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ORIGIN OF THE CHICAGO HORROR

Inspector Says the Floodlight Was Not Protected.

15,000 THROWN OUT OF WORK

By Closing of the Theaters—Many Public Halls Throughout City To Be Closed Up.

Chicago, Jan. 4. — The investigation to fix the responsibility for the cause of the Iroquois fire horror was taken up today by Fire Inspector Monroe Fulkerson, who has the assistance of the chief of police and of Coroner Traeger. Every employe of the theater on the stage and in the auditorium are on the list summoned for examination. Sixty-five witnesses will be examined. Upon Treasurer John J. Noonan, of the Iroquois Theater, Chief O'Neill has made a demand for the pay rolls of the house, giving the names of the employes.

From union officials other data concerning these employes has been sought.

Although the police interposed no objection when the members of the "Mr. Blue Beard" Company left for the east, some of the actors may be brought back to add their testimony to that of the sixteen members who have been arrested.

Representatives of the theater managers of the city will appear before the city council tonight and ask for permission to open the various playhouses in order to give employment to the 15,000 men and women, who, by their closing, are thrown out of employment, and who, in many instances, are left comparatively destitute.

The plan includes the opening of only the lower parts of the theaters; however, the prices are to be graduated from 25 or 50 cents to $1 or $1.50.

Fire traps in the shape of public halls will be the next assembly places to be shut by the authorities.

Mayor Harrison announces that the case of the minor entertainment halls will be taken up as expeditiously as possible. A force of building inspectors will be detailed at once on the lesser halls, and as fast as violations are reported the closing orders will go out.

The buildings against which the next edict will go forth are scattered throughout Chicago, and in few instances come up to ordinance requirements. In the directory 324 are scheduled, and according to an estimate made by the building officials last summer when the agitations against fire-trap theaters was taken up, over 300 are in violation of the ordinances.

Claiming that an attempt is being made to make organized labor the "scapegoat" for the Iroquois Theater horror, the Chicago Federation of Labor has voted to investigate the causes of the fire through a special committee composed of representatives of the unions concerned in the construction of the buildings. Delegates demanded that the committee make an entirely independent examination and report to the federation rather than to the mayor.

HOW THE FIRE STARTED.

Inspector Fulkerson said: "The fire originated from the contact of a linen curtain with an intensely hot and inadequately protected floodlight. The curtain stuck because a piece of a stage mechanism was directly in the path of the descent of the fire shield. The fire was driven under the suspended curtain by the rush of cold air into the stage when someone opened the rear doors.

"I have evidence that the automatic skylights over the stags did not open as they should have done, and create a flue through which the flames, smoke and heated air on the burning stage could have found a vent. It is apparent that the exits were not adequate. The next step is fixing the responsibility."

Chicago, Jan. 2.—The number of dead as a result of the Iroquois Theater catastrophe is now definitly known to be 587. Of these 577 have been identified. The remaining ten bodies were tonight, upon order of Coroner Traeger, removed to the county morgue, where they will be kept hereafter. The following were identified today: Clarence J. Thompson, Miss Gertrude Fitzpatrick, Harry Ludwig, R. S. Thompson (lawyer), Mrs. Marion W. Gibbs, Mrs. Lulu Gruenwald, Nancy Hanlon (the last named of Grandville, Mich.). The total number of unidentified dead, all of whom being now in the county morgue, has been reduced to ten.

Chicago's head was bowed in grief today over the awful disaster of Wednesday afternoon. Business generally was suspended, except in the banks. The large drygoods houses along State street announced that they would remain open during the early part of the day, in order to supply the demand for mourning goods, which has been unprecedented in the history of the city. It being evident by noon that this demand had been fully met, the stores closed for the balance of the day. For an hour at noon the bells of the city tolled a requiem for the dead. The idea of an hour of mourning was not generally disseminated, but when at noon the sound of the silver chimes of St. James' Church, on the north side, were borne by the wind over the heart of the city, it seemed as though every other church in the city caught from it the inspiration, and the bells of each responded at once. The churches in the outlying portions of the city were the last to take up the tolling, and the bells of St. James' had been silent for two hours or more when the bells of churches in the southwest portion of the city were heard.

A triple funeral was held at noon from Groveland avenue, from where the remains of Myron A. Decker, his wife and his daughter, Mamie, were taken to Rosehill Cemetery. The sole survivor of this family is a daughter, 8 years old, who did not attend the theater.

A triple funeral on West Monroe street was that of Mrs. E. Shriner and her daughters, Irene and Irma. The husband and father had been dead for some time, and the catastrophe of Wednesday exterminated the family.

There were several double and triple funerals held during the day.

The largest funeral to be held tomorrow will be that of the entire fam-

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RIOTS AT BLOOMINGTON

Reign of Terror Due to a Street Car Strike—Militia May Interfere.

Bloomington, Ill., Jan. 4. — Riotious scenes have marked the street car strike here. Windows in six cars were smashed by missiles thrown by strike sympathizers. Two employes were dragged from their cars and severely beaten. The mayor admits that he is not able to cope with the situation, and President Demange, of the Street Car Company, announces that he will appeal to the mayor to ask for militia to protect the street car property. Three arrests have been made. The company has abandoned all efforts to run cars at night.

"TO PLOW AND 'ARRER"

Experiment in Cockney Farming Proves a Failure.

London, Jan. 4. — A "Cockney" farmer is a failure, according to a decision reached by a board of guardians after an experiment just made. Ten able-bodied inmates of a workhouse, clad in appropriate agricultural costume, were sent the other day to Gen. Booth's colony at Hadley farm. The next morning seven indignant men from Poplar walked into Castle Inn. They called for beer. "They want us to plow and 'arrer," said one, in an outraged tone, "and want to make countrymen o' us. Nice thing, ain't it?" All walked back to London.

MARY AS AN ANGEL

The Famous Ex-Actress Sings for Charity's Sake.

London, Jan. 4.—The appearance on the stage of the People's Palace the other night was not the only time Mary Anderson (Mme. de Navarro) has reappeared this week in public as an entertainer, for the day after she contributed much toward the programme at Rev. Father Vaughan's concert for the destitute at the East End People's Palace, Mile End road, filled with 2,600 of the poorest Roman Catholics in London. Miss Anderson sang some sweet, simple songs in a manner gracious and infinitely kind, which delighted the children immensely. M. de Navarro sang a little duet with his beautiful wife, which the youngsters much enjoyed. Miss Anderson, when an interval came, slipped her hand into a sticky mass of eatables stowed in boxes, and distributed buns with smiles impartially.

SCHOOLS MAY CLASH

Parisian Sculptors and Painters in a Lively Campaign.

Paris, Jan. 4. — There is a lively fight ahead in the Societe des Artists Francais, when the election for president comes up early this month. Thus far a sculptor never has occupied the presidential chair of this ancient body, and they are determined that Bourgereau's successor should come from their numbers. The architects and painters also have candidates and have a dozen tickets in the field. The betting at present, though, is with the sculptors.

Considerable astonishment was expressed by visitors to the Louvre last week finding that Murillo's famous picture, "The Assumption," has a new card below bearing the words "Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary." Whether some Louvre official intended to rebaptize the painting or it is an absurd error is open to speculation.

Bosco Reale's delicate fresco has been covered with glass, but the zealous administrators subjected it beforehand to a good cleaning. So thorough was it that nearly all the color was washed out.

Despite the large number of works sent to St. Louis, preparations are going on actively for the annual winter exhibition of the American Art Association, which is open on Jan. 25. An athletic smoker was given at the same club the other night, the attraction being a good programme of fencing, boxing and wrestling. The club shortly will add a gymnasium to its place in the Rue Notre Dame des Champs.

A BEAR LOOSE IN CITY STREETS

Deeply Interested in Tall Buildings and Fleeing People in St. Louis.

St. Louis, Jan. 4. — "Brown Pearl," a cinnamon bear, weighing 600 pounds, which was captured near Laramie, Wyoming, two weeks ago and arrived at the Olive street zoo, escaped while being transferred from one cage to another, and for half an hour created consternation on two of the main thoroughfares of the city.

Pearl wandered up and down Locust and Olive streets, seeing nothing but tall buildings and fleeing people. At Channing avenue and Locust street she met "Steve" Lawrence, bear trainer, face to face. Steve carried a long lariat. A quick turn of the wrist, and the rope settled about Pearl's big neck. She started for Steve, and Steve started for a big truck which had been wheeled to the scene.

Steve could get in and out and around the wheels more quickly than Pearl, and he soon won the game of tangle. Pearl was securely tied, loaded on the truck, and hauled back to the zoo.

Leopold in Trouble.

Paris, Jan. 4.—King Leopold again is likely to have legal troubles. His majesty's agent last year signed an agreement for the purchase of land from the Villefranche municipality. The King has since failed to ratify the agreement, claiming that the neighborhood of Cap Ferrat battery diminishes the value of the land. The municipality states his majesty was aware of this at the time of the purchase and has sent an ultimatum calling on the King to complete the purchase.

THE NEW YEAR IN OLD LONDON

Streets Filled With Shouting and Cheering Crowds.

MAY BE OLD-FASHIONED WINTER

Society Folk Looking Forward to a Long Period of Entertainment — Political Parties.

London, Jan. 4.—The new year opened in London with the streets filled with crowds shouting and cheering quite a different sight to what London thoroughfares usually present at midnight. The sky was clear after an unusually bright day. The weather is cold and everybody is entertaining hopes of an old-fashioned winter. Society folk are looking forward to a year of entertainments. At such a time, perhaps, a sort of social retrospect of the year just gone will not be out of order.

The great English hostesses have not done much during the last season, though the Duchess of Devonshire gave a political party at the beginning of the parliamentary session and a dinner and dance for the Queen and other royalties on Derby night. Mary, Duchess of Hamilton, gave a ball in honor of her daughter's debut, which was smart in the extreme. The Duchess of Westminster's ball at Grosvenor house was one of the most delightful ever given in that palatial residence.

Lady Lansdowne's political parties were as crowded as ever and were fine. stately entertainments. Lady Londonderry gave one big party at the height of the season which will long be remembered for the density of the crowd and the difficulty in getting away afterwards. Lady Derby has given one or two brilliant entertainments at Derby house. Lady Howe gave a brilliant ball for the King and Queen at Curzon House. Lady Portarlington gave a delightful dance in Belgrave square in honor of the debut of her daughter, Lady Aline Dawson Demer.

Lady Warwick gave dinners, dances, and concerts at Brooke house, which she rented for the season. Lady Farquhar gave two or three great dinner parties. Lord Howard de Walden's great fencing party and a few weeks later his fine ball at Seaford house will be easily recalled. Lady Wimborn's dinners and dances at Wimborn house were quite the features of the season.

AN ARMED GUARD WITH DR. DOWIE

'Lije Loaded With Gold to Purchase Island in Gulf of Mexico.

New York, Jan. 4. — A dispatch to the World from New Orleans says: Fearing that sneak-thieves would raid his private car and rob him of his treasures, Alexander Dowie, the restorer, had a guard of prophets and attendants armed with revolvers, neat him while in this city. He is said to have received secret information that he would be robbed.

Dowie got a chilly reception here. There was no one to meet him at the train, and during his stay the public forgot that he was in town. A local newspaper man approached him for an interview. Dowie and seven of his prophets surrounded the reporter and after elbowing him off the sidewalk, compelled him to retreat.

Dowie later stated that he was en route to Australia via San Francisco. He admits having a large amount of gold with him. He is negotiating for the purchase of Matagorda Island, Texas, from the Southern Pacific, for a Zionist colony.

NATIVE RISING IN NEW GUINEA

Europeans and Friendly Natives Massacred—Twenty-Five Hostiles Killed.

Brisbane, Queensland, Jan. 4. — The natives of Parr Haven, German New Guinea, rose Nov. 14 and massacred two Europeans, an engineer named Dowell, and a trader, Etharit: two Chinese and ten friendly natives. A punitive expedition sent against the natives killed twenty-five of the hostiles. The trouble arose from a land dispute.

TROUBLE AT TELLURIDE

A Colorado City is Placed Under Martial Law.

Denver, Col., Jan. 4.—Gov. Peabody has declared a modified form of martial law in Telluride, and the city will be placed under the same restrictions as now prevail at Cripple Creek.

The object of the order is understood to be to prevent the return of the men who were arrested and sent out of the district. These men are considered by the military as agitators, who were responsible for the whole trouble in Telluride.

Twenty-two men have been arrested here since the governor's proclamation. The prisoners include Gen. Eugene Engley, who was representing the miners' union as counsel; Jay N. Miller, president of the local union; J. C. Union, president of the local order of miners, and Henry Manke, a prominent union leader. Major Hill announces that the prisoners would be taken out of San Miguel County and forbidden to return during the operation of martial law.

AXES, KNIVES, PISTOLS

Two Brothers Killed in a West Virginia Feud.

Inez, Ky., Jan. 4. — The bodies of Alfred and Hayden Johnson, brothers, were found in the public park, near Jennie, W. Va., each with a bullet through his head.

Anthony Crabtree, Jacob Oliver and the two Johnsons, it is said, had a fight in which axes, knives and pistols were freely used. Crabtree and Oliver were pitted against the two Johnsons, who were unarmed except a pocket-knife and an axe.

LONDON IS SAFE WHILE AT PLAY

No Loss of Life Recorded in Theaters Since 1858.

THE REGULATIONS ARE STRICT

Automatic Exit Doors and Fireproof Scenery Among the Precautions Ordered.

London, Jan. 4. — Even the far eastern crisis has dwindled in interest since the first messages about the Chicago theater disaster began to reach London. Everywhere one goes, at hotels, restaurants, clubs or the city, people discuss with shuddering the awful details that have been coming over the cable.

Yet certainly the first night after the news was generally known, which was Thursday, no appreciable effect was felt on the attendance of most of the London theaters. The usual number were waiting in line at the Drury Lane box office early in the evening. The vaudeville had "house full" boards prominently displayed. Still another playhouse in the Strand showed a falling off of $200 compared with the day before.

According to Sir Algernon West, since 1858 not a single life has been lost in a properly licensed theater building in London, except of a fireman, who perished in the performance of duty at the Alhambra in 1882. The last few days theater managers and the public have been praising the wisdom of the rules of the county council, whereas some of the former had been wont to find them rather irksome. In addition to the main rules about lowering the asbestos curtain once during the performance, doors opening outward, stairways and passages to be kept free, there are some other precautions which must be observed. All doors used for the purpose of exit, must, if fastened, during the time the public are in the building, be secured during such time by automatic bolts only of a pattern and position approved by the council. The management must allow the public to leave by all exit doors. All gas burners within reach of the audience must be protected by glass or wire globes. All gas taps within reach of the public must be made secure.

An additional means of lighting for use in the event of the principal system being extinguished must be provided in the auditorium, corridors, passages, exits and staircases. If oil or candle lamps are used for this purpose, they must be of a pattern approved by the council, and properly secured to an uninflammable base, out of reach of the public. Such lamps must be kept lighted during the whole time the public is in the premises. No mineral oil must be used in them. All hangings, curtains and draperies must be rendered non-inflammable. Scenery is painted on canvas that has been first prepared with a solution recommended by the county council, to make it non-inflammable. The paints used by the scenic artists contain no oils.

The event has called forth a flood of letters to the press. The following from Colonel W. B. Chamberlain to the Daily Telegraph is interesting:

"In nearly all fires in theaters loss of life seems to be at the head of stairs. This is natural, as persons who come first to the head of the stairs, hold back, being afraid to go down quickly lest they be pushed down by those behind them. People seem to think a broad staircase safer than a narrow one. I don't think this is the case, as in a narrow one you can put your hands on two sides, and go down with less fear of being thrown forward. All wide staircases should be provided with handrails, for if you have both hands on handrails you can run down quickly. If theaters were below ground you would in case of fire run up instead of down. They would be much safer for want of air to feed the flames."

WEATHER BULLETIN

Tomorrow—Moderating.

London, Monday, Jan. 4.

Sun rises..7:51 a.m. Moon rises..7:05 p.m.
Sun sets...4:53 p.m. Moon sets...8:39 a.m.

Toronto, Jan. 3—8 p.m.

A very heavy gale has prevailed today in the Maritime Provinces, with a snowfall of from 10 to 20 inches. Elsewhere in Canada, with the exception of a few light local snowfalls in the lake region, the weather has been fine, with very low temperatures from Manitoba to Quebec, and milder conditions in the Territories.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 42—42; Edmonton, 10—28; Qu'Appelle, 16 below—12; Winnipeg, 28 below—6 below; Port Arthur, 10 below—zero; Toronto, 11 below—18; Bissette, 46 below—6 below; Ottawa, 20 below—4 below; Montreal, 12 below—8 below; Quebec, 16 below—6 below; Halifax, 4 below—10.

FORECASTS.

Monday, Jan. 4—8 a.m.

Today—Fine and very cold.
Tuesday—Moderating.

Temperature.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	6	6	Clear
Winnipeg	—10	—20	Clear
Toronto	—16	—16	Clear
Ottawa	—22	—22	Fair
Montreal	—20	—20	Fair
Quebec	—18	—20	Fair
Father Point	—14	—20	Cloady

The sign — denotes "below zero."

WEATHER NOTES.

The storm which passed to the southwest of the lakes on Saturday was afterwards unusually severe throughout the Maritime Porvinces. The great cold continues from Manitoba to the Gulf, but milder conditions prevail in the Northwest Territories.

Local temperatures: Saturday—Highest, 12°; lowest, 7.05° below. Sunday—Highest, 11°; lowest, 7.5° below.

IT'S PEACE DAY IN THE FAR EAST

Jap Minister Has Cordial Conference With Lamsdorff.

SAYS LATTER IS CONCILIATORY

The Tension Between the Two Countries Has Appreciably Decreased —Russian Cruisers Prepare.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 4. — The Japanese minister here, M. Kurino, has authorized the Associated Press to say that he had a cordial conference with Foreign Minister Lamsdorff on Friday last, and that he was convinced by the latter's sincere conciliatory attitude that the Russian Government is disposed to seek a peaceful settlement.

Cologne, Germany, Jan. 4. — "The tension between Russia and Japan has appreciably decreased, and the situation is regarded in authoritative quarters, as quite reassuring," according to a dispatch to the Cologne Gazette, from St. Petersburg, "although the preparations and strategic deployment of both armies will not be immediately interrupted," adds the correspondent, "pending the negotiations taking a turn affording the best prospects of Russia coming to a complete understanding with Japan."

The dispatch also says that the Russian reply is expected shortly and that Viceroy Alexieff will start in February for St. Petersburg.

Moscow, Jan. 4. — The Russian cruiser Saratoff of the volunteer fleet has been ordered to Sebastopol to receive her armament and thence proceeding with all haste to Port Arthur.

The Russian cruiser Orel has been ordered to remain at Odessa until she receives her armament.

Washington, Jan. 4. — The United States navy department has been advised by cable of the arrival today at Chemulpo of the transport Zafiro, from Manila, with a company of marines. If United States Minister Allen, at Seoul, so advises, the marines will march to Seoul to protect the American legation.

JAIL DELIVERIES HIS BUSINESS

A Chicago Crook Who Has Many Assistants Said to Have Made a Fortune.

Columbia, Mo., Jan. 4.—J. P. Quinn, under sentence of six years for swindling, committed suicide in the jail, after a desperate but unsuccessful attempt to murder Deputy Sheriff Rogers, firing two shots at him.

John Camel, of New York, who occupied the cell with Quinn, confessed that there was a plot to release the prisoners. Quinn had money at his command, and at the advice of Camel wrote recently to a Chicago crook who makes a business of jail deliveries.

Two men came here from Chicago last week, and prisoners at the jail testified that these men approached the jail at midnight, opened an outside window, and by means of a long pole passed a bag containing burglar's tools and weapons to Quinn's cell. These were found after the prisoner's suicide.

When questioned Quinn admitted that the Chicago "Yaeger," whose name he refused to give, had made a fortune by jail deliveries, and has a force of assistants, who operate in all parts of the country.

HENRY NORMAN AT MONTREAL

Says There'll Be No War in Far East, and That Chamberlain Is Doomed.

Montreal, Jan. 4.—Henry Norman, M. P. for South Wolverhampton in the British Commons, and one of the leading English journalists, is in Montreal and will visit other points in Canada before returning home. Mr. Norman is an authority on far eastern questions, and, speaking of the reported prospects of war, he said: "Despite the newspaper reports, I do not think that Russia and Japan will come to blows. A great many of the reports on the situation are obviously untrue. Japan, in my opinion, will eventually secure a free hand in Korea, and hostilities between the two countries will thus be avoided."

Mr. Norman is a strong opponent of Mr. Chamberlain's fiscal proposals. He claims that the agitation is making little impression and that Mr. Chamberlain is doomed to defeat in his campaign.

COLD SNAP AT WINDSOR

The Season's Record Breaker Sweeps Through the Town.

Windsor, Ont., Jan. 4. — Yesterday's cold snap was the record-breaker for the season, starting in at 2 above at 1 a.m. and dropping to 5 below by 7 a.m., remaining at that figure for three hours. The warmest time of the day was at 4 p.m., when the thermometer registered 12 above. By 10 p.m. the mercury had dropped to 6 above; at 2:30 this morning the thermometer registered 2 degrees above zero. The worst of the cold wave passed and this city may expect a gradual moderation today.

HOLIDAY BEGGING

London Mail-Carriers Thinks Plan Lessens Self-Respect.

London, Jan. 4.—This week brought to every place of business and almost every household a seeker of something for a Christmas box whose annual visits are inevitable. Postman, carrier, telephone employe, telegraph lineman, messenger boy, and a dozen or two other persons, not forgetting the professional window cleaner, called to wheedle a sixpence, a shilling, or more if they could get it from the business or professional man. The postman, however, tired of this system of beggary as conducive to loss of self-respect, is demanding better wages, declaring they have been fixed heretofore by the general postoffice without regard to gratuities received Christmas.

BIRD CHARMER BANISHED

Draws Such Crowds That the Grounds Suffer Damage.

Paris, Jan. 4.—The familiar Parisian figure of the famous bird charmer, Paul, who is called the St. Francis of the Tuileries, as he has given names to all the birds in the garden and they answer at his call, was banished from the garden this week by order of the police, because he had too many imitators, who attracted great crowds, incumbering the walks and destroying the grass and flowers. He is such a favorite, however, that efforts are being made to have him return to delight the habitues of the Tuileries.

SENATOR MANN MISSING

Feared That He Was Killed in the Chicago Fire.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Friends of State Senator S. A. Mann, of Florida, who was in Chicago at the time of the Iroquois Theater fire, have become alarmed, and searched the hospitals without securing a trace of him. Inquiries also are reported to have come from New York, and from Tallahassee. Mr. Mann is the father-in-law of Gov. Jennings of Florida.

BLIND MAY RUN AUTOS

Regulations in London Permit of Many Absurd Interpretations.

London, Jan. 4.—Under the new automobile law, if you haven't arrived at the dignity of the age of 17 you can't drive an automobile. If, however, you are only blind you are quite competent to drive anything. That is the interpretation the Motoring Illustrated puts upon the new regulations since a demonstration made the other day in order to illustrate the absurdity of the law. An application for a license was made by a blind man who is one of the fixtures at Watford station. It was issued without a question.

CORELLI HAS LAST WORD

The Famous Novelist Presents Defendant With Damages.

London, Jan. 4. — Just like a woman, Marie Corelli has had the last word in regard to damages which a jury awarded her in a recent libel action. Defendant called on Miss Corelli to deliver the coin and was received by the butler, to whom he handed a receipt for Miss Corelli's signature. Determined that her autograph should not go so cheap she referred the caller to her solicitors. They received and sent it back with these terms:

"We are instructed by our client to inform defendant that she is happy to present him with the damages granted by a jury as a contribution to one of the many Stratford charities he no doubt supports."

A BLOODY FIGHT IN COURT ROOM

Italian Woman Slashes Former Sweetheart's Throat With a Razor.

Orange, N. J., Jan. 4. — In a crowded courtroom Mrs. Carmelo Barbato, about 40 years old, drew a razor from the pocket of her dress and slashed Pasquale De Parma across the cheek, severing his jugular vein. The man and woman were directly in front of Judge Bray at the time, and the blood that spurted from the wound spattered the judge's face and clothing. The wounded man was hurried to the Orange Memorial Hospital, where he lies in a critical condition. Mrs. Barbato had caused the arrest of De Parma, whom she accused of annoying her by his attentions. They were sweethearts fifteen years ago in the town of Prata, Italy.

