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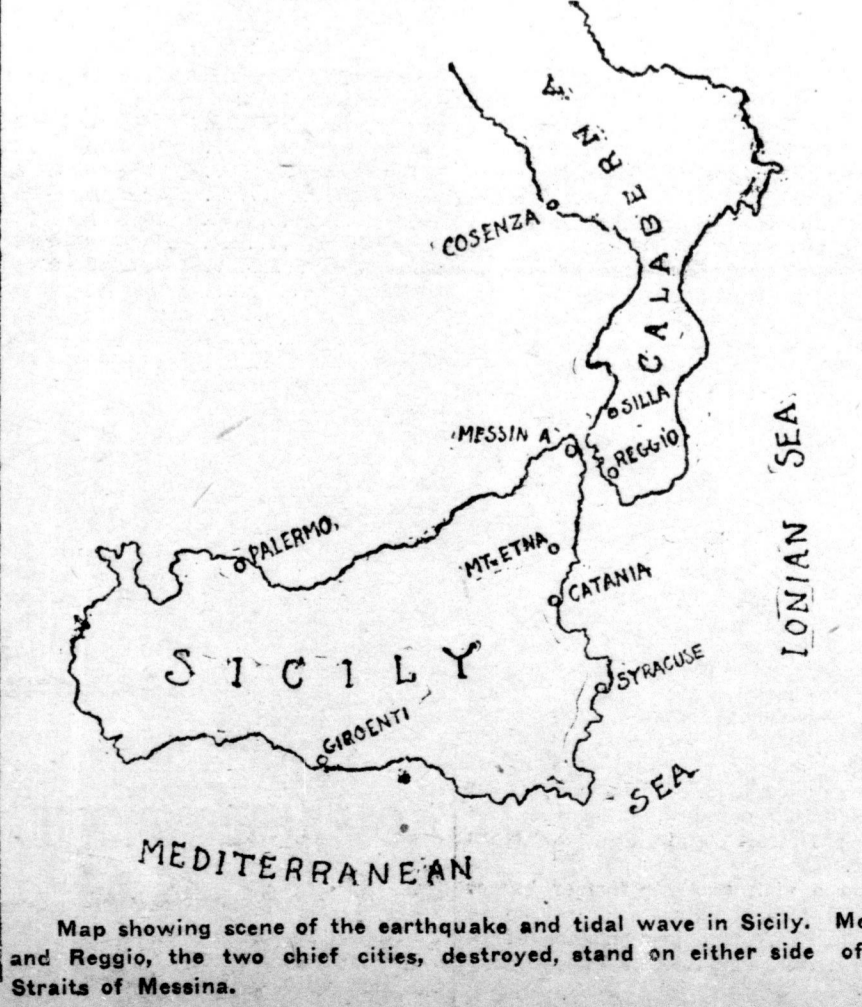
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There are at present 25 children in the Children's Shelter, Wharncliffe road, awaiting adoption, ranging in age from three to ten years.

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First Real Curling of the Season for New Year's Day

The annual curling match, which was to have been held on Christmas Day at the Thistle Rink, between the president and vice-president of the club, and which was postponed on account of the weather, will be played on New Year's morning at 9:30.

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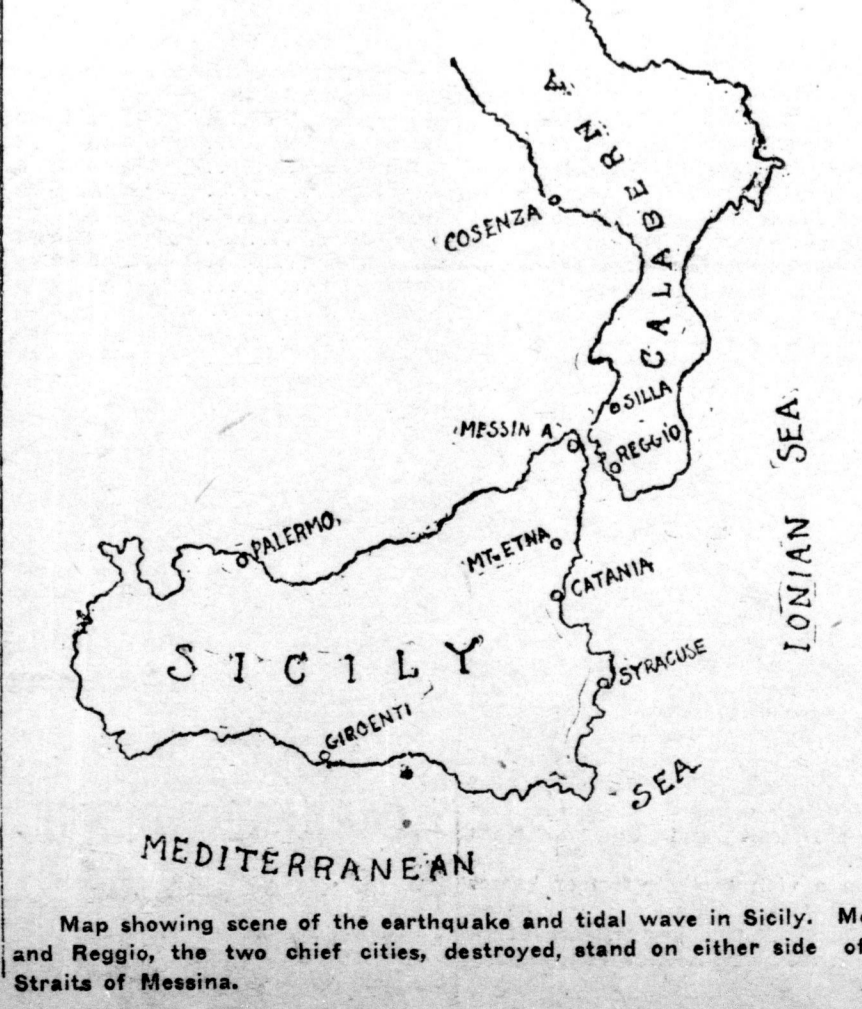
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John M. Parsons Criticized It and Commissioner Darch Defended It

Municipal matters were discussed at the meeting held in the city hall last evening, and a number of the candidates paraded themselves for the approbation of the electors.

The meeting was very orderly on the whole, and good-natured. One or two of the speakers were submitted to good-natured chaffing.

Mayor Stevely spoke first. He was recorded a good reception. He said he was glad to give an account of his stewardship during the past year. He regretted that the attendance was not larger, but it was probably owing to the fact that the people were satisfied with the present regime, and were content to have the same management again.

Year's Record. His worship then reviewed some of the work done during the year. He referred to the new agreement with the county for the maintenance of the county jail.

A Surplus. "We closed the year with a surplus amounting to nearly \$18,000," said his worship. "In spite of the fact that we had many extraordinary expenses to meet, such as the Quebec battlefields fund, the Fernie disaster, grants to the widows of firemen, repairs to bridges and the like, we still finished with a large surplus."

G. T. R. Negotiations. The mayor spoke of the many things coming up for discussion. One of the most important was the negotiations with the Grand Trunk Railway for a new station, and for the elevation of the tracks throughout the city.

Niagara Power. Mayor Stevely stood strongly for Niagara power, he stated. The coming year would be a very important one from that standpoint, and he was anxious to carry the project to a successful conclusion.

The Water Bylaw. His worship discussed the water bylaw briefly, stating that he was convinced that it was the only spring water scheme available. It would furnish sufficient pressure for all purposes. He opposed high pressure, as the burden of the cost would fall on the small property owners, and not on the people who would benefit by it.

Mr. John M. Parsons. John M. Parsons followed, and delivered a good address on high pressure. He justified his candidature by saying that there was a call for progressive men in the council, and with his experience he thought he could give good service to the citizens. He had neither fire engines, nor waterworks, to sell to the people; but he would give his services for the benefit of the citizens. He considered that he would be sufficiently capable of dealing with Niagara power or any other question likely to come up.

Highest Honors to London Fancier. Mr. John Pringle Makes Splendid Showing at Toronto Show. Toronto, Dec. 31.—Mr. John Pringle, of London, Ont., carried away the highest honors when two silver cups and a number of specialties at the fifteenth annual exhibition of the Toronto Poultry and Pet Stock Association, now being held in St. Andrew's Hall, at the foot of Eglinton street.

For the best pair of fowls in the show, Pringle won the silver cup donated by Hiram Walker & Sons, Walkerville, Ont., and also the Cooper Disinfectant silver cup, donated by Mr. P. Jacobs, Toronto, for the best collection of Barred Rocks. Both cups are to be won by an exhibitor three times before becoming his property.

HAZEN'S STATEMENT OF N. B. FINANCES

Largest Revenue in History of the Province. St. John, N. B., Dec. 31.—The first financial statement of the Hazen Government is made public for the fiscal year ending Oct. 31, of which they had control for about seven months.

The statement shows revenue of \$1,042,686,738 34, and expenditure of \$1,042,196 49, leaving a surplus of \$4,541 85. The revenue was the largest in the history of the province, and the expenditure was \$82,000 greater than in 1907.

The new Government, on taking charge in March last, found a floating debt of \$215,781, which they funded. The territorial revenue was \$349,000, the largest in the history of the province, although the lumber cut was much smaller than in many previous years.

Other chief items of revenue were: Dominion subsidy, \$521,000; liquor license fees, nearly \$200,000; Succession duties, \$32,000; Taxes on insurance companies, \$34,000.

The chief items of expenditure are education, \$254,000; interest, \$225,000; public works, \$228,000; and the provincial hospital, \$51,000.

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POULTRY SCARCE ON THE MARKET

Turkey Sold at Nineteen Cents a Pound. DUCKS WERE IN GOOD DEMAND

But Very Few Were Offered—Prices of Today and 35 Years Ago.

The market this morning was fairly well attended, but farmers had a great deal of difficulty in disposing of stock in any line, poultry being, perhaps, the leader for business. Prices were very stagnant, but few changes being recorded since Tuesday.

Turkeys sold from 19 cents a pound to 21 cents; geese a little higher, at 12 cents and 13 cents, while ducks, which were exceedingly scarce, remained steady. About ten ducks were offered on the square and in the shed, and it may be said that there were no poultry show medals dangling from any of them.

Hay sold at prices ranging according to quality from \$9.50 to \$11.50 per ton; straw selling at Tuesday's price, \$6 to \$7 per ton.

The prices for hides, tallow and wool may change Saturday, it being the first market of the month. Grain quotations, with the exception of oats, remained the same. One load of choice oats sold this morning for \$1.25 per cwt.

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TO EXPOSE THE FAMILY SKELETON

Aged Parents of Slayer of Annis Will Testify As to His Insanity.

Flushing, Dec. 31.—With the conclusion today of the testimony of Major Hains in behalf of his brother, Thornton J. Hains, now on trial as a principal, with his brother, Capt. Peter C. Hains, for the killing of Wm. E. Annis, counsel for the defence will call the parents of the defendant, Gen. Peter C. Hains, and his wife, in full of the mental condition of Capt. Hains following certain disclosures of alleged happenings at his home that caused a separation from his wife.

The spectacle of the aged parents opening further the doors upon family skeletons, and telling of mental weaknesses observed in Capt. Hains, will be proof positive to the jury that the army officer was insane from grief when he shot Annis down.

Thornton J. Hains will follow his parents on the stand, if the present plan of counsel are carried out. This has been made necessary by the further facts regarding his brother, which will be incorporated into a hypothetical question put to the alienists regarding Capt. Hains' sanity. The defendant will probably not take the stand until Saturday or Monday.

Lawyer McIntyre, whose illness caused an adjournment of the trial yesterday afternoon, seemed much improved this morning, and counsel said he believed himself strong enough to proceed with the case without further delay.

TOO HIGH INTEREST. King's Bench Confirms Penalty for Charging Excessive Interest.

Montreal, Dec. 31.—The court of King's bench, in appeal, confirmed the judgment by which Julia Lalonde, an agent of Tolman, was fined \$400 or six months in jail for lending money on behalf of Tolman at an illegal rate of interest.

SYMPATHY FROM MONTREAL. Council Pass Resolutions, But Can't Send Any Money.

Montreal, Dec. 30.—The city council today passed a resolution of sympathy with the sufferers in Sicily, but according to their charter, can't send any money.

ZAVITZ-JACKSON. Wedding of a Popular Young Lady at Kingsville.

A very quiet but interesting marriage was solemnized on Wednesday, Dec. 23, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jackson, Kingsville, when Miss Beatrice May Jackson, their only daughter, was united in marriage to Dr. William Ellis Zavitz, formerly of Theford, now of East Jordan, Mich. Rev. B. S. Black, of the New Beach Presbyterian Church, Toronto, officiated. Kingsville thus loses one of its most popular young ladies.

Through the bride's residence there has been of some what short duration, her many appreciable qualities have won her a host of admiring friends, who mingled regrets with their congratulations when the time came for her to take her departure.

Dr. Zavitz, whose home has been in Theford, and who is widely and favorably known, is a graduate of Chicago Dental College. Recently he began to practice his profession in the town of East Jordan, and with bright prospects he has decided to reside there for a while at least.

The ceremony was performed at high noon. The bride was given away by her father, and looked charming in a gown of Alice blue silk. Her going-away suit was of green chiffon broadcloth, with hat to match. The bride was the recipient of many beautiful presents, among the number a handsome sum of money from her father.

The happy couple left on the 8:30 car for Detroit and other eastern points.

After a visit to their former homes Dr. and Mrs. Zavitz will return to East Jordan. The best wishes of a large circle of friends accompany them.

That Sunday Car Citizens' Committee. To the Editor of The Advertiser: I, with others, have met some of the gentlemen whose names appear as

WEATHER PROBOS: Colder

STORE CLOSURES AT SIX TODAY. SPECIAL SERVICE IN THE TEAROOM. TOMORROW (NEW YEAR'S DAY) STORE WILL BE CLOSED.

Will Start the New Year Well

January Prices Will Commence Saturday for Ladies' Tailoring, Skirt and Waist Making

As usual, we are having numerous inquiries about this event, and might say we had not forgotten either, as we have been making our plans for some time past, and arranging to make January and February the busiest months of the year in these departments. Avoid the delay and waiting when the season's rush commences, by having your spring suits made now; and also save from \$5 to \$8 on the making.

