

BRITISH 'DRYS' GAIN STRENGTH IN LIQUOR WAR

Licensing Magistrates Favor 10 p.m. As Closing Hour in London.

PUBLIC HOUSES CROWDED

Expenditure On "Wet Goods" Estimated At \$40,000,000 Weekly.

LONDON, England, Dec. 26.—The struggle between the liquor interests and the anti-drink forces proceeds without intermission. Sometimes the former gain a temporary advantage, but in the long run the latter are unquestionably winning. Temperance reformers still have a long uphill fight before them, but past achievements strengthen their confidence in final victory. Slowly but surely the drink fiend is being driven out of his stronghold. "The trade" shows increasing signs of alarm, and is sparing neither money nor effort in defence of its interests and privileges. One of the speakers at the annual meeting of the United Kingdom Alliance declared that total prohibition was their ultimate, though not immediate goal. The way is being prepared by vigorous propaganda on behalf of local option. At every stage of the battle the example and experience of the dry Canadian provinces are cited for guidance and inspiration. The most recent engagement between the contending forces is being fought over the question of hours of sale of intoxicating drinks, particularly in London. The new licensing act empowers justices to permit the sale up to 11 p.m., and until midnight with meals. The pre-war hours were even later. The liquor control board fixed the limit at 10 p.m., and the permissive extension to 11 p.m. caused great rejoicing among drink-sellers. But the licensing justices are competent to appoint an earlier closing hour at their discretion. The time varies in different districts. In the city (the central square mile) of London 10:30 has been appointed. Wherever and whenever an earlier hour than 11 p.m. is chosen, the trade makes a great outcry about "overriding the intention, if not the letter of the law," "curtailing the liberties of the public," and so forth. Earlier Closing Favored. The licensing justices, for the most part, observing the ill effects that follow the extension of drinking facilities, show a disposition to exercise the discretion allowed by the law, in the direction of earlier closing. The commissioner of police reports an increase of about 50 per cent of cases of drunkenness since the hours have been extended. The Archbishop of Canterbury declares that "the last hour of open public houses is fraught with more evil than all other hours put together." General Bramwell Booth states that Salvation Army officers—who, perhaps more than any other men and women next to the police, have opportunities of observing the results of the drinking habits of the people—point out that it is not merely in the increased number of convictions for drunkenness that the full effects of greater drinking opportunities are to be seen, but in the damage done to the home life and the misery and want caused to the children of drinking parents: "The scenes witnessed outside many licensed houses, where young children are congregated waiting for their parents, are pitiable, and indeed, to those who have any sense of moral obligation, shameful."

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Will Investigate Upsetting of Street Car by L. & P. S. Car.

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 26.—It was reported from an authoritative source Monday that the Dominion Railway Commission has ordered an investigation into the accident of last Wednesday night, when a L. & P. S. R. freight train, backed into St. Thomas street car at Wellington street, upsetting the car. It is alleged that the L. & P. S. R. violators of the shunting rules laid down by the railway board.

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STREET RAILWAY TO SHOW DEFICIT

Nine-Cent Fare Needed To Make Road Pay Way.

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 26.—During the year just ending the St. Thomas Street Railway has accumulated a deficit of \$20,815.39, according to a statement issued by Ald. Walker, chairman of the street railway committee, Monday night. This amount, however, he said, was a decided improvement over previous years. A total of 645,479 passengers were carried during the year, giving a monthly average of 53,790, and a daily average of 1,582. The daily business during the past year showed an increase of 100 over the daily average of last year. The expenditures during the twelve months would total \$51,776.29, while the revenue amounted to only \$30,960.90. The daily deficit averaged \$60.69. To make up the deficit, Ald. Walker stated that the railway would have to carry 3,000 passengers every day. Running expenses could be met if the fare was increased from 5 cents to 8 1/2 cents a ride, but this amount would not cover the interest on the debt. It would require a fare of 9 cents before the road could pay for itself. The fact that there was a deficit, however, should not be alarming, he said, because no road in Canada with a 5-cent fare was paying its way. He believed that the St. Thomas Street Railway would compare favorably with any other service within the province in cities no larger than St. Thomas. J. J. Cunningham, Head of the Wingham Foundry, Succumbs To Heart-Failure.

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YEAR-END SALES



The intrinsic worth of the multitude of merchandise values available lend to these sales an interest surpassing in significance any similar sales event of a previous season, with an immediate bearing upon home and personal requirements. Watch closely the announcement in this space each day this week.