TIRES OF COMMONS

Will Retire After Next Election, Taking Up Duties as Master of Hounds

London, Jan. 4.—Albert Brassey, M. P., stands by the announcement recently made that he will leave the House of Commons at the next election to devote himself to his duties as master of the Leythrop hounds.

"How do you think I can do more than one thing at a time?" he inquired of an interviewer the other day. "It is all very well to run up to town just to go into the lobby when an important measure is being put through, but that is not doing one's duty. So far as the House is concerned, I have been there eight years now, and have had enough of it. I am tired of Parliament. It is a useful institution, but I don't see why I should live the whole afternoon in its close atmosphere. Certainly I object to remaining till 1 or 2 o'clock in the morning."

JACK FROST IS KING DOWN EAST

Intense Cold and Great Drifts in Eastern States.

NEW YORK CITY IN ICY GRIP

Hotel Fires Drove Half Clad Guests Into Streets—Wires Snap With the Cold.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 4.—Transportation facilities were badly hampered today, as the result of Saturday night's heavy fall of snow, and because of zero weather Extreme cold weather was reported by all New England districts early today. In Boston the temperature at 8:30 a.m. stood at 4 above zero, almost the lowest of the winter. In inland sections the mercury registered from 10 to 25 degrees below zero.

Jewett City, Conn., Jan. 4.—With the temperature at zero, the guests in the Jewett City Hotel were driven from their beds, and out or doors at 4 a.m. today by a fire which destroyed the entire structure. All the inmates of the hotel escaped without accident, although few were able to save any personal effects, except clothing hastily gathered. Loss $10,000.

Brunswick, Me., Jan. 4.—Wires passing through here were snapped off during the night by the intense cold. The temperature was 28 degrees below at dawn. Train service to Rockland has been suspended by the freezing of the Kennebec River.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 4.—The extreme cold continues unabated here. The temperature ranged about 10 degrees below zero during the night, and is little warmer today. All trains are from one to six hours late.

Utica, N. Y., Jan. 4.—The weather continues clear and cold with unprecedentedly low thermometer records from surrounding points. Boonville on the edge of the Adirondacks, reports 45 below last night. At 6 a.m. in Utica today it was 30 below. Thermometer is slowly rising.

Elizabeth, N. J., Jan. 4.—Frederick Webber's Hotel was destroyed by fire today. One man is reported missing, but the search so far has failed to reveal any body in the ruins. The building has a four-story brick structure. Almost every one in the hotel was asleep when the blaze started, and the flames spread so rapidly that all rushed into the street half clad with the mercury hovering around zero. Loss 25,000.

Glens Falls, N. Y., Jan. 4.—Last night was the coldest in the Adirondacks for this season. The mercury stood at 23 below at Glens Falls, 24 at Lake George and 30 at Warrensburg. Weather Observer Williams says December was the coldest in ten years, the mean temperature being 4.6 degrees below normal. The total snowfall was 17.7 inches, or four inches above the normal.

Schenectady, N. Y., Jan. 4.—The coldest weather of recent years prevails here today. This morning the thermometer registered 22 degrees below zero. The country roads are impassable, the snow being drifted to a height of 10 feet in many places.

New York, Jan. 4.—The official thermometer at the weather bureau went down to 5 above zero at 9 a.m. today, one degree lower than yesterday, and the lowest temperature in several years. Through trains on the roads terminating in Jersey City averaged an hour to an hour and a half late today in consequence of the storm.

$20,000 IN HIS CLOTHES

Workman Who Lived Like a Pauper Kept Fortune Near Him.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 4. — For many years John Walker, of South Omaha, wore in the lining of his clothes $20,000 in gold and bills. The discovery was made by chance.

Walker worked for Armour & Co., seven years for a small salary. He died in a scantily furnished apartment. Apparently he was a pauper. The court clerks who are sent to the house accidentally discovered a hard substance in the coat lining. It was a $20 gold piece. Up and down the seams of the coat and lining the trousers and vest were rows of similar coins. The shoulders of the coat were padded with bills of 100 and $50 denomination. In the linings of Walker's shoes other greenbacks and gold pieces were found. In a dilapidated trunk other garments yielded thousands of dollars from ragged linings. Rusty old shoes had false soles full of money, flat bands bulged with carefully creased greenbacks. Walker is thought to have a sister in Boston.

KISSED WRONG MAN

Student in Bible School Gets Several By Mistake.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—"O, I was sure you would be here!" exclaimed a young woman last evening as she rushed up to a divinity student in the dining-room at the Stratford Hotel and threw her arms around his neck, kissing him twice.

The student is Edward O. Lansing, of Lockport, N. Y., and he is taking a course at the McCormick Theological Seminary. A mistake in identity later was explained as due to a boutonniere of violets which he wore.

"I think this is a cool reception," said the woman before Lansing recovered from his surprise. "Is this what I am to expect after all my trouble in finding you?"

"I didn't think you had much trouble in finding me," said Lansing. "You kissed the first man you saw."

"Why did you wear the violets if you didn't intend to meet me?" asked the young woman.

Lansing looked at the lapel of his coat and then understood the mistake.

The woman said her name was Dorothy Simpson and that she was to meet a brother whom she had not seen for ten years. He had promised to wear violets.

George Simpson, the missing brother, did not appear, and Miss Simpson went away.

"I am satisfied," said Lansing as he left the hotel. "I believe I will call here every day with violets in my buttonhole."

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LIVED AS A MAN FOR THREE YEARS

Miss Alice Was "Percy" and Was One of the Boys.

DAUGHTER OF RICH PARENTS

Roughed It For Her Health and Liked It—Made a First-Class Boy, But Couldn't Bat.

Helena, Mont., Jan. 4.—With the consent of her father, a wealthy organ manufacturer of Louisville, Ky., Alice Pilcher has for three years been masquerading through Montana as a boy, and her undoing came as the result of a cold contracted while driving. She is 21 years old, and was known in Helena as Percy Pilcher.

Three years ago she overheard her physician in Louisville tell her father that she was threatened with consumption, but that if she could get out west and rough it she might be able to ward off the disease. After a consultation with her father, she donned a suit of clothes belonging to her brother, and with only sufficient funds to provide for her immediate wants, she arrived in Montana. After spending her ready cash, she got work pushing ore cars in a mine at Hasset, but finding this too hard, she resigned.

As she had exhibited such willingness to work, the superintendent found her a place in the boarding house as a waitress. Later she worked on a ranch, and it is said that as a result of a season's work she had three horses. Selling these to a liveryman she lost the proceeds in a poker game before leaving the barn. She then came to Helena, where she became a splendid billiard player. Later she played baseball.

While driving with a young woman two weeks ago she contracted a severe cold, and it was necessary to summon a physician, from whom she could not conceal her identity. A telegram was sent to Louisville, and an order came for a ticket and funds and she has joined her father.

"Percy" was made to bear the brunt of many jokes upon her arrival, but she took them all so good-naturedly, that she was soon looked upon as a reformed tenderfoot and took her place with the boys. This position she upheld.

"Percy's" greatest ambition seemed to be to become a baseball player. She found great delight in carrying to the grounds the big glove worn by the league catcher, and would assist him as a backstop. She became a fair fielder and thrower, but because of her inability to hit failed to secure a place on any of the local teams.

"Percy" went back home for the holidays two years ago, but after having once lived in the west was dissatisfied at Louisville and soon returned.

She made Helena her headquarters, and would frequently make trips to nearby towns, where her rosy cheeks and golden curly hair always attracted attention, although she guarded her secret so well that no one suspected the truth. Her father is a member of the firm of Pilcher Bros., organ manufacturers, of Louisville.

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Cause many troubles,—pimples, boils and other eruptions, besides loss of appetite, that tired feeling, fits of biliousness, indigestion and headache.

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HAS RACY REPUTATION

Tales of High Play Told of the New Atlantic Club.

London, Jan. 4.—The Atlantic Club, on Dover street, originally intended to provide a meeting ground for the social and financial elect of American with London's leading men about town, is beginning to get a racy reputation.

It was founded by the familiar device of inviting 200 fashionable men to join, paying 30 guinea subscription. It caught on slowly, but now, when tales of high gaming are going round, there is such a rush for membership by the gilded youth that a heavy entrance fee has been put on in addition to the dues. Bridge and baccarat are played for big stakes.

It is no uncommon thing for young fellows to play until 6 o'clock in the morning, have a bath and a change, take the 7:30 train for the hunting center, get back to town for dinner, and repeat the performance with only a few hours' sleep snatched in the railroad cars.

There are several American names on the membership list, but as yet Americans are seldom seen there.

It is the "smartest" club in London at present, with a splendid chef, unimpeachable wines and luxurious rooms. But it is held that the pace is too swift to last, and that there is sure to be trouble about the heavy losses of some foolish young fellows bearing noted names.

Footstools for Pets.

Paris, Jan. 4. — The Parisian's love of canine pets has led to the invention of a pretty little piece of furniture. It is a small footstool of gilt, wood and upholstered material, in keeping with the hangings of an apartment. The stool is hollow, padded inside and furnished with a small door on one side, and serves for a comfortable nook for a small dog. Parisian hostesses can thus keep their pets with them when receiving their friends.

Hopes To Come Again.

Ottawa, Jan. 4. — An invitation was sent from the Dominion Board of Trade to Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, asking him to visit Canada. Mr. Chamberlain writes to President Coates, under date of Dec. 12, regretting that he cannot accept.

He adds that he visited Canada on two different occasions, and hopes to be able later on to have another opportunity to see for himself something of the astonishing progress which has been effected during the past few years.

HICKS PREDICTS STORMY JANUARY

Heavy Gales, Thunderstorms and Blizzardous Cold.

CONSIDERABLE SNOW AND SLEET

It Will Be Necessary to Figure On Thaws and Frosts—and It's All On Account of Venus.

St. Louis, Jan. 2.—The following are Rev. Irl. R. Hicks' weather forecasts for the month of January, 1904:

Winter thunderstorms on and touching the 4th should be no surprise, and a rapid and violent change to high barometer, high northwesterly gales and very cold, should be counted on in the immediate rear of the storm areas. In proportion as the temperature rises and the barometer falls, during the first stages of this period, look for change to high barometer and blizzardous cold, as the storm center shifts to the east. Shelter should be sought for man and beast, while the barometer is still low, and before the storms culminate. Supplies of feed and food and fuel should be provided, not in or after the storms, but before.

Second storm period—regular. This period extends from the 7th to the 12th. The days of the greatest storm probability are the 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th. As we enter this period, look for change to warmer in the west, winds will shift to southerly and easterly, and the barometer will fall. About the 9th storms of rain and snow will set in, and during the 10th, 11th and perhaps the 12th, they will march eastwardly across the country. The western to central states will be in the grasp of a high barometer and cold wave before the storm center has reached or cleared the Eastern States.

Third storm period — Reactionary. This period is central on the 14th, 15th and 16th. The moon will be in conjunction with earth and sun, or at its new, on the 17th, and this fact is reasonably certain to prolong storm conditions over the 17th, and into the next regular storm period. The prevailing cold will soften about the 14th, and the barometer will fall in the west, bringing a renewal of rain and snow—mostly snow—as the wave works eastward during the 15th and 16th. It is a rare thing for storm conditions to break up immediately preceding a new moon. As a rule the warmth and low barometer, and hence precipitation in some form, are almost sure to continue until after the conjunction of moon and sun is past. When the moon is nearing the celestial equator, especially when on its way from south declination, the effect is to prolong higher temperature and low barometer. This being the case on the 19th, the probabilities are that a disagreeable spell of rainy, snowy, sleety weather will last from about the 15th and 16th, into the regular storm period following.

Fourth storm period—Regular: This period is central on the 20th, extending from the 18th to the 23rd. The probabilities are that most parts of the country will enter this period in a perturbed if not stormy state of weather. A marked increase of warmth will be noticeable on and about the 19th, with possibly winter lightning and thunder. Look for rain about the same time, turning into blizzards and snow and sleet, as the storm areas travel eastward across the country during the 20th, 21st, and 22nd. A high barometer, stiff northwesterly winds and a cold wav will push close on the hear of these storms.

Fifth storm period — Reactionary: The 25th, 26th and 27th are the central days of this period. At this, as well as other storm periods, a perceptible rise of temperature will set in early in the west, falling barometer will quickly ensue, and cloudiness with return of rain and snow, will make their regular march eastward across the country. Before the cloud and storm areas have fairly reached the Central to Eastern States, high barometer, cold winds and clearing weather will be following close in the rear from the northwest. This same order will prevail at all the winter storm periods, except in occasional cases where a combination of causes brings on a continuous and prolonged storm, or stormy spell of weather. We will be entering a combined Vulcan and Mercury period of disturbance as we pass from January into February. This period will culminate in February, but indications of returning storm conditions will be apparent in western extremes at the close of January.

But for the Venus disturbance during this month there would be a minimum of storm producing causes. But a Venus perturbation at this season almost assures a month of changeable extremes in storm and weather. It will be wise to figure on thaw and rain, freeze and blizzard; watch for the former during the early stages of the storm periods, and for the latter during the last half of the wind-up of the periods.

LOST IN CHICAGO FIRE

Former Residents of Toronto and Whitby Believed To Be Dead.

Toronto, Jan. 4.—Another former resident of Toronto, who died in the Chicago fire, was Mrs. Inez Spring, wife of W. H. Spring, of Chicago, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Scovell, of this city. A telegram was received by Mr. Scovell, Thursday night, stating that his daughter had been killed in the fire. Mr. Scovell then thought it was a case of mistaken identity, as Mr. Spring was very ill in his home in Chicago. However, though the sad news was not confirmed, Mrs. Scovell left Friday night for Chicago. Since then no word has been received in Toronto, and Mr. Scovell anxiously awaits the result of Mrs. Scovell's attempt to identify the body, the husband being too ill in Chicago to undertake the task.

Whitby, Ont., Jan. 4.—The Chicago theater disaster has brought gloom to many in this town, as Mrs. E. A. Davey, reported as having lost her life, together with her daughter, is an old Whitbyite, who subsequently moved to Belleville, and from there went to Chicago. She was formerly a Miss Lizzie Adams, born and brought up in Whitby, and visited her friends here nearly every summer. They have received a telegram from Mr. Davey confirming the loss of his wife and daughter. The bodies have not been recovered.

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SOO CREDITORS TO TAKE ACTION

Messrs. Speyer & Co. Must Prove Their Claim in the Canadian Courts.

Toronto, Jan. 4.—A number of creditors of the insolvent "Soo" companies have organized to fight the claim of Speyer & Co., of Philadelphia. The legal firm of Barwick, Aylesworth, Wright & Moss have filed a petition to the courts to have a liquidator appointed for each of the subsidiary companies. It is alleged in the petition that the Canadian Bank of Commerce and a number of United States trust companies, who held unsecured claims against the companies, advanced $1,500,000 to pay the debts owing to themselves, and obtained for this advance security which they lacked before. It is also claimed that a large portion of the stock of the different subsidiary companies was issued without payment being made for the same, and that Speyer & Co., by registering themselves as owners of all of the stock, have become liable for all of the amount unpaid. The papers were served on C. P. Worthington, auditor of the company, on Friday night.

Jas. Bicknell, representative of Speyer & Co. in Canada, returned from New York on Saturday. He had been in conference several days with the owners of the assets of the Soo properties, and declares that the latest litigation, filed in the name of the unsecured creditors, does not change the relation of Speyer & Co. a particle. It is merely making more trouble and petty annoyance for Speyer & Co., he said, without contributing in any way toward the solution of the tangle. Mr. Bicknell said the more of these suits that were filed the less there would be for the unsecured creditors, since the expense of the litigation would have to come out of what was realized.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 2.—The adjourned annual meeting of the Consolidated Lake Superior Company, which was to have been held today, was again postponed, this time to Jan. 23. Four stockholders having proxies for a majority of the stock, were present at the hour named for the meeting, but transacted no business.

MADE HIM SIT UP

Wm. Doeg's Rheumatism Wouldn't Let Him Lie Down to Rest—Dodd's Kidney Pills Cured Him.

Sundridge, Ont., Jan. 4. — After four years' torture from Rheumatism, Mr. Doeg, a farmer living on con. 3, Strong township, is entirely free from his old enemy. Dodd's Kidney Pills did it. Mr. Doeg makes the following statement regarding his cure:

"The trouble started in my back and spread to other parts of my body. The pain got so bad I could not lie down to take rest, and had to sit night and day in a chair.

"I was treated for Rheumatism by several doctors and tried different medicines without getting relief. I thought I would never again be free from pain.

"Then I started using Dodd's Kidney Pills and before I had finished the second box all my pains had gone. They have never come back; I am a new man."

A DOMINION EXHIBITION

Big One To Be Held in Winnipeg Next Summer.

Toronto, Jan. 4.—R. C. Younge, secretary of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, has returned from Ottawa, where he conferred with the Minister of the Interior with regard to the proposed Dominion exhibition in Winnipeg next July. Mr. Younge states that the exhibition has now been definitely decided upon, and without doubt will be the greatest ever held in Western Canada. It will take a form similar to that held in Toronto last year. The Dominion Government grant of $50,000 will be applied to the erection of new buildings, including a large manufacturers building, the augmentation of the prize money, payments of freights on shipments and the advertising of the exhibition. The Manufacturers' Association will give the exhibition of its manufactured goods as complete as possible.

THE BORGHESE ARCHIVES

The Precious Documents Purchased by the Vatican.

Rome, Jan. 4.—The Borghese family have sold to the Vatican their rich archives, containing the most important collection of historical documents yet unpublished, especially regarding Pope Paul V., who died in 1621. The archives also contain parchments concerning the famous question of the legality of his marriage to Catherine of Arragon, propounded in 1528 by King Henry VIII. to Pope Clement VII. Several Englishmen unsuccessfully tried to purchase the collection and Pope Piux X. congratulated the Borghese family for not allowing the archives to leave Italy.

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JOTTINGS FROM NEAR-BY PLACES

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Contributors' names are not published, but all letters should be signed and dated.

NORWICH.

Norwich, Jan. 4.—Miss Etta Barlow is spending the New Year holiday at her home in Woodstock.

Mr. Elgin Haines, of Detroit, has been renewing old acquaintances about Norwich.

Mr. J. Winterburne, of Milverton, spent Christmas with friends here.

Mr. D. A. Norris, of Strathroy, has been visiting friends here.

A party of friends from town surprised Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Barnes at their home on Monday evening. An enjoyable evening was spent there.

Miss Ethel Mauthe, of Wellesley, is spending the holidays at her home here.

Miss Cohoe, of Tilsonburg, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Frank Hulet.

Mr. J. Pfeffer, of Milverton, is spending New Years in Norwich.

The marriage of Mr. J. Morency and Miss Cora Haight, both of this place, took place on Wednesday, Dec. 30, at the residence of the Baptist pastor, Mr. Cameron. The happy couple left for Toronto on the 4:20 train. They will reside on Stover street.

Mr. Charles Cole, of Thedford, spent the holidays at Mr. A. R. Bradley's.

LAMBETH.

Lambeth, Jan. 4.—On Thursday evening, Dec. 31, the Lambeth Amusement Club congregated at "The Evergreens," the residence of Mr. L. M. Vandermade, in costume and mask, representing John Bull, Canada, Admiral Dewey, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, a Darkey, Clergyman and His Wife, Little Red Riding Hood and Her Basket, two Japanese Ladies, two of England's Ancient Noblemen, a Tramp, Reuben, and two Nuns, Mr. Gordon Mann and Miss Lena Mann, who represented "Mr. and Mrs. Jones, of Jonesville," a young married colored pair, carried away the beautiful prize. A Clover Hunt was the first game of the evening, and was won by Mr. Roy Bannatyne. An advertisement contest was won by F. Millson and Miss Ada Branston. Lost Heir was then played, and was won by R. Bannatyne. Then the hour came for lunch, and soon after the crowd dispersed for home.

WATFORD.

Watford, Jan. 4.—Mr. C. Livingstone, St. Catharines, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Livingstone, John street.

Mrs. W. E. Hume and son, Ottawa, are guests of Mr. Henry Hume, Main street.

Miss J. Campbell, Detroit, is spending a few days with Mrs. A. Aitken, Main road.

Mr. Edward Clark left on Thursday to visit his daughter, Mrs. J. Smith, Chateauguay, N. Y.

Mrs. Christie, Exeter, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. R. R. Rogers.

Mr. D. O'Rourke, New York, is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. J. O'Rourke.

Mr. P. J. Dodds was in London on business last week.

Rev. Canon and Mrs. Downie are spending a few days with their daughter, Mrs. R. Williams, Havelock.

Rev. J. Clutterbuck, Gouverneur, N. Y., and Dr. H. E. Clutterbuck, New York city, attended the funeral of their father, the late Mr. William Clutterbuck, on Thursday.

Mr. O. W. Howard, M.A., Montreal, is visiting at his home here.

Miss Julia Taylor, Blyth, is the guest of friends in Watford and vicinity.

Miss Alma Clark, Toronto, is visiting her home here.

Miss Lulu Aitken left on Friday for Wilkesport, where she has been engaged to teach in the public school of that place.

Mr. Will Harwood, London, is the guest of Mr. Wesley Clark, St. Clair street.

Miss Winnifred Tve is spending her holidays in St. Thomas.

Mr. Stanley Eccles, Toronto, is the guest of Watford friends.

BOTHWELL.

Bothwell, Jan. 4.—Mr. Isaac and Miss Lulu McLean are visiting friends in Glencoe.

Miss Mary McRitchie is visiting her sister in Detroit during the holidays.

The youngest daughter of Mr. Charles Watson was buried on Thursday last.

For the past few weeks the skating rink has been well attended.

Miss Annie Blair, of Toronto, is visiting at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Grey, of Lobo, were the guests of Mrs. A. Blair for a day last week.

On Thursday last, at high noon, the home of the bride's mother was the scene of a pretty but quiet wedding, when Agnes, second daughter of the late Alexander Blair, was united in marriage to Mr. T. Statham, of Strathroy. Mr. and Mrs. Statham left on the afternoon train for Toronto and points east.

HENSALL.

Hensall, Jan. 2.—Mr. F. B. Welford, of the Molsons Bank, spent Christmas and New Year's holidays at his home, Woodstock.

Will Reynolds, of Toronto Junction, was home for Christmas. While George Reynolds, after a week's holidays, returned to Toronto Junction this (Saturday) morning, Miss Reynolds, of Toronto, is spending a few weeks at home. Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey, of Lindsay, spent their Christmas holidays at the home of Mrs. Ramsey's father, Mr. H. Reynolds.

Rev. Dr. Medd will lecture in the Chiselhurst Methodist Church on Tuesday evening, Jan. 5.

At the Christmas tree entertainment in the Methodist Church on Christmas night Mr. James Clark was presented with a handsome morris chair by the members of his junior Bible class. The entertainment was very good and well patronized.

On Sunday evening there was a special song service at the Methodist Church, and a good sermon.

At the Christmas tree entertainment in the Presbyterian Church on Christmas Eve the children gave a number of toys and dolls for the Children's Hospital, Toronto. Rev. Mr. Lindsay, of Dresden, preached very acceptably in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Doherty held service in the English Church or Christmas Day.

At the nominations on Monday evening eleven were named for reeve and twelve for councilors, but one after another sent in their resignations, till there were not enough left for a full council, so the rest dropped out. Nominations will be held on the 7th inst.

The Conservatives of the south riding of Huron will meet here in convention on the 6th inst., while the Liberals will meet in Brucefield on the 8th inst.

On New Year's Day our band were out in the morning and again in the afternoon, serenading the citizens, and helped to brighten the holiday.

Mr. W. Kemp and Mr. Wilbur McPhillips, of Seaforth, spent Christmas holidays here. Mr. Kemp was home for New Years also.

Dr. Sellery spent Christmas holidays at his home in Kincardine.

Miss Annie Beck, of St. Marys, is home for the holidays.

At the nominations at Zurich, for Hay Township, on Monday, no opposition was offered to the old council. Reeve Elgie and Reeve Willard, of Steven, were elected by acclamation.

Our merchants report a very successful Christmas trade.

On Sunday evening, Jan. 3, Rev. Dr. Medd will preach a special sermon to men in middle life.

The St. Joseph, Hensall and Stratford Electric Railway will soon be in running order, having secured the franchise in Stratford. It is hoped that it will be started before May 1.

Mrs. (Dr.) Campbell and child, of Zurich, are spending the holidays at her parents' home, Mr. and Mrs. T. Murdock. Dr. Campbell is a frequent visitor.

Mr. T. Murray and wife, of the Owen Sound Collegiate Institute, spent their holidays at his home here.

Mr. J. S. Wren, principal of the Lucan high school, spent his holidays at home.