This change of prices will take effect Saturday: Ladies' Tailoring

Ladies' Tailored Suits, regular \$22.00 for making and trimming. NOW \$17.00 Ladies' Tailored Suits, regular \$24.00 for making and trimming. NOW \$19.00 Ladies' Tailored Suits, regular \$27.00 for making and trimming. NOW \$21.00 Ladies' Tailored Suits, regular \$29.00 for making and trimming. NOW \$23.50 Ladies' Tailored Suits, regular \$34.00 for making and trimming. NOW \$26.00

NOTE.—Making and trimming includes all linings, bindings and ordinary outside trimmings. Skirt and Waist Making

Skirt or Waist, regular price for making \$2.00. Made now for \$1.50 Skirt or Waist, regular price for making \$2.50. Made now for \$1.75 Skirt or Waist, regular price for making \$3.00. Made now for \$2.25 Skirt or Waist, regular price for making \$3.50. Made now for \$2.50 Skirt or Waist, regular price for making \$4.00. Made now for \$3.00 Skirt or Waist, regular price for making \$5.00. Made now for \$3.75 Skirt or Waist, regular price for making \$6.00. Made now for \$4.50

Above prices do not apply to fancy dressmaking, but include anything and everything in Ladies' Tailoring, Skirt and Shirtwaist Making.

We must also state that these prices are not advertised for any definite time, the object being to book only sufficient orders to keep our machines busy and our large staff employed, instead of laying off during these winter months; and would also advise all who anticipate taking advantage of this great opportunity to book your orders at once, as you may expect any day to see the notice of the discontinuance of these prices, as last year in six days we booked all we could handle in the two months.

Remember, these prices call for the best work we can turn out, and that fit and workmanship is guaranteed on each and every order, whether it be large or small. We invite our out-of-town, as well as our city customers, to take advantage of the opportunity and share in the saving. Orders will be executed in turn as wanted. DON'T DELAY.

All sittings on ground floor. Make your selections in Dress Goods Department, and ask about prices. Note the savings, \$5.00 to \$8.00, on the making of your tailored suit. Commencing Saturday, Jan. 2, 1909.

Store closes 6 p.m. daily, Saturday included. Smallman & Ingram THE SATISFACTORY STORE PHONE 655 Dundas and Richmond Streets.

Beheads Aged Mother While Insane

New York, Dec. 31.—In a fit of insanity yesterday Arthur Trotter killed his aged mother, Mrs. Ann Trotter, by beheading her with an axe and a knife.

Trotter is said to have quarrelled frequently with his mother, who was a woman of 70 years, and of reputed means, and only yesterday the police say he finished a six months' term for beating her.

He was lodged in the psychopathic ward at Bellevue.

Fifty Perished in a Mine Disaster

Maybury, W. Va., Dec. 31.—The fatalities in the Lick Branch Company's mine, as a result of Tuesday's explosion, will probably reach 50.

At noon yesterday mine officials admitted that there are more than 30 men now buried under the debris, all of whom, it is thought, are dead. The mine foreman, however, insists that 40 men are still entombed in an old working near the Tug River side of the mine, where the explosion occurred.

The bodies of twelve men were removed Tuesday night. Eleven bodies were removed yesterday. Eighteen escaped from the mine without injury.

The cause of the explosion is unknown. State Mine Inspectors Phillips, Warner, Henry and Grady, who were not far away when the accident occurred, immediately came here and all night directed the work of rescue.

Practically all the women and children of the victims are bearing their grief in silence at their homes on the mountainside.

Winter Navigation of St. Lawrence

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—An interesting experiment in winter navigation is being carried on just now by the department of marine and fisheries in the Lower St. Lawrence. The Government steamer Montcalm left Quebec yesterday morning bound for Seven Islands, on the north shore, and made good progress down the river, despite the heavy packed ice encountered in the traverse. After that, however, the river was found to be comparatively clear, and it is hoped that similar conditions will continue as the voyage progresses.

While the object of the trip is to assist the steamer Christiania, bound for Severn Islands to head pulp at Clark City, the marine department and the postoffice department have availed themselves of this trip of the Montcalm to send supplies and mail to Tadoussac and other points on the north shore, which have heretofore been cut off from all communication with the outer world in winter.

Seven Islands are about 300 miles below Quebec.

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Nothing will remain undigested or sour on your stomach if you will take Diapiesin after your meal. This powerful digestive and antacid, though as harmless and pleasant as candy, will digest and prepare for assimilation into the blood all the food you can eat.

Eat what your stomach craves, with the slightest fear of indigestion or that you will be bothered with sour risings, belching, gas on stomach, heartburn, headaches from stomach, nausea, bad breath, water brash or a feeling like you had swallowed a lump of lead, or other disagreeable miseries. If you will get from your pharmacist a 50-cent case of Pape's Diapiesin you could always go to the table with a hearty appetite, and your meals would taste good, because you would know there would be no indigestion or sleepless nights or headaches or stomach misery all the next day; and, besides, you would not need laxatives or liver pills to keep your stomach and bowels clean and fresh.

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OKE—In this city, on Dec. 29, 1908, Richard T. Oke, beloved husband of Lillie Oke, aged 57 years and 8 months.

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PROCLAMATION!

At the request of a number of rate-

payors, public meetings will be held

during this week as follows:

On Monday at 8 p.m., in the City

Hall, to discuss bylaws.

On Tuesday at the East End Hall,

at 8 p.m., to discuss bylaws.

On Wednesday at 8 p.m., in the City

Hall, to discuss municipal questions.

On Thursday at 8 p.m., in the East

End Hall, to discuss municipal ques-

tions.

On Saturday, at 8 p.m., in the City

Hall, to discuss bylaws.

S. STEVELY, Mayor.

PROCLAMATION!

To the Citizens of London:

In response to a petition signed by

D. McLeod and others, I have called

a public meeting at the City Hall for

this (Thursday) evening, for the pur-

pose of discussing the water bylaw.

SAMUEL STEVELY, Mayor.

LARGE REWARD

BY VOTING FOR THE \$5,000 BYLAW

to provide a public building where con-

sumptive patients can be housed and

properly treated.

At present there are about 35 people in

this city suffering from this white plague,

and no place to take them, and they have

to be cared for in their own homes,

spreading the disease to other members

of the family. Therefore, VOTE FOR

THE BYLAW, and you will be rewarded

by helping the sick. 4c-zywt

WELLAND CANAL

Tenders for Supplies for the Year

1909.

Sealed tenders for supplies, addressed

to the superintendent, engineer, Welland

Canal, St. Catharines, Ont., will be re-

ceived until 10 o'clock Saturday, the

16th of January, 1909, for the supply and

delivery of various articles of timber,

hardware, castings, oils, etc., for use on

the Welland Canal and its branches for

the year 1909.

Specifications, forms of tender and other

information may be obtained at the su-

perintending engineer's office, St. Catharines,

on and after Thursday, the 21st Decem-

ber, 1908.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily

accepted.

L. K. JONES, Secretary,

Department of Railways and Canals,

Ottawa, Dec. 22, 1908.

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LONDON, THURSDAY, DEC. 31.

THE WATER BYLAW.

A number of prominent citizens, all of them large property-owners, have combined in asking the ratepayers to defeat the water bylaw in order that a promising experiment in artesian wells, set on foot by Hon. Adam Beck, may be carried a stage further before the municipality is committed to any scheme. These gentlemen fear that the commissioners' plan, if adopted, would end before long in the use of river water for all purposes, and they are hopeful that a sufficient supply of spring water can be obtained from wells at less expense than would be involved in going to Kilworth and to the Cronyn and White properties for natural springs.

The Advertiser has contended from the first that the requirements of the city would be met for many years by taking in the Kilworth springs, installing meters in all premises having more than one faucet, and establishing a separate system which would enable river water to be used for street sprinkling, factories, railways, and for fire protection in the downtown and manufacturing districts. This plan has never been placed fairly before the ratepayers. The present scheme of the commissioners provides for spring water for all purposes, and will add 1,200,000 gallons to the supply, according to the engineer's measurements. Most of this addition would be required next summer for street sprinkling and lawn services, which have been almost suspended for two or three years, and to supply the Grand Trunk, which has been pumping water from the river for its own use. It would not be long, unless meters were installed, before the city would be looking again for more water. With a pumping station on the north branch, river water could be turned into the mains at no great cost, while to go elsewhere for springs, or to resort to artesian wells, would necessitate a third pumping plant. Under such circumstances the city might be rushed into a filtration scheme by a weak-kneed board of commissioners. It will readily be seen why the advocates of filtration are championing the present project, although it is only fair to say that two of the commissioners are strongly in favor of spring water. They claim that a flow of over 2,000,000 gallons would be secured from the Kilworth and the north branch springs combined, when fully developed; but it is not safe or prudent to count upon more than the actual flow under present conditions.

It is almost absolutely necessary that the supply of water be increased before mid-summer. The urgency of the situation is one factor which strengthens any scheme placed before the public at this juncture, but the success or non-success of the artesian well experiments now being conducted can be ascertained without much loss of time. The worst that could happen, if the bylaw were defeated, would be the postponement of a decision for a few weeks, and the expense of taking another vote. The latter item would be nothing in comparison with the magnitude of the interests involved and the prospect of evolving an artesian well system, which would be much cheaper than the plan to be voted upon next week.

CONSERVING OUR NATURAL RESOURCES.

In inviting the Governor-General and Prime Minister of Canada to take part in an international conference for the consideration of measures for the conservation of the natural resources of North America, President Roosevelt shows that he believes the interests of Canada and the United States are identical. This is not the first time this important question has been brought to public notice. Repeatedly have forestry experts sounded the warning that both Canada and her neighbor are approaching the time when their forest resources must become exhausted, at the present rate of depletion. The same has been said in regard to the iron ore of the United States.

The natural resources of Canada have been much less exploited than have those of the United States, but they have the latter's example before them and should profit by it. Deforestation and waste, wherever they exist, affect the climate, soil and waterways of the whole continent, so that each country has a direct interest in the conservation of the other's resources. Representatives from Canada were present at the recent Congress on resources, held at Washington, and

evinced the heartiest sympathy with the programme mapped out. It is to be hoped the coming conference will lead to sympathies of the countries concerned. The resulting benefits cannot be over-estimated.

THE CONVULSION IN ITALY.

If current reports are not exaggerated, the catastrophe in southern Italy is the most appalling in recorded history. Italy, though favored by nature in many respects, has been more scourged by earthquakes and volcanic eruptions than any other land. If these disturbances are not more frequent there than in certain parts of South America and in Japan, they are more violent and are attended with greater destruction of life and property because of the density of population. The eruptions of Vesuvius from time immemorial have not driven humanity from the neighborhood. The Sicilian city of Messina, the center of the latest calamity, was overwhelmed in 1782, when 40,000 persons perished. For centuries swarms of Sicilians have continued to live in the shadow of Mount Etna, which has so often spread death over the island. The mainland city of Reggio, separated from Sicily by the Straits of Messina, has shared the fate of the city of Messina, and dozens of towns and villages are said to be included in the zone of horror. The thought of scores of thousands slowly perishing beneath the rains wrings the heart of humanity.

The earthquake is a phenomenon before which science stands as helpless as a child. It cannot be foretold, and scientists even disagree as to the causes. The theory is gaining ground that the source is the bed of the sea, and that the water, penetrating the crust of the earth is converted into steam that shakes and rends the surface apart wherever it finds a vent. It is said that the geography of Southern Italy has been changed by the recent convulsion, and that the Straits of Messina have been shifted.

Not a prominent citizen now raises his voice for the filtration fund.

Some of the retiring school trustees evidently deem discretion the better part of valor.

The river water advocates are suspiciously friendly to the water bylaw. Many will vote against it because of the friends it has made.

At last the great reform in the educational system, promised by the Whitney Government is at hand. Children must spell "honor" and "labor" with a "u."

It will be noticed that the friends of private power monopoly at the city council are again in the field. Free Press.

Why not be manly enough to mention names?

Fearful and wonderful is the "ougl" ending in the English language. Here are six varieties of pronunciation in one sentence: "Though the tough cough and hicough ploughed me through." Isn't this a good case for spelling reform?

One would think that at least a respectful consideration would be given to views on any municipal question expressed by such citizens as John H. Chapman, R. J. Young, T. F. Kingsmill, T. H. Smallman, C. B. Hunt, J. W. Little, W. M. Gartshore, F. E. Leonard, A. M. Smith, George G. McCormick, W. W. Thomson, A. Beck, John Labatt, F. G. Rumball, Thomas Baker and C. R. Somerville. Because these gentlemen have ventured to make representations on the water question, they are abused and insulted by the London Free Press. They are among the heaviest ratepayers in London; they employ thousands of people, and several of them have held municipal office. But they are sneeringly asked what they have ever done to solve the water problem, and they are virtually told to mind their own business. Is it any wonder there is a chronic complaint that it is difficult to induce representative citizens to take an interest in civic affairs?

HIS HOME.

[Cleveland Leader.] "Does your husband enjoy his home?" "Yes—whenever I want him to take me to the theatre."

A LITTLE SAVAGE.

[Hillegonde Blatter.] Little Nephew—Auntie, did you marry an Indian?" Aunt—Why do you ask such silly questions, Freddie?" Little Nephew—Well, I saw some scalps on your dressing-table.

A CHATTER CUR.

[Cleveland Leader.] "How did you cure your wife of chattering so much?" "I told her that when her lips were closed they formed a perfect Cupid's bow."

HEAVY RUMOR.

[Boston Globe.] "Alas!" confessed the penitent man, "in a moment of weakness I stole a carload of brass fittings."

CARMEN.

[New York World.] Where has the idea originated that Carmen was a sweet girl graduate or yet a woman with the delicate sensibilities of a court lady? Certainly not in the pages of Merimee. His cigarette girl heroine needs a large allowance of the glamor of romance to gloss a personality that is not exactly pleasing. Carmen fills an in-

teresting place in her native gypsy environment. But it is at least doubtful if she could secure admittance to a Broadway grillroom. Carmen was conspicuous by lacking in the attributes of a Friedberg and it is the best stage art to paint her as she was.

