

The Sporting World.

Ottawa Wheelmen Lay Down a Municipal Platform.

Miller Away Ahead in the Six-Day Cycling Contest.

WHEEL.
A MUNICIPAL PLATFORM.
Ottawa, Dec. 10.—The Ottawa wheelmen have decided on a platform for which they are going to ask candidates for aldermanic honors to subscribe to before giving assurances of support. The platform is: The amendment to the wide tire bylaw rescinded and the original wide tire bylaw enforced. Bicycle paths provided on the streets not paved with asphalt; the asphalt pavement washed at night as in other cities; street sprinkling performed in such a way as not to lay dust by converting it into mud; a strict enforcement of the bylaw against scorching on the main streets especially; the enforcement of the bylaw against throwing glass, tacks, blocks, wire, hoops, rones, etc., on the street.

THE SIX-DAY GRIND.
New York, Dec. 10.—In the six-day cyclin tournament at Madison Square Garden the score at 1:15 a.m. today was as follows: Miller 1,590, Rice 1,508, A. Riviere 1,504, Schinner 1,482, Wailer 1,388, Moore 1,225, Hale, 1,387, Pierce 1,388, Elkes 1,270, Gannon 1,263, Enterman 1,238, Gannon 1,210, Kinz 1,188, Julius 1,157, Beacom 937, Johnson 894, Gray 883. Miller was 229 ahead of the record for 97 hours.

CHASE AND MICHAEL.
New York, Dec. 10.—The terms for the greatest indoor cycling race ever arranged—a match between the little Welshman, Jimmy Michael, and the English crack, A. J. Chase—were completed yesterday. The rivals will meet in a single race or a series of three races if the latter plan proves feasible at 30 miles pace, the first race to take place not later than Jan. 10.

TWENTY HAVE DROPPED OUT.
New York, Dec. 10.—When the early morning enthusiasts over the six days' bicycle race reached Madison Square Garden they found but sixteen of the 36 men who started on the record-breaking task last Monday. The second serious accident of the contest had removed Moore from the track. He struck his head violently against one of the uprights of the rail and lay unconscious. At first it was thought that Moore was dead. An ambulance surgeon put the fears of the spectators at rest, but he is not expected to take any further part in the race. He had ridden 1,459 miles when he fell.

The score at 10:15 a.m. was: Miller, 1,702; Rice, 1,640; Riviere, 1,613; Schinner, 1,572; Wailer, 1,498; Hale, 1,600; Moore, 1,489; Pierce, 1,471; Elkes, 1,361; Golden, 1,348; Enterman, 1,338; Gannon, 1,213; Kinz, 1,269; Julius, 1,240. The best previous record for 106 hours was 1,456 miles, made by Hale.

THE TURF.
The board of appeals of the American Trotting Association has reinstated Bob Kneeb, who are imprisoned in Germany, for his connection in a riving case.

At the winter sale of trotting stock in Chicago, Thorne, the winner of the \$15,000 Kentucky Futurity, brought only \$3,100. George Hammond's little pacer Dan Q, 2:03½, brought \$4,400. Bessie Bonhill, 2:05½, world's champion pacer mare, was sold for \$1,400.

PURCELL'S PERIL.

Confined in a Smokestack With Six Fires Lighted Under Him.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 10.—Michael Purcell, a boiler-maker, was making some repairs inside the smokestack of the steamer Wellington, at the Folsom street wharf, when six fires were started below him. He was strapped on a chair, suspended from the top of the stack about 40 feet from the dampers below. It was impossible to go up, and to go down without assistance meant being roasted alive on the hot dampers. Dense volumes of hot smoke began rolling out of the stack, while Purcell shouted for help. The heat increased every moment until his clothing caught fire. He beat on the iron with all his might, and shouted for fully ten minutes before his helper on the outside came to the rescue. Purcell is in a critical condition.

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The Hand of Death

Falls Suddenly on Well-known Residents

Three Skaters Drowned—Car Repairer Crushed to Death—Two Collingwood Boys Perished.

New York, Dec. 10.—Judge Asa Tenney, of the United States district court, died at his home in Brooklyn today. Born, Dec. 10, 1831, A. Tenney, manager of the house of industry here, died Wednesday night after an illness of some months. He was 58 years of age. Tanworth, Ont., Dec. 10.—Mrs. David Baird, a farmer's wife, aged 71 years, dropped dead while washing dishes. Montreal, Dec. 10.—Robert Nesbitt, a well-known farmer, living on March road, near Bell's Corners, dropped dead at McKay Mill, at the Chaudiere. Halifax, N. S., Dec. 10.—Two little boys, sons of Fred Jollimore, were drowned in Colpitts' Lake, near the Northwest Arm, while skating yesterday afternoon. The only witness of the accident was a 6-year-old sister. Brantford, Ont., Dec. 10.—G. V. Henderson, car repairer, G. T. R., was killed at the Market street station yesterday morning while engaged in testing the wheels of a train previous to its departure. Collingwood, Ont., Dec. 10.—Charles Gamon, son of the late Charles Gamon, collector, and James McFarlane, son of James McFarlane, furniture dealer, of this town, started about 12 o'clock Sunday night for the wharf, to stay for the night on the fishing tug "A. T. McCarthy." On Monday they could not be found. The harbor was dragged yesterday, and the body of McFarlane was found near the G. T. R. elevator, but so far the body of Gamon has not been found.

A LONDONER'S LUCK.

Mr. Harris P. Elliott Secures a Good Appointment.

