel of your majesty's hallowed person," blunt John Bull seriously asks himself whether these young people have not altogether lost their wits.

ANOTHER VIEW.

To closer students of European affairs, there seems much method in the kaiser's madness. The average Englishman, who is laughing loudly today, probably will be puzzling his brains next week as to whether the German craze for naval power is not a thing to be reckoned with. It may have been more than a mere joke when in talking to Count Zichy the emperor said: "You should visit China; by the time you get there you will find Prince Henry Emperor of China." Why should not Emperor William found a second India for Germany in China as a means of imperial aggrandizement and of averting the social revolution threatened at home?

The Spectator dilates on this view. Kiao-Chau, with its harbor and hinterland, which Germany is annexing, is as large as Wales and full of people. It is capable of yielding a substantial revenue and of becoming the stepping off place for the acquisition of the central division of China. These possibilities will come home to John Bull when he has done his laughing. Anticipating that time, the navy league, whose one desire is for increased naval armaments, has sent round to London editors a document marked "private and confidential," begging them to awaken the public to the peril of the "deadly enemy, silently, steadily and stealthily preparing to strike down. In the end they will succeed, for so soon as the German emperor gets his naval vote through the Reichstag—and that seems the most obvious purposes of these Kiel antics—so surely will the cry go up for proportional increase of the British navy."

A CHOICE BIT.

Germany's designs on China are outlined by a significant utterance of Emperor William while at Hamburg. When dining with Admiral Von Knorr he said that "China is like an artichoke—it has to be eaten bit by bit." Speaking of the navy, he said he hoped the time was not far distant when Germany would have fine warships afloat in every sea. During the sittings of the Reichstag the past week the government was placed on the defensive throughout.

The general opinion of Kiel is voiced by a diplomat's remark: "It is a great pity that Germany, having no easy, safe and simple, though slightly piratical, piece of work on hand, should not be able to perform it without setting the world laughing." The Times says: "The august utterances are worthy of heroes of melodrama, and would seem high flown to modern ideas is uttered by Philip II. as he dispatched the Armada; or Columbus, as he started to carry the dominion of Spain over the oceans. The kaiser evoked memories of Metz and Sedan to encourage Prince Henry to keep a stout heart as he faces the perils of the Suez Canal and the terrors of the China seas. Prince Henry's peroration was closed by a specimen of almost byzantine self-abasement, unique in the annals of modern Europe."

THE SERIOUS SITUATION IN INDIA.

The correspondent of another New York daily says: The reverse suffered by Gen. Westmacott's brigade in the Bara Valley is in the nature of a disaster. When the euphemisms are translated the story appears to be that the most powerful force ever sent to the border has been bundled out of Afridiland, neck and crop. On top of this comes the news that it is the intention of Sir William Lockhart, the British commander-in-chief, to invade the country in another direction. The reasons are obvious. The government feels that something must be done forthwith to retrieve British prestige and the Khyber Pass road, which the Afridis closed about six months ago, will probably be comparatively easily reopened.

It is obvious that if the natives lose respect for British courage, Great Britain's hold on India is most precarious. The whole fault seems to be in enlisting boys to do men's work and turning them adrift just when they are becoming good soldiers. The campaign cannot end before March, and the cost, fully $30,000,000, will necessitate the intervention of the British treasury in order to avert the bankruptcy of India.

THE EFFORT FOR UNITING IRISH FACTIONS.

The Parnellites are jubilant at the statements made by John Dillon, chairman of the Irish Nationalist party, at the meeting of the National Federation at Dublin on Wednesday, who upon that occasion said he agreed with John Redmond, the Parnellite leader, that all sections of the Nationalists should arrive at an understanding on the leading Irish questions before the reassembling of Parliament, and suggested a conference on the subject between the Irish members. These remarks are interpreted by the Parnellites as being a confession of the correctness of their attitude toward the Liberals.

The Westminster Gazette says: "The party will have to free itself from the thralldom which Mr. Dillon seeks to impose upon it, even at the cost of incurring the displeasure of his friends." This paper further says that if the Liberals gave Mr. Dillon the pledge demanded they would not have the slenderest chance of returning to power.

BALFOUR BOTHERED.

Mr. Balfour is described as wringing his hand in despair over the Irish local government bill, of which he will have charge. He announced his Irish policy nearly a year in advance, and interested at once every class in the island. The Irish office has received tons of correspondence and printed digests relating to the subject of landlords and tenants. Loyalists and Nationalist officials and theorists have overwhelmed Mr. Balfour with advice and darkened counsel, and the inherent difficulty of the work has been immeasurably increased. If the various classes knew what they wanted, the drafting of the bill would have been facilitated, but Ireland is a hotbed of faction feuds, and Mr. Balfour is appalled by the conflict of irreconcilable opinion.

COAL AND IRON.

The most notable speeches of the past week have been industrial. One was Mr. Courtney's address before the Royal Statistical Society on Jevons' coal question. His address has been widely commented upon by the press, since he contended that Jevons was right in his main prediction that the day must come when England's supremacy in the coal and iron trade would be impaired. Mr. Courtney laid great stress upon the enormous increase in the output of coal in the United States and the extraordinary reduction in the cost of production there at the mouth of the pit, until it is 2 shillings lower a ton than in Great Britain.

MR. PIRRIE'S COUNSEL.

A significant address was delivered in Belfast by Mr. Pirrie, leading partner of the ship-building firm of Harlan & Wolff, which has not joined the Employers' Federation in the present engineering lockout. He strongly condemned the aggressive policy of other British employers in the engineering trade, and declared that they must break away from old prejudices and class hatreds, and not regard their workmen with suspicion and enmity. He expressed the firm belief that with improved machinery and highly skilled labor employers might contemplate with equanimity the prospect of the success of the eight-hour movement. His colleagues are not of the same mind, for they have spent another week in conference with the engineers, adhering tenaciously to their own ultimatum and opposing any settlement which will not leave the masters victorious all along the line. A new agreement has been substituted for the one rejected by the trades unions, but substantially it is the same ultimatum, the masters having merely changed the phrasing. They concede nothing, but offer a bridge for the engineers to retreat.

THE VATICAN AND THE LORDS.

A dispatch to the Chronicle from Rome says that Vatican officials confirm the report that the Duke of Norfolk, the British postmaster-general, has approached Prime Minister Salisbury with a view of obtaining the admission of Cardinal Vaughan into the House of Lords. The admission of the cardinal would greatly please the pope. Assuming that there is any truth in the dispatch to the Chronicle, the only means of the cardinal entering the House of Lords would be by creating him a temporal peer. His creed would be a barrier to his entering the house on the same footing as the English bishops.

THREE NOTED OLD MEN.

Gladstone, who will enter his 89th year ten days hence, is far from being a prisoner in any sense, and gives observers at Cannes no impression of any failing since his last visit. His own family does not take quite so cheerful a view of his condition, for he is undoubtedly aging fast. It is Mrs. Gladstone whose health gives them by far the most concern.

A letter from an ecclesiastic who assisted at the pope's mass last Sunday, and who, with other members of the new college of the venerable Bede in Rome, was afterwards presented to his holiness, describes him as looking wonderfully well and displaying far more than his usual animation.

Prince Bismarck is not yet 83, but he is so badly broken in health now that he rarely gets out of his house, and for the most part is a prisoner in his chair with the rheumatism

AN OLD "GIRL."

Marie Geistinger, long a leading soubrette on the German stage, and who has successfully toured America, will appear shortly on the variety stage at the Winter-Garten, Berlin, where she will bid a final adieu to youthful roles. She is 69 years of age.



Of all the bereavements which are possible to a home, the loss of a child is perhaps the most disappointing, and the hardest to bear. During the heated spell in the summer in New York City as many as a thousand babies have died in a week. Of course, in a crowded city, with its unsanitary districts, many of these deaths would have occurred any way. The fact remains that this tremendous mortality was to a great extent due to the lack of inherent resisting power in the victims. These babies when born had in their bodies the seeds of disease. The deadly heated term only shortened the period of their sufferings.

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The Great Grab Game Proceeds.

Some wonder was expressed, a few days ago, that Russia should complacently receive the intelligence that Germany had seized a most advantageous district of China, and had expressed the intention of establishing a harbor and fort on its seaboard. It may happen that "our good and faithful cousin" of Russia knew all the time that "our good and faithful cousin" of Germany intended thus to establish his kingdom on the shores of the Celestial land. Russia was reported in our cablegrams of Saturday as having taken actual possession of Port Arthur, a stronghold at the extremity of the Liao-Tong Peninsula, which has practically been in the hands of the Czar's officials for a considerable time past. Previous to the war between China and Japan, Port Arthur was the largest naval station possessed by the Chinese, and was strongly fortified. There was a naval dockyard there, built by the French company; a large refitting basin with a depth of 25 feet at low water; spacious wharves and quays; two docks, one 400 feet long, and facilities for repairing ships of all sizes, from ironclads to torpedo boats. The foundries and workshops were constructed on the most improved models and contained the best modern machinery. Japan was very anxious to retain control of Port Arthur permanently, but Russia strongly objected; the Japs backed out, and the Russian officers immediately began the reconstruction of the docks and forts which had been destroyed by the Japanese. Russia's great anxiety to control Port Arthur is because its harbor is free from ice all winter, which is not the case with Vladivostock, the present headquarters of the Russian fleet in the far east. It is proposed to connect Port Arthur with the Russian railroad now being built through Manchuria, which, in time, will connect with the great trans-Siberian railroad. It need surprise no one to find that Russia has obtained Germany's indorsation to this latest grab of Chinese territory in exchange for the Czar's passive attitude towards Germany's seizure of a portion of the same historic land. But where do Great Britain and Japan come in? They, too, will doubtless help themselves to a slice of the pie as opportunity offers.

Those Unfounded Charges.

It turns out that there was no ground whatsoever for the charge of fraud made in the editorial columns of our city contemporary the Free Press against the mayor and aldermen of London. The accusation was that a number of words had been fraudulently introduced into the hospital bylaw while it was passing through the Council. Draft bylaws, it is well known, are of little account till they are placed before the aldermen and duly read. Bylaws obtain their validity only when they are dealt with in open council, and are passed the requisite number of readings. Now it so happens, as the aldermen, civic officials and reporters can testify, that the hospital bylaw was read twice by the city clerk as it now stands. The bylaw was unanimously indorsed by the aldermen, no one moving that any alteration be made. There is no more ground for the charge that the bylaw was fraudulently altered in the Council than there is for the accusations, also printed in our contemporary's editorial columns, against the hospital and its management.

Financial Criticism Discounted.

The Toronto Telegram is generally found in opposition to the Liberal party—its proprietor is a Conservative M. P.—therefore the annexed extract from its editorial columns is of considerable interest at this time:

"The financial critics of the Opposition may go through the motions of an attack on the financial and administrative records of the Ontario Government. But their speeches are not likely to alter the general public belief that the record of the Liberal party in Ontario in these respects is on the whole creditable. It is as truly the duty of honest journalism to praise the good work of a party as to condemn its evil deeds. The resources of Ontario have been on the whole wisely handled. The revenues of the Province of Ontario have been fairly distributed, and in its expenditures there has been a consistent endeavor to secure efficiency in results without extravagance in outlay. It would be good tactics for the Conservatives to try and prove that they would do as well or better than the Grits have done in handling the public resources or spending the public money."

