







The Officers and Directors of the

Confederation Life Association

extend to the Policyholders and friends of the Association their best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year, and have much pleasure in stating that the New Insurance written during 1903 exceeds that of any previous year in the history of the Association, and that all other Departments of the Association's business show gratifying advancement.

Head Office, Toronto, January 1st, 1904.

CLUB COURIERS ON THE ICE NEW YEAR'S ANNUAL GAMES

Queen City and Granite Vice-Presidents and Toronto and Parkdale Presidents Won.

- Queen City Vice-President A. L. Malone scored a victory by 25 wickets in the Queen City's annual match between the two club officers. The game was played on perfect ice. New Year's Day in three shifts, following afternoon and evening. Morning afternoons.

WARSHIPS HELD READY

Portsmouth, Jan. 1.—The King Alfred is taking new crews for the battleship glory. Admiral Noel's flagship, the cruiser gunboat Kangua, is also being provisioned for six months and will remain on the China station in event of war. The cruiser gunboat Kangua is being held in readiness to be immediately dispatched to the Mediterranean, to replace vessels which may be sent there in the event of war.

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winner to see rain after night." Any-  
 way, Canada never had quite so much  
 danger to corruption in high places  
 as a state of affairs develop in which  
 applied at Toronto for instance? If it  
 cannot place thieves behind the bars it  
 can at least expose corruption and  
 make it so hideous as to teach a last-  
 ing lesson to a community. In this  
 respect the state is the people—the  
 supreme authority. Certainly, if such  
 a state of affairs develop in which the  
 whole people, the original source of  
 authority, is corrupt, then any power  
 conferred can scarcely escape the  
 charge of puerility and impotency.

Not must Canada imagine that she is  
 the only country. Bitterly unjustly  
 classed among the underdeveloped which  
 have better things to show. Of even  
 worse repute was Patagonia, a name  
 synonymous with all that was foul  
 and disgraceful, and where the pro-  
 spect and the people were equally vile.  
 According to all the older travellers'  
 tales, the famous quester and wanderer  
 would have been even more appropriate  
 to Patagonia than to Scotland. Does it  
 always rain here? "No," the aborigine  
 replied, "it whyles anava." But now  
 comes Sir Thomas Holdich, one of the  
 arbitrators in the recent Chile-Argen-  
 tine boundary dispute, who took ad-  
 vantage of his mission to pay two visits  
 each of several months duration to the  
 Patagonian Andes. While he admits  
 that the value of these pampas for eco-  
 nomic purposes was variable he asserts  
 that he knew "nothing more beautiful  
 than the southern farm lands in the  
 Magellanic territory, Scotland or  
 South America." Sir Thomas indeed  
 becomes quite enthusiastic in his de-  
 scription of the "long sweeping, undu-  
 lating down climbing upwards to the  
 forest clad hills, or down to the edges  
 of the great glacial lakes, and thru the  
 spread over their folds, filling in the  
 with its fragrance in flower time, the  
 started sheep racing away like deer,  
 often accompanied by long strings of  
 the ostrich or rhea."

**THE INSOLENT OFFICE.**  
 The Globe is saddened by the violence  
 of the opponents of the Ross govern-  
 ment. The Ontario chief of police of that  
 government in language of such severity  
 that it was compelled to retract.  
 Apparently the conflict between the  
 front page and the editorial page has  
 so confused our contemporaries that it  
 is beginning to imagine that some naughtily  
 Tory paper said the Ontario chief of  
 corruption had eaten deep into the heart  
 of politics, that every legislature from  
 Vancouver to Halifax was cursed with  
 relictment for the Ten Commandments  
 and the Sermon on the Mount, that the  
 government was seriously weakened  
 and the enthusiasm of the Ontario  
 by discredited election methods, that  
 those reorganization and vitalizing  
 necessary, and that the barnacles  
 must be removed with an iron hand.  
 Had a Conservative or independent  
 journal said these things and been com-  
 pelled to withdraw them, our contem-  
 porary would have had a strong case.  
 Among other things, it is said that  
 some opponent of Mr. Ross has been  
 mean enough to insinuate that he was  
 holding office for the salary attached  
 thereto. It is not necessary to make any  
 such accusations, therefore, that Canada  
 is not going to have it all her own way  
 as an alluring Eldorado for the agricul-  
 tural and the stock-raiser. All the  
 more necessary is it, therefore, that her  
 claims should be kept before the people  
 of Old Country. Britain, no doubt,  
 is a pot which will always boil over,  
 but there is a limit even to her over-  
 flow. Effort must not be stayed mere-  
 ly because there has been a great  
 awakening of interest on the part of  
 the British public towards the premier  
 of the Dominion. The impression must  
 be sharpened and deepened.