Miss Millie Petty has completed her course at the commercial college, London.

On Christmas Day Miss Annie McMordie became the bride of Mr. Glen. Rev. Mr. McLennan, of Kippen, tied the knot.

Charlie Chapman, of the G. T. R., Brantford, was home on Monday.

Alex. Chestney, of the Simpson Company, Toronto, was home for the holidays.

KOMOKA.

Komoka, Jan. 2.—A grand concert will be given in the Presbyterian Church, in aid of the Sabbath School, on Tuesday evening, Jan. 5. The programme will consist of solos, duets, trios, readings, etc., by the following artists from London: Mr. Edward Webster, baritone; Miss Jessica Hambly, elocutionist; Miss Margaret Mowat, soprano soloist; Miss Pauline Mowat, contralto soloist. Rev. W. A. Wyllie, of London, has been secured for chairman. Doors open at 7:30; programme to commence at 8 o'clock sharp. Admission, children, 10 cents; adults, 15 cents. Everybody welcome.

NILESTOWN.

Nilestown, Jan. 2.—Mr. Robert Small paid Hamilton friends a visit lately.

Archie D. McKellar, eldest son of Mrs. A. R. McKellar, of Green Springs, Ohio, was a recent visitor to relatives here.

Mr. Thomas Edwards, of Michigan, is here. When interviewed, he had not decided whether he would remain all winter or return to his home in a couple of weeks.

Mr. Emerson Vokes, at one time a school teacher here, afterwards engaged in the art of printing at Strathroy, from which place he went to Duluth, where he is engaged in business at the present time, has been visiting at Mr. Frank Barrows'.

Chester Elliott, of North Branch, Mich., has been visiting at Mr. Luther Barnard's, Nilestown, and with the Messrs. Elliott, St. Marys. When he returns to North Branch he expects to be accompanied by Mr. Russell Elliott, who has secured a situation over there.

Mr. John Pearson is on his way home to Dakota. He will stop awhile at Pontiac, Mich., to see some relatives. Of his visit here he said the longer he stopped the better he liked the country, and the pleasure of his Canadian friendships was enhanced.

Mrs. Bullard, her daughter Addie and her son Frank, all of Detroit, have been making Mr. A. Barnard a visit. When these visitors were being driven to the G. T. R. depot to go home, they were accompanied by a sleigh load of relatives to see them off. When in the city the horses became frightened and unmanageable, and backing, the sleigh became overturned, hoisting the occupants into to the road, to scramble up and get out of danger as best they could. The driver, endeavoring to hold on to the lines, was dragged several feet, but was finally compelled to relinquish his efforts to stop the team. They were caught at the Tecumseh House. The sleigh and harness bore unquestionable evidence of hard usage, but the folks, beyond a big scare, and the unceremonious contact with the roadway, escaped harm.

Mr. Will Cartwright, con. 1, Dorchester, has been laboring under a severe attack of pneumonia.

Mr. George Harris' case has been more favorable of late.

Aspirants to the reeveship of North Dorchester have been making their rounds. Monday will tell the story.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS.

BIRTHS.

O'DELL—On Monday, Dec. 28, 1903, the wife of W. A. O'Dell, of a daughter.

DIED.

CALDWELL—Fell asleep in Jesus, Jan. 3, 1904, Joseph M., beloved husband of Elizabeth E. Caldwell, aged 45 years.

Funeral from his late residence, lot 30, con. 2, Westminster Township, on Tuesday, Jan. 5, at 1:30, to Glendale Methodist Church, at 2 p.m. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

Transient Condensed Advertisements —No Advertisement Less Than Ten Cents.

AMUSEMENTS, LECTURES, ETC.—Two cents per word each insertion.

MEETINGS—When no admission is charged, one cent per word each insertion.

ARTICLES FOR SALE, TO LET, HELP WANTED, SITUATIONS WANTED, BOARD AND LODGING, LOST AND FOUND, ROOMS TO LET, REAL ESTATE FOR SALE, ETC.—First insertion one cent per word, each subsequent insertion one-half cent per word. No advertisement less than ten words.

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AMUSEMENTS, LECTURES, ETC.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE

All this week—Matinee Saturday

MYRKLE-HARDER STOCK CO.

Tonight, "LITTLE ALABAMA." Tomorrow, "THE SILVER DAGGER." Fine vaudeville features between acts. 10c, 20c, 30c. Seats now on sale.

SKATING—CLARK'S BRIDGE RINK. Open every afternoon and evening. New Years and Saturday, all day. 90k

AMERICAN LINE

Steamers sail from New York every Saturday, calling at Plymouth, en route to Southampton. F. B. Clarke, agent, 416 Richmond street.

WESTMINSTER RINK—CADET BAND tonight. Admission, 10c. Open every afternoon. b

TONY CORTESE — THE ORIGINAL London Harpers. Music furnished for all occasions. 161 Maple street. Telephone 1,576.

CAN YOU DANCE?—LEARN NOW. New beginners' classes open: Gentlemen, Monday, Jan. 4; ladies, Tuesday evening, Jan. 5, 8 o'clock. Start in first night. Dayton & McCormick.

PRIVATE LESSONS IN DANCING BY Mr. R. B. Millard. Special attention given to waltz and two-step. Rapid teaching, low rates; lessons any hour; satisfaction guaranteed. Residence and academy, 245 Princess avenue.

CHOICEST MUSIC FURNISHED FOR private parties, balls, banquets, etc. Telephone 1,265. Tony Vita's Italian Harpers, 131 Queen's avenue.

MEETINGS.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE City of London Agricultural and Horticultural Society will be held in the Western Fair offices, Richmond street, London, Ont., on Wednesday, Jan. 20, 1904, at 7:30 p.m., for election of officers and general business. Col. F. B. Leys, president; J. A. Nelles, secretary. b

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Canada Spice and Grocery Company, Limited, will be held in the Masonic Temple, London, Ont., on Wednesday, Jan. 20, 1904, at 2:30 p.m. 93u-zt

EAST MIDDLESEX FARMERS' INSTITUTE meetings—Thorndale, Jan. 11, 1904; Dorchester, Jan. 13. Good speakers, interesting subjects. Everybody welcome, afternoon and evening. John O'Brien, president, West London; R. H. Harding, secretary, Thorndale. 92g

MALE HELP WANTED.

WANTED—A FIRST-CLASS CANVASSER will never regret sending a postcard to Cooper, Drawer 531, London, Ont. He will offer you more opportunities to make money selling goods or employing sub-agents than any other in Canada. Try him.

WANTED—BOY WANTED AT ONCE. Apply Deeks & Munson, tailors, Richmond street. 93c

GOOD, STOUT YOUNG MAN TO WORK in bakeshop. Apply to Parnell-Dean Baking Company. 93tf

BE A TELEGRAPHER AND EARN from $45 to $150 monthly. You can learn in from three to six months. Our telegraph book tells how. We mail it free. Dominion School of Telegraphy, 36 King street east, Toronto. 59tf-z

YOUTH FOR OFFICE—MUST WRITE a good hand. Apply Box 67, Advertiser office. 90tf

MEN—WE OFFER SPLENDID INDUCEMENTS to learn barber trade; short time required; tools donated, board included, diplomas granted, positions furnished; best paying trade in existence for poor men. Write for particulars. Moler Barber College, Chicago, Ill. 71uk

PORTER WANTED. APPLY EUROPEAN Hotel. 91c

FEMALE HELP WANTED.

GENERAL SERVANT WANTED—Small family. Apply Mrs. G. L. Clarke, 478 King street. 93c

WANTED—GENERAL SERVANT; TWO in family. Apply Mrs. Detlor, 518 Waterloo street. 93c

WANTED—COMPETENT GIRL FOR general housework. Apply Mrs. Butler, 290 Princess avenue. 92tf

GIRL WANTED FOR LIGHT HOUSEWORK. Apply Mrs. Lawson, 51 Stanley street. 93c

WANTED—GIRL, GENERAL HOUSEWORK; family of two; no washing; to go to Detroit. Address Box 69, London Advertiser. 91n

WANTED—FIRST-CLASS DRESSMAKERS and coatmakers, accustomed to high-class work; good wages to competent hands. Apply dressmaking department, Smallman & Ingram. 91n

GIRLS WANTED. FOREST CITY Laundry. 88n

WANTED—TWO GIRLS, COOK AND dining-room girl. Apply Victoria Hotel, Guelph, Ont. 84bu

TWO SALESLADIES AT ONCE. APPLY personally, Bayley's Drygoods, 172 and 174 Dundas street. 92c

GENERAL SERVANT WANTED—TWO in family. Apply 586 Waterloo street. 88tf-zxv

LOST AND FOUND.

STRAYED, ABOUT NOV. 7, TO PREMISES of undersigned, one aged black cow. Owner will prove property, pay expenses and take her away. John Wyatt, lot 14, con. 8, London Township, Ballymote P. O. b

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

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

LICENSES ISSUED BY THOMAS GILLEAN, jeweler, 402 Richmond street.

ISSUED BY C. D. JOHNSTON, 196 Dundas street. Private office.

HOUSES, ETC., TO LET.

TO LET—THAT DESIRABLE RESIDENCE on the corner of Richmond and Grosvenor streets, No. 878 Richmond; modern improvements. Apply D. H. Porter, 97 Carling street. 89tf

PEOPLE'S MOVING VAN—LARGEST in city. A. Henderson, corner Colborne and Cheapside. 'Phone 1,724.

STORE—247 DUNDAS; GETTING NEW plate front; $25 month. Cameron Brown, 306 King. 73tf

TO LET—TWO-STORY BRICK DWELLING, ten rooms; all modern conveniences. Apply, care of C. A. Blinn, 130 Mill street. 79tf

TWO OFFICES, WITH VAULTS, ALBION buildings. Apply to T. H. Carling, at the Brewery. 52tf

TO LET—UNION FURNITURE VAN—Furniture carefully handled. John Biggs, Cathcart and Bruce, South London, late of London Furniture Company. 'Phone 310.

FOREST CITY MOVING VANS, 357 Talbot street. Residence, 554½ Waterloo. Telephone 1,444. Broughton-McKim.

ARTICLES FOR SALE.

BASEBURNERS, RANGES AND ALL kinds of cook stoves and second-hand furniture, at Keene's 141 King street.

FOR SALE—BALANCE OF CUTTERS at cost. Best value in the city at J. W. Smith's corner Richmond and Maple.

CUTTERS AND HACK-SLEIGHS—Quality and prices right. This is the right place to have your carriages put in repair for spring. Smith's, corner Richmond and Maple.

FOR SALE—ONE BEAUTIFUL ROSEWOOD case piano, 7 1-3 actaves, first-class condition, guaranteed five years, for $100, payable $3 per month. Heintzman & Co., 217 Dundas, corner Clarence street.

FOR SALE—SOUVENIR BASEBURNER, No. 56, in good shape. Apply at 440 King street. 92c

GREEN & CO., 495 YORK STREET, keep the best egg, stove and chestnut coal. Massillon lump for grates, good wood, in blocks or split. 'Phone 1,391.

CALL AND SEE THE BATHS AND closets and basins in our showroom before purchasing elsewhere. Prices to meet everybody. Smith Plumbing Company, Masonic Temple, King street. z

SEE JAMES STEWART'S BASEBURNERS and steel ranges. Best on earth. Brock's Feed Store, 197 King street. tzw

D. H. GILLIES & CO., LEADING COAL and wood yard. Office and yard, corner Adelaide and Bathurst streets. 'Phone 1,312.

J. G. COLEMAN, 264¼ DUNDAS street, offers full line cigars, tobaccos, pipes, smokers' sundries, at best prices.

FOR SALE — WASHINGTON HANDPRESS; cheap for cash. Address Box 28, this office. 94tf

FOR SALE—ELEGANT THREE-CHAIR barber shop; all modern improvements; in town of 5,000 population, on River St. Clair; good reasons for selling. Address Box 76, Advertiser. 83n-zxv

FOUR ROGERS TYPOGRAPH MACHINES,

All in splendid working order, and will be sold at half price. Address LONDON ADVERTISER, London, Ont.

SPRINGS, MATTRESSES AND IRON beds—Special low prices this week at Keene Bros., 125 and 127 King street.

SKATES HOLLOW GROUND BY SPECIAL machinery; 10c a pair. D. McKenzie & Co., 298 Richmond street.

FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS SEE OUR Pompadours and Switches. Fancy Combs and Pins. Miller's Hair Store, 223 Dundas street.

F. S. ONN, FISH MARKET—FRESH, salted and smoked fish. We guarantee our goods to be reliable. 'Phone 1,296.

FOR SALE—A FIRST-CLASS HIGH oak office desk; in good order and suitable for a bookkeeper; will be sold cheap, as the owner has no further use for it. Apply at this office. 57tf

THE LATEST BOOK—"THE SILVER Poppy," at McEwen's Lending Library, 561½ Richmond street.

COMPETE LINE VERY BEST STEEL hockey skates. Bob-sleigh skates for small children. J. H. Cunningham, 664 Dundas street.

FOR SALE—SECOND-HAND FIVE-TON coal, cattle and wagon scale. Price very low for quick sale. London Soap Company. 92tf

MAIDEN'S BLUSH GIVES CHEEKS and lips that glowing and fascinating hue. 340½ Richmond street, Room 2.

FOR SALE—THREE POUNDS FINEST select raisins, 25c; three pounds cleaned Vostizza currants, 25c; Crosse & Blackwell's peels, 15c per pound; choice prunes, three pounds for 25c; 3½ pounds icing sugar, 25c. Try our teas and coffees for a good cup. Mincemeat, 10c. Prompt delivery. Market Grocery, 103 King street. H. T. Johnson. zxt

DERMATOLOGY.

LADIES, BRING YOUR CHRISTMAS and New Year visitors to the London Dermatological Institute, 443 Park avenue. Special for the holiday season, beginning Monday, Dec. 28, noon, to Jan. 4, 1904, inclusive. zxv

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MATTHEWS & MURRAY, ARCHITECTS, Duffield block. Telephone 966. Herbert Matthews. William Murray.

G. CRADDOCK, ARCHITECT—ALBION building, London.

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JOHN H. WILSON, VETERINARY surgeon—Office and residence, 846 Richmond street. 'Phone 430.

TENNENT & BARNES, VETERINARY surgeons—Office, 137 King street; residence and infirmary, corner King and Wellington. 'Phones 688 and 278. Treatment of dogs a specialty.

W. R. KINCAID, VETERINARY SURGEON—Twenty years' experience. Office, 117 King. Residence, 365 Ridout. Telephone 455.

ELECTRO-VAPOR BATHS.

ELECTRO-VAPOR BATHS PREVENT and cure colds, influenza and catarrh. Experienced male attendant. 320 Dundas street.

HOTEL CARDS.

CLARENCE HOUSE—NOW IN THE hands of Fitzpatrick & O'Hagan.

BRUNSWICK HOUSE, CORNER YORK and Clarence—$1 per day. M. J. O'Donohue, proprietor.

DOMINION HOUSE — ADJOINING Grand Trunk Railway station, London. J. J. Cox, proprietor.

THE ST. LAWRENCE HOTEL, MONTREAL—Centrally located and first-class in every respect. H. Hogan, proprietor.

THE "BEAN JAR" CONTEST CLOSED

Short Story of the Most Remarkable Contest Ever Held in London---The Advertiser Wants Have Thousands of Readers and Users.

NUMBER OF BEANS....................4,991

PRIZE-WINNERS.

Name and residence.	Guess.	Date.	Time.	Prize.
F. S. Macpherson, 45 Bruce street	4,987	Nov. 2	4:10 p.m.	$10 00
Mrs. G. R. Pennington, G. P. Hotel	4,997	Dec. 30	3:20 p.m.	$ 5 00
Mrs. P. Honsinger, 700 Dundas street	4,998	Dec. 26	12:30 p.m.	$ 2 50
Miss Beryl Cater, 556 Colborne street	4,999	Dec. 2	2:45 p.m.	$ 2 50
Mrs. G. R. Pennington, city	4,983	Dec. 30	3:20 p.m.	$ 2 00
Mrs. Dan Ross, St. Marys	5,000	Oct. 14	2:20 p.m.	$ 1 00
Roy McKay, 60 Euclid avenue	5,000	Nov. 5	4:40 p.m.	$ 1 00
Lily Bedggood, 364 King street	5,000	Nov. 9	2:00 p.m.	$ 1 00

When, three months ago, The Advertiser announced that it would award $25 in prizes to successful estimators on the number of beans in a glass jar, it attracted instant notice, because it was the first time that such a distinctive effort had been made to attract the special attention of the public to this result-bringing class of our advertising.

It is a remarkable fact, and significant of the growth of interest in The Advertiser Want Pages, that, in spite of the fact that only $25 was offered in prizes, it drew over eight thousand estimates. The estimates came in from all over the country, even Calgary, Alberta, contributing. A very large proportion of the estimates received from outside London came, of course, from this western section of Ontario and from the northern part, through which the London, Huron and Bruce passes, nearly every postoffice in all that territory sending in guesses. Estimates came also from several of the states, from former Londoners who are now numbered among London's Old Boys, but still have their old paper sent to them. Michigan sent most of these guesses, and the second largest number came from Illinois.

The large number of replies shows not only the popularity and success of The Advertiser as a Want medium, but has been the means also of bringing the value of this class of advertising, and a knowledge of the opportunities it offers, to an entirely new body of readers. The Advertiser has been for years a highly successful Want Ad medium, but in the past year and a half this class of advertising in these pages has grown greatly in the estimation of the public. It is safe to say that for the amount of money invested no other form of advertising is as sure and profitable a result-getter as the Want Ads. Their growth in favor has not been only the natural accompaniment of the improvement of the paper in other respects that has taken place in the past couple of years, but it seems that more and more people have come to a knowledge of the fact that Want Ads do bring results, and that The Advertiser, the paper that goes to the homes of the masses, is a sure and profitable medium to place Want Ads in.

The contest developed some interesting features. The exact number of beans in the jar was 4,991. No estimator guessed this number, but F. S. Macpherson, of 45 Bruce street, this city, guessed within four of the number, or 4,987. This guess was made on Nov. 2 at 4:10 o'clock. He made ten different estimates. The first was made on Oct. 14, and the successful one was the third one he deposited. He therefore wins the first prize of $10.

The winner of the second prize of $5 00 is Mrs. G. R. Pennington, of the Grand Pacific Hotel. On Dec. 30 at 3:20 o'clock, Mrs. Pennington guessed 4,997. Mrs. Pennington won also the fifth prize, $2, by her guess of 4,983, which was deposited on the same day. She put in more than 20 estimates, several of them being very close to the exact number, and others being as much as a thousand out. Her guess of 4,983, which won fifth prize, being eight from the exact number, was as close as that which won the fourth prize of $2 50, which was 4,999, and was made by Miss Beryl Cater, of 556 Colborne street, of this city; but it takes precedence over Mrs. Pennington's equally close guess because it was deposited 28 days earlier, or on Dec. 2. Miss Cater put in two guesses, the other one being 3,999.

The winner of the third prize was Mrs. P. Honsinger, of 700 Dundas street, this city. This prize is $2 50, and was won by the guess of 4,998, made at 12:30 o'clock on Dec. 26. Mrs. Honsinger made seven estimates, all of them been fairly close ones.

Mrs. Dan Ross, of St. Marys, won the sixth prize of $1. On Oct. 14, at 2:20 p.m., she guessed 5,000. Mrs. Ross sent in thirteen estimates ranging from 999 to 6,500.

The seventh prize of $1 was also won by a guess of 5,000, deposited on Nov. 5, by Roy McKay, of 60 Euclid avenue, South London. He put in nine other estimates on Dec. 31, which ranged from 3,000 to 7,400.

Another estimate of 5,000 won the last prize of $1. It was deposited four days later than Roy McKay's, or on Nov. 9, by Miss Lily Bedggood, of 364 King street, this city.

Mrs. Pennington, who won second and fifth prizes, came within the money a third time by a guess of 5,000, but it was made later than other guesses of the same amount, on Dec. 30, and therefore wins no prize.

Ernest Drewe, of 510 St. James street, made eleven guesses at different times. One of them was 5,000, but it came in on Nov. 24, too late to win a prize.

Another estimator of 5,000 was G. W. Taylor, of 145 King street, who put in eight estimates on Dec. 18.

George Heaman, of 771 Queen's avenue, guessed 5,000 on Dec. 23, and Jas. Venning, of Harrietsville, put in an estimate of 5,000 on Dec. 28. There were in all eight guesses of 5,000, the three that were deposited first winning the sixth, seventh and eighth prizes.

Many remarkable estimates were received. One of 217 from Mrs. L. A. Watson, of Grand River avenue, Detroit, was the lowest received. Miss Beatrice Bartram, of 84 Cavendish street, this city, guessed 408. The highest guess received was 28,062,808, which was put in on Dec. 14, by E. F. Reycraft, of Glencoe. Mrs. Amy Mercer, of 10 York street, put in two estimates —one of 1,480,050, and the other 147,080. Mowat McIntyre, of Wellington road, city, guessed 560,000. Mrs. Cyrien Joyes, of Norwich, Ont., put in two estimates of 58,723, and 58,725. Several other estimates of more than 30,000 were received. Knox Ferguson, 181 Dufferin avenue, 5,012, was one of the good guesses from the city. Mrs. Wallace McDougald, Melbourne, 5,007; Mr. Dan McDougald, of Melbourne, 5,010; Wilbert Revington, Mooresville, 5,013, and C. F. Pashley, Sarnia, Ont., 5,025, are all good examples of clever estimating from out of town.

The prizes will be paid at The Advertiser office tomorrow. This concludes the most remarkable contest ever held in this city for the exclusive benefit of readers and users of advertising. The Advertiser Wants have thousands of readers and users. This contest has brought them to the attention of hundreds of new readers and users. This department of advertising in The Advertiser is now surer of bringing results than it has ever been before.

LEGAL CARDS.

FITZGERALD & FITZGERALD, BARRISTERS. Money to loan. Masonic Temple, London.

T. W. SCANDRETT — BARRISTER, solicitor, etc., 98 Dundas street, London.

GIBBONS & HARPER—BARRISTERS, etc. London. Office, corner Richmond and Carling streets. George C. Gibbons, K.C.; Fred F. Harper.

JARVIS & VINING — BARRISTERS, etc., 101 Dundas street. C. G. Jarvis; Jared Vining, B.A.

McEVOY & PERRIN—BARRISTERS, solicitors, Robinson Hall Chambers, opposite Court House. Money to loan.

PURDOM & PURDOM—BARRISTERS, solicitors, etc. Office, Masonic Temple building, corner Richmond and King streets, London, Ont. Thos. H. Purdom, K.C.; Alexander Purdom.

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

E. B. STONE — BARRISTER, ETC. District manager Federal Life. Office, Masonic Temple.

STUART & GUNN—BARRISTERS, ETC. Office, 112 Masonic Temple. Alex. Stuart, K.C.; George C. Gunn.

T. H. LUSCOMBE—BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, etc., 169 Dundas street, near Richmond. Money at lowest rates.

JOHN F. FAULDS—BARRISTER, ETC., Robinson Hall Chambers, opposite Court House. Money to loan.

A. GREENLEES—BARRISTER, ETC., Canadian Loan Company's building, Richmond street, London. Private funds to loan.

HELLMUTH & IVEY—IVEY & DROMGOLE—Barristers, etc., over Bank of Commerce.

BUCHNER & GUNN—BARRISTERS, etc., 83 Dundas street, London; 'phone 99. Money to loan, lowest rates. U. A. Buchner, J. M. Gunn, B.A.

MAGEE, McKILLOP & MURPHY, barristers, solicitors, notaries, etc.—Office, corner Richmond and Dundas, London. James Magee, K.C.; J. B. McKillop; Thomas J. Murphy.

MISCELLANEOUS.

MME. ROWAN, PALMIST AND MIND reader, is still at the Metropolitan Hotel. 93n

FRED. R. BRYAN, 418½ TALBOT street (upstairs), veteran of South African war, locates claims in New Ontario. Two years' experience. Terms moderate. Communication with claimants solicited. 83n-zxv

MONEY TO LOAN.

PRIVATE FUNDS AT LOWEST RATES. M. P. McDonagh, barrister, 418 Talbot street.

PRIVATE AND TRUST FUNDS TO loan at 4¾c to 5½ per cent on real estate security, in sums to suit. No commission charged. T. W. Scandrett, solicitor, 98 Dundas street, London.

PRIVATE FUNDS TO LOAN—LOWEST rates. Buchner & Gunn, 83 Dundas street.