Today Blouses, Housedresses Petticoats, Corsets and Furs. 1-3 and 1-2 Off. Second Floor.



FUR COATS At Quarter Off

Here is an opportunity to invest your Christmas check and make a profit of 25 per cent. This is a sale that should strongly appeal to women of discriminating tastes, and these coats are conservative designs that will carry on for seasons ahead, and when you note the prices and figure it out that these coats are worth one-third more, you will realize that such an opportunity comes but rarely. There are just seven coats to be offered at this reduction—one-quarter off—tomorrow, as follows:

- 2 only, Kolinsky Marmot Coats, large seal collar, cuffs and banding. Sale price \$111.75
- 1 only, Muskrat Coat, size 38; seal collar and cuffs, slashed pockets. Sale price \$101.25
- 1 only, Muskrat Coat, fine Canadian rat skins, Hudson seal collar, cuffs and banding, belted, slashed pockets. Price \$239.25
- 1 only, Muskrat Coat, size 36, 42 inches long, large collar of self, belted, slashed pockets. Sale price, \$142.50
- 1 only, Russian Pony (black), collar and cuffs of dyed skunk, 40 inches long; one-third off regular price. Sale price.... \$119.00
- 1 only, Russian Pony, misses' model, collar and cuffs of opossum. Sale price \$119.00

Clearance Sale of Blanket Cloths and Delaines

Ladies and Children's Sweater Coats \$1.98

After a very successful Christmas business, a clean-up sale of all the odd lengths and balances of our stock of Blanket Cloths. These are of extra weight, and are most suitable for men's and boys' bath robes, girls' school coats, etc. With months of cold weather ahead of us, this is a splendid opportunity of securing seasonable goods at an attractive price. Colors are brown, grey, purple, light green, dark green, maroon; 54 inches wide; about half price. Wednesday 9 a.m. \$1.49 yard



Another topsy-turvy lot. Odd and broken assortments—good styles and colors—a varied collection. Many much below half price. Most every size in the group. For quick clearance. Tomorrow \$1.98 Second Floor.

Delaines, About Half Price 69c Yard

A large range of high-grade Wool Delaines, including some of the fine French makes. These are in Oriental, Paisley, conventional and floral designs, suitable for blouses, waists, negligees, kimonos, etc., 29 inches wide. Wednesday, 9 a.m. 69c yard Also one piece of "Evlama," one in light blue plaid and a dark blue plaid, for ladies' skirts, etc., fast washing colors, 29 inches wide. Wednesday, 9 a.m. 69c yard Also one piece of "Terry" bath robe material, in stripe effect. Just the thing for bath robes and kimonos; makes splendid bath towels. Don't miss this line: 28 inches wide; about half price 69c yard One piece of Sky Blue Ewlama, for kimonos, waists, etc., 36 inches wide 69c yard Rear Aisle A.

Ladies' and Children's Underwear Half Price



One table of Ladies' Knitted Underwear—Vests, Drawers and Combinations; broken assortments and size ranges and discontinued lines from the manufacturer, together with odds and ends of soiled or slightly damaged goods from stock. These will be cleared tomorrow at just half price. All on one table. Take your choice. Every garment half price. Also one table of Children's Knitted Underwear, odds and ends from stock, Vests and Drawers, to be cleared also at just half former prices. Second Floor.

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DIES IN TORONTO WHILE ON VISIT

J. J. Cunningham, Head of the Wingham Foundry, Succumbs To Heart-Failure.

TORONTO, Dec. 26.—(Canadian Press.)—John James Cunningham, president of the Western Foundry Company, Wingham, Ontario, and well known stove manufacturer, died suddenly of heart-failure here this morning at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Madigan, with whom he was spending Christmas. He was 57 years old, and was born in Toronto.

Mr. Cunningham was one of the founders of the first president of the Wingham Foundry Company, giving up his connection with that firm about eighteen years ago to acquire the controlling interest in the Wingham foundry. His wife preceded him about a year ago, and his only surviving relatives are his sister and her family. He was a Conservative and a Roman Catholic. Interment will be at Wingham on Thursday.