A MUSICIAN.

[Cassell's Journal.] Jack London, the author, was introduced one day to a musician.

"I, too, am a musician in a small way," London said. "My musical talent was once the means of saving my life."

"How was that?" the musician asked.

"There was a great milk in our town in my boyhood," responded London.

"When the water struck out house my father got on a bed and floated with the stream while we was rescued."

"And you?" said the musician.

"Well," said London, "I accompanied him on the piano."

ROLLING ALONG.

[Anonymous.] Don't you come a-whimin' an' a-pinin' 'bout de way.

Dat de days keeps a-rollin' along; Dar wouldn't be no sense in hangin' round de same ol' day.

An' a-singin' de same ol' song.

De snow has got to fade away to bring along de spring.

De trees mus' shade der branches so's de birds kin come an' sing.

An' de blossoms got to drop fram whah de fruit is a-gineter swing.

As de days keeps rollin' along.

ACT IV.

[Louisville Courier-Journal.] I calmly take my seat at 8 and quite at ease appear.

I watch the villain machinate without a bit of fear.

He gets the hero in a plight, but I give no roar.

I know that things will be all right when they ring up Act IV.

The villain countless hours doth wreck and plots against the roof.

But finally gets it in the neck, just as I knew he would.

I would that life had such a plot; I think I'd like it more.

If all the rogues their deserts got along about Act IV.

A CHANGE OF TUNE.

[Cleveland Plaindealer.] "Mamma, I'm tired of going to school."

"What's the matter, Willie?"

"The teacher for the frosty night."

"Now, don't say a word against your teacher, Willie. I've no doubt you annoy her dreadfully, and she seems like a very nice sort of person."

"Well, she said this mornin' that she didn't think I had much of a bringin' up at home, an'—"

"Wait! Did she say that? Well, of all the coarse impudence! You shan't go back there another day!"

Exit Willie, grinning.

ANTI-SPARROW CRUSADE.

[London Standard.] At a meeting of Mendelsheim Sparrow Club it was stated that during this year 458 old birds, 2,807 young birds and 3,914 eggs had been destroyed, a total of 11,689.

The local farmers pay a voluntary rate, based on acreage, from which payments are made for birds and eggs destroyed.

A NEW VIEW-POINT.

[Exchange.] "A case of love at first sight, eh?"

"No, second sight. The first time he saw her he didn't know she was an actress."

THE SONG OF THE PLUMBER.

[Puck.] Heigho! for the chilling winds that blow! Heigho! for the heigho! for the frosty night!

Heigho! for the weather "two below" and the wind that nips and bites!

Heigho! for the days of shortness know, when the plumber gets his rights! Then here's to the plumber!

Come, drink a drop; And here's to the pipes!

I leave at the shop; And here's to the pipes!

That burst for me, And the time when the plumber Will happy be!

Heigho! for the hurry calls I'll get! Heigho! for the task that's mine!

Heigho! for the bathroom soaking wet, a plight that I count divine.

Heigho! for the tools that I've forgot! Heigho! for the busy sign!

Then here's to the plumber, The plumber bold and true!

Here's to his soldier, And here's to his gold.

And here's to the pipes; That will burst for me; Heigho! for the plumber; That all must pay.

HIS EXPLANATION.

[Exchange.] "Well, you see," remarked the milkman, as he rattled his cans all about the cart, "it's sort of between hay and grass just now, and if the milk does taste a little of turnips, it can't be helped; but I don't see how the turnip was found in the milk. The cow must have swallowed it whole."

PROOF POSITIVE.

[The Scholar's Own.] Mother—Willie, are you sure you have washed your hands?

Willie—Oh, yes, mamma; if you don't believe me look at the towel.

FEE NOMINAL.

[Exchange.] "Oh, I shall only charge you a nominal fee," remarked a young lawyer to a friend who had called for professional advice.

"Well," replied the other, "for a man of your profession, that's phenominal, surely!"

NOT NEEDED.

[Success Magazine.] Frank Lincoln, who used to be well known in Chicago as an entertainer and humorist, had been appearing in London for a time in a monologue. One afternoon he had just made his bow and was about to begin, when a cat walked in and sat down on the stage.

"You got out!" said Mr. Lincoln, severely. "This is a monologue, not a catalogue!"

MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES.

[Judge.] Magistrate—You are charged with assault and battery. Are you guilty or not guilty?

Prisoner—I suppose I am guilty, your honor, but there were mitigating circumstances.

Magistrate—The plaintiff claims you gouged his eye, bit a piece off his ear, knocked him down and then walked all over his body. Now, what did he do that you should assault him thus?

Prisoner—He said I was no gentleman, your honor.

MOUSE STOPPED GOLF MATCH.

[London Standard.] On Killermont golf course, near Glasgow, a field mouse settled a match which had been started by the nineteenth green by getting in the way of the putt. The player at first thought his ball had struck a dead leaf, but the mouse, which had been partially stunned, was captured, exhibited as evidence of the veracity of the players, and dismissed.



"East Lynne" Tonight.

The favorite drama, "East Lynne," will be presented at the Grand this evening. It will be remembered that there are in this beautiful play moments of the greatest intensity. The company engaged for this presentation is claimed to have been selected with great care, and an adequate scenic equipment will furnish an effective background for the performance.

"The Devil."

"The Devil," Molnar's sensational allegorical comedy, which has been the talk of two continents, will be seen for the first time in London at the Grand on New Year's Day. Edwin Stevens, who created the role in New York city, will be seen here, supported by the original Savastri numbers. That the theatregoers here will take a deep interest in the production of the play is a foregone conclusion.

"The Bonnie Brier Bush."

The very popular stage adaptation of Ian MacLaren's tales, "The Bonnie Brier Bush," comes to the Grand on Saturday, matinee and night. The charm of the play lies in its simplicity and naturalness. It faithfully represents Scotch life as it really is.

"A Knight for a Day."

"A Knight for a Day," B. C. Whitney's latest musical play, will be the offering of the Grand on Monday evening. The music is said to be of modern and catchy order. It is above a jingle, and it meets with the requirements of the necessary middle-class drama. "Life is a See-Saw" is one of the prettiest numbers, and the chorus is brought in uniquely, and with some very taking electric effects. "Little Girl in Blue" is another number with "surprises," and a third is "Whistling as You Walk Out."

NOT SO SLOW

How Poles Evade Law Respecting Public Meetings.

London, Dec. 20.—The curious method adopted by the oppressed Poles in Germany to evade the provisions of the new law relating to public meetings was shown recently in the trial of three Polish residents of Ruhrort, in Westphalia, who had convened a political meeting.

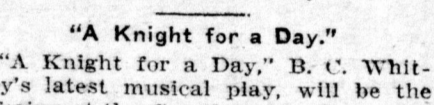
Paragraph 19 of the new law relating to public meetings provides every speaker to use the German language. The Poles circumvent this enactment by holding dumb meetings at which no word is spoken.

At the beginning of this particular meeting the chairman wrote on a large blackboard on the platform an announcement that no speeches could be delivered owing to the prohibition of the use of the Polish language, so that the lecture would be distributed as a pamphlet. This pamphlet was read by the audience in silence.

The resolutions to be submitted were then written on the blackboard and adopted unanimously by a show of hands, still without any word being spoken. The Poles base their action on the exact wording of the new law, which declares that speakers must use the German language.

They claim that they do not violate the law in this way, because it contains no clause prohibiting Polish publications in any form from being laid before a public meeting, and so far the courts which have been appealed to have upheld them.

An average of 500 employees of the street car companies of New York city are injured by accidents each month.



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THEY CURE RHEUMATISM, BRUISES, BURNS, SCALDS, GOUT, GRAVEL, CALCULI, NEURALGIA, MIGRAINE, HEADACHE, INDIGESTION, BILIOUSNESS, AND ALL AFFECTIONS OF THE URINARY SYSTEM.

SEALD TENDERS, ADDRESSED TO THE undersigned and marked on the envelope "Tender for burned timber," will be received until noon on Thursday, the 7th day of January next, for the timber damaged by fire on the Kettle and Stony Point Indian Reserves, County of Lambton, Ontario, excepting lots located to Indians, comprising maple, hemlock, white pine, beech, basswood, black ash and elm, and an immense quantity of cordwood, hard and soft.

Tenders should state the prices that will be paid for the different kinds of timber per thousand feet, board measure, and per cord for cordwood, over and above the Crown dues payable thereon at tariff rates, in accordance with the tariff regulations of this department; the measurements to be made by an Ontario licensed cutter, and sworn returns to be furnished and dues paid before shipment of the timber, and two years will be allowed for its removal.

An accepted check for two hundred dollars, payable to the undersigned, should accompany each tender, which, in the event of failure to carry out the undertaking, will be forfeited to the department.

The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted, and the unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.

Any further information required will be given on application to Mr. W. Stobbe, Indian agent, Sarnia, or the undersigned, J. D. McLEAN, Secretary, Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, Dec. 21, 1908.

Chapman's Store Open Tonight for NEW YEAR'S SHOPPING. Matchless Bargains in Ladies' Coats. Half Price and Less for These Long Tweed Coats. Ladies' Long-Length Tweed Coats, of dark, fancy tweeds, in fitting and full-back styles. Regularly priced at \$12.50 to \$16.00. You will find a table of them in a variety of pleasing styles. Come in and try them on, and take your pick for \$6.25. \$25.00 Coats for \$14.75. Ten only, Ladies' Black Broadcloth Coats, long-length, semi-fitting style, body and sleeves lined; in sizes 36, 38 and 40. Regular price \$25.00. Clearing sale price \$14.75. J. H. CHAPMAN & CO., 126, 128, 128 1/2 Dundas St.

ARTESIAN WELLS VERSUS RIVER WATER. Reasons Why the Ratepayers Should Vote Down the Water Bylaw. As between artesian wells and the scheme submitted by the water commissioners, there can be but one choice. Artesian wells have been proven to be one of the most efficient means of providing water for all purposes. Many cities on both sides of the Atlantic have put artesian wells to the test with the most satisfactory results, and tests made in our own city have served to emphasize the fact that this system of providing water has no superior, at least in an inland town. The Kilworth and Cronyn-White springs, which the commissioners propose to add to the city's service, will produce, according to their engineer's estimate, only 1,300,000 gallons per 24 hours, but will cost \$211,000. A liberal estimate places the cost of sinking the necessary wells for a million and a half gallon plant, comprising air compressor, electrically-driven pumps, etc., with a capacity of three million gallons, at \$65,000. The advantages of the artesian system are the low cost of the wells and equipment, owing to the simplicity of the apparatus, and low cost of maintenance, due to the absence of working parts exposed to wear. An electrically-driven plant would require but one attendant day and night. The London Electrical Company has two wells, one ten and the other twelve inches in diameter, 40 to 50 feet apart, which test 400,000 gallons per 24 hours, or four-fifths the estimated production of the Kilworth springs. Consumers pay for water in London 20 cents per thousand gallons gross. Winnipeg has artesian wells, and although they have to lift the water from a greater depth than would be necessary in London, and have to pay \$31,763.91 for softening the water, which would be unnecessary here, the consumer pays but 7 to 8 cents per thousand gallons, and it is expected that figure will soon be cut down to between 4 and 5 cents. Birkenhead, England, where there is an artesian well system, charges consumers but 5 cents per thousand gallons. The most damning feature of the commissioners' scheme is that it MAKES PROVISION FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF RIVER WATER into the homes of the people at some future time. The fact that the scheme calls for the installation of a 9,000,000-gallon pumping plant in the north end, while the Cronyn-White springs will produce but 800,000 gallons per day, is proof of this. LONDONERS DO NOT WANT RIVER WATER. The question of artesian wells will be discussed by Hon. Adam Beck and other citizens at tonight's meeting in the city hall. VOTE AGAINST THE WATERWORKS BYLAW. T. F. KINGSMILL, T. H. SMALLMAN, C. B. HUNT, J. W. LITTLE, W. M. GARTSHORE, F. E. LEONARD, A. M. SMITH, GEO. G. MCCORMICK, J. H. CHAPMAN, R. J. YOUNG, W. W. THOMSON, A. BECK, JOHN LABATT, F. G. RUMBALL, THOMAS BAKER, C. R. SOMERVILLE. The report of the state tobacco monopoly filed recently shows that the French nation last year consumed \$100,000,000 worth of tobacco, upon which the Government made a profit of \$75,000,000. Between 1903 and 1907 mechanical cabs in London have increased in numbers by over 700, while horse-drawn cabs have decreased by more than 1,600. Miss Ethel Cryder, one of the famous "Cryder triplets," was married quietly in New York on Tuesday to Mr. Cecil Higgins, formerly secretary of the British embassy at Washington.

SAM LOYD'S PUZZLES.

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PUZZLING NOISES



The young musician in the centre of the picture is surrounded by a variety of noises. No. 1 is plainly intended for a squeak. Can you name the other noises in the picture?

ANSWER TO MILKMAN'S PUZZLE PRINTED ON WEDNESDAY.

Let us call one of the 10-gallon cans A and the other B, and proceed as follows, to show how the milkman supplied his customers with two quarts each:

- Fill 5-quart can from can A.
Pour 5-quart pail into 4-quart pail.
Empty 4-quart pail into can A.
Pour 5-quart pail into 4-quart pail.
Fill 5-quart pail from can A.
Fill 4-quart pail from 5-quart pail.
Empty 4-quart pail into can A.
Fill 4-quart pail from can B.
Pour 4-quart pail into can A.
Which fills can A, leaving two quarts in 4-quart pail. Thus the milkman has supplied each of his customers with exactly two quarts of milk, and solved his perplexing problem.

THE LOST MILLIONAIRE

BY L. CAMPBELL DAVIDSON.

tion and leaped down the bank. He stooped and picked up something that lay there, and held it up. With graver faces than before those who watched him saw that it was a child's satin cap trimmed with rich lace.

"Is this anything of his? Do you recognize it?"

"Then he's gone! There is no hope! I knew it from the very first!" she cried out in smothered, broken words.

"Wait—wait," she said. "I can't believe it. It seems to me there must be some hope yet. The wheel marks of the perambulator were not near the river edge. And this cap of baby's—why would it be untied, and the strings hanging? I saw nurse tie it on myself before she went out. And it lay quite yards away from the wheel tracks."