MONEY TO LOAN — EASY TERMS; lowest rate. Avery Casey, barrister, 87½ Dundas street, London.

SIGN PAINTING.

GLEN BROS., 276 DUNDAS STREET—Headquarters for electric illuminated signs.

MEDICAL CARDS.

J. J. MASON, B.A., M.D., 587 RICHMOND street. 'Phone 388.

DR. BATESON, 589 RICHMOND street. Telephone 1,136.

DR. J. B. CAMPBELL, 330 DUNDAS street. Hours, 12 to 4 and 6 to 8.

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

HADLEY WILLIAMS, M.D., F.R.C.S. (England)—Specialist, surgical diseases only. 439 Park avenue. 'Phone 324.

DR. McLELLAN, HOMOEOPATHIST—Graduate New York Eye and Ear Hospital, 1889. Specialist eye, ear, nose and throat only. 497 Talbot street.

DR. JAMES D. WILSON, CORNER Talbot and Fullarton. Special attention paid to diseases of children.

DR. BAYLY, 211 QUEEN'S AVENUE—Specialty, diseases of children. 'Phone 827.

DR. OVENS, M.D., 225 QUEEN'S AVENUE—Eye, ear, nose and throat.

R. W. SHAW, M.D., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S. (England)—Office, 287 King street. Telephone 839.

DR. C. P. JENTO, 207 QUEEN'S AVENUE. 'Phone 939.

DR. JOHN D. WILSON—OFFICE AND residence, 260 Queen's avenue. Special attention paid to diseases of women and children. Office hours, 11:30 to 4 p.m.

DR. MACKLIN HAS REMOVED. 443 Park avenue. Telephone 740.

DR. BALFOUR, QUEEN'S AVENUE, opposite St. Andrew's Church—Diseases of women and children. 'Phone 22.

DR. W. J. STEVENSON, 391 DUNDAS street. 'Phone 510. Special attention diseases of women and surgery.

DR. N. R. HENDERSON HAS REMOVED to 473 Park avenue. Eye, ear, nose and throat only.

DRESS CUTTING SCHOOL.

THE LONDON CUTTING SCHOOL supplies the latest devices for cutting and designing garments. Pupils are carefully instructed until capable cutters. Located permanently. Correspondence solicited. 233½ Dundas street, London, Ont.

WANTED.

WANTED — TWO GOOD HEAVY horses, about 1,400 pounds. Daly's coal yard, 19 York street. 89tf

WANTED—300 CORDS SOFT WOOD for brickyard purposes; state quality and price. Address Alex. Johnston, 114 Masonic Temple, London. 81tf

WANTED—1,000 LOADS COW MANURE; highest price paid. J. Gammage & Sons.

BANKERS AND BROKERS.

JOHN WRIGHT, STOCK BROKER, London, Ont. 'Phone 693.

WHY SATISFIED WITH 8 PER CENT when 10 can be secured? Principal guaranteed. Particulars cheerfully given. Joseph Beech, 379 Princess avenue, London.

EDUCATIONAL.

THE LONDON STUDIO OF ELOCUTION. Vocal and Physical Culture. Miss Mydra I. Lent, 288 Princess avenue.

J. A. YOUNG PREPARES PUPILS FOR matriculation, etc. Class in civil service commencing. 349 Princess.

MUSICAL INSTRUCTION.

J. W. FETHERSTON WILL RESUME teaching on and after Jan. 9, 1904.

G. D. ATKINSON, ORGANIST DUNDAS Center Church—Teacher piano and organ playing. Studio, 425 Dundas.

GEORGE C. PHELPS, ORGANIST ST. James' Episcopal Church—Accompanist, teacher piano, harmony. Studio, 321 King street. Telephone 999.

MR. A. D. JORDAN, ORGANIST OF First Methodist Church—Teacher of piano and organ. London Conservatory of Music. Apply for terms, etc.

ST. JOHN HYTTENRAUCH—PUPILS received for piano, harmony, sight singing, history. Residence, 781 Richmond, or homes of pupils.

CYRIL DWIGHT-EDWARDS, BARITONE, late London, England—Instruction in art of absolute voice production, breathing and singing. Concert and other engagements. 341 Dundas.

JAMES CRESSWELL, TEACHER OF violin. Conductor Grand Opera House Orchestra. Pupils received. 523 King street.

ROSELLE POCOCKE, ORGANIST AND choirmaster King Street Presbyterian Church. Teacher of voice, violin and piano. 379 King street.

W. A. BLUETHNER, TEACHER OF piano and harmony. Studio, Nordheimer's.

CHARLES E. WHEELER, ORGANIST St. Andrew's Church. Subjects: Organ, piano, harmony, singing. Studio, 640 Wellington. 'Phone 1,527.

MARGARET B. McCOY, SOPRANO soloist, Dundas Center Church—Church and concert engagements and pupils accepted. 512 Dufferin avenue.

DENTAL CARDS.

DR. G. H. KENNEDY, DENTIST—Successor to the late Dr. Davis. Specialty, preservation of natural teeth. 173 Dundas street. 'Phone 975.

WOOLVERTON & BENTLEY, DENTISTS. 216 Dundas street, next Edy Bros., over Cairncross & Lawrence, druggists. Telephone 228.

DR. WESTLAND, DENTIST, CHICAGO—Post-graduate in Crown, Bridge and Porcelain work. Philadelphia post-graduate, Porcelain. Masonic Temple, first floor.

DR. A. G. FRASER, DENTIST, 189 Dundas street. Telephone 1,381.

DR. HARRY SILK, DENTIST, 185½ Dundas street. Terms, cash. Telephones: Office, 1,248; residence, 1,244.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—NORTH HALF LOT 7, con. 10, Lobo; about 20 acres of timber, good buildings, well fenced and well under-drained. Apply to Hiram W. Zavitz, Fernhill. 91c

FOR SALE OR RENT—1½-STORY NEW frame house; 3 bedrooms, bath and w.c., hard and soft water, cement foundation and cellar; lot 30x200; good location. J. F. Sangster, 112 Masonic Temple.

NO. 790 QUEEN'S AVENUE—NEARLY new; splendid two-story brick residence, stone foundation, modern improvements, five bedrooms and two parlors, plate glass windows, grillwork between rooms, furnace, bath, etc.; lot 55x150; easy terms. Apply F. H. Butler, 16 Masonic Temple. 1tf

SLATE ROOFING.

SLATE ROOFING, ASPHALT, CEMENT paint for iron roofs. Walter Scott, 504 York street, London.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the general annual meeting of the shareholders of the London Street Railway Company will be held at the head office of the company, Bank of Commerce building, Richmond street, in the City of London, Ontario, on Wednesday, the 13th day of January, A. D. 1904, at 3 o'clock p.m. C. E. A. Carr, secretary. Dated this 4th day of January, 1904. b

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of London intends to undertake the following works or improvements, and to assess and levy the cost thereof by means of a special rate, to be so assessed and levied as an annual rate according to the frontage thereof upon the real property immediately benefited by such works or improvements, according to the provisions of the Municipal Act, namely:

19.—A tile sewer in Dufferin avenue, between William and Adelaide streets.

20.—A tile sewer in Queen's avenue, between Park avenue and Wellington street.

21.—A tile sewer in Queen's avenue, between Richmond street and Park avenue.

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City Clerk's Office, 21st December, A. D. 1903.

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ODD FANCIES OF FRENCH FOP

The New Trousers Are Curved at the Knees.

Corsets and Stunning Neckties Are Among the Fads of the Dudes.

What the modern woman wears, her fads and fancies, receive so much attention that all that interests the modern man in this line is little talked about, says a Paris cable. Frenchmen, however, if not as well dressed from the Anglo-Saxon standard, pay far more attention to the small details of their habiliment than either the American or Englishman, and this season in particular has been remarkably fertile in new fancies for men. Indeed, I think there are more genuine novelties for Frenchmen than for Frenchwomen.

First, there is the new frock coat, "redingote," a single-breasted affair, well-shaped in at the waist, shorter and jauntier than the old model, often without the silk revers so long in favor. Then there is the new French cut in trousers, which are curved at the knees, and neither tight nor loose, exceedingly well-shaped and easy to keep in form.

An entirely new fancy in the waistcoat line is the buckskin "gilet," as the French say, as warm as toast, costing the snug little sum of $50 or $60, but serviceable and exceedingly attractive to look upon. Imitations will soon be in the market in something cheaper, no doubt, but for the moment the buckskin waistcoat is having things its own way among the smart set of men.

Charming designs in knitted waistcoats are all ready for New Year's gifts, for French presents are exchanged upon New Year's day—"les etrennes"—and not upon Christmas day, more of a religious than secular fete.

WONDERS OF THE CRAVAT.

Revers are coming back into favor again, and all waistcoats are cut lower at the neck, showing more of the shirtfront and the tie—Ah, the tie! One could write a volume about the French "cravat," now carefully chosen and so carefully tied, and all in light colors, for a resolute stand has been taken here against the English fashion of dark ties. Pale blues, old rose, mauve and yellow ties are to be seen at all the smart shops, and the pale tinted silks or satins, with deeper stripes or designs adorning them, are in great vogue and so becoming to men, as becoming as a bit of color is to a woman. As for the black tie, even upon certain occasions, with the dress suit, it has disappeared completely. All smart men are wearing white ties, as simple as possible.

Dress suit coat tails are now longer, with more of the spike about them than of yore, and vests are cut higher—exactly the reverse of the tendency in day waistcoats of a lower cut.

While every man has a vest to match his suit somewhere in his wardrobe, he rarely dons it, preferring a white vest, or one of velvet—black, dark blue — with fancy buttons, or even the garnet red and black introduced recently by a popular dandy.

KNEE BREECHES.

While hunting coats are worn in the country during the hunting season, colored dress suits are rarely seen, unless for a fancy ball, but many men among the younger set in Paris wear knee breeches at certain houses where old traditions have been kept up, and this is a fashion not at all confined to the aristocracy, but which extends to the bourgeoisie, in which the "jeunesse dore" has only one ambition—that is, to ape the aristocracy in everything even into following the army and diplomatic careers.

The greatest change in the matter of cut in the way of clothes, however, is in what the French call a "jaquette," or business cutaway coat, which has been transformed into a smart little close fitting jacket, shaped at the waist with darts and seams exactly like a woman's tailor jacket.

Of course the "Aiglon" ceinture plays an important role in giving the necessary "taille," as the French say, or waist to the man ambitious to appear well in his "jaquette." This ceinture, they say, was invented by Sarah Bernhardt, when she wanted to look svelte in her Aiglon tights. It was a suggestion to men, who took it up, and thousands are sold in Paris to men of all classes, from generals down to dapper drygoods clerks. The ceinture is made of elastic material reinforced by leather strips. It is about a quarter of a yard wide, and fastens in front like a woman's corset. Its mission is to hold in the figure and outline the waist line. It accomplishes both, and among army men has quite replaced what was known as the "army corset."

CRUSADE AGAINST BEARD.

A campaign is being waged against the masculine appendage, the beard. It is quite smart to appear beardless, although the mustache is the rule for all the better class of men. Servants alone shave completely and the bare upper lip is as much a part of their livery as their buttons or stripe adorned trousers. The beard has been exceedingly popular among Frenchmen, who have only commenced to relinquish it, and with apparent regret. The French doctors denounce it bitterly, and declare a beard is the hatching place for microbes — a facial incubator for all the ills the flesh is heir to. French physicians are quite on the warpath about another habit they are trying to abolish—that of covering the head. Some of these learned men invite every one to go bareheaded out of doors as well as indoors. As a compensation they promise that there will be no more baldness nor colds.

Fashionable men who wear their hats even at the opera between the acts are naturally rebellious against such a mode as the specialists advocate. Still, as a bald head is not a thing of beauty, and a pang instead of a "joy forever," some of the younger men are wearing their hats out of doors as little as possible, leaving them off during games and other outdoor sports.

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PNEUMONIA AND GRIP AT TORONTO

20,000 Cases Reported, Hundreds at the Point of Death—Fifteen Deaths in a Day.

Toronto, Jan. 4. — Not since the widespread prevalence of la grippe in 1889, has Toronto suffered to such an alarming extent as at the present time, the physicians generally admitting that the disease has within its grasp over 20,000 citizens. They say also that hundreds are at the point of death from pneumonia and bronchitis, the result of the more advanced form of this malignant malady.

Deaths all over the city are reported daily, due to pneumonia and la grippe. Pneumonia patients are being admitted daily to the hospitals, and as many as fifteen deaths have been recorded in one day as the result of either one or the other of the dread afflictions.

In many homes entire families are laid up with la grippe, and many are in a very serious condition.

The sickness has rapidly increased during the past two weeks, the careless spreading of the disease germ being given as the cause.

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Ontario Politics.

Opposition papers are calling upon the Lieutenant-Governor to dismiss the Government and dissolve the House, and one has gone so far as to interview his Excellency, who curtly replies that he will act on the advice of his Ministers. Any other course would be outside his powers, but the enemies of the Government are in a desperate mood, and would brush constitutional forms aside, as so many cobwebs. The Cabinet is merely a committee of the Legislature, and is responsible to that body. Until the Ontario Government loses the confidence of the Legislature, and is unable to command a working majority of members, it has no warrant for resigning or advising a dissolution. There might be circumstances which would justify a governor-general or lieutenant-governor in dismissing his ministers against their advice, even when they retained a parliamentary majority. A grave scandal affecting the honor of the Cabinet, would be one ground for the exercise of this prerogative. But no charges of corruption have been brought home to the Ontario Government or any member of it. The Lieutenant-Governor can take no cognizance of a mud-flinging campaign, and he can pay no attention to the cry that the Government has lost the confidence of the country. This cry is a pure assumption, based on the defeat of the Liberal candidate in North Renfrew, a chequered riding, which swings from one side to the other through family influence and the personal prestige of the candidate for the time being. The bye-election record in the Province, since the general election, has not indicated a reversal of public sentiment. Bye-elections have been held in eight ridings, North Perth, North Grey, North Norfolk, Center Bruce, North York, Sault Ste. Marie, Muskoka and North Renfrew. Five of these returned Liberals, and three Conservatives. The Liberals gained three seats held by their opponents—North Norfolk, North Perth and Sault Ste. Marie. The Conservatives wrested two from the Liberals—Muskoka and North Renfrew. The Government has actually improved its position since the general election.

The ministry is attacked for calling a session of the Legislature before the pending election protests come to trial. If the session had been deferred, the last of these trials would have taken place toward the end of January. It would have been toward the end of February before bye-elections could be held, and appeals to the high court might have hung up some of the seats for months. The final result might have been a deadlock in the Legislature and a general election. In the meantime public business would go by the board. The appropriation voted by the Legislature for carrying on the administration of the province closed with the year, and the available credit is inadequate for the month of January. The necessities of the public service require an early session and if the election trials have to be staved off for six weeks or two months, the Opposition is not morally wronged. The Conservative managers can blame nobody but themselves for the long delay in bringing on the trials. The Government had only two courses open to it. It could call the Legislature together before the election trials, vote the needed supplies and clear up the business which has been accumulating since June. Of it could postpone the session with the chances of bringing on a deadlock, in which event there could be no legislation for months. The Government chose the former course. The election trials will follow the session and the air will be cleared before the session of 1905.

Davin, Pirie, Pattullo.

In a short space of time three brilliant men, known throughout Canada, Nicholas Flood Davin, Alex. Pirie and Andrew Pattullo, have taken their own lives, and the phenomenon naturally attracts much attention. It is a singular coincidence that all three were journalists. Mr. Davin and Mr. Pattullo were also public men, and Mr. Pirie almost deserved the title, having been a candidate for Parliament, and enjoying more than a local reputation. Mr. Davin and Mr. Pirie were noted wits; their humorous utterances were quoted everywhere, and their geniality seemed to belong to temperaments that were proof against a melancholy or dejected moment. The former was doubtless disappointed in his political ambitions, and must have been conscious that his great talents had not been employed as effectively as they might have been, and had not brought him the rewards which fell to less gifted men. Mr. Pirie and Mr. Pattullo were younger men; both were in easy circumstances, and in the world's estimation had made a success of life. They were many years short of the allotted span, and the future might have held much for them. Each brooded over the death of a beloved wife until melancholy became a settled state of mind. The editor of the Woodstock Express says that he discussed Mr. Pirie's death with Mr. Pattullo, who said he could not comprehend the act; yet he followed the tragic example a few months later. It is said that he was stung by the press criticisms of his English speeches. This may have precipitated his act, but he was already verging on collapse, so that an untoward event would tend to throw him into an acute fit of depression, clouding the reason and judgment. The intellectual man is necessarily high-strung, delicately organized, emotional and sensitive. His feelings would be lacerated and he would suffer agonies of mind, where the coarse-fibered, thick-skinned individual, who was never in a subjective mood in his life, would feel nothing. In the case of these three brilliant men, the nervous system probably broke down under the secret burden of the heart, and the will power may have become enfeebled through causes partly physical. It does not seem possible that the impulse to self-destruction came from the mind in its normal condition. Allowance should be made for the subtle connection between the physiological and the psychological.

The Mayoralty.

The Mayoralty vote today is light. Where there is not a sufficiently exciting issue to bring many people to the polls of their own accord, the advantage will rest with the candidate having the best organization. Mr. Beck has a political machine behind him, and a plentiful supply of workers and teams. Dr. Campbell has no organization except the aid rendered by friends on personal grounds and at their own expense. Under the circumstances it will not be surprising if Mr. Beck gets out the bigger vote, but Dr. Campbell will make a run that he need not be ashamed of. Mr. Beck's friends who are boasting of a thousand majority will do well not to back their boast with money.

A Partisan School Board.

[Hamilton Herald.]

Up to the present time the Hamilton Board of Education has been comparatively free from the blight of political partisanship. There have been temporary cliques and factions among the members, but rarely have there been political divisions. Now it is proposed to run the board on strict party lines. The Conservative machine has conceived the ambition to control the board of education as well as the city council, and to direct educational business as well as civic business from the secret recesses of the committee rooms in the Tory headquarters.

If Hamilton citizens are willing to submit meekly to this sort of thing, they are deserving of no better management of public school affairs than they are likely to get from machine-ridden trustees.

Twain and Whistler.

[New York Tribune.]

Mark Twain recently described his first meeting with Whistler.

"I was introduced to Mr. Whistler," he said, "in a studio in London. I had heard that the painter was an incorrigible joker, and I was determined to get the better of him, if possible. So at once I put on my most hopelessly stupid air, and I drew near the canvas that Mr. Whistler was completing.

"'That ain't bad,' I said. 'It ain't bad, only here in this corner'— and I made as if to rub out a cloud effect with my finger—'I'd do away with that cloud if I was you.'

Whistler cried nervously:

"'Gad, sir, be careful there. Don't you see the paint is not dry?'

"'Oh, that don't matter,' said I. 'I've got my gloves on.'

"We got on well together after that."

Tammanyism in Hamilton.

[Hamilton Times.]

At the meeting in the Tory Club room last night the Tammany Tories showed their hand. The affair was run by the machine, and the speakers urged upon those present the importance of "capturing the council and board of education" as a help to the machine in coming political elections. In pursuance of this scheme plans have been laid to oppose all Liberals on the school board, and in three wards machine creatures have been put forward for the purpose, two of them Spectator employes and the third the Tory boss in Ward 6. The Spectator is evidently seeking to give effect to its teaching that Liberals have no rights save to pay taxes. What do the people of Hamilton think of that sort of thing?

Boot on the Other Foot.

[Brantford Expositor.]

If the Liberals had carried North Renfrew, even by ten or a majority, there would have been a hue-and-cry throughout the province of gross corruption, and of "machine" work. The Conservatives have won by 600, and if you take their word for it, you will believe that Mr. Gamey, Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, and Mr. Birmingham, "didn't do a thing." Such political saints are beyond suspicion.

Civilization of Africa.

[London Truth.]

I was forcibly struck the other day by the extent to which Darkest Africa is being opened up. Looking through the illustrated programme of the Anglo-American Nile Steamer and Hotel Company, I see that you cannot only travel in a luxurious style all the way to Khartoum, but you can go on by steamer up the White Nile to Gondokoro, the most northerly post of the Uganda Protectorate—a journey of over a thousand miles through an absolutely uncivilized country, and one which Europeans have only penetrated within the last few years. This is really a wilder, though probably an easier, tour than the trip from Mombasa up the Uganda Railway. Boats are making the excursion in January, February and March. As for Egypt itself, the fine boats of the Anglo-American Company have made the trip as easy and comfortable as a run to Monte Carlo by the train de luxe—perhaps more so.

Diet and Cancer.

[London News.]

Of the 27,487 who died of cancer in England in 1901 probably the majority were operated upon by cutting out the diseased part. The expectations from radium and the X-rays will end in disappointment, because the sources and maintenance of cancer lie in the impurities of the blood, and can only be contended against by a process of purification. Cancer is not formed when the blood is pure, and will wither away when its impure sources are removed. Pure diet and not too much of it will cure cancer. This assertion is sustained by a case described by Mr. Sidney Beard, of Paignton, Devon, of a lady who "eighteen months ago was seen by two consulting surgeons, who declared that she was suffering from typical undoubted cancer of the breast. An operation having been declined the patient was induced to adopt an exceedingly limited and fruitarian diet. Gradually the activity of the growth ceased, absorption and the wasting of the tissues slowly occurred, and today its site is marked by a scarlike nodule of material presenting none of the signs of an active, malignant growth. The surgeons are of opinion that these results are due to dietetic treatment alone."

Want an Automatic Parson

In the Barrow News there appears an advertisement which must be quoted in full in order to be appreciated:

Wanted, for the —— Wesleyan Chapel, a preaching phonograph, with metal bell and speaking power for a space of about 40,000 cubic feet; also 51 records for same, each record to contain one distinct service, in the following order: Hymn (Wesley's hymns), prayer, hymn, chapter (from Old Testament), hymn, chapter (from New Testament), hymn (X), sermon, hymn, short prayer and benediction.

Each alternate record must have inserted at x "Collection at the close of this service" (object unnecessary); also one (only) record, with service in above order, the sermon if possible to be of superior quality. This record must have inserted at x "Collection, Love Feast and Renewal of Tickets."

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SCHOOLS REOPEN

Attendance Not Seriously Affected by the Cold Weather.

Schools reopened this morning. Classes in some cases will not be in working order until tomorrow. This is the case at the Normal School, in South London, though at the Collegiate Institute classes are in fair shape this afternoon.

The public schools are not suffering, as might have been expected, from the cold spell. Naturally many parents hesitated about sending their children to school such a cold day as this, but fortunately there is comparatively little sickness in the city, and from this cause the school attendance is not seriously affected. Scarcely a family in Toronto is not affected by the influenza and pneumonia epidemic, while here the city has been reasonably free. So before the week is over the average attendance of the schools will be good.

A CLAIM FOR BIG MONEY

Oneida Indians Living in Canada Are Making It.

Two Million Dollars Involved—Motion for Dismissal Denied.

Word has just been received in this city that the motion at Salamanca, N. Y., for the dismissal of a claim of the Oneida Indians living in Canada, to participate in the Kansas award, under which about $2,000,000 is to be distributed among the Indians of that tribe in New York State, has been denied, and the United States court of claims will consider the case. This information will be of interest to the members of that tribe living to the southwest of London, numbers of whom come into the city frequently.

The Indians of the Oneida reserve have been anxiously awaiting the decision to be given in this case, as are many others of the tribe who live in different parts of the country.

The award was made by the Congress of the United States in 1838, after a fight of nearly thirty years, to recompense the Indians for 1,824,000 acres of land, which were given them by the Black Rock treaty of 1838, and subsequently taken from they by the Federal Government.

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SEVENTH BANDMAN DEAD

Mr. Daniel Fisher Had Been Ill for Several Weeks.

Mr. Daniel Fisher died early this morning at the family residence, 533 Princess avenue, after an illness of several weeks. He had been an employe of McClary's for some time, and was well known in musical circles, being identified with the Seventh Band. He was well liked and will be greatly missed.

Mr. Fisher was born in the Isle of Wight 50 years ago, and came to Canada when quite young. Before coming to this city he had lived in Essex county for some time, and while there had been a leader of the Twenty-first Regiment Band. He was a member of the Woodmen of the World, and is survived by his wife and seven children.

DRUNKARD'S LIST IS ABANDONED

The English Scheme to Check Intoxication a Failure.

LONDON HAD 205 DAYS OF RAIN

British Autos Are Now All Registered —The King Alone Being Exempt.