CONTRACTS TO PROVIDE WORK FOR 1,200 MEN

PORT WILLIAM, Ont., Dec. 26.—Twelve hundred men will be placed on the payroll of the Port Arthur Shipbuilding Company to take care of two contracts just closed; eight hundred will find employment in the construction of the lake steamer for the Matthews Shipbuilding Company, which is to be ready for launching by October, 1922. At the same time four hundred men will be used on a contract for paper

NAB MAN WANTED FOR STEALING RACE MONY

BRIDGEBURG, Ont., Dec. 26.—Jos. Ryan, aged 26, an employee of the Niagara Racing Association here, who is alleged, fled on August 12 with about \$7,800 during the second race meet here, was brought to Bridgeburg today from Montreal. The money be-

longed to the association. Ryan was arrested after four months' continuous search. Ryan refused to make any comment on the case and appears worried. He was taken to Welland County Jail by Provincial Officer James Howie.

CHRIS COULTER DIES.

[Special to London Advertiser.] WHEATLEY, Dec. 26.—After several weeks of lingering illness, death came Friday night to Christopher Coulter

of this place, at the age of 86 years. Mr. Coulter was a retired farmer, having moved to the village some years ago from Mersea Township, where he had spent the greater part of his life engaged in general farming. For a number of years he was superintendent of the Methodist Sunday school at Trinity and since coming to Wheatley has actively identified himself with church and other activities. He leaves a widow, two sons and two daughters. Interment took place at Wheatley on Monday.

ALL CITY DOINGS

News of the Day in the Commercial Metropolis of Western Ontario.

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LONDON, ONTARIO, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1921.

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SCHOOL BOARD TO ISSUE TWO YEARS' REPORT

Cutting of Estimates Has Curtailed Printing of Account Since 1921.

BAKER STATES VIEWS

City Clerk Declares Ratepayers Now Educated to Peruse Year Books.

For the first time in three years the taxpayers of London will be afforded an itemized account of expenditures by the board of education for the year. Pointing out that this would necessitate several months as yet, W. A. Tanner, secretary of the board, explained on Tuesday that he intended that such should be accomplished this year if humanly possible.

It develops that little time has elapsed since the last report was prepared, which contained the expenditures by the boards of two years, 1919-1920. It will therefore take some time, the secretary says, before the 1921 account can be ready for the people.

1919 Estimate Cut. Mr. Tanner states that as no report was submitted for 1919 it naturally became necessary to incorporate the year's expenditures into the 1920 report. He points out that at the commencement of the term the sum of \$500 was placed in the estimates for this purpose, but that this sum was subsequently cut in half.

That the latter amount was totally inadequate to prepare a detailed report for two years is the secretary's contention, and as a result the 1919-20 report was "somewhat abbreviated." This year, however, it is said allowance has been made for a complete report, and that the same will be forthcoming some time in 1922.

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PRESENT CABINET OF SILVER TO W. LANCASTER

As a tribute to the first master of the lodge, the members of Acacia Lodge, No. 588, A. F. and A. M., Monday morning, presented to the retiring Master, Wm. Whit Lancaster, a mahogany case of silver.

Though it was Christmas morning, fully 75 members of the lodge were present to participate in the event. The presentation was made by Geo. J. H. C. Woodward, who, on behalf of the lodge, paid tribute to the splendid qualities of its first master.

Many expressions of the esteem in which Bro. Lancaster is held were voiced by Wm. Bro. T. May, Right Wor. Bro. U. A. Buchner, Wor. Bro. C. Reid on behalf of Kilwinning Lodge, Bro. Lloyd Moffat, Acacia Lodge and Andrew Flowers on behalf of the London Chapter.

JOSEPH BRENT BURIED. The funeral of Joseph Brent, who died Sunday, was held Tuesday afternoon from his residence, Lot 8, Concession 1, Adelaide Township. Interment was made at the Stratford Cemetery.

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FLORENCE GIVES MARY A KNOCKOUT

Constable Watches Exciting Fistic Encounter in House On Ottaway Avenue.

Frank Robinson, 214 Ottaway avenue, pleaded guilty in police court Tuesday morning to keeping a disorderly house, and was fined \$10 and costs by Deputy Magistrate P. H. Bartlett.

W. Gilmour, Michael Boyle, James Johnston, Florence Jones and Mary Duncan were fined \$5 each for being frequenters. All refused to give evidence, although they pleaded not guilty. The arrests were made at 5 o'clock Christmas morning.