**LESSONS OF THE ST. LOUIS EXPOSURE.**  
 Some interesting lessons are taught  
 by the exposure of corruption in high  
 places at St. Louis. The reversal of  
 many of the convictions by the Supreme  
 Court of the state and the consequent  
 escape of the accused men has been  
 regarded as indicating the futility of  
 transferring individual affairs to that  
 uncertain entity known as the state.  
 If the uncertain entity of the state  
 proved its impotence in finally failing  
 to place these convicted men behind  
 the bars, the same agency proved its  
 inefficiency as an engine for the regu-  
 lation of vice in primarily exposing and  
 bringing to trial one of the strongest  
 gang of bootleggers that have ever cursed  
 a community. It required a powerful  
 probe to pierce the veil of hypocrisy  
 these bootleggers presented. It was a  
 grand jury, formed under the old Brit-  
 ish common law methods, that paved  
 the way for wholesale convictions.  
 The far reaching power of the institu-  
 tion for ferreting out vice may be  
 imagined when it is understood that  
 the investigation started in the St.  
 Louis grand jury room reached into  
 the United States Senate, sent an agent  
 to New York for Millionaire Snyder,  
 sent as fugitives from justice men in  
 half a dozen cities whose combined  
 wealth reached into fifty millions and  
 touched state legislators, congressmen  
 and leaders of the St. Louis city gov-  
 ernment. Many of these influential  
 men are still unable to return to the  
 United States without being confronted  
 by the warrants issued by the St.  
 Louis grand jury.  
 Fortified with all their wealth and  
 their social influence and their politi-  
 cal wire-pulling these adepts at con-  
 fusing the public mind were unable to  
 avoid the consequences of the grand  
 jury process. Those who did not flee  
 were not as thoroughly sentenced to  
 three to five years in the penitentiary.  
 Most of these convictions were reversed  
 in the higher court, but remained back  
 to the district court for trial. No  
 reasonable person will insist that  
 these men, exposed and forced to flee  
 the country or be convicted by a trial  
 jury, are not as thoroughly criminal as  
 actually confined within the peniten-  
 tiary to which they were formally  
 sentenced. Each has been discredited  
 and held up to public scorn.  
 Not within a generation can a man  
 subjected to this crucial test hope to  
 pass as an honest man. He sinks to  
 the level of a crook. The best talent  
 his millions employed saved him from  
 actual imprisonment. In a long trial  
 in which vast quantities of evidence  
 written and oral, are introduced, evi-  
 dence naturally creep in. When the ab-  
 sence of the country begin to seek  
 for other means of escape for their  
 client it is no matter of surprise  
 that they succeed. But a man saved  
 from the penitentiary because an initial  
 trial in which his name is wrong in the indictment,  
 because the clerk of the court has fall-  
 en to change his rubber stamp or some  
 other of these various technical errors that  
 are common to criminal law, is still a  
 felon in the eyes of his community,  
 and no reversal can save him from the  
 ignominy into which he has sunk.  
 These are some of the accomplish-  
 ments of that uncertain entity known  
 as the state in this instance. How

does an engine fraught with so much  
 danger to corruption in high places  
 compare with the grand jury system as  
 applied at Toronto for instance? If it  
 cannot place thieves behind the bars it  
 can at least expose corruption and  
 make it so hideous as to teach a last-  
 ing lesson to a community. In this  
 respect the state is the people—the  
 supreme authority. Certainly, if such  
 a state of affairs develop in which the  
 whole people, the original source of  
 authority, is corrupt, then any power  
 conferred can scarcely escape the  
 charge of puerility and impotency.