London, Jan. 2.—The new act of Parliament for the registration of automobiles and the regulation of their speed in the United Kingdom came in force yesterday and this evening the streets of London present the spectacle of motors flitting to and fro with illuminated glass plates at front and tail giving the alphabetical letter and number, besides the owner's initials. All drivers must carry licenses to show the police on demand. The maximum pace allowed is 20 miles on hour on the open country road, and ten in town. It appears there is a superstitious objection to number thirteen, and several local authorities have been unable to get owners to accept it. Over a thousand cars were registered in London yesterday.

The act allows the King's automobiles to go unnumbered, and he is not required personally to have a driving license, though it is assumed his driver possesses one.

A year ago bibulous London was in a condition of panic over the system of licensing which invented a blacklist for habitual topers. Anybody convicted twice of drunkenness was not to be served drink in any saloon in his district for three years. Bartenders were furnished with photographs of such and warned they would lose their licenses if they served these persons. Their anxious time is now past, for the blacklist was abandoned on New Year's Day as impracticable. One provision of the act was that a delinquent might be ordered into an inebriates' home, but Lord Alverstone declared nobody could be detained in such a home against his or her will, which made the whole affair a dead letter. The police also found it impossible to cope with the number of inebriates, whose photographs were far beyond the memory of any barkeeper. One saloonkeeper in the Strand said during the year the police furnished him with 573 photographs to be blacklisted, and moreover, a man blacklisted in one district has only to step into the next borough and he becomes a free man. Those who were too lazy to do this had only to don a false mustache or beard.

Of the year's total in London 61 per cent were women.

The tendency of the people to increase the use of public conveyances is the same in London as in New York, though the street railways and other modes of local transportation have to carry the entire population of New York more times per annum than is the case in London. For New York the estimate is 415 times and London 130 times. The traction lines in Glasgow carry the whole population 174 times a year, in Liverpool 187 times, and in Berlin 225 times.

The official record of Great Britain's rainfall for 1903 shows it was the wettest year in more than half a century. Nearly two out of every three days were rainy. Rain fell on 205 days in London, against an average of 166. The year, nevertheless, has been unprecedentedly favorable as regards public health. There never has been so low a death rate both in urban and rural districts. It seems evident the heavy rainfall has washed the country clean, the flooding of streams and water courses has removed or destroyed injurious matters, which otherwise would have accumulated, and the drains and sewers have been flushed with unprecedented frequency and completeness. The year has not been marked by any special form of illness and neither have there been the influenza or pulmonary affections usually associated with the prevalence of wet and cold.

Richard Croker will not be the solitary American trainer and owner on the English turf in 1904 as it was expected at the end of the season, as Tod Sloan intends starting a stable with a dozen of his own horses and what others he can get to train. His friends believe this is the entering wedge for his return as a jockey in 1905. They say he realizes the errors of the past and is anxious to amend.

Officially there is nothing again Sloan with the turf authorities. He was never ruled off or had his license revoked. He was simply unofficially advised not to apply for a jockey's license. No license is required to train.

UNDERGROUND LONDON HAS ITS SIGHTS

How Its Five Hundred Miles of Sewers Are Managed.

The average Londoner is possibly unaware that nearly 500 miles of sewers are situated beneath his feet, and this includes only the large sewers, several of them so large that a number of boats could float down them abreast. And some idea of the enormous cost of draining London may be gathered from the fact that the drainage works and machinery alone cost £8,000,000 sterling.

The three main sewers in the metropolis run from Fleet street to Hampstead, from Blackfriars to Abbey Mills, and from Harrow to Old Ford. Connected with these are a multitude of smaller sewers measuring about 12 feet in diameter, which make London one of the best-drained cities in the world.

A thousand men are employed all the year round, not even excepting Sundays, in keeping London properly drained, and the stupendous total of 1,000,000,000 tons of sewage is chemically treated every twelve month and taken away in sludge vessels to the North Sea. It might be supposed that the occupation is an unhealthy one for the men engaged, but this is not so, as the sewage is treated with proto-phosphate of iron and lime water, which clarifies it as it passes to the great reservoirs, ready to be taken away.

During a wet summer, like the past one, the pumping machinery might be expected to be very heavily taxed, and the sewers also; but besides there being a number of storm channels, which are only utilized when the volume of waters in the main sewers is abnormal, the pumping machinery at Abbey Mills alone is capable of lifting 125,000,000 gallons of water to a height of 40 feet every day, which, in other words, implies that London could never be destroyed by floods.

At Barking, where the sludge is dealt with, there are fourteen sewers, measuring 20 feet across—that is to say, any one of them would be wide enough for a small tugboat to pass down. Here the sludge, after being chemically treated, has to go through enormous iron cages, resembling gigantic colanders, which keep back solid objects, such as pieces of wood, old boots and so forth, while not infrequently valuable articles of jewelry are found wedged between the bars of the cage.

The vessels used to convey the sludge to the North Sea are not by any means the hulks one might expect to find engaged in the work. They are luxuriously fitted with cosy apartments for the men and lighted throughout with electricity. Each barge carries 1,000 tons of sludge, and when 50 miles from the coast the cargo is distributed over an area of several miles.

Connected with the sewer under Ludgate Hill is the old Roman subterranean bath, which is the oldest structure in London, and must have been in existence long before a single brick of the present city was laid. At one time it was approached by a subway, but this has long since disappeared, though the bath, which measures some 14 feet to 16 feet across, still remains.—Tit-Bits.

SEMI-ANNUAL CLEARING SALE

THE Great Semi-Annual Clearing Sale has commenced. Plans for the New Year required it. Prices have been made—had to be made—to insure quick clearing. Every one of our Ladies' Jackets, Ladies' Costumes, Ladies' Skirts, and Children's Coats must be cleared out. To insure this Semi-Annual Sale a positive clear-out sale, we have marked the prices far below recognized fair value—priced lower than ever before. All goods are new and up-to-the-minute in style, fit and material.

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KINGSMILL'S.

COLDEST OF THE WINTER

Thermometer Reached 7.05 Below Zero Saturday Night.

Lowest Point This Season—Two Below This Morning.

On Saturday night the coldest weather of the winter was experienced, when the thermometer of the observatory in South London registered 7.05° below zero. By 10 o'clock the downtown streets were almost deserted, the people preferring to toast themselves around stoves and grates in their homes to lingering in the intense cold of the streets.

At 8 o'clock on Sunday morning the thermometer registered 8° above, and this morning 2° below zero.

During the month of December the quantities of snow and rain registered at the local observatory were as follows: Snow, 16½ inches; rain, 1 93-100 inches. The highest temperature during December was 39° above zero, on the 12th and 13th, and the lowest temperature was zero, on the 26th. The snowfall during the past quarter aggregated 27¾ inches, and the rainfall of the same period was 6 21-100 inches.

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Every day in the year, single and round trip excursions via the Chicago, Union Pacific and Northwestern line. Through first-class Pullman and tourist sleeping cars daily, to points in California and Oregon. Personally conducted excursions from Chicago to San Francisco, Los Angeles and other Pacific Coast points, leaving Chicago on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Lowest rates. Shortest time on the road. Finest scenery. For maps, illustrated folders and rates, write B. H. Bennett, 2 East King street, Toronto, Ont. 63-1-v

King and the Kaiser.

Paris, Jan. 4.—The Figaro says that it hears King Edward will pay a long-deferred visit to Emperor William in the spring, proceeding from Berlin to Copenhagen, to attend the celebration of the birthday of King Christian.

JUST THE THING THAT'S WANTED.—A pill that acts upon the stomach and yet is so compounded that certain ingredients of it preserve their power to act upon the intestinal canals, so as to clear them of excreta, the retention of which cannot but be hurtful, was long looked for by the medical profession. It was found in Parmelee's Vegetable Pills, which are the result of much expert study, and are scientifically prepared as a laxative and an alterative in one.

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Rostand Gives Party.

Paris, Jan. 4.—Edmond Rostand was visited this week by M. Coquelin, who went to spend the Christmas holidays with the author of "Cyrano" at Poe's villa, near Biarritz. The meeting has been a gay one, for numerous other actors and friends went to the villa at the same time to wake up the poet from his dreams. They started a series of merry parties, which lasted all week.

Left Valuable Pictures.

Paris, Jan. 4.—The Baron Arthur de Rothschild who died at Monte Carlo on Dec. 10 bequeathed his valuable collection of paintings to the Louvre. It contains four pictures by Greuze, two by Teniers, and also comprises masterpieces by Ruysdael, Backhuysen, Wouverman and Hobbema. To the Musee de Cluny Baron Rothschild bequeaths the famous collection of ancient rings.

A Hamilton Failure.

Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 4.—F. A. Carpenter & Co., wholesale hardware dealers, have assigned to C. S. Scott, assignee, for the benefit of their creditors. Two weeks ago Mr. Carpenter offered to compromise with his creditors for 50 cents on the dollar, but they declined, and it is doubtful if they will realize this sum when the business is wound up.

Another Theater Fire.

Berlin, Jan. 4.—A fire caused by a short-circuited electric wire started on Friday night in the cloak room of the new Royal Theater during a performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream." A fireman stationed in the theater discovered the flames and put them out without alarming the audience.

Sent Out Divorce Cards.

Paris, Jan. 4.—The latest thing in letters de faire part is nothing less than a divorce notification. The following neatly engraved card was mailed this week:

"Monsieur Paul D. has the honor to inform you of his divorce, pronounced in his favor on Dec. 12, 1903, against Mme. Louis R. Sincere."

Felicitations were sent immediately in reply.

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NEW WAR SECRETARY

United States Senate Committee Has Appointed Wm. Taft.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The United States Senate committee on military affairs today decided to report favorably the nomination of General Leonard Wood to be major-general.

The President sent to the Senate the nomination of William H. Taft, of Ohio, to be secretary of war. The President also nominated Luke E. Wright, of Tennessee, to be civil governor of the Philippine Islands, and Henry Ide, of Vermont, to be vice-civil governor of the Philippine Islands.

Gen. Longstreet Dead.

Altanta, Ga., Jan. 4.—Gen. James Longstreet, soldier, statesman and diplomat, and the last lieutenant-general of the Confederate army with the exception of Gen. Gordon, died in Gainesville, Ga., Saturday, aged 84 years.

GREAT FLANNELETTE ...SALE...

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BAYLEY'S

WORE FUR COATS AND CAPS WHILE THE MEETING WAS IN PROGRESS

Last Gathering of the Municipal Campaign Held at East End Hall—Candidates Speak.

A large crowd was in attendance at the last meeting of the municipal campaign in the East End Hall Saturday night. The atmosphere in the hall was frigid and men sat in coonskin coats and with fur caps pulled down over their ears, pretending to listen to the speakers. Occasionally when things got rather interesting and there was a burst of applause, a man would remove his earlaps and inquire of his neighbor what was the cause of the applause, after which he would relapse into his coat collar and earlaps and await another spasm.

Mayor Beck and Ald. Campbell, the mayoralty candidates, did not appear to feel the cold to any great extent, however, and taking off their coats and hats warmed to their work.

Both had a coterie of warm friends present, and were frequently interrupted with questions regarding their politics and their records in the past. But as a matter of fact the applause in Ald. Campbell's favor appeared to be greater than that accorded Mayor Beck.

The speeches of the mayoralty candidates covered the same matters as those touched upon at the city hall meeting, the mayor making an issue of hospital matters, and Ald. Campbell appealing to the electors as an independent candidate and upon the record of his life in London.

Mr. John W. Pocock, the candidate for water commissioner, and several of the aldermanic aspirants also spoke.

RUNAWAY GIRL IN PANTS

Her Curls Clipped by Boy Who Ran Away With Her.

Rochester, Jan. 4.—Dissatisfied with life in the village of Hammondsport, Leon Baxley, aged 11 years, and Margaret Strehl, aged 12, ran away from home and came to Rochester, where they said they intended to work as messenger boys and support themselves.

Before they reached this city a telegram was received by Chief Cleary, asking him to watch for them. Detectives were at the Pennsylvania station when the Hammondsport train arrived, but they did not discover the boy and girl at first. Their suspicions, however, were directed to two small boys, who alighted from the train.

To the surprise of the detectives they then discovered that one of the boys was really the missing girl. She was dressed in short trousers, rubber boots and a long ulster. Her companion had clipped her curls short before they boarded the train.

The children told the police that they had not been happy at Hammondsport. They lived with the girl's grandmother. The boy's father died in the Klondike six years ago, and soon afterward his mother died in a hospital. The girl's parents are dead.

When searched it was found that each of the children had a Catholic catechism instead of the dime novels usually found on runaway children.

Holiday Gifts.

Feather cushions, 50 cents each; down cushons, tea coseys, feather pillows, in art tickings. Feathers sold by the pound. Mattresses, springs, iron beds, large stock of stoves at J. F. Hunt & Sons', feather pillow and mattress manufacturers, 595 Richmond street, north. Telephone 997.

The Pope Leo Monument.

Rome, Jan. 4.—The design of the sculptor Lucchetti for a monumental tomb for the late Pope Leo XIII. inside the Church of St. John Lateran, at Rome, has been approved. It represents Pope Leo wearing the triple crown, sitting on a throne, supported by the world, each hand extended in the act of blessing, the whole symbolizing one fold and one church. The cost of the monument is estimated at $32,000.

FRENCH AUTHOR ACCUSED

Distiller Thinks He Is Impersonated by a Character in a Book.

Paris, Jan. 4. — Georges Ohnet's book, "Maitre de Forges," has been the cause of his appearance in court, to answer the charge brought by a distiller at Enghien, who thinks he is impersonated by the character of Vernier Mareuil, called Marchand de Poisons. The distiller's name is Garnier, and he thinks this rhymes too closely with Vernier. The book refers to abricotine, being precisely one of Garnier's products. The case was adjourned, but Ohnet's counsel made a strong case, which visibly influenced the court.

THREE ENGINES WRECKED

Double Header Freight in Smash-Up at Barrie.

Barrie, Ont., Jan. 4.—Three more G. T. R. engines will be relegated to the scrapiron heap as the result of two freight trains, one of them a double-header, coming together in the Allandale yard Friday night. It seems that a freight from the north and the regular Toronto freight were given the semaphore signal to enter the yard together, which they did at full speed. The impact was something terrific, resulting in the complete wreck of the three engines, while many of the cars were also smashd to kindling wood. Both crews were able to jump and save themselves.

Mr. Borden's Plans.

Toronto, Jan. 4.—R. L. Borden, Conservative leader in Federal politics, will speak in Massey Hall on Jan. 18 or 19. Next week will be spent in Quebec Province, and then a tour of Ontario will follow.

THEY CLEANSE THE SYSTEM THOROUGHLY.—Parmelee's Vegetable Pills clear the stomach and bowels of bilious matter, cause the excretory vessels to throw off impurities from the blood into the bowels and expel the deleterious mass from the body. They do this without pain of inconvenience to the patient, who speedily realizes their good offices as soon as they begin to take effect. They have strong recommendations from all kinds of people.

ORIGIN OF THE CHICAGO HORROR

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ily of Morris Eger, of Indiana avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Eger who are aged people, lost three daughters and two grandchildren, and are left alone out of all their entire family.

Priests and ministers went from funeral to funeral today, as they will tomorrow and Monday. By common assent of the clergy "Lead Kindly Light," the hymn written by Cardinal Newman, is being sung at all the funerals.

Mayor Harrison today received a letter from Coroner Traeger suggesting that a public funeral be held in the near future for the unidentified dead. The mayor agreed heartily with the suggestion, and said: "I approve the idea, but we will wait as long as possible before burying any unidentified person, for obvious reasons. Probably the greater portion of those who are still unknown were strangers passing through the city. Their deaths may not become known to their friends for some time. But when it is practically assured that there is no further chance of their recognition, Chicago will care for them in a becoming manner." Coroner Traeger also proposed to build a monument by popular subscription in honor of the unidentified dead. This was approved by Mayor Harrison.

EVERY THEATER CLOSED.

Every theater in Chicago was in darkness tonight, and not one of them will be open to the public until their managers have complied in the fullest manner with every section of ordinances regulating playhouses. The order compelling the theaters to close was issued this afternoon by Mayor Harrison, after a conference with Corporation Counsel Tolman, who assured the mayor that ample legal ground existed for his action. Seventeen theaters and museums were closed last night, and the sweeping order of the mayor today shut the doors of several more. The seventeen places of amusement shut last night were closed because they were not provided with an asbestos curtain. The action today was in consequence of violations of other sections of ordinances regulating theaters. There was a hasty rush of theatrical managers to the office of Mayor Harrison today in the effort to secure the withdrawal or at least a postponement of the order, but their reception was of an exceedingly frosty nature.

CAUSE OF THE FIRE.

Fire Inspector Montroe Fulkerson today announced that he had finally discovered the secret of the cause of the fire. The asbestos curtain upon which the safety of the audience depended was, according to Mr. Fulkerson, blocked in its descent by a steel reflector, carelessly left open by a stage hand. While one end of the curtain got within five feet of the stage, the other was suspended 20 feet above it, and through this space the flood of flame carried death to so many hundreds.

Twenty men arrested in connection with the Iroquois Theater tragedy were arraigned before Justice Caverly in the Harrison street police court today on a charge of manslaughter. Five were members of the chorus of the "Mr Blue Beard" Company, and were defended by an attorney. No testimony was given in court, and it was immediately agreed that a continuance be granted.

From the large number of complaints received of the loss of personal effects from the bodies of the fire victims, coroner's office clerks estimate that $100,000 worth of diamonds, watches, jewelry, furs and other personal property was lost in the fire.

ACTORS LOST ALL.

Of the 100 members of the company who fled from the theater before the flames few had other than their stage clothing. Since the police have had charge of the theater no one has been admitted to remove anything from the dressing rooms. Today a dozen actors and actresses, some without hats, and all in borrowed clothing, appealed to Chief O'Neill for orders restoring to them their clothes. Some of the woman wore men's overcoats and shoes. The chief issued the desired order.

DRIVEN INSANE.

Her brain weakened from pondering over the Iroquois fire horror, Mrs. Marie Hopkins seized her two children today, threw them violently under a bed, and, securing an axe, commenced breaking up a stove which stood in the room. The crazed woman's frantic shrieks of "Fire! They are burning! Save my children!" attracted the attention of policemen, who arrested her and rescued the children. Mrs. Hopkins had suffered no personal loss by the theater fire.

New York, Jan. 2. — Under instructions from Fire Commissioner Hayes, Assistant Foreman Lenihan began today to test the fire proof qualities of asbestos drop curtains of New York theaters. Lenihan had instructions to apply gasoline to all suspected curtains and attempt to ignite them. If any theater is found to have no asbestos or sheet iron curtains, or merely a low grade asbestos curtain that fails to resist the fire test, the house will be closed. He is also earnestly in favor of a law that will absolutely prohibit persons from standing in any portion of an auditorium. "There should be no such thing," said the commissioner, "as a ticket for standing room in any theater."

CANADA'S SYMPATHY

Washington, D. C., Jan. 2.—By direction of President Roosevelt, two messages of condolence received from foreign governments because of the Chicago disaster have been dispatched by the state department. The reply to Canada's message of sympathy reads: "I greatly appreciate your message of regret and sympathy by reason of the disaster at Chicago. It has been communicated to the mayor of the city. (Signed) Theodore Roosevelt." To England the following messages were sent: "Minister Choate, Ambassador, London.—Please assure Lord Monkwell of the President's deep appreciation of his message of the sympathy felt in the great British metropolis for the sufferers by the catastrophe of Chicago. (Signed) Loomis, Acting Secretary." "Choate, Ambassador, London.—The President desires to express in his name and in the name of the people of Chicago sincere thanks for the touching message of sympathy with the sufferers by the awful catastrophe of last Wednesday, which their majesties the King and Queen and their royal highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales have communicated through Ambassador Durand. (Signed) Loomis, Acting Secretary." Similar messages were sent to Paris, Rome, St. Petersburg and Brussels.

During the last three years 22 millionaires have died in England. Their average age was 75 years.

British customs revenue for the first quarter of the fiscal year, ending June 30, increased $3,825,600 over 1902; income tax receipts decreased $1,950,000.

DEATH OF THE "GOOD PRINCESS"

The Beautiful Mathilde, Niece of Napoleon, Passes Away at Paris.

Paris, Jan. 4.—The Princess Mathilde, only daughter of Prince Jerome Bonaparte, died at 7 o'clock Saturday evening. Shortly before the princess died, ex-Empress Eugenie and Princess Clothilde visited the bedside. The death of Princess Mathilde has caused sorrow throughout France, not only because she was one of the last of the Napoleons, but because she was always known as "the good princess." Count Fleury once told this story of her: "A little cousin of the princess asked her, 'Do you know that through Queen Catherine you are related to almost all of the reigning houses of Europe?' The princess answered: 'Tis good; 'tis good. But what is that beside being the niece of Napoleon?' Prince Jerome Bonaparte arranged a marriage between his daughter and Louis Napoleon, the pretender, who later became emperor, caused the breaking off of the match, and this rupture was followed by Princess Mathilde's marriage to Count Demidorff, a rich Russian. While they were in St. Petersburg, Emperor Nicholas conceived a great affection for the princess, and gave her a decree of divorce when she was no longer able to live with her husband. During the presidency of Louis Napoleon, Princess Mathilde managed his house and dispensed the honors, retiring gracefully to her personal studies when Louis Napoleon married. During that epoch she was regarded as one of the most beautiful women in France, combining as she did the French type of beauty with the Italian vivacity. Since the fall of the empire, Princess Mathilde has maintained a salon in Paris, which was frequented by celebrities of the art, literary and military world, and by diplomats and foreign prices. Until her last illness the princess was deeply interested in politics, and it is said that after Joseph Reinach's defense of former Capt. Dreyfus, she sent to Reinach her card, initialed "P. P. C." (pour prendre conge), a punishment she meted out to all who displeased her.

TO BLOW UP JAIL

Plot Unearthed to Rescue the Carbarn Bandits.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Otto Roeski, 22 years old, and Herman Roeski, 33 years of age, brother of Emil Roeski, under indictment for the carbarn murders, were arrested here today. Suspicion that they planned to blow up the county jail to liberate their brother was aroused on a first report that they had nitro-glycerine candles, steel saws and files when arrested. Later it was denied that they had nitro-glycerine.

The police refused to say that the Roeskis were suspected of having given their brother the saw with which he made his almost successful attempt at escape a week ago, sawing the bars of the cell in the county jail.

It was hinted by the police that the Roeskis were wanted in connection with robberies committed since the arrest of their brother.

Abeel's Extradition.

Toronto, Jan. 4.—Mr. W. R. Riddell, K.C., of this city, has been retained by the New York State authorities to secure the extradition of the man Abeel, now under arrest at Welland, Ont. Abeel is wanted in New York for alleged masquerading under the name of Odgen Goelet and having thus won the affections of a telegraph operator. He denies that he is the man, and has retained W. M. German, M. P., of Welland, for his defense. Mr. Riddell will be present at the opening of the proceedings at Welland on Tuesday.

A Fast Mail Wrecked.

Utica, Jan. 4.—Train No. 35, the fast mail on the New York Central, which arrived here at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, six hours late, ran past the station because the air brakes failed to work, and crashed into four express cars being shifted by a yard engine. The wreck blocked traffic for some time. Engineer Edward F. Murphy, of Albany, was killed, the hand rail of his engine being driven through his head.

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Wrapperettes,
Wool Flannels,
Table Linens,
Dress Goods,
Fancy Silks.

These and a great many other lines that space will not permit us to enumerate are on the reduced list. Don't wait till stocks are picked over.

Silk Velvets,
Children's Ulsters and Reefers,
Ladies' Stylish Coats,
Ladies' Skirts and Waists,
Ladies' Wrappers, Shawls, etc.,
Lace Curtains and Curtain Muslins,
Art Muslins and Art Sateens,
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CZAR WRITES PRAYERS

Devoted to Religion Since Death of Princess.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 4.—Since the sudden and pathetic death in his arms of little Princess Elizabeth of Hesse-Darmstadt, the Czar has been more than ever devoted to his religious duties. He always has been religious, but now he spends hours at his private devotions, and in writing prayers in Russ and Slavonic for the Imperial family.

A strange rumor is current in both Moscow and St. Petersburg, that if the child expected next June should be a son, the Czar will abdicate in favor of his brother, who will become regent until the Czar's son comes of age.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

Jan. 2-3.—At Southampton—St. Paul, from New York.
At Queenstown—Ultonia, from Boston.
At Boston—Sylvania, from Liverpool.
At Liverpool—Armenian, from New York; Bohemian, from Boston; Cymric, from Boston; Lucania, from New York.

A Quadruple Funeral.