"Mrs. Suter took away her handkerchief and stared at her with startled eyes."

"What do you mean? What are you trying to tell me?" she asked in a frightened voice.

"I don't know—I haven't thought it out enough, but there seems to me hope, somehow. I don't believe he is there—her voice sank—"in the river. I can't believe he's drowned!"

"Then where is he? Tell me that!" Mrs. Suter demanded in a loud voice. "You are merely saying that to soothe me. I know it well enough!"

"No! I feel there is something in this we don't understand. What if he had been stolen by some one for a reward? Things like that have happened before."

"The handkerchief came down again from Mrs. Suter's face and she stared at Dr. Violet for a moment. Then her eyes again changed. She dropped her head and said harshly:

"Nonsense! Impossible! Things like that never happen really! It is only cruel to you to try and make me keep on hoping. My child is dead!"

"So the police decided. The thing was clear enough. A careless nurse, given an alarm, had seen a dark motor standing still on the road, close to the scene of the tragedy, just at the time when it must have taken place. Why had the occupants not given an alarm? They tried to render assistance. This man swore at first that the motor overtook him a mile farther on, and as it passed him he heard the cry of a child from inside. But when this story was sifted he corrected himself with much embarrassment and declared he must have been mistaken."

Dr. Violet seized the story and clung to it. She could not make her nurse. But to people's wonder there was no answer. The current was swift and strong. Things thrown into the river at Millingford often were never found. Yet to Dr. Violet it seemed that something would have been dug out of the farther flat shores of the water, nearer the river. She could not convince herself that the

SIX PRIVATE BILLS FOR LEGISLATURE

New Ones Include Eastern Electric Railway Enterprise.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—A number of applications for special legislation appear in the Ontario Gazette.

Dundas wishes to consolidate its floating debt by the issue of \$20,000 debentures.

The Farran Transportation Company, Limited, ask validation of bonds. The municipality of Neeshing wishes validation of all sales of lands therein for taxes.

The National Trust Company applies for permission to dispose of the estate of the late Mary Lowell, of Niagara Falls, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in her will.

The Ontario West Shore Electric Railway Company wants validation of its contract with the Maitland River Power Company, and confirmation of an agreement with the Toronto General Trusts Corporation. The word "electric" is being dropped from the name.

The Eastern Ontario Counties Electric Belt Line Railway seeks incorporation. Its proposed line will run westerly from a point in Lancaster Township, county of Glengarry, via Cornwall, Osnabruck, Williamsburg, and Matilda, Edwardsburgh, and Augusta to Brockville; thence to the western boundary of Elizabethtown Township; thence northerly through Young and Darling, to connect with the Lanark County Electric Railway; from Morrisburg, northerly through Williamsburg to Winchester, Kenmore, Gloucester, and Ottawa, connecting with the Lanark Electric Railway; also a branch from Kenmore to Russell. Power to purchase the Cornwall Railway Company is sought.

LOST A FOOT. Toronto, Dec. 30.—Miss Ada Wright, 22 years old, in the employ of the Underwood Typewriter Company, had a foot so badly crushed by a street car this morning that amputation was found necessary at the hospital.

Whether she was hurried after the accident, Miss Wright had alighted from a car and with her umbrella held low rain falling heavily at the time, hurried across in front and was struck by another car coming down on the other track.

CHAPTER XI. The Suspicion. It was a suspicion that sprang suddenly full-grown into being. Who it was the person who first started it? From what mind did it spring? No one could have told you. It seemed to take form and shape in a hundred mouths at once.

There was a little party of men assembled in the local club. Oddly enough, most of the gossip of Millingford could be traced to that handsome brick building with the stone facings that looked out on the High street. Not a rumor of an engagement, set on foot before, there was any announcement, not a bit of scandal, but originated in that smoking-room with the big windows, from which one could rake the whole street.

If young Smith walked home with Miss Jones and carried her books from the library, there was a whisper all round the town tomorrow that he was paying her attention, and many a promising affair owed its nipping in the bud to the premature notice it received. The bread that toasted away a character, the suggestion that precipitated a downfall, they all might have been traced to those smoking-room windows where idle men loitered and watched the busy street.

This morning an elderly man came into the already well-filled room. He had white hair and a particularly careful manner of dressing. Major Noakes was never seen with a hair wrongly brushed. He came in pulling down his cuffs and smoothing his waistcoat. The men at the window, with cigarettes and cigars, did not turn to notice him till he halted them.

"Hallo, you there! What are you all watching that you are so intent about?"

"One of the younger men turned and nodded.

"Good morning, major! We're talking in the usual thing—the millionaire baby's disappearance."

"To be sure! To be sure! It's the mystery of the generation! Anything new on it?" He made his way to a chair standing behind one of the men at the window. In point of fact, that man had but just started.

Major Noakes dropped into it without the faintest concern and pushed it round to face the window and the view of the street. "Anything been brought to light?"

"Oh, nothing. Everybody still has his theory. Of course, Mrs. Suter is quite sure the child was drowned and the nurse with him. But it's odd that the lady doctor there—that Dr. Bramley—she won't be so sure."

"I thought the widow was annoyed with her for suggesting it."

"Yes, right. I hear there's been something like a split over it, and the lady doctor's got the sack. But it's odd how she sticks to her theory. She declares there was no accident. Mrs. Suter's angry with her for saying it. Of course, it does keep the mother on the rack."

"And they've parted over it?"

"So I hear. I know a girl who knows Miss Bramley—you can't call a woman 'Dr. Bramley.' It's too ridiculous. She met her while she was trying to practice down in the town, and she's made her way in to see her since. It took a lot of doing, too, if I'm rightly told."

"Well, well?"

"Well, the girl who told me says that Miss Bramley's as firm as a rock. She told the same thing she said to the chief of police before, and that they'd pooch-pooched. She wants to know how the carriage could run over the bank when the wheel marks stopped a yard from the edge, and that girl that ought to have been a detective."

"Oh, I don't know there's so much in that." The speaker was a man with a waxed moustache. He shrugged his shoulders elegantly in a method he had seen practiced in France. He went to Paris every spring and to Dieppe in the summer, and thought himself very cosmopolitan. "The perambulator might have struck something and pitched forward. It's absurd to found a theory on a thing like that."

(To Be Continued.)

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Advertisement for 'The Peoples Building and Loan Association' located at 428 Richmond Street, London, Ont.

Advertisement for 'The Keynote to Good Cooking Lies in the Purchase of a MOFFAT RANGE' with contact information for Westman's Hardware.

Advertisement for 'Silver Plate that Wears' by '1847 ROGERS BROS.' featuring an illustration of a silver spoon and text about quality and durability.

Advertisement for 'C. P. R. Atlantic Service' listing routes to Liverpool, Lake Manitoba, and Corsican, with contact info for F. B. Clarke Agent.

Advertisement for 'CANADIAN PACIFIC New Year's Rates' offering return tickets between all stations at single and one-third fares.

Advertisement for 'Every Woman' featuring 'MARVEL Whirling Spray' for hair care, with an illustration of a woman's head and text describing the product's benefits.

Advertisement for 'OCEAN STEAMSHIP TICKETS' listing routes for White Star Line, American Line, and Atlantic Transport Line, with contact info for E. De La Hooke & W. Fulton.

TRAVELLERS' GUIDE

SARNIA TUNNEL TO SUSPENSION BRIDGE AND TORONTO. Arrive from the east—7:30 a.m., 10:56 a.m., 11:12 a.m., 11:23 a.m., 6:20 p.m., 8:30 p.m., 10:10 p.m.

Arrive from the west—12:09 a.m., 3:35 a.m., 11:29 a.m., 1:10 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 6:25 p.m.

Depart for the east—12:11 a.m., 3:40 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 11:23 a.m., 2:05 p.m., 4:25 p.m., 6:13 p.m. (Eastern Flyer).

The trains leaving at 7:30 a.m. and 2:05 p.m. stop at all stations. Depart for the west—7:50 a.m., 7:40 a.m., 11:18 a.m., 11:35 a.m., 1:40 p.m., 8:18 p.m.

The 7:40 a.m. and the 1:40 p.m. trains stop at all stations.

LONDON AND WINDSOR. Arrive—10:25 a.m., 4 p.m., 6:50 p.m. (Eastern Flyer), 11 p.m. Depart—6:35 a.m., 11:27 a.m., 2:20 p.m., 8:10 p.m. (International Limited).

STRAFFORD BRANCH. Arrive—7:25 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:20 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 11:25 p.m. Depart—6:00 a.m., 10:26 a.m., 2:45 p.m., 4:55 p.m.

LONDON, HURON AND BRUCE. Arrive—10:10 a.m., 6:10 p.m. Depart—8:30 a.m., 4:50 p.m. Trains marked thus * run daily. Those not so marked run daily except Sunday.

PEARE MARQUETTE RAILWAY. Depart—5:40 a.m., 7:10 a.m., 9:40 a.m., 2:20 p.m., 3:40 p.m. Arrive—8:45 a.m., 12:20 p.m., 1:50 p.m., 4:40 p.m., 8:20 p.m.

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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY. Arrive—From the east 11:30 a.m., 8 p.m., 10:52 p.m. From the west—4:30 a.m., 8:35 a.m., 5:20 p.m. Depart—For the east—4:40 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 7:53 p.m. For the west—11:35 a.m., 8:10 p.m., 11:00 p.m.

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Advertisement for 'ROYAL YEAST CAKES' by 'E. W. GILLET CO., LTD.' featuring an illustration of a cake and text describing it as 'Most Perfect Made' and 'SOLD AND USED EVERYWHERE'.

MINISTERS FOR A QUIET SABBATH Letters Published by the Lord's Day Alliance and Citizens Opposed to Sunday Cars.

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Dear Sir—Yours of the 26th inst. received. I am unalterably opposed to Sunday cars, and I always have been; preach against their use, to my people as occasion arises, and, moreover, take pride in my consistency on this point. If in no other, as I have never ridden a Sunday car in the city or outside the city. To construe any words of mine otherwise or represent me as favorable to Sunday cars is a manifest misrepresentation of my position on this question.

I honestly believe that Sunday cars are not a necessity in Hamilton, and that their use, in summer time especially, is decidedly detrimental to the moral and religious interests of our city.

As London is without Sunday cars now, I would say, it had better so abide. My answer to Mr. Gilpin's questions were very brief, perhaps, inadvisably so, and, moreover, I did not even take time to state my personal views. The words quoted in their circular and cited by you—"I know of no active opposition to cars here"—was a short and candid answer to one of the four or five questions. This is true, for active opposition would be as futile in stopping Sunday cars as a man bunting his head against a wall.

The company here have the franchise to operate their cars on Sunday, and their rights cannot be interfered with. If the question were before the people I have no doubt the active opposition would be as keen, if not keener, than it is in London. I hope, sir, that my all too brief replies to Mr. Gilpin's questions may, in the end, contribute somewhat to the preservation of a quiet London Sabbath.

FRED. W. HOLLINRAKE, Pastor Zion Tabernacle.

I hear that you are facing the question of street cars for seven days of the week in the Forest City. This question, of course, had to come, but I most sincerely hope that the good people of that charming city will not be easily persuaded to surrender one of its greatest charms—its quiet Sabbath. London can boast of more of these natural features and happy conditions of a city that help to make life a delight than can most of the other cities of Canada, but chiefest among them all, I believe, is the peace and quiet rest that come on the first day of the week, from the absence of the noise of traffic and pleasure-seeking which it thus far has enjoyed.

If a word from me will still have influence with any in the city, please send them to preserve for themselves and for their families one of London's chiefest charms and happiest conditions—her quiet Lord's Day. It is not alone the immediate results of the Sunday street cars that are most to be dreaded, the greatest harm resulting is probably in the gradual creation of an atmosphere indifferent to, and, indeed, opposed to, the most precious associations of the Lord's Day. The effect of this on family life is harmful in the extreme. Perhaps its worst effect is seen upon the boys and girls from whom we hope for so much in this great land, who by a restless Sabbath are familiarized with conditions inimical to the best life of a community.

Nothing so manifestly recognizes God as the God of a community as the observance of the day which he claims as his own as a day of rest that should be sufficient argument, for in his favor is life, for a city as well as for an individual. I only wish that I were with you to lend a hand, I will not say to pray that your good efforts may be furthered and may result in success.

ROBERT JOHNSTON, American Presbyterian Church, Montreal.

In reply to your inquiry regarding Sunday street cars, I may say that they are used by many Christian people, who wish to keep up affiliation with certain churches that are far from their place of residence. But it could hardly be argued that the street cars are a necessity in such cases, for almost without exception these people pass the doors of churches of their own denomination situated within easy walking distance of where they live. In a city as large as Montreal the street cars may sometimes prove a great convenience to travel on the Lord's Day, but their necessity can scarcely be upheld; and I am sure the bulk of the patronage would immediately cease if there was a true Christian consideration of the rights and interests of the laboring men, who are thus compelled to labor on the Lord's Day.

C. T. SCOTT, Pastor Douglas Methodist Church, Montreal.

"A mistress cannot make a deduction from a servant's salary for breakages," the Acton, Eng., magistrate stated. "She must sue the servant in the county court."

CORRESPONDENCE.

An Opinion From San Francisco.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

I have read with a great deal of interest a number of your letters regarding Sunday cars on Sunday, and feel as if I should not allow this opportunity to pass without adding one more to the list. Living as I do, in a city where they run cars 24 hours a day, and seven days a week, I think I should know something about Sunday travel on the same, so would say to one and all of your voters to vote early and as often as the law will allow, to have the cars run on Sunday, as well as all other days. Give the church-going man a chance to ride wherever he may want to go. He will be as anxious to do so as any of your good citizens, who will vote for the by-law, for it is his duty to walk to church, twice a day, he still has that privilege. Services in all churches take up but a small portion of the day, so if he still desires to walk, there is no law to prevent him; but, mark you, I say—he will not always walk, but will do many other regular attendants at church will be doing—riding on Sunday, as well as Monday. Those who live at a distance from the different churches, and who have regular news, will get a chance to visit churches at different points of the city, so that the attendance at all churches will be as large as ever, but made up of different faces, and the pastor will readily recognize. Now, as to the working man, he is not such a frail creature that he cannot walk and do his share of it on a Sunday or any other day; but if it is his desire to ride, give him a chance. If it is his intention to go for an outing on Sunday, the fact of the street cars not running does not stop him, for he goes just the same. Your city is one of the prettiest on earth, and in my past 30,000 miles, so that the time is opportune to lay aside short clothes and put on those for grown-up people. "Enough said," to show which way I would work and vote were I still residing with you. Respectfully yours,

LONDON OLD BOY.