MR. B. B. OSLER WEDS.

Eminent Barrister Married in Hamilton to Miss Ramsay.

Hamilton, Dec. 20.—Mr. B. B. Osler, Q.C., Canada's leading lawyer, was married very quietly Saturday afternoon at Dunedin, the residence of Mr. A. G. Ramsay, president of the Canada Life Assurance Company, to his eldest daughter, Miss Lillian Ramsay. Bishop Dumoulin officiated.

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The Sporting World.

Annual Meeting of the Rugby Union of Canada.

A Number of Changes in the Playing Rules.

Indoor Bicycle Records Smashed at Milwaukee—Other Sporting Matters.

FOOTBALL.

CHANGES IN THE RUGBY RULES.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—The annual meeting of the Canadian Rugby Union took place here on Saturday, and an unusual number of important changes in the rules were made. In future it will not be necessary to touch the ball down in order to secure a try. Whenever a man can cross the opponents' line with the ball it will count a try, whether he touches it down or is only fairly held. The playing time is reduced to two halves of 30 minutes each. Only one official time-keeper will be allowed. He will be appointed by the referee, and will be a member of neither club. Clause C of rule 9 is abolished, and the ball will have to be thrown in from touch instead of being scrimmaged at the option of the captain, and a player can make a free kick with any portion of his foot instead of with the heel only.

Mr. E. Bailey moved the insertion in the definition of an amateur of the words "or received any money or its equivalent directly or indirectly for his services." This was carried.

A motion by Mr. Claxton that the playing time be reduced to one hour's actual play was carried. The question of time-keepers then came up, and it was decided that one time-keeper only is to be official, and not a member of either club, to be appointed by the referee.

Mr. Bailey also moved that a goal from a flying kick should not count, and this was agreed to.

It was voted that a try should be secured whether a man of the attacking side crossed his own opponents' line with the ball, whether he touches it down or was fairly held.

Rule 9, respecting the ball going into touch, was amended by striking out cause C, and taking away the privilege of scrimmaging the ball from five to fifteen yards in. The ball must now be thrown in from touch.

Rule 11, regarding place kicks from tries, was amended by the addition that the goal should not be disallowed through the placer being off-side or in touch.

Rule 12, respecting fair catches and free kicks, was amended to read that the player can claim a free kick if he makes a mark with any part of his foot and does not attempt to run after forwards. Gleeson wished the player to be compelled to take his kick if he had once made his mark. He held that this would save the catcher from injury, since his opponents would not charge him to prevent hiis exercising his present option of running if he were obliged to take his kick.

Rule 13 was amended to read that the kicker, in case of a try at goal, should have his kick over again if improperly charged, if he claims it.

In rule 17 the word "shall" in the provision that the referee "shall report an offending player to the union," was changed to "may report."

This ended the alterations in the rules, and the delegates proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, as follows: E. Bailey, Toronto, president; J. Savage, Montreal, vice-president; R. G. Fitzgibbon, honorary secretary.

WHEEL.

SPOKES.

London, Dec. 18.—"Choppy" Warburton, the trainer of Jimmy Michael, the Welsh bicycle rider, is dead.

RECORD-BREAKING.

Two indoor bicycle records were broken at the exposition building in Milwaukee Saturday on a seven-lap track, Walter C. Sanger going a half-mile, unpaced, in 1:00 3-5, the previous record being 1:01 1-5. Henry Kanaska went a mile, paced by two tandems, in 1:58 2-5, the former mark being 1:58½.

CURLING.

MEETING OF THE O. C. A.

At a meeting of the executive of the O. C. A. in Toronto, it was decided to have the match between the patrons and office-bearers of the O. C. A. vs. six rinks of Toronto curlers this month owing to the presence of his excellency in Toronto, if weather permits. A silver cup will be awarded to the club winning the consolation contest of the final for the Ontario tankard.

WATER POLO.

The following water polo captains have been chosen among the junior Y. M. C. A.: Jack Dewar, Frank White, Jack Ferguson, Victor Kent, Charles Williams, Herman Schaef, Jack Mattinson and Harry Haynes. The different teams will be chosen this week and a series of games will be played.

ATHLETICS.

A KNOCK-OUT.

New York, Dec. 20.—"Jack" Downey, of Brooklyn, practically knocked out "Larry" Becker, of Bayonne, N. J., in the sixteenth round at the Polo A. C. Saturday night. Just after the gong sounded, Downey landed a stiff hand punch on the jaw, sending Becker reeling toward the ropes. Frank Abahall, the referee, caught him in his arms, or he would have fallen to the floor. Becker, when he recovered, made a wild effort to continue, but he was restrained.

CHECKERS.

CUP RETURNED.

The handsome silver cup presented by Hiram Walker & Sons as a checker championship trophy has been returned to their keeping. The Windsor Checker Club neglected to pay Robert McLaurin, the winner of the Canadian championship, the $50 he had been guaranteed, whereupon Mr. Robins suggested to D. H. Bedford, the president of the club, that the cup be returned.

Fateful Flames.

Six Lives Lost in a Burning Building.

Almost a Holocaust at Walkerville—Mother and Children Badly Burned.

Windsor, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Wm. Peters, of Lincoln avenue, Walkerville, was horribly burned on Saturday and now lies at the Hotel Dieu in a serious condition. She went to the kitchen in her nightrobe to start the fire. She used some corncobs, but as these did not ignite she took the coal-oil can and poured some of the contents on the flames. Immediately an explosion followed, and the flames set fire to her nightdress. Her screams brought her two little girls, aged 5 and 7 years, to the kitchen. They at once made an attempt to extinguish the blaze, and as a result were painfully burned, but they did not succeed in giving their mother any relief. Her cries aroused the neighbors and the fire department was called out, as the house commenced to burn. Mr. Peters had left for work about fifteen minutes before, and Mrs. Peters has not been able to tell anything about it. Her hair was burned off, and hardly a square inch of her body but is badly burned. She was also burned internally from inhaling the flames.

Holyoke, Mass., Dec. 20.—Two lives were lost by the explosion of a gasoline stove in this city today. Miss Amelia Koegel, 35 years old, attempted to light the stove, when there was an explosion. She plicked up a 2-year-old child named Alfred Kennell, who was in the house, and tried to escape, but got into the pantry and was cut off by the flames. Both were suffocated.

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Hood's Pills are the best after-dinner pills, aid digestion. 25c.

Commercial.

A "Bull" Day in the Chicago Grain Market.

Local Market.

[Reported by A. M. Hamilton & Co.]

London, Monday, Dec. 20.

Wheat, white fall, per bu.	81½c to 82¾c
Wheat, red fall, per bu.	81½c to 82¾c
Wheat, spring, per bu.	81½c to 82¾c
Oats, per bu.	23¾c to 24c
Peas, per bu.	39c to 45c
Corn, per bu.	34c to 36c
Barley, per bu.	29c to 31c
Rye, per bu.	33½c to 35½c
Buckwheat, per bu.	60c to 60c

Receipts of everything but hay were light this morning. Prices of grain and wheat—little other stuff offered—were the same as on Saturday.

BIRD SEED.

We have a choice stock of canary, hemp millet, sunflower etc. We want your custom, call and see us, we can save you money.

A. M. HAMILTON & SON,

373 Talbot St., Opposite Market. Phone 652.

The Oil Market.

PETROLIA, Dec. 20—Oil opened and closed at $1 40.

American Markets.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Despite predictions that this would be a day full of surprises on the board of trade, the bull clique, headed by Joseph Leiter, had smooth sailing, apparently, and seemed to have proved itself capable of doing what it promised. It took the 1,600,000 more bushels of wheat delivered to it yesterday, and today the deliveries amounted to 1,250,000 bushels more. But the price held firm. The promised storm today was predicted because Armour had begun loading some of his enormous holdings yesterday. It was feared there would be a tremendous rush today to dump all the wheat in Chicago into the lap of the syndicate. But the result proved this prophecy wrong. It is said that at least $6,000,000 was on deposit in various banks in this city to the credit of the December wheat clique, for the purpose of paying for the wheat to be delived to them. The leading futures closed as follows: Wheat—No. 2 Dec., 29c; Jan., 94½c; May, 92½c. Corn—No. 2 Dec., 26½c; Jan., 26c; May, 29½c to 29¾c. Oats—No. 2 Dec., 21¾c to 21¾c; May, 22¼c to 22¾c. Mess pork—Dec., $7 65; Jan., $7 60; May, $8 85. Lard, Dec., $4 42½; Jan., $4 55; May, $4 72½. Short ribs—Dec., $4 37½; Jan., $4 57½; May, $4 52½. Cash quotations were as follows: Flour, dull, winter patent, $4 70 to $4 80; straight, $4 20 to $4 40; spring specials, $5 35; spring patents, $4 40 to $4 80; straights, $4 10 to $4 40; bakers, $3 50 to $3 80; No. 2 spring wheat, 87½c to 88c; No. 3 spring wheat, 82c to 91c; No. 2 red, 90c; No. 2 corn, 26½c; No. 2 oats, 21½c; No. 2 white; f. o. b., 24c to 24½c; No. 3 white, 23c to 24½c; No. 2 rye, 46c; No. 2 barley, 26c to 38c; No. 1 flax, seed, $1 16¾ to $1 20½; prime timothy seed, $2 62½ to $2 65; mess pork, $7 65 to $7 70; lard, $4 55 to $4 57½; short rib sides, $4 52½ to $4 70; dry salted shoulders, 4½c to 4¾c; short clear sides, $4 57½ to $4 77½; sugar, cut loaf, $5 55; granulated, $5 32; No. 2 yellow corn, 26½c; eggs, steady, fresh, 20c.

Receipts—

Flour	22,000	Wheat	363,000
Corn	273,000	Oats	232,000
Rye	14,000	Barley	48,000

Shipments—

Flour	15,000	Wheat	8,000
Corn	68,000	Oats	232,000
Rye	700	Barley	10,000

English Markets.

RULING PRICES FOR THE PAST FOUR DAYS.

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

	Dec. 15	Dec. 16	Dec. 17	Dec. 18
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
WHEAT—				
No. 1 nor. spring	7 9	7 9	7 9	7 9
Red winter	7 10	7 10	7 10	7 10
Dec.	7 4½	7 4½	7 4¾	7 4¾
March	7 4½	7 4¾	7 4¾	7 4¾
May	7 3	7 3½	7 3½	7 3½
CORN—				
Spot	3 2½	3 2½	3 2½	3 2½
Dec.	3 2½	3 2½	3 2	3 2½
Jan.	3 1½	3 1½	3 1½	3 1½
Feb.	3 1½	3 1½	3 1½	3 1½
March	3 1½	3 1½	3 1½	3 1½
May	3 1½	3 2½	3 2½	3 2
Flour	25 6	25 6	25 6	25 6
Peas	4 8	4 8½	4 8½	4 9
Pork	48 9	48 9	48 9	48 9
Lard	23 3	23 6	23 6	23 6
Tallow	18 6	18 6	18 6	18 6
Bacon, light	30 0	30 0	30 0	29 0
Cheese, both	42 6	42 6	42 6	42 6

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St. Thomas Market.