Chicago, Jan. 3.—In the home of Millionaire Manufacturer Ludwig Wolff, on Washington boulevard, was held the quadruple funeral of his daughter, Mrs. W. H. Garn and her three children. A crowd of more than 10,000 people surrounded the house, and the police were compelled to open a passageway for the pallbearers.

The growing use of electric light signs has caused legislation on the subject, as in London some time ago in regard to "flashers," which were restricted.

THE CRICK IN THE BACK.—"One touch of nature makes the whole world kin," sings the poet. But what about the touch of rheumatism and lumbago, which is so common now? There is no poetry in that touch, for it renders life miserable. Yet how delightful is the sense of relief when an application of Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil drives pain away. There is nothing equals it.



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LATEST MARKETS

STOCK MARKETS.

New York, Jan. 4—Noon.—Opening prices this morning on the stock market reflected a little hysteria on the part of traders, and heavy advances were scored by nearly every stock on the list. It was a reaction from the excessive depression which prevailed during Saturday, when traders went to the other extreme in selling stocks. As might have been expected, it did not take long for the market to get over this undue excitement and to sober up considerably. Towards the end of the first hour it weakened, and has been heavy ever since. It is getting remarkably dull, and it is not at all likely that it will run away during the afternoon. The railroad stocks are behaving very well. The bond market is very quiet. Sales to noon were 322,000 shares.

Consols closed in London ⅛ to ¼ higher.

MONTREAL.

Montreal, Jan. 4.

	Ask.	Off.
Canadian Pacific	117⅞	117¼
Winnipeg Electric	215	..
Montreal Street Railway	..	207½
Toronto Railway	99	98½
Halifax Street Railway	95	88
Twin City Transit Railway	89¾	89¼
Richelieu and Ontario	81	80
Commercial Cable	..	163½
Montreal Telegraph	163	158
Dominion Iron and Steel, com	10¼	9¾
Dominion Iron and Steel, pref	30	25
Montreal Heat, Light and Power	75	74½
Nova Scotia Steel, common	81½	80½
Detroit Railway	66	65
Montreal Street Bonds	105	103½
Montreal Street Bonds, new	205	..
Union Bank	135	..
Dominion Iron and Steel Bonds	58	55
Dominion Cotton	40	34
Colored Cotton	..	44
Laurentide Pulp	100	..
Toledo Bonds	21½	21
Ogilvie Flour	175	150
Ogilvie Bonds	125	118

SALES: C. P. R., 155 at 118, 15 at 117¾, 625 at 117½; Power, 25 at 76, 25 at 75⅞, 75 at 75¼, 75 at 75⅛, 50 at 75, 8 at 75½, 100 at 75¼, 50 at 75, 23 at 75, 25 at 75; Iron, common, 10 at 10¼, 25 at 9½; Bank of Montreal, 15 at 248¾, 2 at 249; Bank of British North America, 5 at 126; Toledo Railway, 25 at 22½, 250 at 22, 25 at 21¾, 25 at 21; Coal, common, 10 at 72, 15 at 71½, 50 at 71¾, 50 at 71; Twin City, 220 at 90, 125 at 89¾, 50 at 89½, 15 at 90, 100 at 89½, 8 at 90; Toronto Railway, 8 at 99½, 25 at 99; Ogilvie, preferred, 25 at 119; Scotia, 25 at 81½, 7 at 81, 25 at 80¾, 25 at 80½; Iron, preferred, 75 at 26; Montreal Railway, 15 at 210, 10 at 208; Detroit Railway, 25 at 66, 25 at 65¾; Hochelaga Bank, 9 at 131½; Switch, preferred, 25 at 90, 22 at 90; Cable, 25 at 164; R. and O., 50 at 80.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Jan. 4.

	Ask.	Off.
Montreal	..	249
Ontario	..	125
Toronto	228	..
Commerce	156	151
Imperial	214	212
Dominion	226	..
Hamilton	210	..
Standard	235	..
Nova Scotia	270	..
Ottawa	215	..
Traders	..	130
British America	..	97
Western Assurance	..	97
Imperial Life	..	149
National Trust	140	..
Consumers Gas	..	207
Ontario and Qu'Appelle Land	..	94
Canada Northwest Land, pref	..	98
Can. Pacific Railway Stock	117¾	117½
Soo, pref	118	115
Soo, com	58	55
Toronto Electric Light	..	133
General Electric	..	140¾
London Electric	105	..
Commercial Cable	166	164
Richelieu and Ontario Nav. Co.	85	79[illegible]
Niagara Navigation	..	114[illegible]
Northern Navigation	83	[illegible]
St. L. and C. Navigation	..	112[illegible]
Toronto Street Railway	101	99
Twin City Railway, new	90	89
Winnipeg St. Railway	..	170
Sao Paulo Tramway	89	88
Dominion Steel, com	..	10
Dominion Coal, com	74	71¼
Canada Salt	117	..
Crow's Nest Coal	350	..
British Canadian L. and I.	..	80
Canada Landed and Nat. Inv.	..	100
Canada Permanent	..	120
Canada Savings and Loan	..	119
Central Canada Loan	..	150
Dominion Savings and Invest	70	..
Hamilton Provident	..	119
Huron and Erie L. and S. Co.	..	178
Landed Banking and Loan	..	118½
Lon. and Can. L. and A.	..	90
Manitoba Loan	..	95
Toronto Mortgage	..	85
London Loan	120	..
Ontario Loan and Deb	..	121
Toronto Savings and Loan	..	130
Dominion Iron and Steel Bonds	54	..
N. S. Steel Bonds	109	107

SALES: Bank of Montreal, 3 at 248¾; Bank of Commerce, 33 at 152½, 8 at 152; Imperial Bank, 5 at 214; Dominion Bank, 34 at 226; Canadian General Electric, 5 at 140½, 20 at 41; Coal, 15 at 71¾; C. P. R., 225 at 118¼, 10 at 118⅜, 1,100 at 118, 3 at 118⅜; Toronto Railway, 10 at 99½; Western Assurance, 100 at 98; Cable, 50 at 164, 175 at 165½, 50 at 165; Sao Paulo, 105 at 88¾, 16 at 88¾; Nova Scotia Steel, 25 at 81¼, 10 at 81, 25 at 80⅞; Canada Permanent, 350 at 120; Twin City, 100 at 90, 25 at 90⅛, 25 at 90, 25 at 89⅞, 10 at 90¼.

5 to 6½ per cent is now obtained by the investor on first preferred stocks and bonds of the best railways, in consequence of this year's enormous shrinkage in values.

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LOCAL MARKET.

London, Monday, Jan. 4.

The cold weather, coupled with the fact that quite a number of the farmers are electioneering and endeavoring to place their favorites at the head of the polls, resulted in the supply of commodities for this day of the weeek not being up to the standard.

There was no grain of any kind offered today.

Three loads of hay sold at $8 to $8 50 per ton. There should be a good demand during the next couple of days.

A carload of live hogs was purchased by Mr. D. McIntyre, for which he paid $5 per 100 pounds for choice hogs.

NEW YORK.

Reported by F. H. Butler, stock broker. Masonic Temple, for The Advertiser.

New York, Jan. 4.

	Open.	High.	Low.	2 p.m
Amal. Copper	48½	49½	47½	48¼
American Sugar Co.	125¼	126½	123⅞	124½
American Locomotive	17¼	17½	17	17
American Foundry	19⅞	19⅞	19	19
American Refining	48	48¼	48	48¼
Atcheson, com	68⅛	68⅝	67	67⅜
Atcheson Pfd	89⅝	89⅝	89⅛	89⅛
B. & O	79	79	77⅛	77⅛
Brooklyn Tran	49⅝	50⅜	48½	48¾
C. P. R	117½	117¾	117⅜	117⅜
Chesapeake & Ohio	33⅛	33⅛	32¾	32⅞
Chic. Great Western	15½	15½	15¼	15½
Chicago and Alton	34¼	34½	34	34
Col. Fuel and Iron	30	30	29	29
Erie	28¾	28⅞	27⅞	28
Erie Pfd	68	68	67¼	67½
Illinois Central	130½	130¾	129¾	129¾
Kan. and Tex, com	17	17⅜	17	17
Kan. and Tex, pref	38¼	..	..	..
Louisville and Nashville	107½	108¼	106¾	107
Manhattan	143½	143½	141½	141¾
Metropolitan St. Ry	122½	122½	121	121
Mexican Central	10⅛	10⅛	9⅞	9⅞
M. P.	91½	92⅜	90⅝	91⅛
N. Y Central	118½	118½	118	118⅜
Norfolk and W	57½	57½	56¾	57
Ont. and West	22	..	..	..
Pennsylvania	117¾	118⅛	117⅛	117⅝
People's Gas	97⅞	97⅞	96	96½
Reading	44¾	44¾	43⅝	44¼
Rock Island	23½	23⅞	22⅜	22¾
Southern Railway	20	20⅛	20	20
Southern Ry. Pfd.	78		..	..
Southern Pacific	48¼	48⅝	47⅛	47⅛
St. Paul	143¼	144⅜	142¾	143⅛
Texas	25½	25½	24¾	24¾
Tennessee Coal & Iron	36¾	37⅛	36	36
Union Pacific	78⅞	79½	78⅛	78⅛
U. S. Leather, pref	76	76	75⅝	75⅝
U. S. Steel, com	11⅞	12	11	11⅜
U. S. Steel, pref	55¼	56¾	55⅞	56⅜
Wabash, com	19¾	18¾	19⅝	19⅛

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Wabash, pref	26¾	37	35⅛	[illegible]
Wisconsin Central	16⅝	16⅝	16¼	[illegible]

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LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

OLD COUNTRY PRICES.

London, Jan. 2.—Live cattle steady, at 11c to 12c per lb for American steers, dressed weight; Canadian steers, 10½c to 11¼c per lb; refrigerator beef, 9¾c to 10c; sheep, 11c to 12c per lb; lambs, 13c, dressed weight.

CHICAGO EXCHANGE.

Reported by F. H. Butler, stock broker, Masonic Temple, for The Advertiser.

Chicago, Jan. 4.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—May	87	87½	85¾	8[illegible]
July	81½	82½	81¼	8[illegible]
Corn—May	47	47⅛	46¼	46¾
July	46⅛	46½	45⅞	46¼
Oats—May	38¼	38⅞	38¼	38½
July	35⅞	3[illegible]	35½	35½
Pork—Jan.	13 07	13 30	13 00	13 27
May	13 57	13 52	13 35	13 67
Lard—Jan	6 90	6 95	6 87	6 90
May	7 17	7 22	7 12	7 17
S.Ribs—Jan	6 50	6 57	6 50	6 50
May	6 82	6 90	6 77	6 80

HAY MARKETS.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Jan. 4.—Baled Hay—Steady; cars on the track here are quoted at $8 50 per ton.

Baled Straw—Unchanged; cars on the track here are quoted at $5 25 per ton.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Jan. 4.—Wheat—The offerings are light; there has been a better inquiry in the week; prices are higher, at 79c to 80c for No. 2 red and white asked, east or west; goose is steady, at 70c for No. 2 east; spring steady, at 73c for No. 2 east; Manitoba wheat was advanced 3c by holders on Saturday, owing to the increased inquiries for export; No. 1 hard is quoted at 92c to 93c; No. 1 northern at 90c and No. 2 northern at 87c, at Georgian Bay ports, and 6c more grinding in transit. Flour—In better demand and firmer; local exporters are bidding $3 05 for cars of 90 per cent patents in their bags, east or middle freights; choice brands are held 15c to 20c higher; Manitoba flour is firmer at $4 55 to $4 75 for cars of Hungarian patents, $4 25 to $4 45 for second patents, and $4 15 to $4 35 for strong bakers, bags included, on the track at Toronto. Millfeed—Steady, at $17 for cars of shorts and $14 50 to $15 for bran in bulk, east or middle freights; Manitoba millfeed is steady, at $20 for cars of shorts and $18 for bran, sacks included, Toronto freights. Barley—Steady, at 41c for No. 2, 39c for No. 3 extra, and 37c for No. 3, east or middle freights. Buckwheat—Firm, at 46½c bid for No. 2, east or west. Rye—Steady, at 52c for No. 2, east or west. Corn—Steady; Canadian new yellow is quoted at 44c and mixed at 43c in car lots on the track, Toronto; American new is quoted at 51c for No. 2 yellow and 50c for No. 3 mixed, on the track at Toronto. Oats—In better demand and firmer; No. 1 white are quoted at 30c east; No. 2 white are quoted at 29c to 29½c, low freights to New York. Rolled oats—Steady, at $3 50 for cars of bags and $3 70 for barrels on the track at Toronto, and 25c more for broken lots. Peas—Steady, at 61½c to 62c for No. 2 west. Butter—The offerings of choice dairies are light; there is a good demand for the best quality, and the market is firm; fine creamery also is in good demand and firm; low and medium grades are slow; creamery prints, 21c to 23c; solids, 20c to 21c; dairy pound rolls, choice, 16c to 18c; large rolls, 15½c to 17c; tubs, good to choice, 16c to 18c; medium, 14c to 15c; poor, 10c to 12c. Eggs—The receipts of strictly fresh-gathered are light; there is a good demand, and the market is firm, at 26c; ordinary fresh-gathered are quoted at 24c, and cold storage and limed at 22c to 23c. Live hogs—Steady, at $5 15 for selects and $4 90 for heavy and light weights. Dressed hogs—Steady; cars on the track here are quoted at $6 40 per cwt; farmers' lots, delivered at Toronto, are quoted at $6 75 to $7 25.

ENGLISH MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL.

Liverpool, Jan. 4.—Wheat—Spot steady; No. 2 red western winter, 6s 2½d. Futures quiet; March, 6s 5⅛d; May, 6s 5d; July nominal.

Corn—Spot steady; American mixed, new, 4s 2d; American mixed, old, 4s 4d. Futures steady; March, 4s ¼d; May, 4s 1⅛d.

Flour—St. Louis fancy winter dull, 8s 3d.

Hops (at London)—Pacific coast firm, £6 to £7.

Beef—Quiet; extra India mess, 62s 6d.

Pork—Prime mess western easy, 72s 6d.

Hams—Quiet; short cut, 14 to 16 lbs, 47s 6d.

Bacon—Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs, weak, 37s 6d; shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs, quiet, 34s 6d.

Lard—Prime western, in tierces, strong, 36s 6d; American refined, in pails, strong, 37s.

Butter—Nominal.

Cheese—Steady; American finest white, 52s; do, colored, 54s.

Tallow—Prime city steady, 24s 6d.

Turpentine Spirits—Steady, 43s 9d.

Rosin—Common firm, 7s 3d.

Petroleum—Refined firm, 7¾d.

Linseed Oil—Dull, 18s 3d.

The imports of wheat into Liverpool last week were 35,500 quarters from Atlantic ports, and 63,100 from other ports.

The imports of corn from Atlantic ports last week were 16,700 quarters.

Stocks of breadstuffs and provisions in Liverpool: Flour, 65,000 sacks; wheat, 1,709,000 centals; corn, 654,000 centals; lard, 5,400 tierces of prime western steam and 1,220 tons of other kinds.

AMERICAN MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

New York, Jan. 4—Noon.—Flour—Receipts, 67,479 bbls; sales, 4,500 pkgs; flour was quiet but strongly held, and nominally a shade higher; Minnesota patents, $4 55 to $4 75; Minnesota bakers, $3 70 to $3 85; winter patents, $4 to $4 35; winter straights, $4 to $4 15; winter extras, $3 15 to $3 40; winter low grades, $2 95 to $3 20. Rye flour—Firm; fair to good, $3 25 to $3 40; choice to fancy, $3 45 to $3 60. Wheat—Receipts, 88,725 bu; sales, 1,500,000 bu; wheat opened very irregular and somewhat lower than Saturday's curb on better news from the far east, but rallied again on covering; May, 89½c to 90⅛c; July, 85⅞c to 86½c. Rye—Firm; state and Jersey, 56c to 58c; No. 2 western, 63c, nominal, f.o.b. afloat. Corn—Receipts, 112,875 bu; sales, 20,000 bu; corn opened easier with wheat on the better war talk, but also rallied later; May, 52¼c to 52¾c. Oats—Receipts, 120,000 bu; track, white state, 42c to 45½c; track, white western, 42c to 45½c. Sugar—Raw nominal; fair refining, 3c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3½c; molasses sugar, 2¾c; refined quiet; crushed, $5 05; powdered, $4 55; granulated, $4 45. Coffee—Firm; No. 7 Rio, 7¼c. Lead—Firm, $4 37½. Wool—Firm; domestic fleece, 28c to 32c. Hops—Firm; state, common to choice, 1903 crop, 28c to 37c; 1902 crop, 22c to 28c; olds, 8c to 12c; Pacific coast, 1903 crop, 25c to 32c; 1902 crop, 22c to 26c; olds, 8c to 12c.

VOTE IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IS NOT EXPECTED TO BE LARGE

Ratepayers Did Not Rush to the Polls—Protests Entered With City Clerk Edwards.

The indications of last week pointed to a mayoralty contest of much interest, with a large vote, today, but the cold weather appears to have utterly spoiled all the indications.

When the polls opened this morning there were not knots of men huddled round outside, for the thermometer registered a degree or so below zero, and a bitter wind also added to the discomfiture of the day.

The voting places were in most cases open the better part of an hour before the electors began to put in an appearance, and when the voters did begin to arrive they came straggling along, or two every five or ten minutes. This state of affairs was maintained till noon, when a rush for an hour or so was experienced.

From reports received at the city hall till 1 o'clock, everything pointed to the vote not reaching over two-thirds of the names on the list. As a sample of the way in which the vote was coming in, the case of the booth at the city hall might be cited. In that division there are 131 names on the list, but by 1 o'clock only 29 votes had been polled. In one subdivision in No. 4 ward where there are over 200 names on the list, only 42 votes had been registered. Similar reports were received from all parts of the city.

As the day wore on, City Clerk Edwards had quite a few callers, many of them being persons whose names do not appear on the lists, but who imagine they have a right to vote. And some of them had a right to vote, but their names had been left off through clerical errors. One man whose brother's name had been left off the lists was very wrath for a while. Finally, another man came in and raised an objection that was lively. As it happened each voter was of a different stripe of politics, and they left the office laughing, and declaring that it was all right, as they had been "paired" off. In mostly all cases the names had been left off the list through errors in the assessment, caused mainly by people changing their places of residence and by transfers of property. Consequently one man who owns several thousand dollars' worth of real estate was left without a vote, because of a business change, and the city clerk was powerless to help him. The moral in all such cases is for every voter to see positively that his name is on the list. There are thusands of names to be copied and dealt with each year, and it is a very easy matter for mistakes to creep in.

Reports as to the result of the fight for the mayoralty differed greatly. Some of the candidates who had gone the rounds of the city and visited most of the subdivisions, were of the opinion that it would be close. Others, strong friends of Mr. Beck, claimed that he would have not less than 500 majority, and from that up to 800. One man was boasting that Mr. Beck would do many things to Ald. Campbell, and offered to back up his assertions with a bet. An elector who thought a little better of Ald. Campbell's chances, got into an argument with him, and the result was a bet of $25 even that Mr. Beck would not have 500 majority. Several other bets at even money that the doctor would win were also made.

From the appearances of the Beck rigs on the streets, and the manner in which the polling booths were manned, it appeared as if the Conservatives regarded the election of Mr. Beck as a matter of the utmost importance to the Conservative party. All the "faithful" were in harness and were working with true parliamentary vim. If the vote proves to be a small one, it will not be the fault of the Conservative Club, for the machine has been in full swing all day. Despite all these efforts, many people could not be induced to go to the polls, the women voters being especially averse to leaving their family hearth even in a brougham or other covered carriage.

So far as known there was no trouble of any kind, and quietness prevailed on all sides. The bars of all the hotels and saloons were closed, as is the law on election days.

TOTAL WAS $219,740 51

Inland Revenue Collections For the Past Six Months.

October Led, With December Second—Last Month's Figures.

The returns of the inland revenue department show that during the half year ended Dec. 31, October saw the heaviest month's business at the port of London. December was the next heaviest. Throughout the half year, however, the receipts have not differed very much. The total amount received for the period named, $219,740 51. The receipts for each month being:

July	$ 36,771 43
August	34,637 47
September	37,252 78
October	38,274 76
November	35,009 25
December	37,793 82
Total	$219,740 51

The December returns were as follows:

Spirits, ex-warehouse	$ 7,877 64
Malt, ex-warehouse	6,083 21
Tobacco, ex-warehouse	1,328 14
Raw leaf, ex-warehouse	5,957 07
Cigars, ex-factory	11,450 46
Cigars, ex-warehouse	5,097 06
Other revenue	24
Total	$37,793 82

ENTERTAINMENT AT TEMPO

Presbyterian Sunday School Carry Out a Good Programme.

The annual Christmas entertainment in connection with Tempo Presbyterian Church Sabbath school was given on Tuesday evening, Dec. 29, and was a complete success. The church was well filled with the parents and friends of the children, and the programme given was considered the best of the many good ones given by the members of this Sabbath school.

The programme consisted of choruses by the school; solos by Miss Leyden Janes, Master Willie McIntyre and Messrs. William Finch and J. D. Bannatyne; recitations by Stanley McPherson, Clifford McPherson, Carl Law, John Gowanlocke, Willie McIntyre, Harry McIntyre, William Letchford, Lillian Janes, Sarah Willows, Lottie Piper and Amelia Dangerfield; and several dialogues by the children and members of the Bible class.

Special mention might be made of the dialogue entitled "The Country Cousin," in which the different characters were admirably portrayed, and those taking part in it received well-merited praise. Excellent music was rendered by Messrs. Walker and McAlpine on the violin and Messrs. Cole and Swindle on the harmonica.

The Christmas tree was well loaded with presents, each child receiving a prize and a sack of candy. Mr. Samuel Grant made an excellent Santa Claus, while Rev. R. McIntyre occupied the chair in his usual efficient manner.

A Queer Trade.

The "hot pepper" seller of Mexico is a merchant who derives his livelihood from the fact that the Mexican must have his peppers, whatever else he may deny himself. They are brought to his door by the countryman, or he may go to the market place and find them spread out for sale on matting. The market man, while dressed inexpensively as far as his bodily garb is concerned, wears in nearly every instance an elaborate head covering. Some of these Mexicans own hats that cost as much as the rest of their wardrobe. The pride of the white man in his Panama is not to be compared with that of the Mexican in his sombrero. It is a racial characteristic which finds its counterpart in the apron of the Portuguese onion seller. Her occupation may be lowly, but her apron might be that of a woman of high degree—plush-edged with fur is not uncommon.—Everybody's Magazine.

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BURKE WON BOTH EVENTS

Knockout in Hotel Discussed in Police Court.

More Costs and Trouble Anent Mr. Fox's Vicious Dog.

A barroom fight was responsible for an hour of the time given up to citizens' troubles in this morning's police court. The Ontario House was the scene of the fight, the time was the night before Christmas, and the participants were Thomas Cahill and Elias Burke. The former pleaded not guilty and the latter said he fought because he had to. Though Burke proved by witnesses that it was the other fellow who started the fight, and also, though it was shown that at the end of the fight Cahill was lying on his back, knocked out by Burke, Cahill was head and shoulders taller than his victorious opponent. The magistrate believed the story of Defendant Burke and his witnesses against the lone testimony of Cahill, and fined the latter $2. Burke was discharged.

Philip Fox was not present when his name was called. He was charged a week ago with having a vicious dog, and the dog had been ordered killed. This had been done, and Fox thought that was enough. The case was adjourned until today. His father was present and was told to get his son.

When Philip Fox arrived the magistrate informed him that court matters were to have precedence over trade and all other business. He ordered Fox to pay the doctor's bill of the complainant who had been bitten by the dog, and also to pay the costs of the court or $2 60.

"Dote" Webb was charged by Geo Kelly with using grossly insulting language towards Miss Katie Bagner, but Webb said he never used such words as were charged. The complainants were not present and the case was enlarged until tomorrow.

Albert C. Dennis, who was charged a week ago with stealing a watch from Henry Ashton, appeared to say that he had not succeeded in securing possession of the watch. The story of its having been borrowed by a friend of the son of defendant seemed very queer to the magistrate, especially since it was said that the boy could not be found. After some hesitation on the part of the defense, it was agreed to give the name of the boy to the police in order that they might trace him. This ought to be very easy. The boy's name as far as Mr. Dennis knew was "Jimmie Jones." One more week will be given the defense to get Jimmie and the watch, and then explain how it came into their possession.

The gambling case was to have come up, but the young man charged with keeping a gaming house was reported to be laid up with diphtheria, so that all the cases were adjourned for another week at least.