San Francisco, Dec. 24, 1906.

Effects of Sunday Cars.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

The Sunday car, whether to be or not to be, that is the question. The issue is one which should be divested of all side issues, too many of which have been introduced into the discussion already. As I understand the question, it is not one of mere convenience, nor of selfish interest, nor of gain for the individual, corporation or municipality. If there be no greater issue than these at stake, by all means let us have Sunday cars. We contend, however, that the broader and wider principle at issue is the moral one. Every conscientious man and every man who endeavors to live up to the golden rule and better condition of his fellow-men, should be careful to not let selfish or monetary interests warp his judgment or bias his decisions. The question to settle first, then, is what is the moral tendency attached to the running of Sunday cars? If the trend is towards a better kept Sabbath, to a larger average of the population in attendance at the churches, to a stricter observance of law, to greater sobriety, to more healthy development of the physical powers to endure the burdens and toll of life, we say, if the drift is towards general moral and physical betterment then let us have the Sunday car as quickly as possible. But, if on the contrary, the tendency of the Sunday car is for a wide open Sunday; if it will secularize the day and engender a disregard for the moral claims that our Creator has upon us; if it will diminish the average attendance at the churches; if it will increase the percentage of drunkenness; if the physical powers so much in need of recuperation are further taxed in the pursuit of pleasure; if respect and regard for the Sabbath are weakened, then it is the duty of every individual who has the interests of his fellow-men at heart to vote against the Sunday car.

The writer has travelled some 10,000 miles in many years throughout the Dominion, and in the eastern section of the United States, and as a matter of experience can affirm that in not a single instance has he found (where the Sunday car is a factor) the moral tone or the quiet and orderliness of the place comparable with the City of London.

We do not claim, of course, that the evils which attend the running of Sunday cars would immediately follow their introduction into London. The growth of evil is slow and insidious in a city whose population is in the main moral. It cannot be denied, however, by any careful observer that the running of the Sunday car is the entering in of the wedge which paves the way for many evils which will inevitably follow. The reason of this is, of course, the fact that the Sunday car can be exploited and perverted before the people under the guise of innocent pleasure, healthful recreation, etc. Nor is this to be wondered at for the street railway corporations themselves are not thinking of the pleasure or health of the people, but because of their avarice scheme to make Sunday the best paying day of the week by playing into the hands of outside, selfish interests. If the vote for Sunday cars carries and they become a factor in the life of our city and for a time do not pay, does anyone imagine that the street railway company will turn the cold shoulder to any company or interest who proposes to inaugurate Sunday concerts or other special attractions at Springbank? The answer to such a proposition is so apparent we need not follow this phase of the argument any further.

As to the increased attendance at church through the running of Sunday cars, we admit in certain instances downtown churches have benefited at the expense of the outlying churches, but it has not been shown by a single writer in this discussion that the total average attendance of all the churches in proportion to population has increased. The contrary is undoubtedly the fact. The writer attended a Sunday morning service in August in one of the large churches of New York City. The number present was about seventy-five. In the evening by way of contrast he was conducted by a friend to a beer garden. In the hall

and spacious annex from 1,200 to 1,500 people were drinking their beer to the discoursing of music and scarcely a vacant seat was visible. On the same day the multitude could be reckoned by the tens of thousands on the beach at Coney Island.

Coming back again to the question at issue, by what moral right should one class or section of a community deprive another class of their day of rest? Does someone reply that the law provides that if an individual has to work on Sunday he can demand exemption on some other day of the week? Can it be said that a quid pro quo for the Lord's Day, that it not the offer of a stone for bread, or of a serpent for fish? Has it really come to this, that in this twentieth century section of the community has the right to vote another class into Sunday work?

Let us put the proposition in another way. Suppose that the question to be voted on required each class of the community in turn to man the street cars for fifty-two Sundays each year and this in addition to their other regular duties; no class to be exempt. Each successive year the positions would be filled by lawyers, doctors, merchants, real estate men, carpenters, bricklayers, etc. Does anyone imagine that a vote for Sunday cars along these lines would stand a ghost of a chance, or does anyone imagine that the so-called Rational League would come forward and declare their willingness to start the ball rolling by manning the cars for the first year, and if not, why not? Because, possibly, of selfish interest. Because, possibly, each may have his little axe to grind. Because, possibly, each one is too willing to ignore the rights of his fellow-man.

The settlement of this question let us get back to the Book and its principles. The Creator has wisely ordained the day for rest, a day to be used, not abused. Let us do unto the other fellow as we would be done by, and the question of Sunday cars for London will be buried so deep that it will not be resurrected for many years to come. Yours truly,

"CONSISTENCY."

Rev. Mr. Birks' Rejoinder.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

In Monday's issue of your paper a statement was given by the self-constituted "citizens' committee" concerning the letter of Dr. Briggs to me. It is asserted that I had published this quotation about which Dr. Briggs is so horrified. I did not consider it necessary when the said committee had so widely disseminated it. The same committee requests me to publish a copy of the letter of Dr. Briggs. As my communication was only a note of inquiry, I did not think of retaining a copy. However, I am quite free to give the contents of that note. It stated that the Sunday car advocates were scattering the Sunday closed statement from him all over the city, and were classing him amongst those favoring Sunday cars. I asked him if he had been correctly represented, and he replied: "That reply was published in your Saturday's issue and Dr. Briggs' position against Sunday cars more strongly stated than ever."

Permit me to call attention to the following statements in Dr. Briggs' original letter already published: 1. My staff had a distinct difference of opinion in the case."

2. "A number of persons in this city (Toronto) had written under any conditions, using the Sunday car."

3. "Many use them for purposes of pleasure only."

4. "Personally, unless a city be very large, would very greatly prefer to be freed from the racket of Sunday cars."

The committee informs us that the words they quoted "was the only distinctive piece of information in Mr. Briggs' letter that seemed worth while to the committee" was apparently the only statement that seemed of worth while to their side of the question. As to whether the quotations above are not worth while to the presentation of the case the public must judge. This Sunday car committee also affirms: "There is not a statement in any one of these letters that modifies in any way the statement made in the quotation."

Do they mean to say that the whole letter of Dr. Briggs, from which the above four quotations are taken, do not modify their published statement: "Multitudes use them for convenience in reaching their places of worship." Do they think the quotations prove that Dr. Briggs' letter is an abuse from Sunday cars and that he is personally not in favor of them? Still they take out this portion of a sentence and publish it and him in a long list of those reported to be giving opinions in favor of Sunday cars and classing him as though he were one of them. Is this just and candid, "fair and impartial?" Again let the public judge.

The committee also said in the letter to your paper: "The reason that Mr. Briggs' statement was made (should be, was published) was this, that it has been said over and over again in London that Christian people and churchgoers do not use the Sunday cars in other cities." As far as I am aware such a statement has never been made by opponents of Sunday cars. I believe no such statement has ever appeared in the public press or been made by any opponent of Sunday cars of any recognized standing. What is to be thought of a committee that would publicly make statements that are relatively, if not absolutely, untrue?

They print Dr. Briggs' letter, all but the address at the heading. This was: Mr. V. J. Gilpin, Room 28, Bank of Toronto Chambers, London, Ont. It therefore seems from this and many other letters of inquiry sent out by him and replies addressed to him that the Mr. Gilpin, ex-pastor of the Unitarian Church in this city, ex-chairman of the Rational Sunday League, and last year so forward in agitating for Sunday cars, is still as prominent as ever in the same work only this time he is operating under the name of "Citizens' Sunday Car Committee"—a committee by the way, in which his name does not appear in their published executive.

REV. A. K. BIRKS,

Sunday Street Cars.

To the Editor of The Advertiser: Are Sunday street cars needed in London? After studying this question in all its bearings as well as I am capable of doing, I am bound to say that I thoroughly believe they are not.

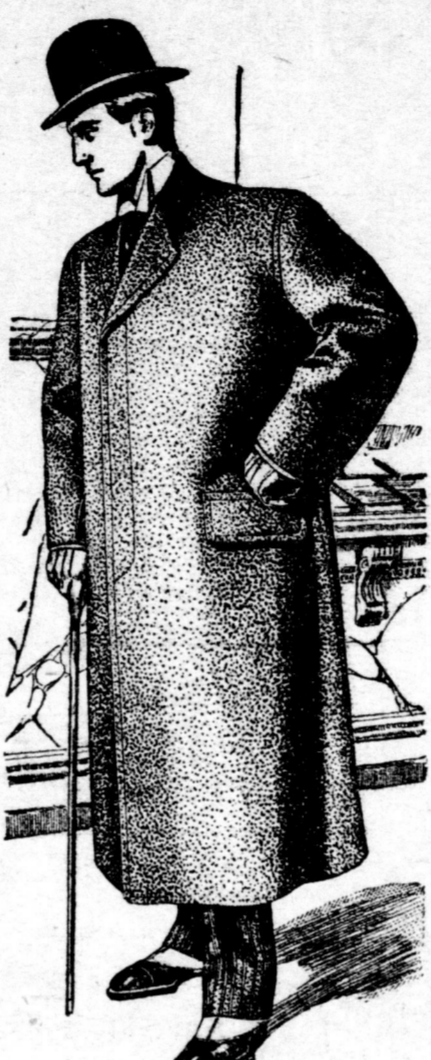
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And not only that, but I believe they would do a very great deal more harm than good. Why, it would be a clear case of breaking the command of God, "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy." This command would be broken by having the street cars, and their noise, running and doing business on our streets, like any other day of the week. Then it would cause many others to break it by having to work on the Lord's Day, who do not want to do so. It would also tend to do away with the Sabbath altogether, as it has almost done in many of the cities of the United States. (I spent two Sundays in Chicago and know what I saw there) and it would soon be the same here if the "Rational Sunday League" and its members had their liberty. And while I admit it would be a convenience to a few, it undoubtedly would be a great temptation to very many to make the Lord's Day a day of riotous pleasure instead of a holy day of rest. And it makes me

shudder to think of our lovely park at Springbank being turned into a place of hellish debauchery on Sunday evenings, when a crowd of Sabbath profaners would get there on the Sunday cars. I am told that it is a bad place for young people to be after dark as it is now. What would it be then?

I might say a great deal more, but will stop by saying to voters, think, O think, and pray before you vote for Sunday street cars. Yours, JAMES WEBB.

Dec. 23, 1906.

Sunday Cars Elsewhere.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

I, as a citizen of London, am greatly surprised at some of the letters appearing in the press re Sunday cars. I am very indifferent to some of those narrow-minded citizens who have sufficient capital that they can enjoy any Sabbath recreation they desire, while

the poor workman must be content, and either walk or remain at home. If some of those gentlemen would go East and spend a Sunday in Hamilton, Toronto, or Ottawa, especially a rainy one, they would then learn the real necessity of Sunday cars. Not detrimental to any city are they, but an acquisition. When we get them, just watch those fellows on a rainy night; they will be in the front row, and wonder why London has been so far behind. A conductor in Toronto told me that two-thirds of the people carried on the Sabbath were church-workers. If we had open air amusements, such as shows or theatres running, then the Sunday car movement would certainly help them, but on the other hand, we have a city protected from any of those Sunday pleasures, therefore why should the street cars be opposed?

Personally speaking, on Dec. 16, I had the pleasure of spending Sabbath in Hamilton, and one particular feature

that attracted my attention in the evening was to see the street car crowded with pedestrians stop opposite the church—parents taking the little ones to service. We cannot say that of London at present, but the time is not far distant when Hamilton will learn that our city is not too small to have Sunday cars.

I appeal to those few who are opposed to Sunday cars to reconsider the serious mistake and assist in helping us to make London an ideal city, adequate to its merits, placing an endless comfort within reach of those who live a distance from church or who may have some near friend in the hospital possibly elsewhere. London, as a body of people, will favor Sunday cars. G. A. WILSON, Manager. London, Dec. 30.

Newark, N. J., has 168 churches, but it has been found by canvassing the city that there are nearly 150,000 people there who do not go to church.

LATEST NEWS OF THE WORLD OF SPORTS

Goverpoint's Philosophy

That Edmonton team won a game which is all the natives get for their money. It is good advertising, perhaps, but somewhat... Now Chicago is going in for the Marathon game. With New York and San Francisco as running mates, the Windy City should create some disturbance in the running game.

anted the lion's share of the plunder. The public, however, will not stand for any attempt to grab Johnson. In his efforts to make the most of his position. He will get his, never fear. Fighting is now the black man's game. The po' white trash has nuffin to say. —Chicago Tribune.

HOW TO RUN THE O. H. A. CONTESTS

Secretary Hewitt Issues Instructions to Officials and Players.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—Secretary W. A. Hewitt, of the O. H. A., yesterday issued his annual instructions to referees, to govern their conduct of championship matches, as follows: All players must have certificates to be presented to the referee before play commences, and all players must answer to their names called by the referee.

Jeffries Refuses a \$50,000 Purse

Melbourne, Dec. 31.—James J. Jeffries, who refused an offer made by John Wren of a purse of \$50,000 for a fight with Jack Johnson, for the world's heavyweight pugilistic championship, win, lose or draw, has declined the offer.

The Wanderers Keep the Stanley Cup

Montreal, Dec. 30.—Though Edmonton succeeded in pulling out a win of 7 goals to 6 in one of the hardest games ever played in the Stanley cup series, yet they lost the cup to the Wanderers for a while longer. Despite the fact that Tom Phillips had his ankle broken in the last game, and could only watch the game from the side line, the Wanderers played better hockey than on their first appearance. Deaton and Miller showing up remarkably well.

TOSSED DISCUS OUT OF SIGHT

Sheridan Beat Flanagan in First Attempt, Then Became Champion.