St. Thomas, Dec. 18.—The markets were well attended today and business was brisk. Very little wheat could be had, and the market was weak at 83c to 84c. No other grain was delivered and prices were nominally as reported. Wheat, per bu, 83c to 84c; oats, per bu, 20c to 22c; peas, per bu, 40c to 42c; barley, per bu, 40c; corn, per bu, 35c to 40c.

Live Stock Markets.

EAST BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Cattle—Receipts, only about a load of Canada stockers, but all of four loads held over from former arrivals of the week; the market ruled quiet and unchanged, with nothing of consequence doing. Hogs—Receipts, 58 loads; market opened with a fairly good demand and prices ruled stronger on all grades; good to choice Yorkers, $3 60; mixed packers' grades, $3 60; medium weights and heavy hogs, $3 60; roughs, $3 to $3 20; stags, $2 60 to $2 95; pigs, $3 25 to $3 60. Sheep and Lambs—The fresh receipts were 15 cars, which included 2½ cars of Canada lambs; the market opened in a quiet sort of way, but with the colder weather and moderate receipts salesmen were firm, and for good lambs at least the market was a shade stronger, with others full firm; sheep were in fair inquiry and about steady with former prices; lambs, yearling, choice to prime, $4 75 to $5; fair to good, $4 50 to $4 65; culls to common yearlings, $4 25 to $4 50; native lambs, choice to extra, $5 to $6 10; fair to good, $5 60 to $5 85; culls to common, $4 50 to $5 50; native sheep, choice to selected wethers, $4 60 to $4 75; good to choice mixed sheep, $4 25 to $4 50; common to fair, $3 85 to $4 15; culls to common sheep, $2 50 to $3 75.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Beeves—Receipts, 1,051; no trading; exports, 1,752 beeves, 40 sheep and 6,040 quarters of beef. Calves—Receipts, 279; steady; veals, $5 to $8 25; grassers, $3 to $3 50; westerns, $3. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 2,883; steady; sheep, $3 to $4 62½; lambs, $5 50 to $6 40. Hogs—Receipts, 2,776; steady, at $3 65 to $3 90.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Today's market was practically nominal, with receipts of less than 500 head; these were disposed of at yesterday's ruling prices. Hogs—The bulk sold at $3 37½ to $3 47½; coarse heavy packers, $3 25 to $3 30, and prime butchers and mixed hogs, $3 50 to $3 55. Lambs, $4 to $6 for inferior to choice flocks; a good many Mexican yearlings that averaged 72 to 75 pounds fetching $4 50; most of the sales of lambs at $5 to $6; sheep, $3 to $4 75; exporters took heavy sheep at $4 15 to $4 25; most of the late sales of sheep were at $3 75 to $4 40. Receipts—Cattle, 300; hogs, 17,000; sheep, 2,000.

THE COURTS.

Sittings of the High Court of Justice at Western Ontario Points.

Boyd, C.—Sandwich (non-jury), Monday, April 25.

Armour, C. J.—Chatham (jury), Monday, March 21; Sarnia (jury), Monday, May 2; Guelph (non-jury), Monday, May 16; St. Catharines (non-jury), May 30.

Meredith, C. J.—Sarnia (non-jury), Monday, March 14; Guelph (jury), Tuesday, April 12; Perth (jury and non-jury), Monday, April 25; Bracebridge (jury and non-jury), Monday, May 30.

Ferguson, J.—Brantford (non-jury), Monday, April 25; Chatham (non-jury), Monday, May 16; Goderich (non-jury), Monday, May 30; Simcoe (non-jury), Monday, June 6.

Rose, J.—Goderich (jury), Monday, March 7; Brantford (jury), Monday, March 28; Woodstock (non-jury), Monday, May 2.

Robertson, J.—London (winter assizes), Monday, Jan. 10; Sandwich (jury), Monday, March 21; St. Thomas (non-jury), Monday, March 28; Walkerton (jury), Monday, April 4.

Falconbridge, J.—Owen Sound (non-jury), Wednesday, June 15; Sault Ste. Marie (jury and non-jury), Monday, June 20; Port Arthur (jury and non-jury), Thursday, June 23; Rat Portage (jury and non-jury), Monday, June 27.

MacMahon, J.—Owen Sound (jury), Monday, Feb. 28; London (jury), Monday, March 14; Stratford (jury), Monday, March 21; Berlin (jury), Monday, May 2.

Street, J.—Woodstock (jury), Monday, March 21; Stratford (non-jury), Monday, April 25; Simcoe (jury), Monday, May 2; London (non-jury), Monday, May 16.

Meredith, J.—Berlin (non-jury), Monday, March 7; St. Thomas (jury), Monday, May 9; Walkerton (non-jury), Tuesday, June 7.

Circumstances are ever changing and by a happy faculty, which is general in mankind, society readily adapts itself to the ever new conditions. This is no less true in the business world than in the social world.

A merchant from Dawson City would be a fool to open a store in London and attempt to sell his goods at Klondike prices. Enterprising dealers adapt their good to the needs and pockets of the people. A glance at the windows of the Oak Hall clothing establishment will discover that this is one of the chief aims of the firm and that they have succeeded.

A very fine display of dress suits, Prince Albert coats and combination business suits is shown, and in its extensive experience the firm has never before offered to the public such value in the line of black dress suits. The stock of children's goods, too, will delight the hearts of parents. The windows are brilliantly lighted till 10 o'clock very evening.

Men's suits of all grades are offered from $3 25 to $15, and the firm never before had so many fine, stylish, fashionable goods. They are the pick of foreign and domestic looms.

None of the men's overcoats are sold at less than $1, but there is a good heavy line at that figure.

At a somewhat higher price are offered choice Meltons, Beavers and Frieze Ulsters (the most comfortable, most sensible garment made). There is also an odd line of overcoats which Mr. Taylor is selling from $5 to $9 50, and every article in the lot is worth from $7 50 to $13 50. Boys' heavy tweed ulsters are going at $4 and children's natty little reefers at from $2 85 to $5 50.

The $50 in bank bills still rests inside the glass box in the window and every purchaser gets a key. It will not be known, however, until Jan. 31 who will hold the only key that opens the box. The chance for the $50 is still good.

Flowers in Great Demand.

The Christmas rush for flowers has set in, and promises to tax the greenhouse resources of the city. Fortunately J. Gammage & Sons are prepared to meet the great demand, and have an immense stock of all floral varieties—roses, carnations, primroses, azaleas, begonias, etc.—and a specially large assortment of flowering plants which are becoming very popular. Their establishment, corner Dundas and Clarence streets, is most handsomely fitted up, and is a perpetual flower show. The eye is delighted by the rich collection of all the popular flowers, which make it a bower of beauty. Christmas buyers should procure their flowers early. b

"Dan," the bear that has been a boarder at the Britannia House for the past eight months, is to suffer martyrdom tomorrow, and the carcass will be exhibited at Gatecliffe's butcher shop on Dundas street for Christmas.

Dan has been a great favorite at the Britannia, and lived on the fat of the land. Nothing was too good for him.

He was very playful, and crowds of children called to see him during the summer. Even the big policeman used to stop on his beat and caress Dan. Mr. Doyle, the landlord, fires the fatal shot that ends the existence of Dan. b

Feather and down cushions, 50 cents each. Large stock of goose feather pillows and mattresses. Fancy rockers, bedroom suites. Stoves bought and sold at the Feather Bed and Mattress Cleaning Factory. James F. Hunt & Sons, 593 Richmond street north. Telephone 997.

A Severer Law

Should Be Imposed Upon Male Offenders

To Remedy the Social Evil—Question Discussed by the Ministerial Association—The Regular Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ministerial Association was held this morning in the board room at the Y. M. C. A. building. President Clarke was in the chair, and the others present were: Revs. A. L. Russell, W. M. Walker, J. G. Fallis, Ira Smith, T. Wilson, A. G. Harris, W. J. Ford, Thos. E. Sawyer, Dr. Daniel, T. S. Johnston, J. G. Stuart, W. J. Clark, J. W. Pedley, A. Stewart, George Fowler, and A. Lloyd. The following visiting ministers were introduced to the association: Rev. J. H. Cobbledick, J. J. Sinclair, H. Uren and W. H. Knowles.

The committee appointed to report on the matter of furnishing a room in the Y. M. C. A. building brought in a report recommending that they agree to furnish the room in harmony with the desire of the furnishing committee of the Y. M. C. A., the members of which are as follows: Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Williams and Miss Ware.

It was moved by Rev. W. J. Clark, seconded by Rev. J. G. Fallis, and unanimously adopted, that the association furnish the room at the cost of about $120.

Rev. Ira Smith read a paper on "The Legal Aspect of the Social Evil." His treatment of the subject was extensive, and a lively discussion followed.

The general feeling of the association brought out in the discussion was that the male offender is not as severely punished as he ought to be, while betrayed innocence has to bear the punishment all the days of her life. It was suggested that a commission of judges should be appointed by the government to investigate the whole matter and to obtain a severer law to be imposed upon the male offenders.

FILTHY LUCRE.

A Minister of the Gospel Declines a Donation of $50 From Tammany Hall.

New York, Dec. 20.—Dr. James W. Putnam, pastor of Trinity Church, on East Fifty-fifth street, has refused a donation of $50 from Tammany for the poor of his church. The letter refusing the donation, after referring to the needs of the poor, says:

"And yet, kind sir, I cannot accept the proffered check. I dare not touch it with so much as the tips of my fingers. Coming as it does from a society which represents much which is most to be deplored by all well-disposed persons, it would seem to be a little less than a crime to take your ill-gotten gains, even for such a deserving object. And, in closing, I am prompted to commend the following scriptures for the thoughtful consideration of the organization you represent: 'Oh, full of all subtlety and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?' (Acts xiii., 10); 'Thy money perish with thee' (Acts viii., 20). Now, my dear Mr. Dowling, I shall read the above to my congregation. Sincerely yours,

"James W. Putnam, pastor Trinity Baptist Church, New York city.

"P. S.—Please find inclosed your check."

EUROPEAN CROP PROSPECTS

As Reported by the Mark Lane Express.

London, Dec. 20.—The Mark Lane Express, reviewing the crop prospects, says: "The English wheat fields have a satisfactory appearance, and the French are now regarded as favorable; but it is doubtful if the acreage will be as large as a year ago. The Italian acreage will probably be increased as the whole autumn has been favorable to sowings. The news from Russia varies. Mildness is reported in the Black Sea district, and snow in the greater portion of the empire. The stocks awaiting export in Russian ports amount to 1,562,000 quarters, against 2,552,000 quarters a year ago, suggesting that the recent Russian shipments were heavier than the reserves justified.