CONDENSED LOCAL NEWS

—Miss McNee, of London, is visiting at her home on Park Row, Woodstock.

—Miss Mabel Comiskey, of this city, is visiting with her parents in Ingersoll.

—Alfred Meek, of London, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Wm. H. Farr, at Port Stanley.

—Thomas Sumner and wife, of London, are visitors with the family of M. L. Emmons, on Wall street, Port Huron.

—Misses Mae and Gertie Baer, of Woodstock, are the guests of the Misses Quick, 505 Central avenue, this city.

—Miss Whyte and Miss Beattie, of Windsor, are spending a few days in London, the guests of their uncle, Major Beattie.

—Misses Evelyn and Neta Wennesheimer and Daisy Richmond, who have been spending the vacation with relatives in the city, returned to Toronto last evening.

TWO NEW POLICEMEN.

Messrs. Elmslie and Torrance are the latest additions to London's police force.

PRESENTED WITH A CLOCK.

In recognition of the services he rendered to the Ladies' Aid of the Colborne Street Methodist Church, Ald. Wyatt was on Saturday evening presented with a handsome marble clock. He has been very active in helping the affairs of the church generally. Although taken by surprise he replied suitably.

A PICTORIAL "SCOOP."

The London Advertiser was the only Canadian daily to print a picture of the Iroquois Theater on Thursday, the day after the Chicago fire.

DEATH OF MRS. McCALLUM.

The death is reported of Mrs. McCallum, wife of Mr. Lloyd McCallum, of York street. Mrs. McCallum, who was only 20 years of age, had been married only three months. Death was due to diabetes. The funeral was held to Mount Pleasant Cemetery, the services being conducted by Rev. S. Salton, of the First Methodist Church.

LONDON FIRMS AFFECTED.

In the assignment Saturday of F. A. Carpenter & Co., wholesale hardware merchants, Hamilton, the McClary Manufacturing Company and C. E. Santo, agent of the Wilcox Manufacturing Company, this city, are interested. Particulars will be bulletined by financial agencies tomorrow.

INVITATIONS FOR BALL.

The Lotus Club are busy preparing for their annual ball, Jan. 22, which will be an elaborate affair. Invitations are being sent out now and the ball promises to eclipse any previous social function in London.

MRS. McKILLOP AT PICTON.

The Picton (Ont.) Gazette of a recent date says: "Mrs. McKillop (nee Roblyn), of London, sang in the First Methodist Church on Sunday evening last. The solos were 'The Ninety and Nine,' and 'I'm a Pilgrim,' by Ashford. All who heard were more than delighted with her artistic singing. It was a rare musical treat and greatly enjoyed by all present."

HORTONS CONFIDENT.

The Hortons are confident of making a good showing when they meet the Woodstock Juniors tomorrow night. They will hold their final practice tonight. This is the first game in the O. H. A. The Hortons appear in green and white sweaters, and green stockings. Woodstock has a fast seven, and the game will be a close one, if hockey talk can be relied upon. The referee for the match will be Mr. R. A. Williams, of Ingersoll.

FANNY M'GARVEY'S TRIAL IS TO TAKE PLACE HERE NEXT WEEK

Slayer of Patrick Upton to Come Up at the Winter Assizes—Few Criminal Cases.

SAID a member of the county constabulary today, when talking to a number of friends at the court house:

"I had to go to a place about twenty-five miles from London to get a man who had been committing a number of burglaries in the district. I arrived there all right and caught the man, who had been locked in a room. Just before going in to get him, I reached for my handcuffs and found that I had not brought them. I knew the man was a bad one, and knew that it would be difficult to get him to the jail, unless he was well-shackled. I was going to telegraph to the nearest place for my handcuffs, and took out my notebook to write the dispatch. Then an idea struck me. There was a heavy elastic band about the book and I thought that if I had several of these wound about my own and the prisoner's wrist I would be able to manage for a time at least. I secured several more and wound them firmly around the fellow's wrist. He pulled at it at first and gave me the laugh for a few minutes, but he soon realized that I had the grip on him and came along without a struggle."

The first assize court of the new year will commence on Monday next before Mr. Justice Britton. There will be quite a number of cases, it is expected, and all of them will be tried by a jury. At this court it is necessary for the sheriff to make a general jail delivery—that is, to furnish the judge with the names of all prisoners confined in the jail, with evidence that there is sufficient justification for their incarceration. There will be but two criminal cases, if no more transpire in the meantime. The most important one will be that in which Fanny McGarvey will be tried for the murder of her uncle, Patrick Upton. It is expected that this will occupy about two days. If the woman is acquitted on the ground of insanity, she will be confined to an asylum for life. The only other case is that of George Corneil, who is charged with the theft of a watch. The civil list will not be given out until Thursday afternoon.

Services were conducted in the county jail Sunday by Mr. Fred Matthews and by the Salvation Army.

RAILROADS ARE HAVING TROUBLE OWING TO COLD AND SNOWSTORMS

Difficulty Experienced On Lines East and North of London—Trains Hours Late.

THE railways have had their full share of troubles as a result of the zero weather, and the snowstorms which have been prevalent in many sections during the past three or four days. Passenger trains are running hours late. As for freight, no attempt is made to get them over the road in anything like average time. To do so would be absolutely useless.

The Grand Trunk is experiencing the greatest difficulty on the northern and eastern lines. So far as the main line between London and the Tunnel is concerned, the road very seldom has any trouble, and the same applies to the old main line between the city and Windsor. East of London snowstorms have been frequent and severe, and in some cases trains have been stalled, partly owing to the "beautiful" and partly owing to the steam going down because of the heavy strain. This was the case east of Woodstock on Saturday. Between Hamilton and the Bridge snow has been heavy, and passenger as well as freight trains have been delayed more or less.

Trains from the east were from three to five hours late today. Number 7 express, due at 3:30 a. m., from the Bridge, did not arrive until 7:15, and No. 3 was three hours late, arriving at 2 o'clock. No. 1 express, via Stratford, did not reach the city until 4 o'clock, five hours behind time. On the London, Huron and Bruce branch the train from Kincardine did not arrive until 1:30—four hours late—and the up-train was not making very good time. Heavy snow has fallen at different points along the line. Besides the snow in the east, the trains also are delayed more or less by the lateness of connections from across the line and east of Toronto.

Once a train is late in weather as cold as has been the rule the past few days, it is impossible for it to make up lost time, and it is only with the greatest difficulty that it will manage to run in the time allotted it.

WILL BE A LARGE CLASS

Short Course of Instruction Commences at the Barracks.

Twenty-One Non-Coms. and Men Taking Advantage of It.

The special short course of instruction, which commences at Wolseley Barracks today, will be attended by twenty-one non-commissioned officers and men. Three of the party are from the Seventy-seventh (Wentworth) Regiment, but the balance come from the various corps in the London military district. The Thirty-second (Bruce) Regiment, being the most strongly represented. The short course will include:

Twenty-first (Windsor) Regiment—Sergt. Gasco, Bugler Trembly, and Privates Piette and Taylor.

Twenty-sixth (Middlesex) Regiment—Corporal French.

Twenty-eighth (Perth) Regiment—Bugler Simmons.

Twenty-ninth (Waterloo) Regiment—Color-Sergt. Knill, Corporal McBain, and Privates Pressing and Schafer.

Thirtieth (Wellington) Regiment—Sergts. Clarke and Richardson.

Thirty-second (Bruce) Regiment—Sergts. Coffey, Howe and Robertson, Corporals McBurney and Underwood.

Thirty-third (Huron) Regiment—Corporal Elliott.

Seventy-seventh (Wentworth) Regiment—Sergts. Shaverand, Cortwell and Corporal Springstead.

A STRENUOUS MEETING

A Tariff Reform Gathering Ends in a Free Fight.

London, Jan. 4.—At a meeting at Newton Abbey on Saturday night in connection with the Middevan election, and under the auspices of the Tariff Reform League, the proceedings were most uproarious. The crowd of 3,000 persons refused to listen to the chairman or the speakers, among the latter being Barlow Cumberland, of the Toronto board of trade. A series of free fights culminated in the storming of the platform, some of the occupants of which were pitched headlong off it. Several persons were injured.

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BRITISH HAVE TROUBLES

Russians Assume Antagonistic Attitude Giving Passports.

Young Canadian Rider Returns From the Land of the Czar.

A young man whose name has often been seen among the list of famous jockeys has just returned from Russia to his home at Lucan. His name is Fred Wilson, and his father, James Wilson, is the Grand Trunk watchman at Lucan. Two of his sisters reside in this city.

Wilson began his career as a rider many years ago, when a very small boy, at Lucan, which is a center for good horseflesh. Some years ago he was seen by George Pepper, of Toronto, and given a chance to distinguish himself, which the people around Lucan predicted he would surely do. After riding for some years he found himself under contract to W. K. Vanderbilt, with good mounts and a good salary. An elder brother, Harry, had also met with success in the business and was with the well-known stable of John A. Drake.

On the advice of many of his friends young Wilson decided to go to Russia, and for the past year he has been riding on the colors of Prince Lubormeski, a Russian nobleman. His time has been about equally divided between St. Petersburg, Warsaw and Moscow, and he has had good races to his credit.

When he arrived in Budapest a year ago he was with a companion from New York. They there found themselves confronted by the passport difficulty. Everybody in Russia must have a ticket to show if he merely wanted to turn around. Mr. Wilson's American friend declared his nationality, and he was given his passport, with scarcely any trouble. It was not the case with Wilson, who had stated that he was a Canadian. There was much dilly-dallying, and it was two and a half weeks before the certificate was received, and he was able to proceed on his journey.

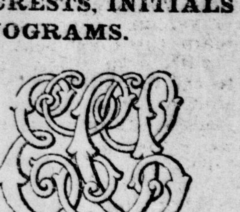
Then at every place he stopped the antagonistic attitude of the Russian towards British subjects was shown. On arriving in a place he would be forced to hand his passport to an official, and he would be forced to pay so many roubles before he could again secure it. Almost every Englishman was treated in the same way, and their trips were made very expensive for them.

The hostile attitude against the British is very marked, Mr. Wilson concluded.

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A MASONIC FUNERAL

Remains of Sergt. Wm. Wanless Intered at Woodland.

The funeral of the late Sergt. William Wanless, staff clerk at Wolseley Barracks, was held yesterday afternoon from his residence, 514 Quebec street, to Woodland Cemetery. The funeral was under the auspices of Corinthian Lodge, A., F. and A. M., of which the deceased was a member, and it was attended by many of the brethren. There was also a large representation of the Wolseley Barracks force, the majority of them being members of the craft. The services were conducted by Rev. George M. Cox, rector of St. Matthew's Church, East London. The pall-bearers were twelve in number, six being chosen from the Masonic members of No. 1 Company, R. C. R., and the same number from Corinthian Lodge. The former were Sergt.-Major Munro, Quartermaster-Sergeant Price, Sergeant-Instructor Blake-Foster, Sergeant Cockburn, Sergeant Evans and Private Charman. The members of the lodge who acted as pall-bearers were Bros. Ed Hayden, John Case, John Flanagan, George Everitt, Harry Kibbler and J. K. Whitehead. The Masonic service at both the house and the grave was conducted by W. Bro. H. J. Childs. A number of the relatives of the deceased were in attendance from outside places. Many floral offerings were placed on the casket, among them being a wreath from the sergeants' mess of Wolseley Barracks; a square and compass from Corinthian Lodge, and wreaths from Col. Peters, D.O.C., and Major Layborn, also of the district staff.

DIPHTHERIA AT BYRON

School and Church Closed Owing to Appearance of the Disease.

The school at Byron and the church have been closed on account of the death of a boy there from diphtheria. The little fellow was Tommy Merion, aged 7 years. He was only taken ill Saturday, and died yesterday morning at 6 o'clock. On this account the school and church were closed, and all meetings have been prohibited.

'TIS WELL TO KNOW A GOOD THING, said Mrs. Surface to Mrs. Knowwell, when they met in the street, "Why, where have you been for a week back?" "Oh, just down to the store for a bottle of Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil," and Mrs. Surface, who hates puns, walked on. But she remembered, and when she contracted a weak back there was another customer for Eclectric Oil.

Fashionable dogs in Paris, which for some time have worn overcoats with pockets for their little handkerchiefs, are now provided with goggles for their eyes when taken motoring.

SO RAPIDLY does lung irritation spread and deepen, that often in a few weeks a simple cough culminates in tubercular consumption. Give heed to a cough—there is always danger in delay; get a bottle of Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, and cure yourself. It is a medicine unsurpassed for all throat and lung troubles. It is compounded from several herbs, each one of which stands at the head of [illegible] exerting a wonderful influence in curing consumption and all lung diseases.

Vera's Love Affair

CHAPTER IV.

A kind of weight hangs heavy on my heart.

This suspicion may perhaps have crossed Mr. Dysart's mind, because he frowns heavily as the woman approaches.

"You are singularly prompt," he says with a lowering glance and a sneer, that passes her by, as she takes no notice of it, but stands staring at him with a stolidity that has something of defiance in it. "This is Mrs. Grunch," turning to Vera, "my housekeeper. She will see to your wants. Grunch, take these young ladies away. There, go!" seeing she is about to speak. "Don't worry me with questions. I am positively done to death already by this terrible invasion. Go! And be careful not to slam the door behind you. My nerves," with a shudder, "are all unstrung to the last pitch."

Thus unceremoniously dismissed, Miss Dysart follows the housekeeper from the room, Griselda having left it after the first "go." Through the huge dark hall and up the wide mouldy staircase, they follow their guide, noting as they do so the decay that marks everything around. As for Mrs. Grunch herself, it is impossible to view her with any sort of kindly feeling. A more forbidding old woman both in manner and feature it would be difficult to produce. Stalking on before them, with never a word to one or the other, they every now and again, at a turn in the staircase or a bend in the gaunt empty galleries, catch a glimpse of her unpleasant face. A hard-featured woman — gaunt, bony, with a scowling brow and thin lips and lank gray hair; that she is taller than most strikes them, as also the strange fancy that once she must have been beautiful. But she is aged, now, and angular, and altogether loveless, with the memories of past fears and loves and hatreds printed savagely upon her brow, and with all that, a strong vitality that belies her age.

She flings wide a door for the girls to enter, and then abruptly departs, without offering word or glance. They are thankful to be thus left alone. Vera is very pale, and her breath is coming rather fitfully from between her parted lips.

"He looks dying," she says at last, with a heavy sigh, and going nearer to Griselda as if unconsciously seeking a closer companionship. "Did you ever see such a face? Don't you think he is dying?"

"Who can tell?" says Griselda, whose unhappiness takes different form from that of her sister's; that past violent indignation bears fruit still. "I might think it, perhaps, but for his eyes. They"—she shudders—"they look as if they couldn't die. What terrible eyes they are, and what a vile old man altogether! Good heavens, how did he dare to so insult us! I told you, Vera"—with rising excitement—"I warned you that our coming here would be only for evil."

"Don't, Griselda; don't, darling," says Miss Dysart in a frightened tone. She is, indeed, trembling in every limb, and as she speaks she puts out her hand and catches Griselda's, and holds it in a tight, nervous clasp. "I don't like that woman," she says in a low tone.

"Who could?" asks Griselda. "A very proper attendant on such a master, say I."

"Oh, Griselda, what will be the end of it?" says Miss Dysart, a touch of despair in her voice. She sinks into a chair, still holding Griselda's hand as if unable to let it go, and looks fearfully around at the bare, ugly, hideously furnitured apartment.

There is indeed something so poverty-stricken, so mean about the whole look of the apartment that her heart dies within her. Everything is bald, bare, comfortless. Yet, through the discomfort, one is compelled to see that once the now dingy bedroom was handsome and well-appointed. The chipped and broken washing-stand is of marble, and the jug and basin — the former now cracked and lipless — are of china, expensive in their day, and extravagant in ours.

The paintings of the room alone would have shown anyone that at least at one period of its existence the room had hardly known the word poverty. The very ceiling was painted — little cupids running riot among roses and lilies; the roses very much besmirched by time, the lilies terribly soiled, and the cupids so clothed upon the smoky grime of centuries as to be very much more decently habited than the original artist ever intended.

"What a terrible woman!" says Vera, alluding to the housekeeper. "What a cold, unfriendly creature! One might almost imagine that she hated us." As she speaks she looks up nervously at her sister, who is standing beide her chair, so silent as to be almost gloomy. The day is fast fading into night, and the sad twilight creeping into the room makes it more melancholy than it, in reality, is. Griselda's eyes are bent upon the ground; her lips are stern. "Speak, darling," says Miss Dysart, hurriedly. "I don't know what is the matter with me, but I feel unhinged—frightened." She pauses, struggles, with herself a moment, and then bursts into tears.

"Oh, don't do that!" cries Griselda, horrified. "Don't cry on your first coming into a house, it is so unlucky. If you do, you'll keep on crying all the time you're in it. There, now! Cheer up, do. After all, they can't eat us, and you have me, always, you know."

She seems to think this a balm not to be equaled.

"Uncle Gregory is a Tartar, I confess, worse than father. But so far as Mrs. Housekeeper is concerned, I feel myself a match for her, anyway."

"How old she looks, yet how strong," says Vera. "Griselda, have you noticed that everyone here is old? Oh," with a quick sob, "I don't think I like old people; they are so hard, so cruel, they never understand. At all events, what I mean is, I don't like too much of them, not altogether. And the man who opened the door, did you notice him! And the coachman, and this horrible woman, and Uncle Gregory himself, all—all are old."

"Say, moldy, and be done with it," says Griselda. "Why, the very house reeks of must; I shouldn't wonder if a crime had been committed in it, it looks so dark, so forbidding, a house of evil repute."

"Oh, don't, Griselda, don't!" cries Miss Dysart, with a nervous glance over her shoulder, and a perceptible start, as at this moment a knock comes to the door."

"Will you be pleased to come downstairs or to have your tea here?" demands the harsh voice of the housekeeper from the threshold.

"Here," is on Vera's lips, but Griselda the bold circumvents her.

"Downstairs," she says coldly, "when we get some hot water, and when you send a maid to help us to unpack our trunks."

"There are no maids in this house," replies Mrs. Grunch, sullenly. "You must either attend to each other or let me help you."

"No maids!" says Griselda.

"None," briefly.

"And my room? Or—is this mine or Miss Dysart's?"

"Both yours and Miss Dysart's; sorry if it ain't big enough," with a derisive glance around the huge bare chamber.

"You mean, we are to have but one room between us?"

"Just that, miss. Neither more nor less. And good enough, too, for those as——"

"Leave the room," says Griselda, with a sudden sharp intonation, so unexpected, so withering, that the woman, after a surprised stare, turns, and withdraws.

"I wish you had let us have our tea here," says Vera. "To face that old man again, to endure his cruel speeches is more than I feel equal to."

"As we have to live here, we must face him again sooner or later; the sooner, then, the better," says Griselda. "And would you have that woman think we were afraid? No, no, Vera; let us meet the foe with a bold front, and without delay. The longer you shrink from it the harder it will appear."

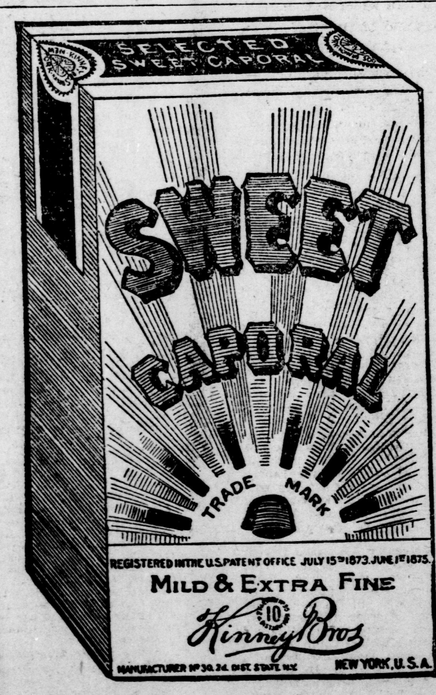
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THREATENED MILLIONAIRE

Fifty Thousand Dollars or His Entire Family Must Go.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—In anonymous letters, alleged to have been written by Leo Brennan, read before United States Commissioner Foote Saturday, it was intimated that an attempt was made to kidnap the grandson of Marshal Field. "Don't forget the Cudahy case" was one of the sentences in one of the letters sent. In another it was stated that unless $50,000 was left in a bag at a place designated "the entire family must go," and that Marshal Field would be the last to "go," so that he could see what a few dollars would have saved him. The reading of the letters in court was the first time the real threats were made public. Overruling motions of the prisoners' attorney that the young letter writer be discharged, Commissioner Foote held the defendant to the federal grand jury.

The Mexican Government has reduced the import duty on ferromanganese with the view of encouraging the manufacture of steel by modern methods in the Republic.



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LONDON LANCET.

LONDON BASKETBALL TEAM MET SEVERE DEFEAT AT BRANTFORD

The City Hockey League Completes Arrangements for Practice Matches—Lornes Lost.

BASKETBALL.

LONDON BADLY BEATEN.

Brantford, Jan. 3. — The Brantford Y. M. C. A. basketball players scored another notable victory New Year's afternoon by defeating the London team in a fairly interesting contest. The score was 38 to 22, and it is safe to say the figures would have been higher had the locals exerted themselves in the second half. The visitors were clearly outclassed in all points of the game, being inferior in their shooting, passing and body work. At half-time the score was 24 to 6. There was no rough play. Westwick, of London, refereed, and Hill, of Brantford, umpired. The teams were:

Brantford—Lister, Hay, forwards; Davidson, center; Hawthorne, Chittenden, defense.

London—Marshall, Gidley, forwards; Skinner, center; McBride, Tambling, defense.

HOCKEY.

WATERLOO JUNIORS BEATEN.

New Hamburg, Ont., Jan. 2. — A hockey match played here on New Year's Day between New Hamburg and Waterloo juniors resulted in favor of New Hamburg by a score of 12 to 6.

QUEBEC BEAT MONTREAL.

Quebec, Jan. 2. — Quebec defeated Montreal here this evening in the opening game of the senior series of the C. A. H. L. by a score of 9 to 3.

IN THE FAR EAST.

Montreal, Jan. 3. — The Victorias had an easy thing in the opening match of the C. A. H. L. series last night, defeating the Shamrocks 18 to 2, after a slow match.

In the intermediate series Westmount defeated the Victorias 5 to 1, and Montreal defeated the Shamrocks 4 to 1.

WATFORD WON FROM INGERSOLL.

Watford, Ont., Jan. 2. — Watford opened the hockey season here last night with the Ingersoll seven, and won out by a score of 9 to 4. In the first half Watford scored 4 and Ingersoll 2. Watford added 5 in the last half, and Ingersoll 2. The game was fast all through, and was comparatively free from roughness. Line-up:

Watford — Goal, Hay; forwards, Clare, C. Roche, F. Roche, Best; point, Rogers; cover, Caldwell.

Ingersoll — Goal, Ward; forwards, Cress, White, Hobbs, McGuffin; point, Halstead; cover, Clarke.

WANDERERS BEAT MARLBOROS.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 2. — Montreal Wanderers beat Marlboros at hockey here last night by 4 to 3. Score first half was 2 to 2 in favor of Marlboros.

PRESTON WON.

Preston, Ont., Jan. 1. — The hockey game between Preston and Galt played here this afternoon resulted 5 to 3 in favor of Preston.

HOCKEY IN THE SOUTH.

Waterford, Ont., Jan. 2. — Southern Counties' Hockey Association schedule —Tillsonburg at Waterford Jan. 5, Hagersville at Tillsonburg Jan. 11, Waterford at Hagersville Jan. 14, Hagersville at Waterford Jan. 18, Waterford at Tillsonburg Jan. 25, Tillsonburg at Hagersville, Feb. 3, Tillsonburg at Waterford Feb. 8, Hagersville at Tillsonburg Feb. 11, Waterford at Hagersville Feb. 17, Hagersville at Waterford Feb. 22, Waterford at Tillsonburg Feb. 24, Tillsonburg at Hagersville March 2.

AN EXHIBITION GAME.

Toronto, Jan. 2. — The exhibition hockey match played here tonight between the Wanderers of Montreal, and the Marlboros of Toronto, resulted in a tie—four all. The score at half time was 4 to 3 in favor of the Wanderers. A good crowd witnessed the match.

PRACTICE HOURS ARRANGED.