New York, Dec. 31.—During one day last week Martin Sheridan fell into a reminiscent mood, and told how he first took up discus throwing. It seems to have been an accident that the great athlete ever tried the Greek event at all. "I was practicing with the hammer on the Pastime grounds with my brother Dick and John Flanagan one day when they brought out the discus. Mind you, this was before I had ever competed with the hammer. I tried it several times, and could not equal the throw of either Flanagan or Dick. They tried and went to the dressing-room, while I kept throwing the plate across the field. The best throw at that time was about twenty feet this side of the fence. Suddenly I twirled around and let the discus slip from my hand, and behold, it flew through the air like a bird, and was lost to sight over the fence. The boys had been watching me and came tearing out of the summer rooms. They could not understand it, and from that time on I took the discus. That's how I really became the world's champion with the little plate."

Londoners Are in Fine Shape for Galt

Every preparation has now been made for the exhibition game on New Year's evening, and fortunately the weather changed in the nick of time, and there is every prospect of splendid ice for the occasion. It is the first game for the intermediates this season, and Londoners for the first time will have a chance of estimating the probable chances of the team. The men played all the time, and making things very interesting for the Montreal defense. The visitors played all around

SUNDAY CARS IN THE WEST

Letters Bearing on the Subject From Newspapers, Prominent Citizens, Etc.

The Sunday car committee ask publication of the following: The letter is issued from Vancouver and Victoria. Vancouver got the cars in 1894, when it had a population of about 18,000. Victoria got them four years earlier, when it had about the same population. These are two wide-awake western cities. There is less regard for custom and tradition. The people in these places use the parks very freely and go down to the beach in large numbers in the summer months. The following are the letters: Sunday cars give the citizens a cheap conveyance both to and from friends, and also the convenience of attending the respective church homes. During the fine weather in summer it is possible that a large number take advantage of the parks in preference to churches. There is, however, little if any opposition to the running of cars on Sunday. ALEX. BETHUNE, Mayor, Vancouver.

"BAT" NELSON IS GOING TO RETIRE

But the Lightweight Champion Is Not Out of the Ring for Good.

New York, Dec. 31.—Battling Nelson is going to retire for a while. The lightweight champion today decided to let the other fellows fight it out, and then have the winner meet him for the championship. He wants Freddie Welsh, Young Otto, Tommy Murphy, Leach Cross, Cyclone Johnny Thompson and Paucy McFarland to meet one another until the whole thing is threshed out. Incidentally Nelson paid a compliment to Joe Gans. He said Gans was one of the best fighters he ever saw. He said that the Baltimore negro could trim any of the so-called candidates for championship honors.

JOKE ON MARK TWAIN

He Sees the Point When the Elephant Promised to Him Arrives.

Danbury, Dec. 31.—Redding, where Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) lives in comparative retirement in an Italian villa, is laughing over a practical joke on Mr. Clemens that was concocted by Robert J. Collier, the New York publisher. Mr. Collier's secretary, Miss Lyon, Mr. Clemens' secretary, a few days before Christmas, that he had arranged to give the humorist an elephant for a Christmas present. He asked them to prepare a place for it, and the members of the family, in consideration of the thought of such an addition to the stock on the place, but unwilling to risk an injury to Mr. O. H. A. this season, were to turn the garage into elephant quarters. A few days later a load of hay was received with the compliments of Mr. Collier, who said that it was for the elephant to eat. Next came a man who introduced himself as Prof. May, professional elephant trainer, who caused the garage floor to be greatly strengthened in preparation for the arrival of the beast, which was to be along the following day. The elephant arrived at night, and when Mr. Clemens went to view his gift he discovered in the garage a paper-mache elephant about as big as a full-grown animal. The humorist declares that the joke was a better one than he ever produced.

BRADT NOT WORRYING

St. Kitts' Arrested Mayoralty Candidate Takes Matter Coolly.

St. Catharines, Dec. 30.—The arrest of Landis C. Bradt, the mayoralty candidate, caused great excitement in St. Catharines. Bradt is a well known character. He took his arrest philosophically. When he was brought into the chief of police's office the first thing he did was to coolly pick up the desk phone and call up his wife. "Say, Jennie," he said, "they've got me arrested today. Maybe I won't be home. Tell John to feed the horses and make a good fire in the nursery." Bradt is a nursery man in business. It is said he claims that in signing Jacob Hayes' name to the nomination paper, he did so thinking the old gentleman had given him permission to do so, and that he thought there was no harm in it.

Senator Bernier Dead

Winnipeg, Dec. 31.—Senator Thomas Alfred Bernier died at noon yesterday after an illness of six days. The senator was stricken with paralysis on the street at St. Boniface on the day before Christmas, and while he rallied slightly since there was little hope from the first. The late senator was born in Henryville, Que., in 1844, and was educated at the College of St. Hyacinthe and called to the bar in 1869. He practiced at St. Johns for three years, where he was crown prosecutor. Previously he edited the Courier de St. Hyacinthe in the interests of a Conservative party. Removing to Manitoba in 1880, he was appointed superintendent of education in 1881, and held this position until 1890, when the new school legislation abolished the office. He was appointed to the senate of Manitoba University in 1890, and became registrar of that institution, which office he held until October, 1907. He was the first mayor of St. Boniface, and was re-elected three times, and was actively interested in a number of agricultural societies. He was the author of a work dealing with the agricultural resources of the Dominion. Politically he was a Conservative and religiously a Roman Catholic.

NEW CANNING COMPANY

Regina, Dec. 31.—At today's meeting of the directors of the London & Western Canning Company, the resignation of Mr. H. Malcolm as managing director, was accepted, and C. A. Fowler was appointed in his stead. The new president stated that the \$150,000 necessary to commence operations was forthcoming, and work would commence as soon as possible. The press was not admitted to the meeting, but it was learned that three additional directors were appointed: H. W. Scott, Ottawa; Hon. Hugh Macdonald, Winnipeg; and Mr. Barrie, Toronto. The question of raising further capital was left to the directors, which, it is understood, will make an effort to secure English capital. It was decided that the company hereafter be known as the Central Canada Meat Packing Company, the name of Malcolm being struck out of the articles of the association, and that gentleman, who organized the original company, having resigned from the managing directorship without condition, agreed to cancel his former agreement whereby he was to have six hundred shares of common stock as bonus.

WHY HE SELLS PALACES

London, Dec. 31.—The cable has told the news that the Kaiser is about to sell five of his castles with a view to retrenching his expenses, which have been very heavy, owing to his costly journeys and lavish pomp on all state occasions in recent years. No other monarch possesses so many castles as William II, who owns about fifty of varying size and magnificence. He has three in Berlin, thirteen in Potsdam and three in Cassel, Stuttgart, Strassburg, Charlottenburg, Wiesbaden, Coblenz and other places in the empire also have imperial castles. The Kaiser has always had a weakness for splendid palaces. In 1905 a splendid palace was begun in Posen, East Prussia, estimated to cost \$25,000,000. This year the Kaiser purchased at a cost of \$4,000,000 the beautiful Villa Achilleon in Corfu, which was built for the late Emperor of Austria sixteen years ago. The famous medieval Hohkronen.

REORGANIZATION OF REGINA CONCERN IS ANNOUNCED

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RETIRED CHAMPION STILL REMAINS OBSTINATE, NOTWITHSTANDING THE PRESSURE.

New York, Dec. 31.—Jim Corbett has rushed into print with some comments on the victory of Johnson over Burns. He insists that Johnson did not win the heavyweight championship from Burns, because the latter never held the title rightfully. Corbett insists that Jeffries is still the champion and declares that the latter never had a right to give the title away. While making this statement Corbett possibly forgets the night at Massey several years ago when just before a match between Peter Maher and Steve O'Donnell, of Australia, he climbed into the ring and announced that as he had decided to retire, he had turned the championship over to O'Donnell. This statement was generally ridiculed by the crowd at the ringside and with added emphasis when Maher scored a knockout in a punch. Then Corbett took his title back and fought it against Fitzsimmons at Carson City, Corbett believes that Barrington Kauffmann, there is no heavyweight in training who would have a chance with Johnson, and deprecates the fact that Jeffries will not come out of his retirement.

ROSSMAN QUILTS

Will Leave the Tigers in Order to Take Up a Profession.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 31.—Claude Rossman, who has decided to quit baseball for good, and that hereafter he will pursue the vocation of a teacher. Word reached Albany of his intentions today, but nothing further on the matter could be ascertained. The position of tutor has been offered him by the Johnstown, N. Y., high school, and the ball player has accepted the proposition. At the same time he resigned the position of keeper of the Pastime Club of Philadelphia. No inkling of a falling out with the Detroit management is reported. The news comes as a big surprise in Albany, and although Rossman says he is done with baseball, the position of manager of the Albany State League club will be offered to him at once. The management of the local team has been seeking George Kockill for the job for the past month.

ENTRIES FOR NEW YEAR'S ROAD RACE

The entries for the New Year's road race, which will be run at 10 o'clock tomorrow, are as follows: L. Walden, Frank Gilley, H. Lackey, J. McCall, G. Progers, H. Little, H. Empey, H. Morgan, J. Collins, B. Beach, E. Yohn. The race will start from 255 Dundas street and be run over a five-mile course. The event is run under the auspices of the C. A. A. U., and is strictly amateur.

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BARRY LOSES IN THE 39TH ROUND

Al. Kaufman Victor in Heavyweight Battle at San Francisco.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 31.—Al Kaufman, of San Francisco, won from Jim Barry, of Chicago, last night in the 39th round, before the Jeffries Athletic Club. Barry seconds threw a towel into the ring in the middle of the 28th round, after their man had been badly beaten, and was all but out. Barry's chief second stated that both his man's hands were badly injured, and that it was useless for him to continue and suffer punishment. The Chicago man was game, and wanted to continue. He was, however, completely exhausted, and had been put strictly for the previous round. In that round Kaufman sent a hard right to the jaw, and Barry went down for the count of nine. Barry's strength had been waning, and it was evident he could do no more. His face was badly swollen. Kaufman had a battered countenance, but his strength was undiminished. He took considerable punishment from Barry throughout the fight.

ALL WANT JEFF TO COME OUT

Retired Champion Still Remains Obstinate, Notwithstanding the Pressure.

New York, Dec. 31.—Jim Corbett has rushed into print with some comments on the victory of Johnson over Burns. He insists that Johnson did not win the heavyweight championship from Burns, because the latter never held the title rightfully. Corbett insists that Jeffries is still the champion and declares that the latter never had a right to give the title away. While making this statement Corbett possibly forgets the night at Massey several years ago when just before a match between Peter Maher and Steve O'Donnell, of Australia, he climbed into the ring and announced that as he had decided to retire, he had turned the championship over to O'Donnell. This statement was generally ridiculed by the crowd at the ringside and with added emphasis when Maher scored a knockout in a punch. Then Corbett took his title back and fought it against Fitzsimmons at Carson City, Corbett believes that Barrington Kauffmann, there is no heavyweight in training who would have a chance with Johnson, and deprecates the fact that Jeffries will not come out of his retirement.

THE TURF

Oakland, Dec. 30.—Winners today here were: Egottist 10 to 1, Exchequer 7 to 1, Altamont 15 to 1, Booger Red 13 to 2, Rockstone 7 to 1, Knight Deck 9 to 2. Los Angeles, Dec. 30.—Winners here today were: Steel 9 to 5, Whidden 39 to 1, Seymour Butler 13 to 5, Obicular 9 to 2, Adoration even, King James 2 to 9.

HAPPENINGS OF A DAY IN BUSY EAST LONDON.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT

Was Held Last Night in King Street Presbyterian Church.

The annual Sunday school entertainment of the members of the King Street Presbyterian Church was held last evening, a large crowd attending.

Rev. Jas. Rollins, the pastor of the church, presided, while an excellent programme was carried out. Supper was served to the children from 5 to 7 o'clock, the programme commencing at 7:45. The first number was a Christmas chorus by the members of the school and was followed by "The Toy Man's Shop," a chorus by Miss Walsh's class. Other numbers were: "Rock of Ages," by Miss Margaret Taylor's class; "Our Doves," by Mrs. Walker's and Miss Atkinson's class; "On the Old Camp Grounds," by Mrs. Ross's class; a chorus by Miss Dorris's class; "Doll's Song," by the Infant class; dialogue, by Mrs. Perry's class; "Great Britain and Her Colonies and the Navy," by Mrs. Morrison's class.

Other numbers were, a recitation by Miss Blanche Barkar, instrumental solo, by Master Austin Wright, and instrumental duet, by Arnold Webster and Richard Hill.

Fred Wainless recited the prize for selling the greatest number of tickets for the entertainment.

At the conclusion of the programme, Santa Claus appeared and opened his Christmas shop, from which he awarded oranges and candy to the scholars.

MR. GEO. WRIGHT ELECTED TRUSTEE

Lively School Election in Chelsea Green Yesterday.

The annual meeting of the ratepayers was held (at the call of the school trustees), in the Presbyterian Mission, Chelsea Green, on Wednesday, Dec. 30, at 10 a.m., with Mr. George Fye occupying the chair, and Mr. H. Clark, secretary, when considerable business was done. First, the minutes of the last annual meeting (held on Jan. 4, 1908), were read and accepted. Then Mr. J. McNeill, secretary of the school board, read the annual report, showing a very substantial surplus, which will come in very handy, as they are going to build a new schoolhouse, to be opened immediately after summer vacation. This report was also accepted.

Then came the event of the day, election of a school trustee, which, to say the least, was very warm, the candidates being Mr. John Pearson, proposed by James Grant; Mr. George W. Wright, proposed by Mr. George Clayton and W. J. Gibling.

At first, the polling was rather one-sided, with Mr. Pearson a strong favorite, he having had his guns unlimbered and trained on the enemy's position.

The Wright party, however, by a little skirmishing, managed to bring the vote to a tie at 1 o'clock.

Thereby executing a flank movement, they rolled in three votes in his favor. The fighting was back and forth from then till 5 p.m., when the battle was a draw again, with the Pearsons rather downhearted.

Mr. Grant, however, not wishing to see his candidate defeated, went for "enforcements, but did not succeed in reaching them.