The Canadian Electrical News of this week says: It is with pleasure that we present in this number a portrait of Mr. Harris P. Elliott, who has recently been appointed to the position of lecturer in "Electricity" and "The Steam Engine" at the Toronto Technical School, in succession to Mr. James Milne. These two courses of the school are very largely attended, and good work is being accomplished. Mr. Elliott, the new appointee, was born at London, Ont., in October, 1875, his father being of English descent. He entered the School of Practical Science, Toronto, in 1891, and during the following summer was engaged by Messrs. Malloch & Fairbairn, manufacturers of elevators, London, Ont. In the fall he again entered the School of Science for a second year, but on account of illness was compelled to give up his studies. He was then employed for a year by the Canadian General Electric Company in London. He finished the second year at the School of Science in 1894, and during the summer was engaged upon the engineering staff of the London street railway. In the construction of their Springbank lift Mr. Kenneth Mackay. The following year Mr. Elliott took his third term at the school, graduating with honors in 1895. An engagement was then obtained with Dr. Samuel T. Tracey, of New York, handling X rays apparatus. In the college season of 1896-97 he took a post-graduate course, obtaining the degree of B.A.Sc. from Toronto University, with honors. During the past summer he obtained a position on the engineering staff of the Port Pitt Bridge Company, of Pittsburgh, Pa., tendering his resignation to assume his duties at the Technical School. Mr. Elliott is a nephew of Hon. Mr. Justice Frodfoot, of Toronto. By his ability and energy the efficiency of the departments under his supervision will no doubt be maintained.

THE IRON HIGHWAYS.

Cut-Rates to the Klondike—Rush of Grain to the Seaboard.

The Grand Trunk has made a cut in its rates to the Klondike, to meet the cut made by the C. P. R. The cut rate for Fort Wrangell is \$33.75. The C. P. R. have been compelled to refuse grain shipments via St. John on account of the difficulty of getting vessel accommodation from that port.

An order has been received from the C. P. R. head office in Montreal by the car shops at Perth to build twenty first-class passenger cars and ten sleepers.

Burglars entered the G. T. R. station at Rockwood Tuesday morning, and blew the safe to atoms, but were not rewarded for their trouble. The explosion caused considerable damage to the interior of the building.

The vote of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Railroad Trainmen on the question of federation of railroad orders is coming in, and it is practically unanimous in favor of it. All the orders except the engineers have already decided for it.

The Canadian Pacific Railway has returned to the old rates from eastern points to the Pacific coast, to take effect Dec. 12, making the rate from Toronto to Pacific coast points \$61.90 and \$55.80, first and second-class respectively, and from Montreal \$70.45 and \$61.60. The return is due to the fact that the rate-cutting between the United States lines has ceased and the C.P.R., which was cutting to meet them, has effected an arrangement with them.

Mr. J. R. Hilliard, of Niagara Falls, Ont., in an interview in the Binghamton, N. Y. Herald, of Nov. 30, in regard to the construction of the Erie Railroad, says: "While engaged in superintending part of the track construction between Fort Jervis and Jersey City, Mr. Hilliard frequently met an agile youth, with a pair of thin lips and a number of water cups. The lad was quite a favorite with the employees, and always manifested a great interest in the work which he probably thought would have been practically hopeless without his assistance. Not long afterwards Mr. Hilliard heard he was a brakeman, and when he met him again he was enjoying the distinguished position of head brakeman. The boy's name was J. B. Morford, now division superintendent on the Michigan Central Railroad."

LIFE POLICY FOR \$1,000,000.

New York, Dec. 10.—Before Geo. W. Vanderbilt, the youngest son of Wm. H. Vanderbilt, sailed for Europe and the Orient, he took out a life insurance policy for \$1,000,000. This is the largest policy ever written by one company. The policy is what is known as a twenty-payment life contract, and provides for a premium of \$35,000. After Mr. Vanderbilt has paid that sum yearly for twenty years, the payments cease and the principal becomes due at his death.

Yeoman's Weather Strips stop that crack.

Middlesex County Council.

Annual Report of the House of Refuge.

Delegations Before the Council in Re Bridged The Amalgamation Committee Continued—An Aspirant for the High Constableness "Called Down."

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

A deputation in re the bridge across the Thames between Caradoc and Delaware occupied much of the council's time today. Some of the delegates spoke in favor of the Giles site, as recommended by the council's special committee, while others favored the Burwell and Muncy sites. Commissioner Talbot thought that the bridge, if erected at the Giles site, would benefit not only the people in that vicinity, but also those in the vicinity of the other two sites, while, if erected on the Burwell site, those in the vicinity of Giles site, would receive no benefit whatever. The matter was deferred until later on in the session. A motion by John Morgan and P. Elson to lay it over until the June session was lost.

Mr. M. McGugan, M.P., inspector of the House of Refuge at Strathroy and the Industrial Farm, submitted the annual report for 1897 as follows: The number of inmates in the house from each municipality, and number of days' board for the year, were as follows:

	Number of inmates.	Number of days.
Adelaide	15	4,141
Biddulph	9	2,677
Caradoc	18	5,232
Delaware	2	308
Dorchester North	4	1,340
Ekfrid	2	730
London Township	19	5,068
Lobo	5	1,499
Mosa	3	845
Metcalfe	1	365
McGillivray	3	1,095
Nissouri West	4	1,457
Westminster	11	3,456
Williams East	1	355
Williams West	4	1,429
Strathroy	10	3,281
London West	4	926
Leckhill	2	730
Lucan	2	730
Alisa Craig	1	107
Newbury	1	190
Glenora	1	209
Wardville	1	209
County	2	730
City of London	4	758

Totals

Keener, matron and assistant matron

Hired help

Grand totals

Of the 127 inmates, 103 were in the house on Nov. 1, 1897, and 24 were admitted since that time. Eighty-two of the inmates remained during the whole year.

Deaths during the year, 5; discharged, 5; absconded, 6; out on trial, 1; leaving 100 inmates in the house on Nov. 15, 1897. The average number of inmates during the year was 101.92. Average age of inmates who died, 72.4 years.

The following are the given causes of pauperism: Intemperance, 43; homelessness, 39; weak intellect, 12; old age, 3; loss of property, 2; heart disease, 1; rheumatism, 1; epilepsy, 1; blindness, 5; paralysis, 5; partial loss of sight, 2; deaf and dumb, 1; sickness, 3; dropsy, 1; husband absconded, 1. The total cost of the inmates was \$3,286.44. The cost of each inmate per day was 16 cents; cost with interest on capital added, 21.52-100 cents.

A large amount of produce had been raised during the summer, much of which was on hand. During the year 960 pounds of butter was made. The milk produced during the same period was 6,280 gallons.