Nature's Medicine.

Nature's medicine for constipation, liver complaint, sick headache, biliousness, jaundice and sallow complexion is Laxa-Liver Pills. They are a perfect laxative, never griping or causing pain. One pill each night for 30 days will cure constipation.

The Baptists of Smith's Falls have invited Rev. O. G. Langford, Georgetown, to the pastorate. He has accepted.

THERE is not a more dangerous class of disorders than those which affect the breathing organs. Nullify this danger with Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil—a pulmonic of acknowledged efficacy. It cures soreness and lameness when applied externally, as well as swelled neck and crick in the back; and, as an inward specific, possesses most substantial claim to public confidence.

Last night the thermometer at various points in Quebec marked 10 to 14 below zero.

Care of the Complexion.

It is a well known fact that a torpid liver produces a sallow hue and a dull, yellow complexion. You need not expect a clear, beautiful complexion if the blood is rendered impure by a sluggish action of the liver, which cannot properly perform its function of purifying and filtering all impurities from the blood. Ladies, Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills is an invaluable remedy, for by their action on the liver and blood they promote true beauty by rendering the blood pure. This is the secret.

G. R. Davis, a young Englishman, has arrived in Montreal with a large consignment of dogs for the Klondike.

The True Remedy.

Wm. Duggan, St. Albans street, Toronto, says: "We won't keep house without Ransom's Hive Syrup and Tolu for consumption, coughs, colds, croup or bronchial troubles. Experimented with many others, but never got the true remedy until we used Ransom's Hive Syrup and Tolu. No other remedy can take its place in our home, as in it we have a certain and sure cure for coughs, colds, croup, whooping cough, etc. We would not be without it in the house."

It is idle to experiment with other remedies, even if they are urged on you as "just as good" as "Ransom's Hive Syrup and Tolu." They are not as good, because this remedy has a record of cures, and, besides, is guaranteed. It never fails to satisfy. 25 cents. 23

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Solid Leather Shopping Bags	25c
40c Glass Ink Bottles	25c
12½c Metal Pin Cushions	5c
25c Small Fancy Photo Frames	10c
40s Glove Boxes (wood), with key	29c
35c Jewel Cases, warranted	25c
40c Photo Frames (new)	25c
65c Opal Puff-Boxes	49c
10c Child's Blocks	5c
30c Fancy Glass Puff-Boxes	25c
35c Initial Silk Handkerchiefs	25c
15c Esquimaux Dolls	10c
20c Chocolate Candy, hand made	10c
50c Leather Purses	25c
Cards in handsome Case, solid silver mounts	$1 00

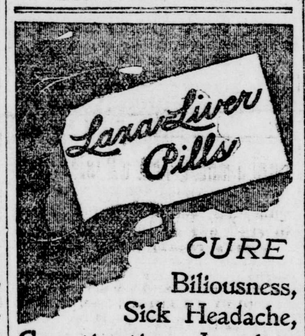
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English Wilton, worth $1 60 for	$1 25
English Velvets, worth $1 40 for	1 25
English Brussels, worth $1 10, for	80

English Tapestries; prices too numerous to mention.

RUGS.

One worth $100 for	$75 00
One worth $35 for	25 00

Dozens of others at all prices.

CURTAINS.

Silk, $25, for	$20 00
Silk, $20, for	16 00
Silk, $15, for	11 00
Silk, $12, for	9 00
Lace, Hand-made, Brussels, $12, for	9 00
Lace, Hand-made, Brussels, $8, for	6 00

All others greatly reduced. All remnants of Brussels Carpets, worth from $1 to $1 40; your choice for 75c a yard.

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Christmas Shoppers. . . .

will save time—as well as money—by making their purchases at our cut-price sale. We enumerate a few articles—but everything in the store is on the toboggan slide of low prices.

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Just to hand, a manufacturer's lot of samples in Ladies' and Gents' Silk Umbrellas, very choice, fancy handles in gold and silver mounts, at 25 per cent less than import price. A very suitable and useful gift for Christmas. Prices range from $1 to $5.

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A large range Ladies' Embroidered and Lace Trimmed Handkerchiefs; also Hemstitched Linen and Cambric from 50c to $3 50 per dozen. These goods have all been reduced to sale prices.

Miscellaneous.

A choice line of Fancy Goods for Christmas.

All shades in Wash Silks, clearing at 3c skein.

Colored Fancy Wool Table Covers, small size, 21c.

Large Size, regular $1 25, now 75c.

Wrappers worth $2 25 for $1 60.

Wrappers, extra large, $2 75, for $2 00.

A Splendid Corset for 39c pair.

A $1 25 Corset for $1 10.

Gloves.

Tan Kid Gloves, regular price $1, now 50c.

Tan Kid Gloves, colored stitching, regular $1 10, for 80c.

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Late Afternoon Markets.

Montreal Stock Market.

MONTREAL, Dec. 20.

	Ask.	Off.
Canadian Pacific	82½	82¼
Duluth, common	4	3
Duluth, preferred	7	6
Commercial Cable	178¾	178
Commercial Cable Coupon Bonds	106	104½
Commercial Registered Bonds	106	104½
Montreal Telegraph	185	180½
Michelieu and Ontario	107	104½
Montreal Street Railway	274	235½
Montreal Street Railway, new	232	231½
Toronto Railway, xd	85¾	85½
Montreal Gas Company	187½	180½
Bell Telephone	177½	174
Royal Electric, xd	142	141½
Bank of Montreal	240	224
Ontario Bank	101	99½
Molsons Bank	210	200
Bank of Toronto	235	228
Merchants Bank	175	165
Merchants Bank of Halifax	..	180
Quebec Bank	..	120
Union Bank	..	..
Bank of Commerce	135	134½
Northwest Land, pref	55	53¾
Montreal Cotton Company, xd	142	139
Canada Colored Cotton	75	52
Dominion Cotton	94½	94

SALES—Canadian Pacific, 250 at 82¼, 225 at 82¾, 175 at 82½, 25 at 82½, Duluth Common, 25 at 3¾; Commercial Cable, 25 at 178; Hich. & Ont., 9 at 105; Mont. St. Ry., 25 at 133½, 100 at 233¾; Mont. St. New, 12 at 232, 25 at 231½; Toronto Ry., 250 at 85½, 10 at 85¾, 750 at 85¾; Royal Electric, 75 at 139, 275 at 140, 25 at 140¼, 25 at 140½, 145 at 141; Merchants Bank, 25 at 174; Bank of Commerce, 20 at 134; Montreal Cotton, 25 at 139½; Dominion Cotton, 25 at 94.

Toronto Stock Market.

TORONTO, Dec. 20.

	Ask.	Off.
Montreal	238	234
Ontario	100¼	99½
Toronto	234	228
Merchants	177	170
Commerce	134½	134½
Imperial	189½	188½
Dominion	262	259
Standard	174	171½
Hamilton	170	169
British America	129	128
Western Assurance	169½	169
Imperial Life	..	134
Consumers' Gas	..	210
Montreal Gas	187	186½
Dominion Telegraph	131½	130
Montreal Telegraph	..	..
Northwest Land Company, pref	54	53½
Canada Pacific Railway Stock	82½	82
Commercial Cable Company, x d	178	178
Com. Coupon Bonds, x-d	105	104½
Commercial Registered Bonds, x-d	105	104½
Postal Telegraph Company	..	..
Bell Telephone Company	175	173½
Michelieu & Ontario	105½	104½
Montreal Street Railway	235	232½
Toronto Street Railway	85½	85
Dominion Savings and Invest	..	..
Farmers' Loan and Savings	..	..
Farmers' L. and S. 20 per cent	..	..
Huron and Erie L. and S.	..	164
Huron and Erie, 20 per cent	..	151
London and Canada, L. & A.	77	..
London Loan	..	102
London and Ontario	90	..
Ontario Loan and Debenture	..	120½

COMMERCIAL.

Toronto Produce Market.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—Wheat—There is a fair demand and the market is steady, at 82½ for red winter west; Manitoba wheat is steady, at $1 03 for No. 1 hard, grinding in transit, and 92½c at Sarnia and on the Midland. Flour—Dull and easier, at $3 80 for cars of straight roller west. Millfeed and barley unchanged. Buckwheat, 31c east and 30c west. Rye—Steady, at 43½c to 44c west. Corn, 27c to 28c for yellow west. Oats—Steady, at 23½c to 24c for white west. Peas—Steady, at 44c to 44½c west. Baled hay, $8 to $9 for cars here. Baled straw, $5 here. Eggs are in fair supply and steady, at 16c to 17c for strictly fresh-gathered; 14c for held fresh, and 13c for limed. Butter—Large rolls are in free supply and steady, at 15c; dairy tubs are scarce and firm, at 16c to 17c for choice; medium butter is scarce and firm, at 12½c to 14c. Poultry—The stocks here are well cleaned up, and prices are firmer, at 9c to 9½c for turkeys, 6c to 6½c for geese, and 35c to 50c for choice chickens.

American Markets.

New York, Dec. 20.

NEW YORK—Flour—Receipts, 36,324 bbls. sales, 2,800 packages; state and western, dull but steadily held; city mill patents, $3 65 to $3 85; city mill clears, $3 40 to $3 50; Minnesota patents, $3 10 to $3 35; winter patents, $3 20 to $3 10; winter straights, $3 50 to $3 60. Rye flour—Dull; sales, 100 bbls. Wheat—Receipts, 151,700 bu; sales, 850,000 bu; options, No. 2 red strong all the morning on an advance in the December option and small addition to the visible: Jan., 98¾c to 99¾c; May, 91c to 91¾c; Dec. 99¾c to $1 00¾. Rye—Steady; No. 2 western, 50c c. i. f. Buffalo. Corn—Receipts, 21,450 bu; sales, 40,000 bu; options; No 2 quiet but firm with wheat; May, 31¾c to 31 9-16c. Oats—Receipts, 160,800; options, No. 2 slow but steady; track white, 28¾c to 33c. Butter—Receipts, 4,540 packages; firm; state dairy, 13c to 21c; state creamery, 15c to 21c; western creamery, 15c to 22c; imitation creamery, 13¾c to 18c; Elgins, 22c; factory, 12c to 17c. Cheese—Receipts, 4,657 packages steady; large white, Sept., 8¾c to 8¾c; small white, Sept., 9c to 9¼c; large colored, Sept., 8¾c to 8¾c; small colored, Sept., 9c to 9¼c; large late made, 7¾c to 7¾c; small late made, 8¾c to 8¾c; light skims, 6c to 6¼c. Eggs—Receipts, 3,814 packages; firm; state and Pennsylvania, 21c to 26c; western, 20c to 23c. Sugar—Raw, strong; fair refining, 3 9-16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4 1-16c; refined, firm; crushed, 5¼c; powdered, 5 5-16c; granulated, 5¼c.