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHOLARS RALLIED IN MASSEY HALL**

Annual Gathering Was as Big a Success as Ever Before  
 The seating capacity of Massey Hall was taxed to its utmost yesterday morning on the occasion of the New Year's rally of the Methodist Sunday schools of the city. The platform was occupied by a large choir of senior Sunday school pupils, under the leadership of Mr. J. W. Richardson, an excellent program of hymns was rendered. Other musical numbers were solos by Miss Maggie Booth and Master Clarence Glass, and a selection by a quartet, consisting of Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Burkholtz, Mr. Almond and Mr. Bishop of the Board of Education. The combined orchestra under the direction of Mr. Carter provided some excellent music.

**LIUTENANT-GOVERNOR SHOULD ACT.**

Goldwin Smith, seen by The World, thus expressed his opinion on the situation: "The prerogative of the crown is, I take it, entrusted to the Lieutenant-Governor for the purpose of seeing that the constitution is observed and that the government is in the hands of those who have the confidence of the people. It seems to me that it would be a misuse of this prerogative if it were exerted for the purpose of party strategy, or for keeping in power those who had lost the confidence of the people. As to whether the present government has lost the confidence of the people, I can scarcely presume to offer an opinion. The general impression seems to be that I do not pretend to be a judge of the political situation, but it appears to me that the result of the present struggle of the government to hold power may wreck the Liberal party in Ontario and perhaps not without injury to the Dominion government in the approaching general election. "It looks to me as if the situation has reached the point where the Lieutenant-Governor must act on his own discretion, assert the prerogative of the crown and cease to accept the advice of the cabinet as representing the interests of the majority of the people. The Lieutenant-Governor is bound to act upon the advice of the ministers in all ordinary questions of policy, but not on the position of the present government. "If he was satisfied the convening of the body was an act of party strategy certainly he could. There are instances in Canadian history illustrating the exercise of the prerogative of the crown, contrary to the advice of the cabinet. This was true of Sir Edmund Head, Governor-General, when he refused to dissolve the Dominion parliament on the advice of George Brown, and I think he was quite right. Here the Governor-General exercised his discretion. Lieutenant-Governor Clark could exercise the same discretion independent of any advice in the present emergency. "Dr. Smith declared that the inference that the government convened the legislature for the purpose of avoiding the consequences of the pending protests was too clear to be combated. Therefore it was a move of party strategy which called for the instant exercise of the discretionary powers vested in the Lieutenant-Governor.

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New York, Jan. 1.—By means of a clever and carefully pre-arranged scheme a man calling himself S. W. Spencer, representing himself to be the British Vice Consul at Washington, an office that does not exist, has been traveling thru Europe since last October swindling banking houses with spurious drafts and forged checks drawn on prominent bankers and business men in New York.

In most of the cases of which evidence exists the name of C. E. Spencer & Co., bankers and shipping agents at Nos. 31 and 33 Broadway, this city, was used by Spencer, and this firm discovered the fraud in time to avoid serious loss. It is said, however, that the swindler has been issuing drafts and checks on the North German Lloyd and other steamship companies.

According to papers in the possession of C. E. Spencer & Co., Spencer has been operating on a scale which will probably involve sums reaching to thousands of dollars. The names of the checks bearing the names of the Credit Lyonnais of Paris, the Russian Bank of Foreign Trade, and the Anglo-American Express Company, and French, Lemon & Co., of Florence, were used.

Left Forged Cheque in New York. In the last two months letters of inquiry have come to Richard & Co., of London, from the Bank of London, Italy, which is close to Monte Carlo, and other European cities, all conveying information of the man's operations and asking for facts as to his identity and reliability.