The second report of the House of Refuge committee was also adopted, wherein the following tenders for supplies for county institutions were recommended for acceptance: Meat, Jas. Cox, \$4.40 per 100 pounds, for fore-quarters; bread, \$2.04 per 100 pounds; W. M. Smith; groceries, Mahill & Gill. A tender was also received from Acres & Banton for coffins, and although not called for, the committee recommended the acceptance of the tender, provided handles are put on the coffins, for the sum of \$2.50 each.

On motion of Simon McLeod and John Bradley, it was decided to continue the amalgamation committee appointed at the June session, with power to settle all matters relative to amalgamation of any portion of the county of the county debt to be assumed by the latter, under the head of administration of justice, which they may deem necessary.

Mr. A. C. Attwood addressed the council on the subject of "Broad Tires vs. Narrow Tires," and also on "Foul Weeds." He spoke for a short time upon these matters, and then began to comment upon his candidature for the position of high constable.

Mr. Simon McLeod, if Mr. Attwood has used these two subjects merely for the purpose of advancing his claims as an applicant for the position of high constable, I think he has taken a decidedly advantage over the other applicants.

Mr. Attwood then resumed his seat. The matter of the maintenance of the bridge between McGillivray and West Williams township, near Parkin, was laid over for the board's consideration, together with petitions and by-laws of the concerned municipalities.

The first report of the finance committee was adopted. It recommended that no grant be made to the Salvation Army Refuge.

Mr. James Gilmour, M.P., was re-appointed county representative on the hospital board, on motion of H. Hardy and J. Morgan.

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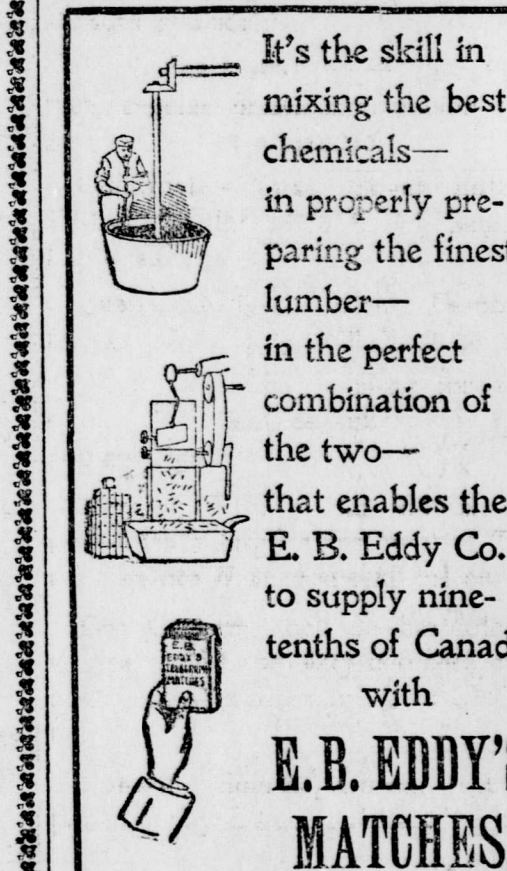
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SATURDAY, Dec. 11.

BREAKFAST—Grapes, Wheatena and cream. Pork tenderloins. Sautéed potatoes. Apples. Gums. Coffee.

LUNCHEON—Veal toast. Home-made rye bread and butter. Potato rusks. Boiled apples. Tea.

DINNER—Beef stew with dumplings. Scalloped tomatoes. Vegetable oysters. Cucumber pickles. Cranberry shortcake. Coffee.

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Potato Rusks—At noon, or afternoon, take one pint warm water, one yeast cake, one teaspoonful salt and four enough to make a sponge. In the evening when the sponge is light add one cup lard or butter, one cup of sugar and four eggs. Knead and let it rise over night; roll to the thickness of one-half inch, cut with a biscuit cutter and place on greased pans, so that they will have plenty of room to rise; when nice and light, bake. This will make about 100, and they will keep good a week or two.

Vegetable Oysters—Wash a bunch of oysters thoroughly, scrape and cut in rather thin slices, stew in water enough to cover them till tender; add a tablespoonful of butter, one teaspoonful of salt and one pint of milk. Thicken with one tablespoonful of flour and some cold milk. Have ready in a dish some slices of nicely toasted bread. Pour the oysters over the toast and serve.

Cranberry Shortcake—One generous pint of flour, two small spoonfuls baking powder, one egg, one cup of milk, one tablespoonful of melted butter, one-half cup of sugar. Sift together the flour and baking powder. Beat the egg; add milk, butter and sugar and mix all together as quickly as possible. Bake in a shallow cake pan. Split while warm and spread with butter and cranberry sauce.

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A number of accounts were passed. The members present were: Chairman Burdick, Trustees Dr. Campbell, Wilkins, Martyn, Strong, Bayly, Evans and McCormick, Secretary McEhleran, Principal Merchant, and Architects Matthews.

THE SYNOD OF HURON.

Meeting of the Executive—A Handsome
Present From England—Clergy-
men Superannuated.

The executive committee of the Synod of Huron met at Bishop Cronyn Hall yesterday afternoon.

The bishop occupied the chair, and among those present were: Dean Innes, Archdeacon Davis, Revs. Canon Richardson, Canon Young, R. McCosh, Canon Hall, Canon Davis, Canon Brown, W. Craig, J. C. Partridge, J. W. Hodgins, F. Robertson, H. A. Thomas, J. Ridley, D. Deacon, G. B. Sage, Canon Smith, D. Williams, C. R. Gunne, J. H. Moorhouse, W. A. Graham, W. J. Taylor, F. G. Newton, J. Ardill, J. T. Wright, and Messrs. V. Cronyn, Principal Dymond, R. Wood, R. Bayly, Sydney Smith, Judge Ermatinger, Judge Woods, J. Peers, J. Fenell, R. Shaw Wood, H. Macklin, C. Jenkins, Prof. Harrison, A. C. Clarke, J. W. Ferguson, T. H. Luscombe, J. Ramsford, G. D. Sutherland.