BUFFALO, Dec. 20.—Flour, firm. Spring wheat, No. 1 hard, $1 01; No. 1 northern, 99¼c. Winter wheat, No. 2 red, 95c; No. 1 white, 95c; No. 3 extra red, 92½ to 93c. Corn, higher, No. 2 yellow, 32 1-2c; No. 3 yellow, 32c; No. 4 yellow, 31c on track. Oats, No. 2 white, 29c; No. 3 white, 27c; No. 4 white, 26c on track.

DETROIT, Dec. 20.—Wheat, No. 1 white, cash, 91¾c; No. 2 red cash and Dec., 92½c; May, 93¾c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Opening—Wheat, Dec., 91; Jan., 94¾c; May, 99¾c. Corn, May, 29½c. Oats, Dec., 21¾c; May, 22¼c. Pork, Jan., $8 70; May, $8 95. Lard, Jan., $4 57½; May, $4 75. Ribs, Jan. $4 42½.

English Markets.

HOLIDAYS.

Liverpool, Dec. 20.—The grain exchange will be closed on Friday, Dec. 24 Saturday, Dec. 25 and Monday, Dec. 27, and the provision exchange, Saturday, Dec. 25 and Monday, Dec. 27.

Liverpool, Dec. 20—Closing.

Wheat — Spot, No. 2 red western winter, no stock; spot No. 1 red northern spring, steady, 7s 8½d.

Corn—Spot American mixed, firm, 3s 2½d; Futures steady Dec., steady, 3s 2¼d; Jan., steady, 3s 1½d; Feb., steady, 3s 1½d.

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

Beef—Firm, extra India mess, 66s 3d; prime mess, firm, 46s 3d.

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

Hams—Short cut 14 to 16 lbs, firm, 33s.

Bacon—Cumberland cut, 28 to 30 lbs., steady, 29s 6d; short ribs, 20 to 24 lbs, dull, 34s 6d; long clear middles, light, 35 to 38 lbs, dull, 30s; long clear middles, heavy 40 to 45 lbs, dull, 29s; short clear middles, heavy, 45 to 50 lbs, no stocks; clear bellies, 12 to 14 lbs, dull, 40s; short clear backs, 16 to 18 lbs., steady, 30s.

Shoulders—Square 12 to 14 lb., firm, 29s.

Lard—Prime western, firm, 23s 6d.

Butter—Finest American, 22s; good, 60s.

Rosin—Common steady, 4s 1½d.

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

Tallow—Prime city, steady, 18s 6d.

Cottonseed oil—Liverpool refined, steady; 14s 9d.

Turpentine spirits—Steady, 24s.

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

The imports of wheat into Liverpool for the week were from Atlantic ports, 69,000 quarters; from Pacific ports, nothing; from other ports, 3,000 quarters; corn, 39,200 quarters.

Liverpool, Dec. 20, 2:30 p.m.

Wheat—Spot steady; demand poor; holders, offer moderately; No. 1 California, 8s 4d to 8s 4½d; No. 1 red northern spring, 7s 8½d to 7s 9d; No. 2 red western winter, no stock.

Corn—Spot steady; demand moderate; American mixed, 3s 2½d.

Peas—Canadian, 4s 9d.

Beef—Extra India mess, 66s 7d.

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

Bacon—Long clear heavy, 40 to 45 lbs, 29s; short clear backs, 16 to 18 lbs, 30s; long clear light, 35 to 38 lbs, 30s.

Lard—Prime western, 23s 6d.

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

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

Tallow—Fine, American, city, 18s 3d.

Turpentine—Spirits, 24s.

Rosin, common—is 1½d.

Petroleum—Refined, 6½d.

Linseed oil—15s 6d.

London, Dec. 20.

Cargoes off coast—Wheat, nothing doing; corn, nothing doing.

On passage—Wheat, quiet but steady; corn, rather firmer.

Country markets—English, partially 6d dearer; French, weak.

Chicago Exchange.

Following are the fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade furnished by F. H. Butler Broker, Masonic Temple. 'Phone 1,278.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—Dec	1 00	1 02	99	1 00
May	92¾	94¼	92¼	94¼
July	83¾	84	83¼	84
Corn—Dec	26¾	26¾	26¼	26¾
May	29¼	29¾	29¼	29¾
July	30¾	30¾	30¼	30¾
Oats—Dec	21¾	21¾	21¼	21¾
May	25¼	25¾	22¾	22¾
Pork—Dec	7 70	7 72	7 70	7 72
Jan	8 70	8 77	8 67	8 77
May	8 95	9 05	8 90	9 05
Lard—Dec	4 50	4 50	4 50	4 50
Jan	4 57	4 62	4 57	4 62
May	4 75	4 82	4 75	4 82
Ribs—Dec	4 47	4 47	4 47	4 47
Jan	4 42	4 50	4 42	4 50
May	4 57	4 57	4 57	4 67

Puts, 93¾; calls, 93¾

The Dairy Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Butter steady; western creamery, 15c to 22c; do, factory, 12c to 17c; Elgins, 22c; imitation creamery, 13½c to 18c; state dairy, 13c to 21c; do, creamery, 15c to 21c. Cheese quiet; large white and colored, Sept., 8¾c to 8½c; small white and colored, Sept., 9c to 9¼c; large late made, 7½c to 7¾c; small late made, 8¼c to 8½c; light skims, 6c to 6½c; part skims, 4½c to 5½c; full skims, 3c to 4c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Butter—Market steady; creamery, 15c to 22c; dairy, 12c to 19c. Cheese quiet, at 8½c.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 18.—The Watertown district cheese and butter market has closed for the season of 1897.

Live Stock Market.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Hogs—Estimated receipts, 37,000; fairly active; light, $3 35 to $3 52½; mixed, $3 35 to $3 55; heavy, $3 25 to $3 55; rough, $3 25 to $3 30. Cattle—Receipts, 14,000; strong and 10c higher; beeves, $3 70 to $5 40; cows and heifers, $1 80 to $4 40; Texas steers, $3 to $4 20; stockers and feeders, $3 to $4 25. Sheep—Receipts, 20,000; weak and 10c lower.

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QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

TAXPAYER.—What is the Christmas vacation allowed by law at the Collegiate Institute, and has the board of education authority to shorten or lengthen the same? Ans.—The legal holidays are between Dec. 25 and Jan. 3, exclusive of these days. The board of education has no power legally to add to or shorten the holidays, which are fixed by act of the Legislature. 2. If the board has no authority to lengthen the holidays, what penalty or other remedy is there to prevent the breach of the law? Ans.—The statute provides no penalty, and the remedy lies in the hands of the ratepayers not to elect trustees who disregard the law. The matter might be represented to the minister of justice with a view to amending the law providing a penalty, or it might be tested in the courts by an action to restrain the trustees paying salaries out of the public funds to the teachers for holidays granted by the board and compelling them to pay personally for such holidays.

CHRISTMAS.—Can the city council change the date of Christmas, or make Monday the holiday for celebrating it? Ans.—No; the council have no power to change the date of Christmas for religious and secular reasons. They could not make Monday a legal holiday for banks and public offices, or anything beyond making a request to the citizens, while Dec. 25 would still be a legal holiday as to banks and public offices, and be the Christmas of the Christian church, as to which the city council has necessarily no control.

Topics of the Day.

Everyone is surprised at the rapidity and efficacy with which Nerviline—nerve-pain cure—relieves neuralgia and rheumatism. Nerviline is a specific for all nerve pains and should be kept on hand by every family.

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The New Judge.

Our Ottawa correspondent telegraphs that Mr. John A. Barron, Q.C., of Lindsay, Ont., formerly a member of the Dominion House of Commons, has been appointed judge of the county of Perth, in succession to Judge Woods, who recently resigned. The new judge is pre-eminently fitted for the position. He is a man of a judicial frame of mind, and has had extensive experience at the bar. Judge Barron has many friends in Western Ontario, who will congratulate him on the preferment which he so well deserves. He is not a stranger to the county of Perth. His father, who was one of the pioneer teachers of the county, was afterwards principal of Upper Canada College.

Topics of Today.

Mr. Currie, the present independent M. P. P., has been again nominated in West Simcoe.

The big "stock in's" that you see in the stores which advertise their wares are for Christmas stockings.

One week from today will be municipal nomination day. Two weeks from today the voting will take place.

A dinner is to be given at the Toronto Club on the evening of the 23rd to Mr. H. P. Dwight, of the G. N. W. Telegraph Company, who then completes half a century's connection with the telegraph business in this country. Mr. Dwight was one of the pioneers.

The Board of Directors of the Dominion Coal Company have agreed to modify the determination to shut down the Victoria collieries of Cape Breton.

Hon. Mr. Mulock has decided to adopt in Canada the postal note system now in vogue in the United Kingdom. The new system will be put in force in Canada in July, 1898.

LATEST WEATHER FORECAST.

Toronto, Dec. 20—11 a.m.—Probabilities for the lower lakes region for the next 24 hours: Unsettled, with snow, or in some localities sleet; higher temperature today. Colder again Tuesday.

LOCAL MENTION.

ATTRACTIONS TONIGHT.

Jubilee Rink—Orient Carnival.
Princess Rink—Skating.
Colborne St. Meth. Church—Lecture.
Forest City Lodge, I. O. O. F.—Meeting.
Sunday School Anniversary — First Methodist.
First Methodist Ch.—S. S. Anniversary.
Central Ave. Rink—Skating.

Around the City

—Mrs. (Dr.) Wishart, of this city, is visiting relations in Oshawa.

—Alex. Jackson, of the G. T. R. car shops, fell off a ladder while at work and broke his left arm in two places.

—The Irish Benevolent Society will meet this evening in the president's office to make arrangements for distributing Christmas cheer.

—S. B. Sinclair, M.A., vice-principal of the Normal School, Ottawa, was in the city yesterday, the guest of Mrs. Jas. Armstrong, South London.

—The new United States consul in this city hung up his official shingle on Queen's avenue today. Mr. Culver's family have arrived in the city.

—The railways offer a Christmas rate of a fare and a third for a return ticket good from Thursday, Dec. 23, until Tuesday, Dec. 28, and single fare, good from Friday until Monday. The same rates apply to New Year's.

—The Sunday school anniversary entertainment of the First Methodist Church will be held tonight (Monday). A programme of unusual interest is promised. One of the prominent features will be the rendering of a beautiful piece entitled "The Arch of Fame."

—The many friends of Dr. J. Macgregor, late of Kent Bridge, and formerly of London, will be pleased to hear that he has settled in Mindon, Nebraska. Mrs. Macgregor left on the G. T. R. last Wednesday to join her husband in their new home.

—A Lindsay dispatch says: William Albert Helme, in the express department of the Canadian Pacific Railway, westerly division, died at his home here last night. There are two other brothers on the C. P. R., in important positions, one at London and one at Smith's Falls.