Constable Pope, a told of gazing in a window and watching a fight between the two women members of the sextet. He saw Florence Jones plant a right hook to the jaw of Mary Duncan and knock her down. Mr. Johnston was an interested spectator, said the constable, and shouted "Make her like it." There was much loud talking and words used that are not ordinarily heard in police society.

A friend of Mr. Robinson's chose a most inopportune time to pay him a visit. The constables found him rapping on the door and demanding admittance. He was refused an entry to the house, but the police kindly escorted him to the patrol and gave him a nice automobile ride to the police station. He was fined \$10 and costs, as were half a dozen other drunks picked up during the course of the day and night.

"I go to the store to get bread I not very much drunk, not make the trouble," protested a big Russian. "The other fellow did it."

However, evidence was brought before the court by Constable Pope that the prisoner and his companion had entered a house on Philip street and threatened to kill the owner. The constable stated that the prisoner was so drunk that he didn't know what he was doing, and the usual \$10 or 10 days was meted out in half.

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WILL HOLD LAST MEETING OF YEAR

1921 Board of Education Will Clean Up All Outstanding Business.

On Friday next the 1921 board of education will meet in its last general session to wind up business for the year.

All outstanding items, including the auditing of accounts, etc., will be cleaned up, and every question that has not already been left to the discretion of the incoming board must be dealt with. It may be necessary for the present board to delegate to the urban school trustees' annual convention, which takes place in Windsor on Jan. 11, London has been invited to send three representatives.

Although the London separate school board has already officially declined to send their usual representation of two members to the 1922 board of education, it is now a question whether anything further will be done or attempted.

While the department of education in Toronto has been duly notified by both parties, no expression of opinion or advice has since been forthcoming. The opinion has been offered, however, that the 1922 board will formally extend the usual invitation to the separate school board to participate in the activities of the coming year.

MAKER OF INGERSOLL WATCHES IS BANKRUPT

New York, Dec. 27.—An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in federal court today against Robert H. Ingersoll & Brother, manufacturers of the Ingersoll watches, of this city. Liabilities were set forth as \$3,000,000, and assets, exclusive of good will, as \$2,000,000.

The concern admitted its inability to pay its debts and expressed willingness to be adjudged bankrupt.

The proceedings were brought by the National City Bank of New York, Chase National Bank of New York and Hathaway, Smith, Folds & Co., with combined claims of \$450,000.

FINDS DRYING BUSINESS NOW UNPROFITABLE

Joe Leonard Believes Himself Unable To Pay Wife \$2 Weekly.

COURT ADJOURNS CASE

Joe Leonard finds that the drying business is not what it used to be; in fact, business is so bad that he cannot even pay his wife the \$2 per week that he is supposed to. Mrs. Leonard, however, is convinced that business is better than usual, and had Joe haled into court Tuesday morning.

Did you know that Little Orphan Annie was a real person?

Well, she was. Or is—for she's still living.

With her husband, daughter and granddaughter she occupies a little farmhouse not far from the poet's home.

Her name is Mrs. John Wesley Gray. She hasn't a single Riley book in her home, and she never knew until a short time ago that the great poet had endorsed her to the heart of all the world.

As a child Mrs. Gray was Mary Alice Smith, left an orphan at an early age. Her uncle, mostly to care for her, brought her to the Riley home to work "for her board and keep."

And she was full of "gobble-uns" and witch tales, just as the poet described her.

Riley originally entitled his poem, "Little Orphan Annie," but later changed it to Annie. He died thinking "Annie" had died many years before, though she was living a few miles from his home.

"Ha, ha, ha," chuckled Mr. Leonard, "ain't that funny, ha ha."

"He's eatin' his meals regular at a restaurant on King street," continued Mrs. Leonard.

"A man has got to eat," mildly interposed Mr. Bartlett.

"Well, so have I," snapped the lady. "He's making \$40 a week."

"Do you think business will be better?" inquired the court.

"Well, you know how it is, your worship," said Leonard in a confidential manner, "business ain't what it might be."

"He's keeping another woman," shrieked Mrs. Leonard.

"The fact is, your worship, nobody getting any money out of me, I ain't got any because I can't get it out of anyone else. I got to eat, and I got to get a hundredweight of oats for my horse."

"Well, I'll adjourn this case for two weeks," opined the court.

"She stole all my money, \$175, or we had got on all right," persisted Leonard, who had the last word in the battle.