At this stage, Mr. W. E. Mitchell came up with his heavy artillery, and bombarded the Pearsons, and a victory for the Wrights was a victory for Wright 23, Mr. Pearson 15. Majority for Mr. Wright 8.

Personal Mention

A. J. Dewar, of Dawson City, is at present visiting his parents at Boswood.

Miss Pearl Griffith, of Uxbridge, is visiting Mr. H. J. Holliday, of 251½ Wellington street.

General Superintendent Trump, of the Pere Marquette, was in the city Tuesday afternoon on his way to Detroit.

Miss Margaret Fralick, of Hill street, is spending the holidays with her cousin, Miss Pearl Morton, of Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. Vanderburgh, of Wilton, Alberta, are spending the winter with the latter's parents, at 462 Quebec street.

Mrs. Evans, Centralia, and Mr. Bristol, of the Home Bank, Allison, are visiting at Mr. Samuel Essery's, Simcoe street.

Misses Edna and Eloise Chapman are guests at a house party at "Mayfield," Toronto, the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Trees.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Holman and daughter Mildred, of Toronto, have returned home after visiting with the former's parents, Quebec street.

Miss Teresa Kelly, a trained nurse, who graduated from St. Joseph's Hospital, is home from New York, and will remain here until the ordination of her brother, Mr. William Kelly, to the priesthood.

Mr. C. S. Parker, of the Parker Car Heating Company, Limited, left Friday evening on a business trip to the coast. While away Mr. Parker will superintend the installation of the

REV. MR. CLARK'S INTERESTING LECTURE

Delivered Last Night at St. George's Church.

At the annual Christmas tree of St. George's Sunday school, held last evening, Rev. T. B. Clark, rector of All Saints' Church, gave a very interesting address on his recent tour of England. The address was illustrated by a number of views of Canada and England, those of Old London being especially interesting.

Tea was served at 6 o'clock, after which a programme was given by the children. This was followed by Mr. Clark's address. Candles, oranges and nuts were distributed among the children.

The children's Christmas tree was held Tuesday afternoon.

GEORGE NELSON DIES IN HAMILTON

Young East Londoner Dies in Hamilton After Three Weeks' Illness.

George Nelson, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Nelson, of 1050 Francis street, died yesterday in Hamilton after an illness of three weeks. His parents were with him when he died. Mr. Nelson was an employe of the Tuckett firm, and when they closed the branch here, he went with them to Hamilton. Besides his parents, he is survived by one brother, William Nelson, of Los Angeles, and three sisters, Mrs. Alfred Denby, of 88 Rectory street; Mrs. W. Williamson, of this city, and Miss Mary Nelson, at home.

The remains will be brought to the city this evening, and the funeral will be held tomorrow, at St. Mary's Church, interment being made at St. Peter's Cemetery.

CONTRACTS HAVE BEEN AWARDED

For the New Amusement Hall in the East End.

The contracts have been awarded for a new amusement hall to be erected on Dundas street, east of Adelaide, and the work, which has already been commenced, will be rushed in order to have the place finished within three months.

The building will be two stories, with red brick and stone front, and will contain a small vaudeville and picture theatre, and a quick lunch and restaurant on the second floor.

The building will cost about \$12,000.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS ELECTED

Meeting Held Last Night in Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church.

At a meeting of the members of the Sunday school of the Hamilton Road Presbyterian Mission held last night, the officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

Superintendent—Mr. Geo. Duncan, Assistant Superintendent—Miss McPhail.

Treasurer—Mr. John McKay. Secretary—Wm. Summers. Librarians—Mr. John Summers and Mr. Archie Munro.

EAST END NOTES.

Mr. Chas. Strongman, of the East End, left this morning by G. T. R. to spend New Year's in New York. He will return on Tuesday.

Rev. James Rollins, of the King Street Presbyterian Church, will spend New Year's in Toronto, but will return to this city to conduct his Sunday services.

A number of candidates for municipal honors addressed several evenings at the Grand Trunk car shops at noon today.

"Parker System" of car heating in some cars of the C. N. R. at Winnipeg.

Toronto Mail: Mrs. Coulson, Beverley street, gave a tea yesterday afternoon in honor of her guest, Miss Olive Peters, of London, Ont.

Mr. Alexander Anderson, of Port Arthur, is visiting with his sisters, Mr. R. H. Welborne, of Central avenue, and Mrs. O. Cannon, of London Township.

DECLINE PROPOSAL.

Winnipeg, Dec. 31.—The three western provinces of Canada which have had proposals before them to purchase all the terminal interests of the grain-growers have declined to go into such an undertaking owing to the large financial obligations involved. The Governments favor private ownership, as now.

ASKS AID OF TORONTO.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—Dr. Harley Smith, Italian consul in Toronto, asked Mayor Oliver this morning to have a popular subscription list opened in Toronto for the relief of the poor people who suffered in the Sicilian earthquake disaster. Mayor Oliver said he sympathized with the request, and would bring the matter before the board of control.

The Italian consul is today consulting with Italian citizens regarding the raising of a fund to send to Sicily.

SAMUEL SIDNEY DEAD.

Port Colborne, Ont., Dec. 30.—S. J. Sidney, collector of duties at this place, died at the St. Catharines Hospital this morning, following an operation for appendicitis. Mr. Sidney was engaged for years on the Welland Tribune staff, Welland, before his appointment to the collector's office here. He was 58 years of age, and a prominent Mason. He leaves a widow, two sons and two daughters, one son, Harry, being connected with the Welland Tribune.

MORNING PAPER TOMORROW

The Advertiser will issue a morning edition tomorrow, owing to the fact that New Year's is a holiday.

It will contain all the leading local and telegraphic news, and will be delivered to all subscribers.

Local Items

Open on New Year's Day.
Mr. George Henry's studio, Dundas street, will be open all New Year's Day. Mr. Henry wishes his many patrons and all other, a very happy New Year.

To Assist the Sufferers.
As yet no move has been made to raise a fund to assist the sufferers from the Italian earthquake, but a gentleman told The Advertiser today that the matter will soon be taken up by local Italians.

Leap Year Skating Party.
Skaters will be able to enjoy themselves tonight at the Simcoe street rink, as a leap year skating party will be held. Good skating is expected, and the rink will remain open until 11:15. Several skating parties have arranged the affair, which promises to be very successful.

Another Case.
Another case of smallpox was discovered in the city last evening, a young girl living in the west side of the city being the victim. The case is a fairly mild one, as the others were. There are now four patients in the hospital, two having been discharged yesterday.

Intermediate Line-Up.
The official line-up of the intermediate team that will face the Galt intermediates at the Princess Rink New Year's night, is as follows: Goal, Pearson; point, Casselman; cover, Crowl; Carrothers; right wing, Rodgers; left wing, Wagner; referee, Archie McMahon.

Meeting Postponed.
Mayor Stevely has been informed by Secretary Fryer, of the Western Ontario Municipalities' Niagara Power Union, that the proposed convention of the representatives from all the municipalities interested in the Niagara power question has been postponed from Wednesday next until Wednesday, Jan. 13.

Policeman Recovering.
A report was in circulation last night that P. C. Robinson had developed complications and was in a very dangerous condition. The report, however, is improving as rapidly as can be expected. He is still very stiff and sore, but it is expected that inside of a week he will be able to appear in court.

Main Line Blocked.
The main line of the Grand Trunk was blocked for four hours and a half this morning, owing to an axle breaking on one of the freight train No. 93 from London to Sarnia. The accident happened about a quarter to five, and two cars were derailed. The damage to the track was very slight. The auxiliary went from London and returned, the damage and replaced the cars.

Lady Injured by Fall.
Mrs. Sarah McInnes, of 17½ Dundas street, met with a painful accident on Dundas street yesterday afternoon, near Richmond street. She was walking along, when she slipped on an icy spot and fell heavily, sustaining injuries to her arm and shoulder which necessitated her being taken to the hospital. It is said she will enter an action against the city for damages.

23 Above Zero.
At 2 o'clock this afternoon the thermometer at the local observatory registered 23 above zero. Many people had the impression that the cold would arrive. Everybody complained of cold and shivered. The cold wind was responsible for the chilling effects, as it penetrated everywhere. This morning, at 8 o'clock, the thermometer was 19 degrees above zero, but the wind had not risen then so much, and the cold was felt less.

Pleasant Affair.
On Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Banghart entertained a few of their relatives very pleasantly at their home, 70 Wharfcliffe road, South London. Those present were Dr. L. P. and Mrs. Banghart and little daughter Fern, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Dr. Percy Banghart, Dorchester; Dr. Geo. A. and Mrs. Routledge, Dr. Roy and Mrs. Routledge and son Donald; Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T. Carley, Lambeth; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Crozier, Mount Brydges; Mr. and Mrs. L. Banghart and Miss Banghart, London.

St. George's Officers Installed.
At the regular meeting of the members of St. George Royal Arch Chapter, No. 5, held in the Masonic Temple last night, the following officers were elected: Excellent Companions F. W. D. Brodie; Excellent Companions Fred Palmer, Z. Thomas P. Elliott, H. John A. Atchison; J. William Spittal, S. G.; O. W. Fuller, S. N. J. Hillion, P. S. N. W. Emerson, treasurer; E. W. G. Quantz, S. S.; Frank Miller, J. S.; G. Carswell, M. 3 V.; Charles McGeary, M. 2 V.; Maurice, M. 1 V.; John Robertson Tyler, Representatives to finance board of lodges, Excellent Companions W. A. Wilson, Dr. R. W. Shaw and Wm. Spittal, auditors, Excellent Companion Fred Palmer and Companion Ed. Sutherland.

A. O. U. W. Initiation.
A special joint meeting of London and Star Lodges was held last evening with a very large attendance. Master Workman C. E. Wilson was in the chair. The initiation ceremony was performed by Bros. C. E. Wilson, M. W., of London Lodge; J. B. Stephens, recorder, London Lodge; James Armbrage, D. D. G. M.; W. D. Gillespie, P. M. W., London Lodge; P. Hodgins, P. M. W., Star Lodge; Miss S. S. Plant, guide, Lady White Lodge, and Miss A. Simpson, pianist, London Lodge. A number of musical selections were

rendered by Miss A. Simpson, Benjamin Stapleton and W. R. Vanassel, grand organizer of the order. Address was given by J. A. Clark, of Tilbury Lodge; C. O. Stapleton and W. R. Vanassel.

The Road to Yesterday.

The attraction at the Grand last evening was "The Road to Yesterday," which drew a fair house. The play has possibilities, and in the hands of capable actors would make good anywhere. The cast last night was not up to the play, and it dragged considerably at times.

The theme is a new one in theatricals, and deals with the theory of reincarnation, and is a dream play. A young lady wishes on a midsummer eve that she may go back three hundred years, and her wish is gratified. She is reincarnated, if one could properly apply such a term to a process of going back some hundred years, into a life in the midst of thirteenth century life.

The working out of the plot gives ample scope for bright dialogue and picturesque settings, both of which are supplied by the playwright.

Miss Evelyn Sutherland as Lady Tyrrell was capable, and was the strength of the cast. Her work was excellent.

It is a good moderate-priced show.

Dr. McCallum to Mr. Saunders.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:
I give the following extract from Mr. Saunders' letter in last evening's edition:

"The city scheme will amount to \$475,000 at the end of eight years, and these figures are for the delivery of the Titus quantity. The Titus scheme, when capitalized at the same rate, allowing that payments should be made monthly, as is probable, would amount to \$416,700, at the end of which time we would have in the one case a two and a half million gallon, and in the other case a three million gallon, system."

At the price of \$80,000 for each million gallons which the commissioners are going to pay for water, that makes a difference of \$89,900 in favor of the Titus scheme.

Paying Titus at the water commissioners' prices for water, and allowing him \$60,000 for his pumping plant, we would have a \$1,900 left for the price of his profits and pumping over eight years. I need say any more to you, Mr. Saunders? Yours sincerely,
H. A. McCALLUM.

LATE HAPPENINGS IN WALLACEBURG

Death Has Not Been Idle—Excellent Sunday School Entertainment.

Wallaceburg, Dec. 30.—After an illness of about six weeks with typhoid fever, Ruth, the little 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stokes, passed away Monday afternoon. After services conducted at the house on Tuesday the remains were taken to Sombra for interment in Riverview Cemetery.

The loss of Miss Adeline McRae, wife of the late Alex. McRae, occurred on Tuesday morning at her home on Nelson street. Deceased had been ill only a short time with pneumonia. She had been a life-long resident of Wallaceburg and was well known and highly respected. The funeral took place from the home of her brother-in-law, W. D. McRae, interment in Wallaceburg Cemetery.

Mr. Baptist Sunday school entertainment, given in the opera house on Monday evening, was well attended, and the programme was an excellent one. The choruses by the school were good and the recitations were excellent.

The dolls of Harry Martin, Dr. Turner, E. U. Dickenson, for school trust, R. T. Riddle, S. J. Jarvis, A. McDonald (acclamation), D. C. McDonald (acclamation).

The marriage of Mr. Ralph Trux of Detroit, and Miss Ruby Gordon, only daughter of D. A. Gordon, M. P. took place on Wednesday evening in St. James' Church.

Harry Taylor, of Toronto, is holidaying in the partial roof of the Miss Ida Husband has returned to Lindsay after enjoying the Christmas holidays at home.

Mr. W. C. Power has moved into his beautiful new house on Eight street.

Mr. W. D. McCrue, who has been on the sick list for several weeks, is spending a few days in Detroit, attending to business.

Mr. Albert Harrison, of Crosswell, Mich., is spending a few days here.

Mrs. McCrue, sen., died at her home on Nelson street, on Tuesday, after a few days' illness with pleurisy. The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:30, conducted by her pastor, Rev. T. W. Cosens. Mr. McCrue had been for many years an active member of the Methodist Church and will be greatly missed.

Mr. Baker, of Turperville, was a Wallaceburg visitor on Tuesday.

DISCOVERED A SKELETON.

Brampton, Ont., Dec. 31.—While out on a hunting expedition a young farmer named Welch discovered the skeleton of a medium-sized man in the corner of a field on a farm near the village of Churchville. There was nothing by which the remains could be identified, except a pair of glasses. A few cents were found near by. The bones were almost decomposed, but the bones were still in good condition. An inquest will be held.