The meeting was opened with prayer, and the minutes of last meeting confirmed. Finance committee—The report showed the accounts presented and paid. Report adopted.

Missions committee—The list of assessments on the various congregations receiving help from the mission fund was then revised, occupying considerable time.

Special grants to Rev. I. Bearfoot, H. G. Colles and Walpole Island teacher were continued for one year.

The Sarnia reserve mission was added to Point St. Charles mission.

The bishop was requested to send commissioners to the following places: Teeswater, Mount Pleasant and Langton, with a view to reorganization.

An agent of the missions committee was appointed to visit and assess the parish of Brookholm.

It was resolved that no change be made in the arrangement of the parish of Millbank, but that the expenses of a student be guaranteed by the committee.

Land and investments—The committee reported the investments to be in a most satisfactory condition. Report adopted.

Judge Ermatinger reported for the committee on the Indian mission at Muncey, recommending a continuance of the services, and also the school.

The bishop reported a grant of \$50 a year from the Colonial and Continental Church Society of England towards the Indian work at Muncey and Walpole Island. This would be available from Oct. 1. Report adopted.

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Messrs. Burns & Lewis, and Mr. Ritchie, Q.C. and Mr. J. Scott Hamilton, for the Sanford Company and Wilson.

The case was that of Halstead vs. the Bank of Hamilton, tried in London about eighteen months ago before Mr. Chief Justice Meredith. This was action brought by J. A. Halstead, of Mount Forest, an assignee of one Zoellner, to have certain warehouse receipts claimed by the bank, aggregating the value of \$8,000, declared to be void as against the assignee, on the ground that the same were irregular and in contravention of the true spirit of the act. The law permits the bank to take these securities for present advances. In this case the bank opened two sets of accounts and credited the supposed advances in one account. In a second account they credited the proceeds of business paper discounted, but would not allow the debtor to withdraw moneys deposited in No. 1 account except as he discounted business paper in No. 2. This contrivance the learned chief justice held, was a mere attempt to get around the law, and obtained by the bank by the use of the true spirit of the act. The plaintiff also succeeded in the court of appeal, and the defendants took the case to the supreme court, where their appeal was dismissed with costs. A number of London wholesale people, notably the Hobbs Hardware company, were interested in the decision. Mr. Gibbons, Q.C., appeared for the respondents throughout.

WESTERN ONTARIO

The Aylmer Canning Company are asking for 600 turkeys before Wednesday next, the 15th.

Mrs. Dugald Lettice, of Fingal, is dead. She leaves a large family, including Mr. Rodney.

An Aylmer item states that Rev. Mr. Livingstone has purchased the splendid Gold Ring coat formerly owned by Mr. M. Ashton.

J. Coghill, dealer in hats and furs, Listowel, has assigned liabilities of \$2,000, with assets, consisting of stock and book debts, of \$700.

The claim of Miss Clarke, of Simcoe, for breaking her arm by falling on a defective sidewalk, was settled by the council granting her \$25.

Mr. Frank Donley, of Aylmer, has disposed of his thoroughbred running horse, Tortoise, to Mr. James Hay, of Arcona, for the sum of \$675.

Leamington people are petitioning the council to test the single tax theory to certain extent by having the assessment on improvements and raising it on unimproved property.

Mr. Judson Ruth, of the L. E. and D. R. at Ridgetown, was handling a truck loaded with heavy trunks, when one of them fell on his right foot. He will be laid off for two or three weeks.

Geo. Brett, of Romney township, who was lodged in the Chatham county jail, died Wednesday morning, very suddenly. Brett was committed for five months' imprisonment for vagrancy.

An auction sale of quite a number of cows, bought up by parties from the London and Port Stanley gravel road, was held at the London and Port Stanley gravel road, when prices ranged from \$30 to \$55 each for the most of them.

Capitol Brossolt, of Belle River, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment for stealing \$1 from a man in Field's barber shop, in Windsor. He had been in the Chatham county jail, and changed and spent it in Detroit.

Wm. L. Baby, of Windsor, a descendant of one of the oldest French families in America, and for 22 years an officer in the Canadian customs, died Thursday. He was born at Sandwich in 1811.

At a meeting of the quarterly board of the Methodist Church, St. Mary's, an invitation was extended to Rev. G. W. Henderson, of Sarnia, to become their pastor. Among the other clergymen mentioned were Rev. J. Philip of Ridgetown, and Rev. J. Galloway, Sarnia.

The fire at Doon, where Perine & Co.'s twine mill was destroyed, will throw about 100 employees out of work, many of whom were dependent on the mill for a living. The company has not definitely decided whether they will rebuild, but it is altogether likely, as they have many good orders to fill.

John Munro, an Elgin farmer, refused to pay four cents toll on the London and Port Stanley gravel road to Wm. Bellows, toll-gate keeper for John Coughlan and others, who were lessees of the road. He has now appeared before the police magistrate, who fined him \$5 and costs, amounting in all to \$9.

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No Direct Taxation for Provincial Purposes.

The Ontario Government collects no taxes from the people. It obtains a large portion of its revenue from three sources: From forests in the far north; from licenses; and from the succession tax on large estates left by persons to heirs.

With the money thus received, the Provincial Administration maintains the asylums for the insane, deaf and dumb, and blind; it pays for the administration of justice; it makes liberal grants to the municipalities to aid in maintaining the schools, hospitals and charitable institutions; it maintains a department to aid in the promotion of agriculture; it pays for instructors in the best methods of fruit-growing and tree preservation, and of road-making. The list could be largely increased, but let these suffice.

While the Government is thus sustained, as are the governments of every country possessing like resources, along comes Mr. Whitney, the Opposition leader, with the statement that the Government is all wrong in its methods of acquiring revenue. To sell timber belonging to the Province at the present time, even though we have a reserve supply for generations to come, and have taken steps to provide new forests when the present are cut over, is a great waste of capital, according to Mr. Whitney. Nor would the Opposition leader collect a cent of provincial revenue from licenses. And as for collecting a percentage from the large estates of persons deceased, Mr. Whitney maintains this is a very improper act, though it is a system of revenue-collection which is carried out in Great Britain, in other British colonies, and in the advanced States of the neighboring republic.