Mr. Grant says that it would be impossible to set a scheme whereby all income assessments would be made at the home and thus do away with many income voters. The main reason is that many business assessments are credited to the income. Also trust companies, handling estates, secure the income and pay the taxes.

Information has been received by the Western University Medical School Alumni Association to the effect that Dr. George Clay, who graduated from the above institution in 1899, died recently in Montana, where he was practicing his profession. Dr. Clay made many friends during the period when he was studying medicine here, to whom news of his death came as a shock. He was a state senator in Montana for several years.

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"Orphant Annie" Toiled for "Board and Keep"

Little Orphant Annie's coming to our house to stay. An' wash the cups an' saucers and brush the crumbs away. An' shoo the chickens off the porch an' dust the hearth an' sweep. An' make the fire and bake the bread an' earn her board an' keep. An' all us other children when the supper things is done, We set around the kitchen fire and has the mostest fun. A-lis'ning to the witch tales 'at Annie tells about. If you Don't Watch Out!

HOW many times have you been delighted in reading of that quaint creature of James Whitcomb Riley, "Little Orphant Annie?"

Did you know that Little Orphant Annie was a real person?

Well, she was. Or is—for she's still living.

With her husband, daughter and granddaughter she occupies a little farmhouse not far from the poet's home.

Her name is Mrs. John Wesley Gray. She hasn't a single Riley book in her home, and she never knew until a short time ago that the great poet had endorsed her to the heart of all the world.

As a child Mrs. Gray was Mary Alice Smith, left an orphan at an early age. Her uncle, mostly to care for her, brought her to the Riley home to work "for her board and keep."

And she was full of "gobble-uns" and witch tales, just as the poet described her.

Riley originally entitled his poem, "Little Orphant Annie," but later changed it to Annie. He died thinking "Annie" had died many years before, though she was living a few miles from his home.

"Ha, ha, ha," chuckled Mr. Leonard, "ain't that funny, ha ha."

"He's eatin' his meals regular at a restaurant on King street," continued Mrs. Leonard.

"A man has got to eat," mildly interposed Mr. Bartlett.

"Well, so have I," snapped the lady. "He's making \$40 a week."

"Do you think business will be better?" inquired the court.

"Well, you know how it is, your worship," said Leonard in a confidential manner, "business ain't what it might be."

"He's keeping another woman," shrieked Mrs. Leonard.

"The fact is, your worship, nobody getting any money out of me, I ain't got any because I can't get it out of anyone else. I got to eat, and I got to get a hundredweight of oats for my horse."

"Well, I'll adjourn this case for two weeks," opined the court.

"She stole all my money, \$175, or we had got on all right," persisted Leonard, who had the last word in the battle.

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MRS. JOHN WESLEY GRAY, ORIGINAL "ORPHANT ANNIE," AT HER FARM HOME, INSET, C. P. POWER, RILEY LECTURER, WHO RE-DISCOVERED HER.

C. O. Power, lecturer and interpreter. He has recently induced her to Gray and reviewed her early life with

Town Topics. Tomorrow's Doings. WEDNESDAY.—Special meeting Ministerial Alliance, 10 o'clock. Separate school trustees' nomination at Catholic Club, 12 o'clock. Hospital trust meets at Victoria Hospital, 5 o'clock. Nine London Masonic lodges install officers at Masonic Temple, 6:30 o'clock. Executive board Canadian Labor party meets at Labor Temple at 8 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Wachsmuth and daughter, Miss Dorothy, Filbert street south, left Monday night for California, where they will spend the winter.

ISAAC DOXTATOR, JUN., and Walter Kennedy, of the Ontario Reserve, charged with injuring a colt on Dec. 15, have been remanded to jail till Jan. 3, by Squire Chittick.

THE AUTOMOBILE of George H. Bolton, owner of Richmond street Set, yesterday afternoon, has been recovered minus the Christmas gifts it contained, according to the local police.

THE SHORT VACATION for court house officers, with the exception of the sheriff's office, has commenced and will continue till Jan. 6. The offices will be open from 10 to 12 only.

THE MERCHANTS BANK, through their solicitor, J. S. Robertson, of St. Thomas, have issued a county court writ against Same Carson of West Lorne for \$97.94, the amount of a promissory note and advances.

CITY CLERK BAKER this morning received a memorial plaque sent out by the King to the next of kin of those who fell in the war. It bears the name of his son Horace, who was killed in the war, and is numbered 781,548.