While working on a large scale abroad Spencer was not above petty swindling here, for the Gilbey House in London, the proprietor of which by Spencer on Sept. 29 last and drawn to his own order on the Riggs National Bank of Washington, On one of the face of this check were printed the words "R. W. Spencer, H.B.M.'s Vice Consul at Washington, D.C." and the name of H. H. Mathews, assistant cashier of the Riggs Bank, which signature turned out to be a forgery.

It was during his stay at the Gilbey House that he called on Richard & Co., and had negotiations with T. E. Tamlyn, foreign forwarding clerk for that firm. To Tamlyn he said that he had been in the habit of the Traction Watch Company, Limited, of London, N.J., a case of watches to Emil de Loth, at Marseilles, France, and that he desired to make a return of the watches. He obtained one of Richard & Co.'s shipping instruction blanks, which he filled in for a return of watches to the amount of insurance \$12,800, and also one of their drafts, which he asked Richard & Co. to cash for him.

After waiting for this case of watches to arrive, the suspicion of Richard & Co. was aroused, and they wrote to the Traction Watch Company for information. The answer was that that company had no such watches, and that the man who had cashed the draft was not the person calling himself Spencer. The firm also communicated with the British Consul in this city, and learned that Spencer was not in the city.

He is on his way to Egypt, where the season is now over, and he always appears in the capital cities of such countries. He is described both by Mr. Tamlyn and the Gilbey House clerks, as well as by some of the articles being sent to a tall, slender man, about forty years old, with a light mustache, an English accent, and two teeth missing from the upper jaw.

**Etiquette of the Foreigner.**  
 The editor of Debut, which has now reached the 131st year, or existence, has published a volume of the protocol and certain maxims which he has adapted to the sacred ritual of the world. The volume is a reprint of the original work of the same name, published in 1870, and is a valuable work for the foreigner.

During recent years, he says, a practice has arisen of designating the dukes and marquises and the daughters of earls as "The Lord John" or "The Lady John," but the practice is not correct. "The" which is presumably intended as an abbreviation of "The Right Honourable" is not the proper title, which obviously are not entitled, strictly speaking, incorrect, and is of the nature of a foreigner's error.

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There were created four peers, seventeen baronets, 184 knights, 480 gentlemen, etc. On the other hand, there have died eleven peers, eighteen peeresses, thirty-one baronets and sixty knights. Three of the peers and two of the peeresses have become extinct.—London Daily Mail.

**Westminster Abbey Songsters.**  
 The Westminster Abbey Choir and Concert party delighted a large audience in Massey Hall last night with an excellent selection of old English part songs, glees and madrigals. Encores were numerous and the selections given were at all times appreciated. That well-known glee, "Hail, Smiling Morn," was given with a beautiful freshness and expressive tenderness. "The Bells of St. Michael's Tower" was a fitting encore and the voices of the boys and men blended beautifully to bring out the deep and high notes of the bells. The glee party also sang "Who Shall Take My Lady Fair" and for an encore "Come Let Us Go Maying." Mr. P. Coward has a remarkably clear, rich and penetrating voice, which was especially exhibited in the song "Mary," an old Scotch ballad. Edward Bramcombe gave "The Lowland Reed" instead of the "Bells of St. Michael's Tower," and for an encore "As I'd Nothin' Else To Do." The catch, "Ah, Oh," was followed by another vocalistic flourish, in which the vocalists wangled over whether the dead cat was a mouse or a rat. Tom, and appeared very much in earnest about Mr. Dudley Causton gave a laughable performance in which he imitated the various members of a village concert, beginning with the squire's speech and ending with the parson's son playing "his piece." A duet between a man and woman, in which he imitated both, was also given. Madame Marie-Helen gave some good old-time English songs, "True Lasses and Lads" and "Barbara Allen" being among them. Madame Helen sang an excellent voice and was twice encored.

The bust of Geoffrey Chaucer, just unveiled in the Guildhall Library, London, the gift of Sir Reginald Heber, is a convincing likeness of the father of English literature.

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