Having taken this stand, Mr. Whitney announces that the Province is on the eve of direct taxation. We tell him that if he stands by his campaign declarations, and at any time in the near future attains power in the Province, direct taxation would certainly follow the putting in force of his policy. The Province could not stand to lose \$750,000 annual revenue from its woods and forests, \$250,000 from licenses, and from \$200,000 to \$300,000 from devised estates of rich people without resort to direct taxation or the adoption of the alternative plan of throwing on the municipalities the expense of maintaining the asylums for the insane, the blind, the deaf and the dumb, the administration of justice and the sustenance of the agricultural college and experimental farm and kindred agencies for the promotion of agriculture.

We hardly think that the majority of the electors are prepared to permit the Opposition leader to experiment along either of the two lines that, under his declarations on the platform, are open to him. They will endorse the present economical and fair method of collecting and disbursing the provincial revenue, and thereby postpone for many a long year the inauguration of the era of direct taxation which, under Mr. Whitney's policy, would be certain.

The Toronto Star announces that a man who has been all over Ontario in the past few weeks figures out the result of the coming provincial elections this way: There will be 56 Liberals, 30 Conservatives and 8 Independents. In the present Assembly there are 54 Liberals, 26 Conservatives and 14 Independents. The friends of good government are certainly going into the campaign with a determination to keep their prestige in the management of this fine Province, but they should take nothing for granted.

Rev. Principal Grant, of Queen's College, in his recent letter on the temperance outlook, takes strong ground against a prohibitory liquor law. He says: "After long and earnest consideration I have come to the conclusion that a Dominion prohibitory law would be hurtful to the cause of temperance and most hurtful to the general public and private morality." Many Canadians will disagree with the reverend principal, while acknowledging the courage with which he has expressed his convictions.

Good Work Is Telling.

In his recent speech at the Fat Cattle Show in Brantford, Hon. Sydney Fisher, Dominion Minister of Agriculture, expressed the most optimistic views with regard to the future of farming in Canada. He pointed out the great progress that had been made in promoting trade with Britain in the last twelve months. Canada, he said, is now the first producer of cheese in the world. Our butter exports to Britain have doubled every year in recent times. Cold storage, put in force by the present Administration at Ottawa, has added this traffic, and will soon greatly add to the export of dead meat from Canada. Despite the barriers put in the way, also, our cattle trade with the United States has greatly increased. In 1894 Canada sent 256 animals to the other side of the line; in 1895, 862; in 1896, 1,896. In the first nine months of this year 78,857 animals have been shipped to the United States and sold at a profit. The enormous increase is credited to the removal of the cattle quarantine regulations of the United States, for

which change Hon. Mr. Fisher and Hon. Mr. Dryden united their efforts. Canada and the Province of Ontario are fortunate at this juncture in having two able and enthusiastic farmers and cattle raisers at the head of their agricultural departments.

Mr. Haycock, the Patron leader in the Legislature, is an experienced farmer; therefore, he says he does not expect the experimental farm at Guelph to pay. The assault on the Administration was really set on foot by men who never farmed a yard of soil in their lives, and who have no sympathy with the aspirations of the agricultural community, except when they are seeking votes.

A verdict of \$5,000 has been given against the water commissioners of a Wisconsin city who supplied a drinking fluid to a household that resulted in the death of the owner from typhoid fever. His wife sued and got the damages named. The London commissioners will never find it necessary to pay damages for supplying bad water. We have as pure spring water as is served to any community on the continent. It is a great blessing.

Significant Vote in the Legislature.

The debate on the address in the Ontario Legislature ended last night, the vote showing a decisive majority for the course adopted by the Government. Mr. Miscalpell's amendment censured the Government for not taking precipitate action on the lumber question without consulting the Legislature. That was all. The Opposition grumbled about many things, and it carefully steered clear of the separate school plank in its platform, reserving it for secret use on the sidelines. But Mr. Whitney apparently thought that the timber question, made difficult to handle by the irritation caused by the new condition of affairs established by the late increase in the United States tariff on lumber, was the card that would draw the most votes on a division in the Legislature. And a division on this solitary question was forced. Mr. Whitney must have been much disappointed at the result. The Patron leader in the Legislature, unlike the Opposition managers, announced that he and his friends, and he believed the large majority of the electors, were satisfied that the Administration had done its whole duty in calling the Legislature together so that on this important question the representatives of all the people might be consulted and might share the responsibility of passing the legislation deemed prudent. Mr. Haycock spoke strongly against adopting any policy that would be merely retaliatory on the United States. He urged that Ontario must think solely of her own interests, and that her legislation should be so molded. For these and kindred reasons, Mr. Haycock moved an amendment expressing the satisfaction of the House that the Government intended to bring before the Legislature, at its present session, a measure dealing with the timber question. This amendment was carried by a vote of 54 to 27, being acceptable to all the members outside of the small section represented by the Opposition leader and his irreconcilable followers.

Mr. Whitney would stand higher in the country today if he had been less of a pessimistic grumbler, and had been contented to await the Government measure before condemning it. Two candidates for the Legislature were nominated on Thursday: Mr. F. W. Chappelle, M.P.P., in North Ontario (Liberal), and Mr. D. M. Jermy, in North Bruce (Conservative). Germany, it is now asserted, will give up the Chinese territory which her troops recently seized, and will take a coaling station at Sam-Sah instead. The Germans are bound to have a finger in the Eastern pie now that the hunger for territorial expansion has seized them. Britain, by the way, has really got possession of the more advantageous points, and can complacently look on.

Mark Twain's new humorous story, which he is now writing in Vienna, is to go to the Ladies' Home Journal, which magazine has also secured F. Marion Crawford's new story, which is a tale of the unreal, with the strikingly uncanny title of "The Dead Smile."

THE Missionary Review says that "in 1850 you could buy a man in the Fiji Islands for \$7, butcher him and eat him without even public reprobation. Today the Bible is in nearly every house, and on Sunday nine-tenths of the people may be found assembled in the church for public worship." Yet arguments are still raised against foreign missions!