ENGINEER H. A. BRAZIE and his assistant, Mr. J. H. Braze, are making a clean-up of the office, preparatory to entering the new year. Always between Christmas and New Year's, old maps, blueprints, etc., that have served their purpose are combed out and room made for the new year's work.

W. J. COOPER, Chester street, has taken out a building permit to erect a new brick house to cost \$2,500. He is the 362nd residential permit issued this year. The total for December to date, \$82,530, is but a little better than half of the total of December, 1920.

W. T. T. WILLIAMS, ex-chief of police, who has been in Portland, Ore., for the past 18 months, remembered his old comrades on the force here with a large box of choice cigars. The constables are all enjoying good smokes and waiving the season's greetings to far off Oregon.

INSPECTOR J. W. McCALLUM of the relief corps, Tuesday morning, received a letter with \$13 cash in it. The letter, brief and to the point, reads: "Dear Mr. McCallum.—You will, no doubt, know how to use the inclosed cash for the needy, and deserving case (Signed) X. Y. Z."

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION is being provided for the handling of passenger traffic on the railroads at New Year's. While special trains are not expected to be required, a great number of extra coaches are being added to the regular trains sufficient to be able to give a good service.

HARRY MERRITT, sergeant-at-arms of the city hall, discovered that on Christmas night, while he was out having dinner with friends, some persons entered the city hall and pilfered some high-priced lamps doing service in the halls. They are to be replaced by the cheapest possible, as discouragement to future visits of the kind.

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by the terms of their agreement to make no official or public statement until they have completed this last survey.

It is fully expected that the end of the month, or at least the early part of January, will see the completion, following which a full detailed report will be made to the city. This will allow ample time for consideration of the same before the spring, when the real work would commence at those points declared promising.

Should water located near the north branch of the River Thames, it would be a most valuable asset, as it is developed in the Horton street wells, it is just a question, the commissioners explain, whether it would be cheaper to lay a main from the former point to the clarifying station under construction, or else erect a smaller clarifying plant at the new well itself.

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EMPLOYEES HONOR T. W. M'FARLAND

D. S. Perrin Staff Recalls the President's Wedding 25 Years Ago.

An item in the "25 Years Ago" column of The Advertiser on Monday recorded that T. W. McFarland, then foreman at the D. S. Perrin & Co. plant, was presented by his fellow-employees with a suite of furniture on the occasion of his marriage.

The Advertiser is pleased to be able to record another presentation—25 years after—to the same estimable body, but this time Mr. McFarland receives the evidence of goodwill, not as foreman, but as president and general manager of the D. S. Perrin & Co., Limited.

Has Become President. In the intervening years he has been foreman, superintendent and now president, but in all that time he has retained to the fullest degree the respect and confidence of every employee in the establishment.

On behalf of the employees of the company, F. W. St. Lawrence, C. Currie and C. McVern, signed the following appreciative address which accompanied a gift of two handsome chairs to Mr. and Mrs. McFarland.

Presented With Address. "To Mr. and Mrs. T. W. McFarland: "Your fellow-employees and friends take this opportunity of extending to Mrs. McFarland and yourself their best wishes and congratulations on this, the 25th anniversary of your wedding."

"This is an important event in itself, but being Christmas Day, it further enhances the occasion, and permits a double pleasure."

"In the years past and gone, you no doubt have, like most of our poor mortals, had your share of trials and troubles, and we know also your share of married bliss. Twenty-five years spent together in married life is not unlike in itself, but few, we believe, can look back over that period with less regrets than these past years, and some even have brought you even greater content, greater pleasures and prosperity."

"We, who have known you both all these past years, and some even have shared your life, have felt and appreciated the many good qualities of Mrs. McFarland and yourself. In business your advice and support were always freely given, in social and home life, anyone who has shared in that, can but say that hospitality is written in large letters on your faces."

"As a slight token of the high esteem your fellow-employees have for yourself and Mrs. McFarland, they wish you to accept these chairs, coupled with the sincere wish that these will be spared to enjoy their comfort for another 25 years at least."

"We also take this opportunity of extending the united greetings of your associates for a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year."

Constantine Thomas is perfectly sane, but has a very violent temper. This is the gist of a report on his mental condition by Dr. James D. Wilson, as presented in police court by Const. Birrell. Thomas owns a house on Elizabeth street, which he leased to a family named Martin. He took a violent dislike to his tenants and has done his best to get rid of them by his windows, cutting the plumbing, etc.