Mr. Ed. Barratt, city editor of the Kingston Whig, spent several days in London, accompanied by his wife. Mr. Barratt went home on Tuesday, but Mrs. Barratt will remain here some time.

Any Prescription

You may have written for you can be filled up here. You have a perfect right to bring prescriptions written on other druggists' blanks to us, and the doctor who wrote them will undoubtedly be glad you came here. He surely will if he is acquainted with our methods.

All prescriptions in our Prescription Department is done by competent registered pharmacists, and only pure, potent drugs are used.

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Strong's Baking Powder—used once, used always. Try it.

LATEST STOCK MARKET REPORTS

The Canadian and American Stock Exchanges will be closed until Monday.

Non quotations on Cobalt mining stock, telegraphed The Advertiser by Edward Grogan & Co., members of the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—Noon quotations on mining exchange were: Beaver 24, Chambers 55, Reserve 25, Cobalt Lake 18, Coniagias 550, Foster 41, Meehan 21, Keer Lake 750, La Rose 620, Little Pituitous 10 1/4, Oltisae 46, Peterson Lake 24, Rochester 23, Scotia 64, Leas 12 1/2, Queen 100, Temiskaming 165, Thretheway 112.

CHICAGO EXCHANGE.

Reported by C. N. Spencer, Stockbroker, Market Lane, for The Advertiser.

Chicago, Dec. 31.	Wheat	Open	High	Low	Close
May	91.88	91.88	91.87	91.87	91.87
July	89.5	89.5	89.5	89.5	89.5

Corn—
May 61 1/2, 61 1/4, 61 1/4, 61 1/4, 61 1/4
July 49 1/2, 49 1/2, 49 1/2, 49 1/2, 49 1/4

Oats—
May 51 1/2, 51 1/2, 51 1/2, 51 1/2, 51 1/2
July 46 1/2, 46 1/2, 46 1/2, 46 1/2, 46 1/4

NEW YORK.

Reported by C. N. Spencer, Stockbroker, Market Lane, for The Advertiser.

New York, Dec. 31.	Open	High	Low	Close
American Copper	83 1/2	83 3/4	83 1/2	83 1/2
American Lead	11 1/2	11 3/4	11 1/2	11 1/2
American Foundry	49 1/2	49 3/4	49 1/2	49 1/2
American Refining	81 1/2	81 3/4	81 1/2	81 1/2
Atchafalaya	100 1/2	100 3/4	100 1/2	100 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	119 1/2	119 3/4	119 1/2	119 1/2
Brooklyn Transit	68 1/2	68 3/4	68 1/2	68 1/2
Canadian Pacific	175 1/2	175 3/4	175 1/2	175 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	52 1/2	52 3/4	52 1/2	52 1/2
Chicago & W. Ind.	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 1/2
Col. Fuel & Iron	39 1/2	39 3/4	39 1/2	39 1/2
Chicago & N. W.	187 1/2	187 3/4	187 1/2	187 1/2
Distillers	37 1/2	37 3/4	37 1/2	37 1/2
Erie, com.	21 1/2	21 3/4	21 1/2	21 1/2
Erie, pfd.	50 1/2	50 3/4	50 1/2	50 1/2
Gen. Elec.	147 1/2	147 3/4	147 1/2	147 1/2
Illinois Central	148 1/2	148 3/4	148 1/2	148 1/2
Inter-Metropolitan	17 1/2	17 3/4	17 1/2	17 1/2
Kansas & Texas	42 1/2	42 3/4	42 1/2	42 1/2
Norfolk & Western	14 1/2	14 3/4	14 1/2	14 1/2
Ontario & Western	46 1/2	46 3/4	46 1/2	46 1/2
Penn. Ry. & Ed.	112 1/2	112 3/4	112 1/2	112 1/2
Pennsylvania	121 1/2	121 3/4	121 1/2	121 1/2
Reading	142 1/2	142 3/4	142 1/2	142 1/2
Republic Steel	55 1/2	55 3/4	55 1/2	55 1/2
Rock Island	40 1/2	40 3/4	40 1/2	40 1/2
Southern Ry.	25 1/2	25 3/4	25 1/2	25 1/2
Southern Ry., pfd.	62 1/2	62 3/4	62 1/2	62 1/2
Southern Ry., com.	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 1/2
St. Paul	139 1/2	139 3/4	139 1/2	139 1/2
Texas Pacific	36 1/2	36 3/4	36 1/2	36 1/2
Union Pacific	187 1/2	187 3/4	187 1/2	187 1/2
U. S. Steel	37 1/2	37 3/4	37 1/2	37 1/2
U. S. Steel, pfd.	53 1/2	53 3/4	53 1/2	53 1/2
Wabash, com.	19 1/2	19 3/4	19 1/2	19 1/2
Wabash, pfd.	50 1/2	50 3/4	50 1/2	50 1/2

Southern Pacific, 34 1/2, 34 3/4, 34 1/2, 34 1/2, 34 1/2

MONTEAL.

Montreal, Dec. 31 1908.

Montreal, Dec. 31 1908.	Askd.	Bid.
Can. Convertibles	48	47 1/2
Canadian Pacific	177 1/2	177
Delta Railway	49 1/2	49
Dominion Coal, ad.	57	56
Dominion Coal, ord.	57	56
Dominion Iron and Steel	79	78
Havana Electric	40	39 1/2
Havana Electric, pref.	40	39 1/2
Illinois Traction, pref.	92 1/2	92
Laurentide Paper, com.	111	110
Laurentide Paper, pfd.	75 1/2	75
MacKay, com.	111	110
Mexican Light and Power	73	72 1/2
Norfolk & Western	14 1/2	14 1/4
Nipissing	42	41 1/2
Norfolk & Western, pref.	14 1/2	14 1/4
Ogilvie Shilling, com.	104 1/2	104
Ogilvie Shilling, pfd.	113 1/2	113
Rio de Janeiro	77	76 1/2
Toledo	15 1/2	15 1/4
Twin City	97 1/2	97
Union Pacific	187 1/2	187
Reserve	49 1/2	49
Bank of Commerce	107 1/2	107
Eastern Shipbuilding	16 1/2	16
Merchants Bank	24 1/2	24
Nova Scotia Bank	26 1/2	26
Bank of Ottawa	25 1/2	25
Quebec Bank	22 1/2	22
Royal Bank	29 1/2	29
Canada Colored Cotton, ad.	36 1/2	36
Dominion Tex. pfd. ad.	105 1/2	105
Dominion Cotton	129	128
Textile, com. ad.	65 1/2	65
Dominion Cotton Bonds	92 1/2	92
Dominion Iron & Steel Bonds	92 1/2	92
Halifax Tramway Bonds	97 1/2	97
Nova Scotia Com. Bonds	27 1/2	27
N. S. Steel and Coal Bonds	40 1/2	40
Nova Scotia Com. Bonds	27 1/2	27
Prior Bonds	102 1/2	102
Rio de Janeiro L. & P. Co.	62 1/2	62
Textile Ser. B.	46 1/2	46
Textile Ser. C.	46 1/2	46
Textile Ser. D.	46 1/2	46
Table Ser. B.	90 1/2	90
Table Ser. C.	90 1/2	90
Table Ser. D.	90 1/2</	

The Dominion Bank

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C. A. ROSS, - Manager.

PRODUCE MARKET.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—The markets are slightly more active today, as prices are expected to be a little stronger over the new year...

CHICAGO.

Wheat—Ontario No. 2 white, 92c to 92 3/4 outside; No. 2 red, 94c to 95c; No. 2 mixed, 92c to 92 3/4...

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Cattle—Receipts, 6,500 head; strong to strong heavy; beefs, \$25 to \$27; Texas, \$27 to \$30; western, \$27 to \$30...

ENGLISH MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 31.—Wheat—Spot, No. 2 red western winter easy, 7s 10d. Futures barely steady...

HAY MARKETS.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—Baled Hay—No. 1 timothy, \$11; inferior, \$8 to \$10, in car lots...

OIL MARKETS.

Oil City, Pa., Dec. 30.—Credit balances, 17 1/2.

DAIRY MARKETS.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 30.—Butter—Steady; Cheames, 22c to 22c; dairies, 21 1/2c to 22c.

COTTON MARKET.

New York, Dec. 30.—Cotton—Futures closed easy; closing bids: December, 8.82c; January, 8.81c; February, 8.80c...

SPICES MARKET.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—Following the decline in the New York market, the local market has also declined...

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LIVE STOCK MARKET.

London, Dec. 30.—Canadian cattle are weaker, from 12c to 12 1/2c per lb; refrigerated beef, 9 1/2c to 10c per lb.

NEWS FROM THE COBALT CAMPS

Toronto, Dec. 30.—The Standard Stock and Mining Exchange was closed this afternoon. The members attended the funeral of Mr. George Dunstan, the late secretary, in a body.

COBALT MINING STOCKS.

Table with columns: Name, Asked, Bid. Includes Amalgamated, Beaver Consolidated, Chambers-Perland, etc.

O'BRIEN MINE SOLD

Report That an English Company Has Paid Eight Million Dollars.

Sicilian Earthquake as Measured by War

It has often been noted that the death toll of wars and battles, terrible as it is, falls below that of other scourges of the human race.

Only Ten of Regiment Answer Roll

Catania, Dec. 30.—The latest news from Messina sets forth that some progress is being made in the work of succoring the wounded survivors...

INCIDENTS OF QUAKE

Tina Marlana, the grand opera singer, found on pile of dead, crooning over cage containing live canaries. Relatives swarm into telegraph offices at Rome, demanding and beseeching news of loved ones.

THIRTY-FOOT WAVE SWEEP REGGIO

Monteleone, Calabria, Dec. 31.—While Messina was blotted out by the accompaniment of walls of anguish of those imprisoned under the fallen walls, the sister city was being peared by the sea.

BLIZZARD IN WINNIPEG

Winnipeg, Dec. 31.—The worst snowstorm of the season driven by a heavy storm from the Canadian prairie province in its grip yesterday...

A VIADUCT FOR TORONTO WATERFRONT

Toronto, Dec. 31.—The board of railway commissioners have ordered a viaduct for Toronto's waterfront, thus clearing the famous Yonge street bridge.

THOS. BLAKENEY HAS PASSED AWAY

Was for Many Years Secretary of the London Club. Thomas Blakeney, for the past ten years secretary of the London Club, died in Victoria Hospital last evening.

STATEMENT OF WATER BYLAW

Assertions Set Forth for Perusal of the Public by the Commissioners.

The water commissioners ask publication of the following: The water commissioners, in making an appeal to the ratepayers of the city to support the bylaw, do so fully conscious that they have given the matter their closest consideration...

On Pile of Dead Singing Over Birds

Catania, Dec. 30.—After a miraculous escape a man named Gregori reached here today with one of the most wonderful narratives yet told. Gregori was aboard a ferryboat just outside Messina, when a quake came.

VERDICT THAT CHILD WAS STILLBORN

That the said child never breathed, and we are unable to tell who was its mother or by whom it was thrown from the train.

WATERS OF REGGIO

It is a bold robbery. Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 31.—Five robbers dynamited the bank at Weston, Okla., early yesterday and escaped with \$5,000.

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DR. CHARLES E. JARVIS, HOMOEO-

PATHIST, 113 Dundas street. Phone 951.

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THE TECUMSEH Souvenir Menu Card on New Year's Day. Special holiday dinner will be served from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on New Year's Day.

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St. Thomas Journal: The markets Wednesday morning were very small and fowl could hardly be purchased at any price. There were a few geese, ducks and chickens at 12 1/2c per lb., but turkeys were almost out of the question and those who did have a few, disposed of them at 20 cents per lb.

At the last regular meeting of the members of Myrtle Lodge, No. 2, Knights of Pythias, the following officers were elected for the coming year: C. C. J. Murray; V. C. G. Grisman; prelate, G. Tapp; K. of R. and S. J. Hussey; M. of P., E. B. Galpin; E. E. R. Cadwallader; M. A. J. Griffith; J. G. A. McCabe; trustees, J. Dean, J. Hussey and C. H. Tinsley; representative to grand lodge, James Dean; physicians, Drs. Wilson and Senborne; auditors, J. Murray, C. Tinsley and J. Dean; finance committee, J. Dean, G. Rourke and A. McCabe; lodge critic, G. Carruthers. The remainder of the evening was spent in a euchre party and was closed by a supper.

David Williams, an Indian, better known as "Little Dave," appeared before Squire Chittick Tuesday afternoon on the charge of assaulting a brother Indian named Peter Nicholas. Nicholas had charged Williams with stealing fence rails, and the latter, his reputation being not of the most spotless variety, resented the charge, and started in to Johnson, the accuser, with the result that he was arrested by Constables Corsaut and Shaver. On consideration of the evidence Squire Chittick committed Williams for trial. Subsequently he was bailed out to appear at the June assizes.

A fine Christmas entertainment was given in the First Line Presbyterian Church on Tuesday evening by the scholars of the Union Sunday School. Rev. D. S. Hamilton, pastor of the First Congregational Church, of this city, made an ideal chairman. Mr. Copeland, superintendent of the school and Miss Helen Sumner deserve great credit for the excellent showing of the scholars. Among those taking part were Doris Yeoman, Freda Carl, Myrtle McDonald, Florence McDonald, Jennie Carl, Erdman Fisher, Russell Yake, Norval Yake, Gladys Beattie, George Hill, Gertrude Odell, Leslie McDonald, Edna Cochrane, Pearl Copeland, Gladys Beattie, Lizzie Quigley, Elvah Cochrane and others. Several excellent choruses were given also.

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London reports to Bradstreet's say the holiday trade was well ahead of last season. Collections have improved and country trade has been active.

23 INCHES OF SNOW FELL IN DECEMBER Coldest Weather Recorded Was on the 10th.

According to the figures compiled at the local observatory, 23 inches of snow fell during December, as compared with 19 inches in December, 1907.

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Major Hains was on the stand, and told of the apparent insanity of his brother. The hearing was interrupted by the sudden illness of Mr. McIntyre, counsel for Thornton Hains. Much of this unpleasant testimony



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below what it ought to be, so that after three hours of actual fighting the French ships will have to abandon the combat.