—One of the most attractive Christmas windows on Dundas street is that of Messrs. H. Davis & Sons. A brilliant display of jewels is set off at night by a number of colored incandescent lights arranged to spell the name of the firm, and which are worked automatically to show various colors.

Frank Tomlinson was before Magistrate Parke this morning, charged with selling a cigar to an 8-year-old boy. He was allowed to go. Frank Downing, up for driving a dray without a license, was ordered to procure one, and was discharged. Francis Wilson, for driving a delivery wagon without a license, was given a week to arrange matters with the city authorities.

—Mr. Charles A. Jones, of Plymouth, Wis., was renewing acquaintances in this city this morning while en route to spend the Christmas holidays under the parental roof at Kippen. "From Chicago," said Mr. Jones, speaking of the trip, "the train was crowded with Canadians coming home for the holidays, and we were a happy crowd, I can tell you."

—At the last meeting of the Lobo township council, a petition, signed by 350 ratepayers, asking that the question of continued local option be submitted at the coming elections, was thrown out. Local option was carried in Lobo three years ago by 60 majority. The Scott act carried in the same locality by 70 majority, and was repealed by 170 majority.

THE PRISONERS TREATED.

The inmates of the jail were treated to a Christmas dinner yesterday, including turkey, pudding, candy, fruit, and other delicacies. Messrs. D. S. Perrin, Sam Grigg, F. Matthews, Mrs. Hutchinson, and other prison aid workers, provided the feast. Afterwards religious services were held. The prison workers feel very grateful to Governor Boston for the aid he is always ready to give them.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY SITTINGS.

The adjourned sittings of Middlesex December sessions was resumed this morning. Oliver Brazell, vs. Frost & Wood, an action to recover $124 on a binder, was dismissed with costs. N. P. Graydon renewed his application for a non-suit in Betts vs. R. S. Williams, an action for recovery, tried on Wednesday, when the jury returned a verdict for $100 for plaintiff. Motion granted. In re Coyne vs. McNeil, an action tried on Thursday to recover damages for illegal seizure, the distress warrant having been issued on Sunday, and in which the jury returned a verdict for plaintiff for $104—$54 for the value of goods and $50 damages—Mr. Stuart moved to amend the judgment by striking out the $50 damages. Reserved. Adjourned until tomorrow, when the convicted criminals will be sentenced.

West London Comes In.

The Formal Annexation of the Village—City Officials Take Over the Books.

London West is dead! Long live West London!

The corporation over the Thames, which has continued so many years in single blessedness (?) linked its destiny with this great metropolis today and became endowed with all the privilege and dignity of an urban community. There was no ceremony. Not a drum was heard, not a bell was pealed. The inevitable brass band was absent for once.

This afternoon a little cortege left the city hall in carriages. It comprised Mayor Little, Treasurer Pope, City Clerk Kingston, Auditor Jewell, Chief of Police Williams, Chairman Greenlees of the school board, the press representatives and No. 1 fire brigade. It proceeded to West London, where the city treasurer and city clerk, in the name of the city of London, took formal possession of the village books. The latter, it is understood, will remain in the hands of the village treasurer and collector until the latter wind up outstanding accounts.

DEEP SNOW.

Nebraska Blanketed by "The Beautiful"—Two Feet to Thirty Inches—Good for the Wheat.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 20. — Another heavy snow storm is in progress in this state. During the last ten years a great quantity of snow has fallen, which, added to the 15 inches already on the surface, make it one of the heaviest in the state's history. Out in the state the whole snow fall is from two feet to 30 inches in depth. Stock on the ranges is reported in splendid condition. The grain men declare that the heavy covering of snow has saved the wheat from damage from the severe cold.

A NEW JUDGE.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—Mr. Irving, of Victoria, B. C., has been appointed to the supreme court of British Columbia in the place of Justice McCreight, who recently sent in his resignation.

FOUR BOYS AT A BIRTH.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 20.—Mahall Mullins, the famous moonshiner woman of Hancock county, has given birth to four boys, all of whom are alive. Mahall's husband is an individual weighing less than 100 pounds, while she weighs about 290.

DIED INSTANTLY.

Brampton, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Harvey Conover, wife of the proprietor of the Huttonville cheese factory, near here, fell from her chair while writing a letter and died instantly on Thursday evening, from a blood clot on the brain. She was a daughter of William Cook, clerk of Toronto township, and highly esteemed.

SHIP'S STRONG ROOM ROBBED OF $3,000.

New York, Dec. 20.—The story of the robbing of a treasure ship is told in the World today. The Ward liner City of Washington, that sailed from Vera Cruz on Dec. 1, and arrived in this port on Wednesday, carried in her strong room $600,000 in Mexican coin. During the voyage, the strong room, built to withstand the attack of almost everything but dynamite, and located as to be under constant observation, was broken into. Only $3,000 was taken by the robbers, but the general impression is that the scheme of the daring perpetrators was to seize the entire treasure.

Who Built the Pyramids?

Hard to tell in some instances. But we know who are the great Nerve builders. They are Scott & Bowne. Their Scott's Emulsion feeds and strengthens brain and nerves.

The body of Emil Wolf, drowned in Niagara River, was picked up on Saturday morning. It was attached by a rope to a small boat seen drifting in the river, the rope being tied around the man's ankle.

The great lung healer is found in that excellent medicine sold as Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup. It soothes and diminishes the sensibility of the membranes of the throat and air passages, and is a sovereign remedy for all coughs, colds, hoarseness, pain, or soreness of the chest, bronchitis, etc. It has cured many when supposed to be far advanced in consumption.

Mr. T. E. Dodd, for many years in charge of the traffic department of the G. T. R. in Montreal, has accepted the position of chief clerk of the general traffic department of the Canadian government railway system at Moncton, N. B.

FAGGED OUT.—None but those who have become fagged out know what a depressed, miserable feeling it is. All strength has gone, and despondency has taken hold of the sufferers. They feel as though there was nothing to live for. There, however, is a cure—one box of Parmelee's Vegetable Pills will do wonders in restoring health and strength. Mandrake and Dandelion are two of the articles entering into the composition of Parmelee's Pills.

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France Waiting Britain's Action

Before Seizing a Chinese Seaport.

London, Dec. 20.—Advices received here from Paris show that France is awaiting Great Britain's action. If Great Britain follows the lead of Russia and Germany, and occupies a seaport, France will forthwith follow suit.

The Cologne Gazette regards the occupation as merely a continuance of the co-operation of Germany with Russia in Eastern Asia.

London, Dec. 20.—An unconfirmed report is current here that part of the British far eastern squadron will be stationed at Wei-Hai-Wei this winter. If true, this indicates that Great Britain is working with Japan. The latter still occupies Wei-Hai-Wei, pending payment of the Chinese war indemnity.

The Globe says: Russia and Germany now have the two most important strategical positions in Northern China, and Great Britain—whose commercial interests there are ten times greater—must be content with the crumbs from the St. Petersburg and Berlin tables.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.—The Novosti declares the occupation of Port Arthur has nothing political behind it, adding: "It must be a matter of indifference to the powers who are not planning seizures of Chinese territory as to which point the Russian squadron chooses for its winter station."

CREDITON.

Crediton, Dec. 20.—Once more the jingle of the sleigh bells can be heard in our little village.

The school children's concert will be held in the town hall of this place on Wednesday, Dec. 22, and a first-class programme can be expected, as the teachers are sparing no pains to make it the success of the year.

Mr. Charles Eilber, jun., Mr. John Eilber and Mr. Wm. Wentzel each had their babies christened on Sunday, Rev. Mr. Schmitt officiating.

Mr. E. Simpson and Mr. Robt. Margerison were the guests of Mr. Joseph P. Morlock on Sunday.

Mr. Nelson Shears and Mr. Crocker, of Exeter, paid our town a flying visit on Sunday.

Still the R. T. of T. are adding new members to their ranks. This speaks well for the zeal and energy of the members.

The Misses Ball, McConnell and Corsey were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Holtzman on Sunday.

The Christmas festival of the German Evangelical Church will be held on Friday, Dec. 24.

Mr. Edmund Bertram intends to work for Mr. J. Preeter, of Zurich, and will commence his duties as clerk this week.

The quarterly review of the Methodist Sunday school was held on Sunday. Mr. E. Simpson took up the first month's lessons, Mr. John Trevethick, jun., took the second, and Dr. Rivers, of this place, the third. The school room was filled to its utmost capacity with interested parents and children. The ready answers that were given by the scholars, both old and young, and the attention that was given the speakers reflect great credit on the teachers of the Sunday school for the pains and patience they have given to their work.

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

NOTICE.

THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES Consul has been removed from the Tecumseh House to De Kipgamill's terrace, Queen's avenue. 7a

WORST IN YEARS.

Big Blaze in Moncton—Loss $40,000; Insurance $23,000.

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

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 20.—Shortly after midnight Moncton's worst fire for many years broke out at the corner of Maitland and Wesley streets, the business center of the city, and desperate efforts to prevent the first from leaping the narrow width of Wesley street alone prevented ruinous destruction. The fire may be summarized as, loss $40,000, insurance $23,000.

Steamship Arrivals.

Dec. 18.	At	From
Edam	New York	Amsterdam
Grecian	New York	Glasgow
La Bretagne	Havre	New York
Island	New York	Copenhagen
Dec. 20.	**At**	**From**
La Normandie	New York	Havre
Peruvian	Glasgow	Portland
Augusta Victoria	Gibraltar	New York

TRAINMAN KILLED.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Wm. Backus and John Thomas, Lehigh Valley firemen, were struck by the engine of a passenger train at Wende this morning. Backus was killed, while Thomas was so badly injured that he may die.

Hon. J. D. Rolland has been re-elected president of the Dominion Commercial Travelers' Association of Montreal.

A MOTHER SPEAKS.

Tells how Dr. Chase Saved her Boy.

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MRS. A. T. STEWART, Folgar, Ont., says: "From the 7th of January to the 30th, we were up night and day with our two little boys, employing doctors and trying every kind of patent medicine we ever heard of. At this time we did not know of Dr. Chase's Linseed and Turpentine until after the 30th, when our youngest darling died in spite of all we could do. Sometime in February the doctor told us our other boy couldn't live till spring. We were about discouraged, when I got my eye on an advertisement of Dr. Chase's Syrup.

"I tried at once to get some, but none of the dealers here had it. A neighbor who was in Kingston managed to purchase two bottles which he brought straight to us, and I believe it was the means of saving our only boy.

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"Always."

The word was uttered with all the earnestness of truth, and Honore's hand closed firmly on Mrs. Disbrowe's nervous fingers. But Mrs. Payte only muttered, curtly, that it was better not to make rash promises, and then turned away and stood beside the fire, with her back to the dying woman.

Softly fell the snowflakes past the curtained window; softly broke the dawn in the far east.

"Father, into thy hands"—Honore's low voice faltered, for in the patient, watching eyes had broken the glory of the end. Pure as the snowflakes, softly floating downward, yet untainted, rose the free spirit to which no taint of earth could ever cling again. Fairer than the dawn beyond the hills broke for the patient, waiting soul the morning of heaven.