"If you go near this man's house the police will arrest you," stated the magistrate to Mr. Thomas.

"I don't go near him," said the court.

"What are we going to do? We can't get another house, and I am afraid of the man," said Mrs. Martin.

"I never mind about that," said the court.

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"I never did," shouted Thomas.

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Mean Politics.

THE MONTREAL STAR assumes a new role, viz.: Speaking on behalf of Quebec Liberals. Quebec Liberals have no need of having the Montreal Star speak for them.

They have got along remarkably well without it in the past, and they can get along remarkably well without it in the future.

It is very evident that the Montreal Star is shouting about Quebec being ignored and insulted, in order that Hon. Mackenzie King may have just as hard a time as possible in proceeding with the organization of his cabinet.

The Liberals of the Dominion put Mackenzie King in power, and they are content to give him all the opportunity necessary in order that he may give to Canada the cabinet he desires.

Any reasonable man who knows the task he has to face—with the muddlings of the previous government to undo, and with the maze of office-grabbing and small politics that has been thrown in the way—will realize that it is not the task of a few days or of a few weeks to announce the formation of a slate for cabinet positions, and the general lines along which he intends to proceed.

Conservative papers are making the most of their opportunity to embarrass the Liberal leader in the work that he is trying to do.

The fair and reasonable thing is to try and bring about the most conciliatory attitude on the part of all factions.

The business of the Dominion is greater than the success of any one party, and the business of the Dominion needs attention at once.

Electing a Mayor.

CONTROLLER McGUIRE received a neat compliment when he was elected mayor of Toronto. His long service entitled him to that position.

And right here it may be noticed that rewards do not always, nor even often, come in this way as a reward or recognition of faithful civic service.

There are aldermen in every council who do very valuable work, and the real work is done in committees where the general public see very little of it, and where only the finished article is presented to the ratifiers.

There is nothing very spectacular about a great deal of this work, and people know very little of its value.

In too many cases, by some strange process of reasoning—or the lack of any reasoning at all—the people pick out men as chief municipal executive who have had very little positive experience, and who know only a little of the routine of municipal administration and the functioning of the various departments of the civic government.

How often it has been found that some untried man, backed by a group of determined citizens, has been brought out and elected over the head of a man who has given years of good but unheralded service to the community.

Some cities that are trying out new plans have done away with the mayoralty election entirely, the mayor being chosen by the votes of the aldermen elected. This is the same plan that is followed in the election of a warden by the county council. The objections that were raised to this idea in the first place were based on the assumption that the absence of the mayoralty contest would cause a falling off in the interest of the election, but nothing has transpired to show such to be the case.

We have not yet worked out the highest form of municipal government, and every encouragement should be given to the municipalities that have the courage to go ahead and try new methods, provided they are sane and adhere to the practice of responsible administration.

There is a tendency in some quarters to regard all such moves as the work of tinkers and meddlers, but history owes a lot to the tinkers and meddlers of the past.

The three-year plan, now used in several Ontario cities, provides for continuity of ideas and plans, as only one-third of the members retire each year.

The basic trouble is that the people have not given enough heed to their municipal problems. Men start too old in life to get interested, and then, although they may bring mature judgment with them, they lack the necessary technical training and schooling.

The Apple Situation.

ALTHOUGH there was a fair sprinkling of apples throughout the majority of Western Ontario orchards this year, very few of them found their way to the local markets.

Where did they go? Of course, the old cider mill got a few, as did also the hogs who are generally turned into farm orchards during September and October, but the majority of Western Ontario

When Will Europe Get On Its Feet?



apples were shipped to the Canadian Northwest, not in fancy boxes, nor even barrels, but in plain bulk; emptied into cars and sold by the pound.

Each Saturday fewer apples are seen on the London market, and on inquiry it is ascertained that supplies are almost exhausted. This means that apples will have to be shipped in from other points, possibly from Nova Scotia, and that consumers will have to pay the highest prices.

This situation is not new as far as London is concerned. Each fall the best of Middlesex apples are shipped either to the West or to England, and citizens, if they want local-grown apples at all, are forced to take the "leavings." Real, honest-to-goodness No. 1 apples are few and far between on the London market.