Your Christmas dinner, your decorations, your gifts, the whole atmosphere of your Christmas will be improved by reading Table Talk for December. It is full of ideas and plans for the housekeeper, and the holiday spirit is encouraged in its menus, table decorations and entertainments. A sample of Table Talk will be mailed free to any of our readers, who send their name and address to Table Talk Publishing Company, Philadelphia, Pa.

The first edition of the Christmas number of McClure's Magazine will be a third of a million copies. It will have a special Christmas cover, designed by Charles L. Hinton, and will contain pictures by F. S. Church, Charles Dana Gibson, Ernest G. Peixotto, Corwin Knapp Linson, and other of the best known artists, as well as reproductions of some famous paintings appropriate to the season. Rudyard Kipling, Anthony Hope, Charles A. Dana, Robert Barr, Ella Higginson, Bliss Perry, W. T. Stead, and the distinguished Asian explorer, Dr. Sven Hedin, will be among the contributors to the number.

Men and Things.

Many persons when applying for situations or asking questions about business in which they are solely or chiefly interested fail to inclose a stamp for reply. This is now demanded by all well-regulated establishments. If it were not, their owners would be out of pocket a large sum every year. If correspondents find that their letters are unanswered, they will know the reason why.

A "Looker On" thus discourses on parties: "There is the Conservative party; that is one. Then there is the Liberal party, formed to look sharply after the Conservative party; that is two. I see a third party (Citizens' League, or something) has been formed to look sharply after the other two. Now it will be necessary for a fourth party to be established to look sharply after the other three."

"The Truth That Saves and How to Present It" is a small volume published by the American Tract Society. The author is one of our best known and successful Canadian clergymen, Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, B.D., Ph.D., pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, Galt. The contents of the book indicate a very faithful effort to make plain the truth of God's word, which brings rest to the heart, peace to the conscience and joy to the soul. The experience of years in the Christian ministry is to be seen in every chapter, and very many illustrations from the lives of men who have been largely used for the conversion of sinners, are evidence of the wide reading of the author. The book is dedicated to all workers in the spiritual harvest, and will surely be of value to them.

SHE'S A BARGAIN.

[Detroit Free Press.] "Doesn't your wife's craze for bargain annoy you, Grumpy?" "Not at all. If she wants a half dollar she never thinks of asking me for more than 25 cents."

REVERSIBLE.

[Pick-Me-Up.] Billson—Why do so few people come to the opera now? Manager—Because our prices are high. Billson—Why do you keep the prices so high? Manager—Because so few people come.

A NAME TO CONJURE BY.

[London Chronicle.] Czarczek. Ugh! There is a name for you, if you please. Seven consonants with one poor little vowel in a single word. This beats all Welsh names, shall we say, hands down, or rather country. And in the sweet language of the Czechs all consonants are pronounced as such, not as in the Welsh language—w, for instance, as u. The fortunate possessor of this jaw-breaking name lives in Frelwalden (Silesia).

ENCHANTMENT OF DISTANCE.

[Aitchison Globe.] Every man knows that in his own family every member who works hard and is thrifty bears the burden of indolent and shiftless ones. It is the same with a nation. A good many men gave up positions at home last summer to drift into the Klondike country, leaving their families to be cared for by their stay-at-home relatives. Congress' first work will be to pass an appropriation bill affording relief for these people in the gold country. Did you ever notice that no relief or rest is ever talked of for the hard-working man who stays at home?

PROJECTILES used by the United States army for its great modern guns cost as follows: Solid shot, 8-inch, \$20 30 each; 10-inch, 12-inch, 12-inch, \$212 each; 12-inch mortar shells, weighing 800 pounds, \$114 each; 12-inch mortar shells, weighing 1,000 pounds, \$185 each.

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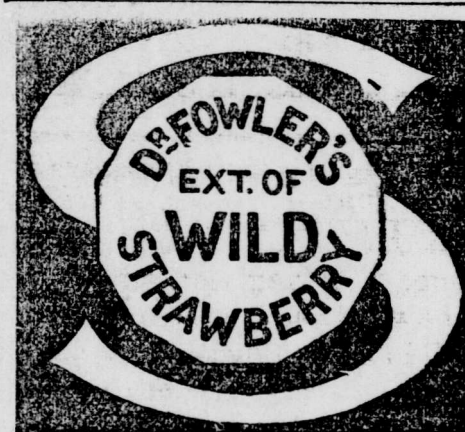
Nobody is Safe from It.

Mr. Jas. Barry, 28 Hunter Street E., Hamilton, Ont., says: "For the past five years I have had Bright's disease of the kidneys in its worst form. My kidneys were in such a frightful condition that they discharged blood."



"I was unable to work, and most of the time could not sleep. I became so excited and suffered such fearful pains in my back, that I was unable to do the least thing. I was in the hospital, where I was treated by several physicians, and I also took many kinds of medicine, but without relief until I commenced taking Doan's Kidney Pills, which I got at Spackman's drug store last January. "Since taking them I have been getting better rapidly. I can now work without inconvenience. They restored my strength, removed the pains from my back, made my kidneys healthy and strong, so that they are able to perform their work easily and well, thereby carrying off all the poisonous secretions which before used to mingle with my blood, and became diffused through my entire system. "I am only too happy to give this testimony as to the merits of Doan's Kidney Pills, so that others may be benefited by their use as I have been." 289

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Christmas Silks.

23-inch Pure Japanese Silk, in all colors, for fancy work, draperies or cushions; selling for 25c. Fancy Blouse Silks, all new colors, regular price 35c, selling for 25c. Special line of Pure Silk Surahs, all new shades, regular 40c, selling for 25c. A magnificent range of Fancy Blouse Silks, regular price 50c, selling for 35c. Fancy Blouse Silks, extra value at 75c, selling for 50c.

Black Silks.

A special line of Black Silk Surah, extra good value at 65c, selling for 50c. Black Peau de Soie Dress Silk, regular price, \$1, selling for 75c. Black Peau de Soie Dress Silk, regular price \$1 50, selling at \$1. Black Satin Duchess Dress Silk, regular price \$1 35, selling for \$1. Black Figured Duchess, for skirts, pure Silk, regular price \$1, selling for 69c. A special line of Art Silks, regular price 50c, selling for 25c.