At a meeting of the City Hockey League on Saturday night at the Tecumseh House, the final arrangements for the season were made. Mr. C. W. Smith has completed very satisfactory terms with the league for the use of the Jubilee rink, and everything is now ready for play. It was arranged that the Y. M. C. A. and the Aberdeens practice on Monday night from 7 to 8 o'clock, and the St. John's and the Seventh on Tuesday at the same hour. Another meeting will be held tonight at the Tecumseh House.

LORNES WERE BEATEN.

The Lornes, of the Junior City League, were defeated by the Pastimes, of St. Thomas, in that city, on New Year's Day. The score was 4 to 3.

THE O. H. A. SUB-COMMITTEE.

Toronto, Jan. 2. — A meeting of the O. H. A. sub-committee was held this afternoon. The junior game in group 7, between Woodstock and Ingersoll, and played at the latter place on Dec. 30, was declared a tie—three goals all —and the clubs will be notified to replay the game at Ingersoll at a date to be agreed upon. A permit was granted to Billy McLaren to play with his home team, the Crescents of Perth. McLaren has been residing in Toronto since last April and returned home recently. The application of Robert M. Mercer for a permit to play with the Peterboro club was granted on his declaration that hockey influences did not induce him to change his residence from Port Hope to Peterboro. Mercer worked in Peterboro last spring, and then went sailing, returning to that city in December.

STRATHROY A WINNER.

Strathroy, Jan. 1. — The first hockey match of the season was played here today between the Bowman team of London and the locals here. Strathroy team won easily by a score of 6 to 1.

CURLING.

THISTLES AT ST. THOMAS.

On next Wednesday afternoon six rinks of the Thistle Club will go to St. Thomas where they will meet a similar number from the St. Thomas club.

TRIGGER.

AT THE SPRINGWOOD CLUB.

On New Year's morning a splendid shoot was held at the Springwood Gun Club. The first event was that shot for the Robinson tankard at 25 targets. The president's buttons were won by W. E. Robinson, for first, J. Brown for second, and A. W. Bryce for third. The scores:

For Robinson tankard—F. Rooks 14, W. Gurd 14, W. Brock 10, C. Bowman 17, S. Screaton 19, J. Hughes 12, E. Crow 19, R. W. Glover 14, J. Brown 11, J. Nicholson 12, F. A. Brown 9, A. Tillmann 17, B. Watterworth 14, Dr. Arnott 12.

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THE RING.

GRIM WAS BEATEN.

Saginaw, Mich., Jan. 2. — Gus Gardner was given a well-earned decision over Joe Grim, of Philadelphia, last night. The bout went the limit, fifteen rounds, but Gardner had the better of every round, landing at will on Grim's jaw and head. Grim went to the mat twice. Gardner weighed 137 pounds and Grim 160.

THE TURF.

SATURDAY'S TURF WINNERS.

At New Orleans—Choice (Romanelli), 9 to 1; Parisienne (Higgins), 11 to 5; Little Scout (W. Hicks), 4 to 1; Oclawha (Fuller), 11 to 5; Larry Wilt (W. Hennessy), 3 to 1.

SEVEN AGES OF A RACE HORSE.

[From the Rider and Driver.]

First, the foal.

Wobbly, and nursing at its mother's side:
And then the whinnying colt, with gentle eyes
And softly floating mane, frisking in paddock,
Nibbling luscious green. Then comes the saddle.
Fiercely fought at first, with many a kick.
But later borne with grace. Then daily training,
Months of pampering care, and trials on a track,
Travelling, and racing under clever hands.
Eager to records make or break,
Win cup, or land fat purse. And then a mishap.
Tendon strained, and as a "selling plater" bartered;
His days of money earning nipped in bud.
For him no more the soft caress of hand.
And he has played his part. The sixth age shows
The horse of gentle breed docked, and drawing cab
With weary stride, eyes bulging and mark of whip
On his shrunk shank, and the full, deep breath.
Once drawn in measure strong, labors
And whistles in its sound. Last scene of all
That ends this strange, pathetic history,
For which 'twere mercy to implore oblivion,
Sans tails, sans sight, sans strength, sans everything.

DEATHS OF BALL PLAYERS IN 1903

Tragic Ends of Delahanty and Mercer the Most Conspicuous Among Them.

Death's official averages, scored in balldom during 1903, have not yet been promulgated, but the dying of the year was marked by the passing of more than one famous maker of baseball history. Suicide and murder cast their tragic shadows upon the diamond field, and one son of Swat mounted the gallows and gave his life in expiation for the crime he had committed.

Accident was responsible for the end of several others. The suicide of Winifred Mercer at San Francisco on Jan. 12, and the mysterious drowning of Ed. Delahanty in the Niagara River on July 2, will rate as the most startling of the year's baseball tragedies. On May 19 Tony Wittkow, a Milwaukeean in the Three I League, while enjoying an off day on the river near Decatur, Ill., was drowned.

On April 17 John Budd Taylor was hanged at Kansas City for the murder of his sweetheart, Ruth Nollard. Only week before last—Dec. 19—Dave Calhoun, a Central Leaguer, was found dead near Indian Springs, Ind., the victim of a murderous attack by some unknown.

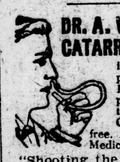
These were the most tragic finishes in life's game among the ball players, although two were killed in railroad mishaps. H. W. Burrell, a Utah Leaguer, lost his life in a Great Northern smashup in January. On June 6 Capt. Cuyler S. North, of the Kalamazoos, was run down and killed by a Michigan Central train, while he was hurrying from the field to meet his sweetheart.

Eight accidental deaths—two of the victims spectators—occurred on the field of play and all of them were amateurs.

Something like a dozen others drew their last releases while on beds of suffering and the death roll of the year embraces the names of some famous old-timers.

The rollcall would not be complete were George E. Stackhouse to be forgotten. That sterling fellow, ex-secretary of the New York club, sporting editor of the New York Tribune, and an early official of the Scorers' League, died suddenly Jan. 30.

The somber chapter needs but one more paragraph. Death stalked into the cantilever in Philadelphia on Aug. 8, and over a dozen lives were lost in the mad panic that followed a rush of the curious to the gallery.



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"Shooting the crow," it was explained in a police court, was the criminals' terms for ordering drinks without having the money to pay for them.

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Oswego, N. Y., Jan. 2.—A blizzard with the thermometer below zero and the wind blowing 40 miles an hour is the weather being experienced here tonight. Passenger trains are several hours late and the movement of freight trains has been entirely suspended.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 2.—Zero weather and a forty-mile gale accompanied by a heavy snowfall in some sections of western New York today delayed railroad traffic somewhat and rendered county roads impassable. Unusual conditions prevail at Niagara Falls. An ice jam has formed on the American side of the river above the falls, leaving the channels on the American side almost dry and sending an enormous quantity of water over the horse-shoe falls. The channels between Goat Island and the Three Sisters, which under ordinary conditions are deep, rushing torrents tonight are mere rivulets, three or four inches deep. The jam is the second that has ocurred in a quarter of a century, and the present one exceeds that of last March in size and grandeur.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 2. — Railroad trains were delayed and street car service seriously hampered in Boston tonight because of a heavy snowstorm which began early today. The storm is general throughout New England and the Maritime Provinces.

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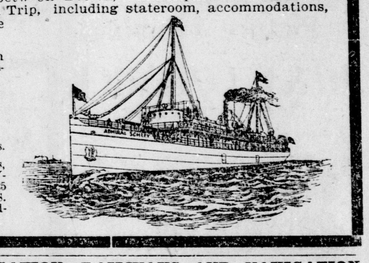
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LONDON AND DISTRICT

—Mr. J. R. N. Cooke, of Calgary, is spending a few days in the city.

—Miss Laura Glover is visiting in Toronto.

—Mr. Harry Johnston, of Chicago, has been visiting his father here.

—Mrs. D. P. Urquhart, of Montreal, will remain in this city for the winter.

—Mrs. (Dr.) Ferguson is at Courtright, the guest of her son, Dr. John Ferguson.

—Mrs. C. H. Fewings has returned from Buffalo, where she has been attending the funeral of her mother.

—Rev. Dr. Johnston's father is seriously ill at Walkerton. Dr. Johnston was so severely injured in the explo- and went to Walkerton Saturday night.

—A meeting of the executive committee of St. Andrew's Society will be held tonight in room 30 of the Bank of Toronto building.

—Messrs. A. K. Woolley, Will Dinsmore and Richard Adcock, of Toronto, have been spending the Christmas and New Year's vacation in this city.

—Messrs. Ed and Howard Miner, of Detroit, formerly of this city, have returned home after spending New Year's here.

—Mr. A. J. Murchison has returned to St. Anne de Prescott, after spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Murchison, of Dufferin avenue. A party was given in his honor.

—Mr. Cawthrop, of Thamesford, has secured the contract for supplying flour to the London Insane Asylum. The contract calls for about 300 bags a month.

—Private Walter Worswick, who was here from Montreal New Year's, sion at Wolseley Barracks a week ago, is now on a fair way to rapid recovery. Today his condition is very much improved.

REMEMBERED THE BRIGADE.

New Year's Eve there was a pleasant time at the Dufferin House, Centralia. Some time ago Mr. E. Colwell's store caught fire, and the bucket brigade turned out and worked with a will, soon quenching the flames, Mr. Colwell was very grateful for the services rendered, and to show his gratitude gave an oyster supper to the brigade. Mr. John Barry was the toastmaster, and witty speeches and songs and instrumentals whiled the evening away.

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A LONDONER WEDDED.

At Lochlin, Victoria county, the other evening, Mr. Charles Matthews Johnston, of Schreiber, Thunder Bay district, son of Mr. Charles Johnston, of this city, was married to Miss Margaretta Alberta James, daughter of Mr. George James, P. M., of Lochlin. The bridesmaid was Miss Lillian Kellar, and the ceremony was performed by Rev. G. B. Johnston, assisted by Rev. P. Smith, of Minden Clergy House.

IS NOW CROWN ATTORNEY.

Mr. Philip McKenzie, barrister, who was at one time a partner in the local law firm of Magee, McKillop & Murphy, has been appointed crown attorney and clerk of the peace for the district of Rainy River, Ontario. Mr. McKenzie is a bright and clever lawyer, and his success in the west is pleasant news to his many friends in the city, where he was well-known and very popular. A still brighter future is predicted for him by those who know him best.

FUNERAL OF MR. C. MUNRO.

The funeral of the late Mr. Christopher Munro took place from his late residence, 574 Dufferin avenue, on Saturday afternoon, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Impressive services were conducted at the house by Rev. Dr. Johnston, of Montreal, and at the grave by Rev. James Kennedy. Although the funeral was private, a great number of intimate friends were in attendance to pay their last tribute of respect to the deceased. The pallbearers were Messrs. Samuel and C. W. Munro, sons; George A. F. Jackson, a son-in-law, and Fred M. Jackson, George and Rowland Munro, grandsons.

A BYRON WEDDING.

On Wednesday evening last at 6 o'clock a very pleasing event occurred at Belview Farm, the residence of Mr. Henry P. Tanton, near Byron, it being the marriage of his eldest daughter, Ellen E., to Mr. Franklin Vanstone, of Delaware Township, in the presence of immediate relatives and friends. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. S. Fisher, of Delaware. The bride was testefully gowned in cream albatross, trimmed with silk and applique, and carried a bouquet of bridal roses. Miss Alice Tanton, sister of the bride, who acted as bridesmaid, was attired in white silk, and carried a bouquet of pink and white carnations. The groom was assisted by his brother, Mr. Thomas Vanstone. Mendelssohn's wedding march was played by Miss Lillian Arthurs, cousin of the groom. The many beautiful presents testified to the high esteem in which the bride and groom are held. The happy couple will take up their residence on their farm on con. 4, north of the Delaware gravel road, Delaware Township.

AT HOME AT HYDE PARK.

The children of the Methodist Sunday school of Hyde Park held an at home recently at the residence of Mr. John Mickleborough, which was largely attended by the parents and friends of the school. During the evening a short programme was rendered by the children, interspersed with addresses by the pastor, superintendent and others, after which refreshments were served. Toward the latter part of the evening the younger folk were delighted by the arrival of a guest, who though rather late, was none the less welcome, proving, as he did, to be no less a personage than Santa Claus himself. After exchanging greetings with the children the jolly old saint proceeded to divest a gaily decorated Christmas tree of its handsome and useful gifts, after which he proceeded to distribute the annual prizes among the children. Miss Ethel Smith and Master Jim Mickleborough were awarded first prizes for regular church attendance. Mr. Thomas Mickleborough was the recipient of a handsome ebony and silver shaving set from the members of the Bible class. After tendering a hearty vote of thanks to the kind host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Mickleborough, the gathering dispersed among pleasant Christmas greetings.

THE ST. ANDREW'S CONCERT.

The announcements being made regarding the concert to be given under the auspices of St. Andrew's Society, on Jan. 14, are being noticed with interest. This society's affairs have been so invariably enjoyable that a new concert to be given by them is now looked upon as an event unquestionably worthy of patronage. The artist engaged for the evening of Jan. 14 form the most expensive talent ever provided by this society. Mrs. Shepwell Piper, of New York, is one of the leading sopranos of the continent. She has been engaged to tour this year with the Thomas Orchestra of Chicago. She was leading soloist in the great New England festivals. Murdoch Mackenzie has been named the Paganini of Scotland, so wonderful is his command of the violin. He has appeared in all the countries of Europe. At Massey Hall, Toronto, he was given one of the greatest receptions ever accorded a player in that city. George Neil is Scotland's greatest living tenor. Mrs. Helen Shafor, of Detroit a well-known entertainer of that city. Mr. Harold Jarvis, of Detroit, and Mr. Cyril Dwight-Edwards complete a combination that has not been surpassed at any concert ever given in this city. The concert will take place at the Grand Opera House.

A Rare Operation.

Paris, Jan. 4.—An exceedingly interesting operation has been performed in a hospital at St. Antoine on a man who had swallowed a long carpet tack which had lodged in the bronchus. The operation of tracheotomy was successfully performed, a silver tube was introduced, and with a magnet the nail, nearly an inch long, was extracted. The operation lasted five minutes, and was executed by Drs. Lernoyez and Guises, proving the bronchus may now be operated on as easily as the larynx.

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Annual Meeting of the Organization—Mr. Harry Buttrey Retires from Chair—New Staff.



THE Travelers' Club of London held its annual meeting at the club rooms in the Masonic Temple on Saturday evening last, and it was most enthusiastic and largely attended.

A short resume of the history of the club since its inception in December, 1901, was enthusiastically received from the retiring president, Mr. H. E. Buttrey, who mentioned the several balls, picnics, whist tournaments, and banquets so successfully handled by the energetic travelers, and terminating with a statement of the existing healthy condition of the club's affairs generally.

The choice of officers was then proceeded with, and after some warm but friendly-contested elections, the following officers were declared elected for the year 1904:

Honorary President—C. S. Hyman, M. P.

Honorary Vice-President—H. E. Buttrey.

President—Donald Ferguson.

First Vice-President—E. R. C. Struthers.

Second Vice-President—C. W. McGuire.

Honorary Secretary—E. I. Sifton.

Treasurer—J. K. Spry.

Directors—J. S. Townsend, J. J. Harkness, A. T. Edwards, J. M. Ferguson, J. J. Dyer, R. D. Kilgour and A. H. Brener.

Mr. Buttrey was urged to again accept the position of president, but declined owing to the pressure of other business. Mr. Buttrey was one of the number who were mainly responsible for the great success achieved by the club in every undertaking; and it was becoming that his services should be recognized by his election as honorary vice-president.

Among others, together with the above officers, there were present: Messrs. S. F. Glass, F. A. McCormick, J. F. Nolan, A. W. Lind, R. S. Sainsbury, J. W. Couse, Wm. Watson, W. E. H. Best, J. H. Tune, Herb Henderson, E. W. M. Flock and F. G. Brunton.

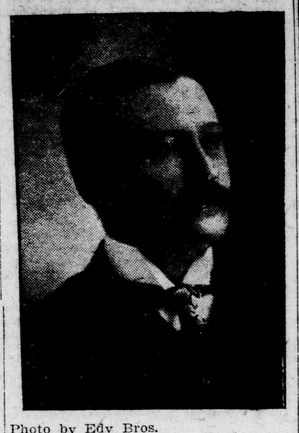


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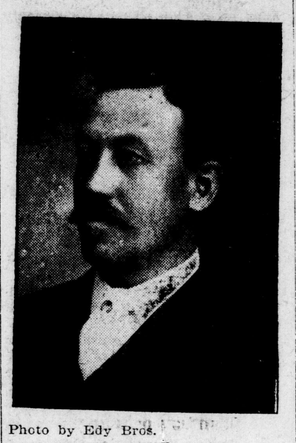


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IS AS MUCH HUMANITY IN THE PULPIT AS THERE IS IN THE PEW

Rev. J. J. Ross Preaches Inaugural Sermon as Pastor of Talbot Street Baptist Church.



THE occupation of the Talbot Street Baptist Church pulpit yesterday by Rev. J. J. Ross, marked an epoch in the history of that congregation. Rev. Mr. Ross is the new pastor, and in his initial services as such he created a very favorable impression. He comes from St. Catharines, where he met with great success, and much is expected of him here.

Mr. Ross' ability was seen at once in his first sermon. He has a commanding figure, is still a young man, and evidently his words are at all times well-chosen. He speaks in a forcible manner, with clear enunciation. He was heard by a congregation in the morning which filled the lower part of the church, and in the evening by a larger number.

In the morning he appropriately chose the model congregation and the model preacher as introductory to his work among the people at the Talbot Street Church. For the basis of his sermon he used the tenth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles—that chapter in which Cornelius, the Cesarean, sent for Peter to preach. Peter had gone to the church at Cesarea and had found favor with the congregation and remained there, all of which, together with Peter's first sermon, was given in this chapters of Acts.

The Cesarean congregation was a model congregation. Among other attributes, Mr. Ross mentioned that it had prepared for the coming of Peter, so that when he arrived there was a multitude upon which the spirit of God fell, and many were converted. It was a sympathetic congregation and were there to hear Peter. It was the congregation, after all, said Mr. Ross, that made the preacher.

Peter was a model preacher, and from him the speaker drew a lesson. Peter had said he also was a man, and of this Mr. Ross said he could assure them that there was as much humanity in the pulpit as in the pew—as much mean and sinful humanity. The preacher required the sympathy of the people. The model preacher should be a prayerful man. He should love the people no matter who they were. should love the poor and the ignorant, as well as everyone else that named the name of Jesus Christ.

Then there was the model sermon. The speaker referred to Peter's sermon as a model sermon, and pointed out that it was a dogmatic sermon without a shadow of doubt. He hoped that God would save him from carrying his doubts into the pulpit, for every preacher had his doubts. The ideal sermon would also have to be filled with Jesus Christ. And very important, too—Peter's sermon was a short sermon of nine verses. Spurgeon had said that not only should sermons be short, but the prayers should be short, and he agreed with him.

As to the model results, there were the conviction of sin, the conversion to God, the confession of a new life, and then the people went to the preacher and asked him to remain many days—and Peter did.

SPOKE TO YOUNG MEN.

An especially interesting and convincing sermon to young men was preached by Rev. James Rollins in the King Street Presbyterian Church Sunday evening. The reverend gentleman, in opening, said that the great problem of the day was how to be not a goody-goody, but a thoroughly good man.

"There are good men all around us," said the minister, "but I fear they are all older than the majority of you men who are young. As yet there may be but a stain on your soul, but if the wickedness is continued, it will yet mar your cheek. That tippling which you now carry on only under cover of darkness, or in club rooms and secret places, will yet leave its mark stamped where all may see.



Rev. James Rollins,

Pastor of the King Street Presbyterian Church.

Your nearest and dearest friends already know, but because of the ties of nature they speak no word about it to the world, but nature herself is more stern. Nature is writing it with increasing clearness in every lineament of your face and in every relaxing muscle of your frame."

Mr. Rollins then exhorted his hearers to walk in the narrow path, and to renounce the world with its wickedness and sin.

"Let it be said of you," he concluded, "that you have lived a good life and that you have helped to make the world better."

NOTES FROM THE CHURCHES.

versary a week from next Sunday, to the Chicago fire, pointing out how death in that manner was no evidence of God's wrath. The First Presbyterian Church will hold its tenth anniversary a week from next Sunday, when a building fund collection will be taken. The debt is $24,000, including $17,000 for the new Sunday school.

Mr. Matthew Wilson, K. C., of Chatham, will preach at St. James Church, South London, next Sunday morning, and Rev. Mr. White, missionary in the China field, in the evening.

Rev. Mr. Crawford, of St. Catharines, occupied the pulpit of new St. James Presbyterian Church last night, the pastor, Rev. A. J. MacGillivray, being ill.

Union prayer meetings will be held by the Congregational Church tomorrow night at the First Congregational Church, and Wednesday night at the Southern Church.

Special services are to be held in the Askin Street Methodist Church every night this week.

The pulpit of Rev. George J. Bishop, who has been ill for the past week, was occupied yesterday in the evening by his son, Rev. C. W. Bishop, and in the morning by Rev. Mr. Salton.

Elder Evans has consented to conduct the services at the Latter Day Saints Church another month.

The speaker at St. Andrew's Church yesterday was Rev. Marcus Scott, of the Central Presbyterian Church, Detroit.

The Congregational Sunday schools rallied at the First Church yesterday and had a most successful gathering, at which short addresses were made by Rev. C. C. Claris, of Tilbury, Rev. D. S. Hamilton and Rev. W. H. A. Claris. Gordon Imrie sang, and the superintendents of the schools, Messrs. Anundson and Cannom, also spoke. The union will likely be held annually.

Rev. Father Cowell, professor of literature at L'Assumption College, Sandwich, is visiting here.

The services at the Dundas Street Methodist Church yesterday were of an interesting character. The pastor, Rev. C. T. Scott, preached sermons appropriate to the New Year season, and the choir also rendered music of a special character. It was assisted by Miss Winnifred Hooper, soloist of the Centenary Church, Hamilton, and formerly of the Dundas Street Church choir, and Mr. W. Francis Firth, baritone, of Toronto, and a former well-known resident of the city. In the evening Miss Hooper sang the recitative and aria from Homer Norris' "Nain," while Mr. Firth sang a number of his own composition, entitled "Hear Us, O Father." In the morning he sang "Fear Ye Not, O Israel" (Buck). Mr. Firth has a remarkably good voice, which has won for him a foremost place in the ranks of Toronto's vocalists.

A PIANO RECITAL

Pupils of Miss Minnie Raymond Creditably Acquit Themselves.

A piano recital of exceptional interest was given by the pupils of Miss Minnie Raymond, assisted by Miss Isabel Love, elocutionist, on Saturday evening, in the lecture hall of the Y. M. C. A. The pupils acquitted themselves in a manner reflecting great credit upon their teacher, playing with a precision and accurateness which showed painstaking and thoroughness on the part of the instructor, coupled with talent on the part of the pupils, who all did well. Deserving of special mention were the two difficult numbers, "A Scarlatti Tansig" (Pastorale, B. Nevins), and "A Shepherd's Tale," rendered by Miss Mabel Luscombe; also the playing of Miss Marjorie Nash, who shows a sympathy and temperament unusual in so young a musician. Miss Kathleen Sine displayed spirit and soul in Gabriel, Mazurka, bespeaking for each a musical career. A feature of the pianists' work was that their parts were rendered entirely without notes, which added to the charm of the music. Miss Isabel Love, elocutionist, gave two selections, and scored a hearty encore in her excellent rendering of "The Search for the Lost Teapot. The following was the programme:

"War March of the Priests" (six hands) ..... Mendelssohn
Misses M. Luscombe, M. Nash, M. Raymond.

Tone Pictures—"Joy" ..... Rhode
Miss Rhea Orr.

Valse ..... Durand
Miss Florrie Rogers.

"Picknick in Walde" (four hands) ..... Sartorio
Masters Fred and Tom Kingsmill.

"Mice at Play" .....
Miss Isabel Love.

"Pas des Amphores" ..... Chaminade
Miss Brieggler.

Mazurka ..... Gabriel
Miss Kathleen Sine.

"Slumber Song" ..... Schumann
Miss Marjorie Nash.

"Spinning Lay" ..... Gordeler
Fred Kingsmill.

(a) Pastorale ..... Scarlatti-Tansig
(b) "A Shepherd's Tale" ..... Nevin
Miss Mabel Luscombe.

"Gypsy Dance" ..... Synkzbehr
Mr. R. Orr.

Recitation ..... Miss Isabel Love.

Trio—Allegro (four hands), change X ..... Black
Misses Kathleen Sine and Raymond.

The piano used on this occasion was a Heintzman, and, as is always the case, gave perfect satisfaction.

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