"Is this"—the girl's eyes were lingering softly on the eyes she had so gently closed, and her tears were falling fast—"the end?"

"For us the end," Honore answered, turning and taking on her breast the drawn and rigid face of the woman who had lost her one companion, and looking into it the while with the steadfast bravery of faith; "for her the beginning of the bright and painless life."

"Don't touch me as if you loved me! I have been hard and exacting, rough and impatient. Leave me with her."

Through that hour's thought beside the dead no sound broke the silence—no cry for pardon passed the stiff, dry lips; Mrs. Payte's regret, after all, seemed to hold no remorse for her own harshness. It might almost have been that that long backward thought brought no remembrance of injury to the dead.

The hour had barely passed when Honore, entering softly, took the old lady by the hand and led her down into the warm sitting-room, where, though the blinds were drawn, the morning light fell clear; where a bright fire sent its cheery glow and pleasant hum to meet them, and where, on the breakfast table, lay one fresh, sweet rose, carrying its matchless lesson of the resurrection of life.

Then it was, and not till then, that tears welled up suddenly in the shrewd eyes of this little lady to whom grief had seemed an impossibility, and she turned her face and hid it on the cushions of the couch; while Honore—in her girl-wisdom, knowing it was well such tears should have their way—knelt beside her, soothing her only with mute caresses, and the silent strength of sympathy.

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"Don't stay with me, child. Of course I'm lonely, and of course I'm heart-broken; but don't stay with me, or you'll lose, beyond hope of recovery, every chance of a share in old Myddelton's money."

This was Mrs. Payte's almost hourly plaint during the days that intervened between Mrs. Disbrowe's death and the funeral.

"Of course I like you with me, child; but you ought to go, for your own sake."

Honore detected no selfishness in the speech. She saw that the old lady's feeling of loneliness was unfeigned, and she never hesitated in her own decision. Mrs. Payte had made arrangements to leave Statton on the day after the funeral. She had not quite decided where she should finally settle, but for a time she was going among friends. Once away from East Cottage, she said, where the rooms were haunted by memories of her old friend, she should stand a chance of regaining her spirits.

So, without a pang of selfish doubt or hesitation, Honore made her plans, too. She would stay with the solitary old lady through those few days at East Cottage, see her comfortably off upon her journey, and then feel at liberty herself to join her relatives in London.

"I wish you had gone when the others went," whined Mrs. Payte, as they sat together over the fire on the night before the funeral; "I am sure you are regretting it at this moment. What claim had I upon you that you should deny yourself for me?"

"I was not thinking of Lady Lawrence," said Honore, gently. "I was thinking of Mrs. Disbrowe."

"I know old Myddelton's sister will be enraged with you," continued Mrs. Payte, not heeding the girl's reply. "Probably she will refuse to see you when you do go."

"Then I shall come back."

"And you don't regret it?"

The tone was sharp, and the glance was a suspicious glance; but Honore did not notice either. "No, I do not—and never shall—regret it," she answered, simply.

Then, to her great relief, the subject was dropped for the last time, and the old lady received, almost in silence, the girl's sympathy and attention during that chilly day of the funeral. "Poor Selina," muttered Mrs. Payte, as she and Honore entered the cottage after the dreary ceremony, "I shall miss her greatly. "There was plenty of good in Selina—plenty; though she was weak and incapable. She was no relation of mine; but I shall go to the expense of wearing mourning for her when I find myself in a civilized neighborhood, where I can get a gown made to fit. Till then this will do very well. Eh, Honore?"

The girl's lashes were heavy with tears. Was this the only requiem for one who had been so patient, and who had loved her so much?

"It was very thoughtful of you to put on a black dress for today," continued the old lady, "but of course it was unnecessary. Everybody knows that Selina was nothing to you. If they had been at home at the Larches or at Deergrove they would have laughed finely. Now, child, let us have a cup of tea and arrange about tomorrow. Somehow, I don't like to part with you."

"We will not part until you leave Statton, Mrs. Payte," said Honore, gently, as they entered the sitting-room, and the maid-servant came in to change her mistress's boots; "I shall first see you off on your way to your friends."

Honore drew the old lady's chair and footstool up to the fire, and handed her her tea. True, she was pettish, and seifish, and complaining, but was she not old and solitary? And, in spite of her harshness, could not Honore see the lines of grief and of anxiety upon her face?

Early next morning Mrs. Payte, with her arm in Honore's, was waiting on the station platform. She had found out that she must travel by this early train, as she would have to change at Langham Junction, she said, and might have to wait there.

"I shall hardly take any luggage at all," she decided; "what need? I shall get my mourning where I am going, and of course I shall have to send back to East Cottage. When I have made my plans, I shall let you have my address. Now, what about yourself, Honore?"

"I shall go home after you have left, Mrs. Payte, but I shall be quite ready to start by the mid-day train for London. I have very little to take. We are not invited to stay with Lady Lawrence, you know; only to meet her there for the will to be made."

"And you intend, after all, to go in that startling gray and crimson dress?"

"Yes, Mrs. Payte; it is my best."

"Senseless child! when Mr. Stafford so particularly said that old Myddelton's sister liked simplicity. Well, it's no use arguing further about it. Where is that stupid woman with my rug?"

The stupid woman—Mrs. Payte's very patient maid-servant—came up with shawls and cloaks, and put them into a first-class compartment with her mistress. She herself then took her seat in a second-class carriage, provided with a plentiful supply of cold chicken and claret for her own refreshment during her journey, and the train rolled slowly on its way.

Honore returned to East Cottage in the fly which had taken them to the station. For more than an hour she stopped to cheer and to help Marie Verrien, who was alone now. After that she walked home to make her own preparations. They were quickly finished, as she said; then the servants (though they were on board wages) brought her in, unasked, a mutton-chop and a cup of tea. So, by mid-day, she was again waiting upon the station platform.

"Why, my dear Miss Craven," exclaimed Mr. Romer, meeting her there, "I thought you started this morning with Mrs. Payte?"

"Oh, no," smiled Honore; "she went by the 7 o'clock train. I am going to London, you know."

"Of course I know; that is why I felt sure you were gone. Why, if you had taken her train to Langham Junction, you would have cought the up express, and been in Kensington before now."

"Oh, what a pity!" cried Honore. "I never thought of it, nor did Mrs. Payte."

"Ladies never do understand anything about trains," remarked the rector, merrily. "Now let me see you snugly off."

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The Board Which Will Assist Hon. George W. Ross During 1898.

The Ontario Educational Council for 1898 is composed of the following members: James Loudon, LL.D., president Toronto University; Rev. N. Burwash, M.A., LL.D., chancellor Victoria University; W. J. Alexander, Ph.D., Alfred Baker, M.A., Maurice Hutton, M.A., University of Toronto, Toronto; Rev. J. R. Teefy, M.A., LL.D., principal St. Michael's College; W. Tytler, B.A., Guelph; F. W. Merchant, M.A., London; A. C. MacKay, M.A., McMaster University; A. P. Knight, M.A., M.D., Queen's University; Rev. Wm. Clark, M.A., D.C.L., Trinity University; R. W. Doan, 216 Carlton street, Toronto.

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The board held its first meeting on Friday afternoon and assigned to the different members the papers to be prepared for the July examinations of 1898.

JOHN COLEMAN'S TRIAL

On Charges of Perjury and Conspiracy in the Shelburne Case.

Brampton, Ont., Dec. 20.—The trial of John Hamilton, a magistrate, of Shelburne, and James Small, James Sammons, Adam Loudon and John Coleman, Melancthon farmers, was continued before Judge McGibbon Friday. These men are charged with committing perjury in connection with the Shelburne arson cases.

The evidence offered by the crown was fairly strong. One of its chief witnesses did indeed go back straight and direct on the evidence which was expected from him, and others were handled in such a manner by Mr. Johnston in his cross-examination that their testimony must have been very much weakened with the jury, but on the whole the impression left with the auditors in the court room was that the weight of evidence on the main points was very damaging to the prisoner.

The object of the crown was to prove that Coleman, the prisoner, was not at Shelburne, but at Everett, 20 miles distant, on the day that an order was signed, which he alleged he saw Mrs. Stephenson put her signature to, and for which allegation he is now under trial for perjury.

Several witnesses were brought by the prosecution to testify that they had seen him in Everett on that day. Of these witnesses, one concluded that he had been in error in the information he had given to the crown officers, and others weakened in the positiveness of their statements. Mr. Johnston's conduct of the defense was able, and has put a new complexion on the case, even for those who previously were strongly biased against the prisoner.

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In Labor's Realm.

Samuel Gompers Re-elected President of the A. F. of L.

Prospects of a Big Battle Among Iron Men,

That May Involve 35,000 Operatives—Building Contractors Fail to Pay Union Wages.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—The committee of C. P. R. telegraphers having failed to come to an agreement with Mr. Spencer, the matter has been referred to Mr. Tait. If arrangements cannot be made with him the matter will be taken to the president, Sir William Van Horne.

New York, Dec. 20.—A strike of iron workers on the Ivins syndicate building on Park Row promises to develop into a great labor battle between two powerful organizations, so the World avers. This comparatively small strike it is expected will result in a serious clash between the Iron League, the members of which are the leading iron manufacturers of the city, and the board of walking delegates, which represents the biggest building trades unions in the city. A lock-out, or strike, involving 35,000 men, it is said, will take place in the next week. Five hundred building workmen, mostly iron workers, went on strike on the Ivins syndicate building yesterday against Contractors J. B. & J. M. Cornell, the leaders of the Iron League. The strikers complain against the payment of no-union wages and the employment of non-union iron workers. Late in the day it is reported that the members of the Iron League had been notified of the strike and would hold a secret meeting. Mr. Cornell has been at work on other contracts, and more strikes may result unless he removes the non-union men, or requires them to join the union, and pays union wages. The league, it is said, may call on the united building trades bosses to aid in the fight against the board of walking delegates."

FEDERATION OF LABOR.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 20.—At Saturday's session of the American Federation of Labor the committee on president's report recommended that the president issue an appeal to the unions of the country for contributions of a fund for the aid of the striking engineers of England. The vote on the immigration resolution was 1,842 for the resolution, and 342 against it.

The election of officers resulted: For president—Gompers, 1,845; Kreft, 407.

P. J. McGuire and James Duncan for first vice-president and second vice-president, Robert Askew third vice-president, George B. Lennon treasurer, and Frank Morrison secretary, were elected without opposition. The choice of the next place of meeting was a conflict between Detroit and Kansas City, Mo. Kansas City was chosen.

A resolution calling for the immediate organization of custom tailors in Cincinnati, Detroit, Cleveland, Buffalo and Milwaukee was adopted. It was resolved to send fraternal delegates to the Canada labor congress. Duncan and Lloyd were declared elected. Most of the business has been transacted.