Millinery, Mantles & Furs

The reduced rates on everything in these departments accounts for our crowded showrooms. Everything here is in favor of the buyer.

Xmas Linens.

OF ALL KINDS.

This the headquarters for Pure Linen Tablings, Napkins, Tray Cloths, Lunch Cloths, etc. Linen Tray Cloths at 10c, 15c, 25c, 40c and 50c. Hemmed Table Napkins, 23x23c, fine damask, regular price \$2 75, selling at \$2.

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Special bargains in Flown Blue Dinnerware, China Tea Sets and Toiletware.

Very special attractions on our 15c and 25c tables. Also a special table of Fancy Glassware will be shown. Be sure you see it.

Quadruple-Plated Silver Tea Service, regular price, \$10, selling for \$7 25. Makes a handsome present.

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Coal Ash Sifters, selling for 11 each. Coal Scuttles, selling for 25c, 30c and 35c.

Mining Knives and Bowls, all sizes, also a large assortment of Tin and Granite Ware at special prices.

Our Grocery stock, as heretofore, will be found the very choicest, and contains everything wanted for Christmas.

Cowan's Soluble Cocoa, 15c a pound. If you have not used it just try it.

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Shoe Section.

50 pairs Men's Three-Buckle Over shoes, regular price \$2 25, selling for \$1 50.

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The Wabash Railroad.
With its superb and magnificent train service is now acknowledged to be the most perfect railway system in America, the great winter tourist route to the south and west, including the famous Hot Springs of Arkansas, Old Mexico (the Egypt of the new world), Texas and California (the land of sunshine and flowers). Passengers going by the Wabash need not reach their destination in advance of other routes. Wabash trains reach more large cities than any other railroad in the world. Detailed information will be gladly furnished by any railroad agent or J. A. Richardson, northeast corner King and Yonge streets, Toronto. 441f

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

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British capital is pouring into British Columbia. It is estimated that \$25,000,000 will be taken there by syndicates.

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UNSETTLED, MILD AND SHOWERY

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 9—11 p.m.—The Northwest low area appears as a small depression central over Lake Superior, and a low pressure trough has formed, and extends from the lake to Texas. High pressure continues over Eastern Canada, and higher pressure is forming over Manitoba and the Western States. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Esquimaux, 40-44; Kamloops, 42-45; Calgary, 20-30; Qu'Appelle, 12-16; Winnipeg, 20-26; Port Arthur, 23-33; Parry Sound, 28-46; Toronto, 30-48; Ottawa, 18-32; Montreal, 24-38; Quebec, 24-32; Halifax, 22-42. The issue of storm warnings to all lake ports will be discontinued during the winter season. Probabilities: Toronto, Dec. 10-11 a.m.—Lakes: Increasing winds; unsettled, mild and showery; lower temperature on Saturday. Local temperature: The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the observatory yesterday were 46 and 39 above.

FOR XMAS.

Remember that nothing makes a nicer present than a beautiful Palm, Flowering Plant or box of St. Andrew's Church, at its annual meeting yesterday, elected the following officers: Honorary president, Mrs. Blair; president, Mrs. (Rev.) Johnston; first vice, Mrs. Murray; second vice, Miss Kessack; third vice, Mrs. Waugh; secretary, Miss Skinner; treasurer, Mrs. Ross; leaflet secretary, Mrs. J. W. McIntosh; organist, Miss Gunn. The contributions for the year were reported as \$235. The total membership was 112, of which 23 joined this year.

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News About Town

—Rev. Father Noonan, of this city, has been appointed parish priest of Biddulph.

—Rev. J. E. Lancelley, of Brampton, who has many friends here, has been ill, but is now recovering.

—At St. George's Society meeting last night a committee was named to distribute Christmas cheer on Dec. 23.

—Mr. Gideon Crawford has been appointed coxswain of the life-saving crew at Port Stanley, vice Capt. Berry.

—The new United States consul, Hon. H. S. Culver, will reside in Kingsmill Terrace, and move the consulate office there.

—Mr. T. B. Escott entertained his Sunday school class in the parlor of the Dundas Center Sunday school last night.

—Miss Ida English has returned to this city from Oxford, England, where she spent seven months visiting relatives and friends.

—Mrs. T. W. McFarland has returned home from Detroit, where she attended the death-bed of her brother-in-law, C. F. Ernst.

—Mr. A. E. Robbins, of Buffalo, superintendent of the eastern division of the Wabash Railroad, was in the city yesterday afternoon.

—Envelopes of all qualities and sizes at The Advertiser Job Printing Department. Let us quote you prices before ordering your next supply.

—Manager Carr estimates that a saving of 40 per cent is made by using coal stoves in place of electric heaters in the cars. The cars are heated much better also.

—Mrs. Tennant, of this city, preached in the Granton Methodist Church last Sunday. Collections amounting to \$750.80, were raised to aid in paying off the debt of the church.

—The G. T. R. have awarded to the Crossen Company, of Cobourg, a contract for the construction of 22 tourist cars, at a cost of \$100,000. The work will occupy four months.

—Grace Golden, of the Castle Square Opera Company, recently began suit for \$1,500 back salary against Mrs. Phil McLeod, of this city, who was interested in the production of "The Birth of Venus" in which Miss Golden appeared.

—Messrs. Croesley and Hunter, who have returned from a very successful two years' visit to the Maritime Provinces, have recommended their labors in the west at Milton. The meetings are of a union character, and already a deep interest is manifest.

—Rev. Canon Dann repeated his lecture on "Ireland and the Irish" at Christ Church school room last night before a large audience. It was thoroughly enjoyed. Rev. W. H. Moorhouse, president, and Mr. James T. Dalton and Miss Watson favored with solos.

—The Woodstock-Sentinel Review, referring to the many marriages in that town lately, and the frequency with which the brides have followed the brides' example, says: Miss Edge, of London, is to be married to Sherwood Skinner, of St. Thomas, on the 28th of this month.

—Doric Lodge, A. F. and A. M. G.