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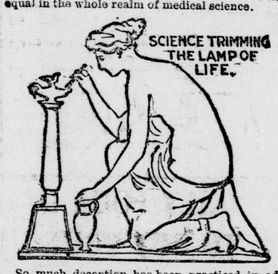
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UNSETTLED WITH SNOW.

Toronto, Dec. 19—11 p.m.—High pressure and fine, cold weather prevail from the lakes to the Atlantic throughout the Northwest, and southward to the Gulf of Mexico there is a general decrease in pressure taking place, and two low areas are forming—one over Alberta and the other over Texas. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Esquimalt, 34-38; Calgary, 4 below-22; Qu'Appelle, 18 below-4 below; Winnipeg, 20 below-2; Parry Sound, 8 below-2; Toronto, 2-15; Montreal, 4 below-6; Quebec, 4 below-8; Halifax, 12-18.

Probabilities.—Toronto, Dec. 20—1 a.m.—Increasing easterly winds, becoming unsettled, followed by a fall of snow; rising temperature.

Local Temperatures.—The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the observatory on Saturday were 23 and 10 above; on Sunday, 23 and 13 above.

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News About Town

—Col. M. D. Dawson has been laid up for some days with asthma.

—Mr. F. W. Merchant, M.A., of this city, principal of the Collegiate Institute, has been appointed a member of the Educational Council of Ontario.

—A broken wire at the Wharncliffe bridge tied up the belt line car service on Saturday night, to the great inconvenience of shoppers.

—Lieut.-Col. Charles Fisher, deputy postoffice inspector, of this city, attended the funeral of the late Mrs. (Judge) Davis at Sarnia on Friday.

—The Orient Club hold a carnival in the Jubilee rink, East London, tonight. Good music and a fine sheet of ice promise to make it an enjoyable one.

—Messrs. Watt, Stewart, Stain, Drennan, Lockhart and McDonald gave a concert in the Conservative Club rooms on Saturday night. Mr. A. R. Galpin presided.

—D. D. Hambly, B.A., from Chicago, and Miss Lynn R. Hambly, stenographer at W. Mann & Co.'s, are spending their Christmas vacation at their home in Lobo.

—Mr. Joseph Cheesebrough, of Chicago, formerly of The Advertiser, is visiting his father, Eva street, East London, and is busy shaking hands with old friends.

—Invitations are out announcing the marriage on Dec. 29 of Miss Maud G. Johnson, daughter of Mayor J. E. Johnson, of Leamington, to Dr. W. S. Piper, formerly of this city.

—Mrs. Jales Cattanach, of Van street, fell on the pavement in front of Strong's drug store on Saturday, and broke both bones of the forearm. Mrs. Cattanach broke her left arm in the same way two years ago.

—At a joint meeting of the Elgin and Middlesex county representatives on Friday it was decided to recommend that if the Coyne road bridge over the Thames be rebuilt, that it be of steel, set on steel cylinders, filled with concrete, and that the span be 240 feet with an 18-foot roadway.

—The funeral of the late Thomas Kershaw yesterday was largely attended. Service was conducted at the house by Rev. W. J. Ford, and the remains were then taken to the G. T. R. station, the cortege being headed by the Oddfellows and employes of the G. T. R. car shops, where Mr. Kershaw was employed for many years. The pall-bearers were Messrs. Wm. Reid, Joshua Hartley, Robert Bonney, Wm. Lewis, Harry Merritt and Fred Harding. The remains were accompanied to Hamilton for interment by Messrs. S. King, Thos. Treleaven, Sam Sercombe, Wm. Lewis, and Wm. Reid, of the shops' staff, and Messrs. T. Parkinson and W. J. Buskard, sons-in-law of the deceased.

—The question of closing the free library on legal holidays has been suggested by some of the members of the board of management. The rules of the institution say that it shall be open every day, Sundays excepted, and although the majority of the board are in favor of closing the place on such days as Christmas, Librarian Blackwell does not feel disposed to take such action in the face of the rules. This compels the janitor, librarian and two of the three assistants to be there on holidays. Neither the librarian nor janitor is ever given a holiday. On July 1 the papers and magazines called for numbered 17, against 77 on July 2. The average for every day in the year is 47. Last Christmas the library was visited by a few strangers only. The London library is the only one kept open on holidays in Canada.

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COST OF THE SESSIONS COURT.

The business of the Middlesex sessions court was practically completed on Saturday and the constables and jurors discharged. The cost of the sessions for police and jurors was $764 30, as follows: Paid to twelve constables, $113 80; petit jurors, $511 40; grand jury, $140 10.

LATEST MILITIA CHANGES.

First Hussars, London—To be veterinary-lieutenant, John Henry Wilson, gentleman, vice Wilson, retired.

Twenty-second Battalion, Oxford Rifles—To be surgeon-major, Surgeon-Lieut. and Honorary Surgeon-Capt. A. T. Rice, vice McWilliam, retired.

Thirteenth Battalion, Hamilton—To be lieutenant-colonel, Major Henry McLaren, vice Moore, transferred.

Twenty-seventh Lambton Battalion of Infantry, St. Clair Borderers—To be paymaster, with honorary rank of captain, Provisional Second Lieutenant Thomas Henry Cook, vice MacVicor, retired. To be honorary chaplain: Rev. Thomas Robert Davis.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

To R. J. W. and G. W. O.—The next civil service examination will be held on the second Tuesday of November, 1898, and the two following days.

Copies of former examination papers may possibly be secured from the secretary of the board of civil service, Ottawa, or from Mr. A. C. Stewart, London.

The subjects for examination are penmanship, English composition, arithmetic, geography, English, Canadian and French history, grammar and transcription.

Notice of intention to write and blank forms of application must be sent to the secretary of the civil service board at Ottawa at least one month before the date of the examination. The blank form will be sent on application to the secretary.

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In City Church Circles.

Sermons on the Modern Dance and on Christian Citizenship.

By Rev. R. Hobbs and Rev. J. W. Pedley —Sunday School Anniversary —Various Church Notes.

The Modern Dance.

Rev. Richard Hobbs, of the Askin Street Methodist Church, preached on "The Modern Dance" last night. He said he would very much rather have his daughters bitten by rattlesnakes than to send them to a dancing master to learn the art of dancing. The pleasure dance, he continued, was an enemy to physical and intellectual development, and to domestic felicity. It mingled the sexes in such closeness of personal approach and contact as nowhere else was tolerated in respectable society. It was a prolific source of idleness, ignorance, jealousy, ill-health, lust, despair and death to body and soul for time and for eternity. No church could contain Richard Hobbs and a dancer. If there was a dancing Methodist in his congregation one or other must leave. The Methodist renounced dancing in joining the church, and yet some of them went right off and did it, the miserable liars. He had been shut out of Methodist churches because of his stand upon this question, but felt he must do his duty.

Ordination at St. Paul's.

On Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock at St. Paul's Cathedral, the Bishop of Huron will hold an ordination service, when Messrs. Harold Sutton and Cecil Purton, of Huron College, will be ordained deacons, and Rev. Messrs. Ten Eyck, Collins, Westgate and Condell will be advanced to the order of presbyter. The sermon on the occasion will be preached by Rev. Geo. B. Sage, B.A., B.D., rector of London West.

First Methodist Anniversary.

Yesterday was the Sunday school anniversary at the First Methodist Church, Rev. Mr. Cobbledick, of Glencoe, preaching morning and evening. The children, who were in the galleries, had a large share in the musical services. An open session of the Sunday school was attended by 866 pupils. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Cobbledick, Rev. Ira Smith, of the Talbot Street Baptist Church, and Rev. Dr. Daniel. This evening the annual entertainment will be given, and a fine programme has been prepared.

At the Auditorium.

At the Auditorium yesterday afternoon between 350 and 400 men assembled to hear Rev. Robert Johnston give another of his interesting talks on "The Pilgrim's Progress." The stereopticon views with which the address was illustrated were excellent. The pilgrim's course was followed from Vanity Fair to Doubting Castle, where Christian and Faithful, after a good deal of trouble, escaped from the giant Despair. Next Sunday Mr. Johnston concludes the story. Solos by Mr. Large were much appreciated, and the congregational singing, owing to the fact that hymns were thrown on the canvas, where all could see, was exceptionally good.

Christian Citizenship.

"Christian Citizenship" was urged last night by Rev. J. W. Pedley, pastor of the First Congregational Church. The country wanted something more than business citizenship, he said. A great danger these days was that reputable and Christian men held themselves aloof from the duties and responsibilities of Christian life. Then, when an election was on, advantage was taken of their inactivity by men who swarmed like rats out of their holes, from the alleys and saloons, and took their positions. The men who are zealous for education and advancement hand over the reins of government to the rag-tag and bob-tail of society. Every man should exercise his right to vote, said Mr. Pedley. There was no bigotry so strong as that of the political party, and though party politics was not an unmixed evil, it should not be introduced into civic affairs. The speaker predicted that the coming vote in the city would be on strict party lines, and that the fitness of the candidates for the positions would not be considered, and to him it also looked as if party politics was to settle the hospital question. Mr. Pedley thought the remark of one of the Citizens' League—that half a dozen rowdies were on the council and school board—was unwise, yet he was not backward in stating that the best of London's citizens were not on the two boards.

Notes.

In the course of his sermon on the minor prophets, last night, Rev. W. J. Clark said that, judging by the frivolous and, for the pulpit, shameful subjects announced by some ministers in order to draw the people, he believed there were still some false prophets in the land.

Rev. Robt. Johnston, B.D., preached to large congregations yesterday, and took as a subject for his discourses "The History of the Westminster Confession of Faith." Yesterday was the 250th anniversary of the framing of the confession, and the discourse was most interesting and instructive.

Rev. David Anderson, B.A., of Guelph, preached two eloquent sermons in St. James' Presbyterian Church yesterday. Mr. Anderson made a most favorable impression, and in all likelihood will be tendered a call after the annual meeting, which will be held about the middle of January.

Yesterday Rev. Canon Richardson, of the Memorial Church, announced that the Christmas collection, which usually went to the rector, would this year be applied by him to aiding the poor of the church.

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Gents' Fancy Slippers	75c	Nurses' Chatelaines	$2 50
Gents' Leather Slippers	85c	Music Rolls	35c
Lambswool Slipper Soles	15c, 20c	Purses	5c
Leather Traveling Grips	$1	Purses	10c
Rubberine Traveling Grips	50c	Purses	25c
Shawl Straps	15c	Purses	50c
Collar and Cuff Cases	25c	Purses	75c
Razor Strops	25c	Purses	$1
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Carriage Lap Rugs, $1 20, $1 30, $1 50 and $1 75.
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Four-button Josephine, in tan and black, at $1 25.
Laced Gloves, colored and black, at $1.
Two-clasp Emperor, heavy embroidery, white, pearl, tan, ox-blood, green, brown and black, $1 50.
Two-clasp Monarch, black embroidery, fawn, tan, ox-blood and black, $1 65.
Two-clasp Reindeer, gray and tan, $1 65.
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Ladies' Silk Mitts, 50c.
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