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R. C. of Lobo village, the other evening elected their officers, as follows:

W. M. R. L. Tuckey; S. W. N. Lindsay; J. W. A. E. Tuckey; treasurer, S. W. N. Lindsay; secretary, Dr. P. W. Graham; tyler, J. Robinson; chaplain, Rev. J. E. Holmes.

At the last regular meeting of L. O. L. No. 239, held in Ahoghill Orange Hall, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Worshipful master, George Geoghegan; deputy master, E. J. MacRoberts; chaplain, Geo. Brett; recording secretary, W. Taylor; financial secretary, W. Hodgins; treasurer, S. Clare; director of ceremonies, C. Abery; lecturer, W. Griffith; committee, S. Houston, H. King, A. Drea-ney, B. Colmungan; tyler, J. Logan and J. Miller.

—Mr. Richard Payne died at his son's residence, lot 18, con. 3, London township, on Wednesday. He immigrated to Canada in 1847 from the county of Longford, Ireland, coming direct to London, then a small village. He leaves a grown-up family, as follows: Thomas and James, of Buffalo; Mrs. H. Foster, of London; Mrs. Thos. Logan, Detroit; Mrs. Thos. Gilder, of Trout Creek, Mich.; Mrs. John Dwyer, of London West; Richard and Henry, butchers, of this city.

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Hope, No. 1, I. O. F., held last evening, the following were duly elected officers for the ensuing year: Chief ranger, Bro. George Baxter; vice-chief, Bro. A. J. Morgan; recording secretary, Bro. L. W. Hamby; financial secretary, Bro. Thomas G. Davis; S. W. Bro. A. T. J. W. Bro. J. P. Allister; S. B. Bro. Henry Montague; J. B. Bro. D. J. Vrooman; chaplain, Bro. H. H. Hogg; court deputy H. C. R. Bro. Wm. Tackaberry; auditors and trustees, Bros. L. A. Till and J. Morgan.

At the residence of Mr. W. Blackwell, G. T. R. engineer, 510 York street, yesterday, his second daughter, Miss Rosie, was wedded to Mr. Sidney Bishop, of the city. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. B. Lancelley. The bride was assisted by her sister, Miss Hettie Blackwell, and Miss L. E. Messrs. A. Blackwell, of Detroit, Mich., and Mr. Alf. Eacrett, of this city, supported the bride. The bride was attired in a traveling costume, and carried white roses and maiden hair ferns. The bridesmaids were gowned in green and carried roses and carnations. The young couple, after the wedding luncheon, at which 50 guests were present, left for their honeymoon trip to the east. The bride is a member of the Epworth League of Dundas Center Methodist Church, and an active church worker.

—The Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian Church met yesterday afternoon, when reports were received and the following officers elected: Honorary president, Mrs. MacWhirter; president, Mrs. John Cameron; first vice-president, Mrs. (Dr.) Hodges; second vice-president, Mrs. Vincent; secretary, Miss Boyle (re-elected); treasurer, Mrs. Harkness; organist, Miss Sweeney. Mrs. R. K. Cowan, who has filled the office of treasurer for four years, declined re-election. Mrs. Cowan's report stated receipts to have been \$171 during the year, which included a check for \$50 from Mr. Thomas Kent. This money was forwarded to the Central Missionary Society; \$10.35 sent to the Ewart Memorial, and clothing to the value of \$134.75 to the Northwest. The secretary, Miss Boyle, in her report, showed that the attendance had fallen from 44 to 27. From one member had been removed by death, but several had withdrawn. Notwithstanding this, there was increased activity and interest in the society. Mrs. MacWhirter, the president, occupied the chair.

The regular monthly meeting of Painters' and Decorators' Union, No. 97, was held Wednesday evening, in Labor Hall, with a good attendance of members. The election of officers re-

sulted as follows: President, W. C. Morrison (re-elected); vice-president, George Lewis; preceptor, H. Hardingham; conductor, M. Lammerton; recording secretary, Walter Graham (re-elected); financial secretary, James Wootton (re-elected); warden, W. Davis; treasurer, C. Osborne; delegates to Trades and Labor Council, W. C. Morrison, W. Lewis and W. Graham. The Painters' and Decorators' Union is in a flourishing condition, and the attention of all members of the craft is directed to the advantage of belonging to the union, as the benefits are many and the monthly contributions small. Notwithstanding the scarcity of work, nearly all have kept themselves good on the books, and the attention of those in arrears is called to the necessity of paying promptly to insure the payment of insurance and benefits.

DEFENDING EXPENDITURE.
It founded statements having been made as to the way in which the missionary money of the Methodist Church of Canada is distributed, Rev. Dr. Sutherland, missionary secretary, has published the following statement, showing how every dollar received last year was divided between different departments of the work:

	Cents.	Mills.
Domestic missions	24	8
Indian missions	30	0
Chinese missions, British Columbia	1	6
Chinese missions, British Columbia	0	2
Japan mission	10	5
West China mission	2	9
Mission property	0	4
Affliction and supply	0	4
Superannuated missionaries	1	4
Circuit expenses	1	2
Postage	0	4
Annuitants in consideration of donations	0	6
Interest, discounts, etc.	1	5
Publishing charges	0	7
Traveling expenses	0	7
Conference committees' and treasurers' expenses	0	4
Superintendent of missions, Manitoba and Northwest	0	1
Salaries	2	6
Rents, postage, telegrams, stationery, etc.	1	2
Total	100	0

THE NORTH SEWER SECTIONS.

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Children's Plain Cashmere	25c	19c	
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Ladies' Heavy Wool Hose	37c	30c	
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Ladies' Vests	22c	17c	
Ladies' Vests	25c	18c	
Ladies' Vests	60c	45c	
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Ladies' Drawers	37c	30c	
Ladies' Drawers	60c	50c	
Union Shirts and Drawers	25c	20c	
Union Shirts and Drawers	27c	23c	
Union Shirts and Drawers	30c	25c	
Union Shirts and Drawers	33c	28c	
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Wool Shirts and Drawers	60c	40c	
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Men's Shirts and Drawers	40c	30c	
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