The farmer who ships his apples to the West does not as a rule realize much money for them. He figures that he is getting rid of his crop in a hurry, before there is any chance of the fruit spoiling. He does not get much for them, but what is the difference? Apples are only a side line with him, anyway, and what he receives is looked upon as "extra."

There are a few farmers who watch local market conditions closely. When reports were appearing in the papers every few days that large shipments of apples were being made from Western Ontario they simply smiled at the apple buyers, graded their apples carefully, got rid of the culls and No. 2's, and are now preparing to ride on the crest of advanced prices.

Some growers state that the bulk shipments are favored because it relieves them of any more investment in barrels, pickers, transportation, etc. Barre's cost around 75 cents, and it costs about the same or a little more to pick, cull and pack a barrel.

The farmers should remember that although the wild and woolly westerners think a whole lot of Ontario fruit, the folks at home are strong for Ontario apples. Don't send all your prize fruit away, for the market right at your door is a good one if properly catered to.

Alcoholic Suicide.

MAN is the only animal that takes its own life. His chief instruments of suicide are alcohol and drugs.

Drugs work faster, bringing insanity and death within a few years.

John Barleycorn is more cunning. He reaches into the future and snips off the years. Thus a confirmed drunkard is a suicide, killing himself 10, 20, 30, 40 years ahead of the date originally intended for his death. Healthy old men, who have drunk heavily all their lives, are the rare exceptions proving the rule.

No one thoroughly understands alcohol and its active principle. Next to radium and hashish, it is the most mysterious substance that can be encountered in the chemist's laboratory.

Three kinds of drunkards—you have seen them all: Dipsonian: Never staggeringly drunk; always with a few drinks under his belt, just enough to keep him in a glow.

Periodical drunkard: Goes long stretches without taking a drop; then has a big "souse," usually lasting a week; in this state, quarrelsome, inclined, descended to the level of the pig; wakens from his debauch with memory vague or an absolute blank concerning what happened during his spree.

Habitual drunkard: On a jag whenever he can get the stuff; prefers small glass of water with a large raw whiskey for a chaser, but will drink anything alcoholic he can

get his hands on, from moonshine to hair tonic.

All three of these are recognized types of insanity.

Mysterious, cunning alcohol! It stimulates one set of nerves by paralyzing others. Take four drinks of whiskey. It's a fine world. Imagination is stimulated, brain short-circuited and muddled, but working at high key. Feel an arm or leg—it's like so much wood. Paralyzed!

The alcoholic road leads to paralysis, nervous tremor, shuffling pulse, blindness, locomotor ataxia, epilepsy, raving insanity.

These are the inevitable crops of pure alcohol. The more deadly poison, prohibition liquor, merely hastens the harvest.

Oh, well, a couple more generations, and they won't know the taste of the stuff. Meantime, it is interesting to physicians, psychologists, psychiatrists and alienists, to sit back and study those who are committing slow suicide with alcohol.

LITTLE 'TISERS

Eugene V. Debs has been let out of prison, and one cannot help wondering what good purpose has been served by keeping him there.

A doctor may not do you a heap of good, but sometimes it's worth his fee to have some person sit still, look wise and listen to your troubles.

The Orilla Packet says: "Grocers should exercise care to see that the elder they are selling is not over strength. Carelessness in this regard has just cost a Port Hope man \$200 and costs."

Explorers have just brought in word of another little kingdom, where they have no army, no navy and no weapons. But just wait a bit 'till we get hold of those folks and civilize them.

Now that the ice is set the roarin' game is on for the season. And many a tired man who is too weary to sift ashes will be heavin' the stanes around with all the vigor and vim of a young giant.

In the Guelph Mercury of Saturday, on its "Manufacturer's Page," appears the heading, "Husband Cuts Wife's Head Off." We were just wondering which particular Guelph manufacturer this referred to.

The Stratford Beacon contends that "until Europe gets on her feet world conditions will not be what they should be." In other words, that European pet corn is keeping the world from moving very fast.

The editor of the Tory Ottawa Journal bought an election bet hat for the editor of the Grit Kingston Whig. And now when the Whig's politics don't seem quite straight the folks down there will say the editor is talking through his hat.

R. B. Bennett has been counted out in Calgary, and there is now not a single Tory elected between the head of the Great Lakes and the Rocky Mountains. Mr. Meighen's offered bribe of a wheat pool failed just as dismally as it deserved to.

A lot of people had "that thrill which comes once in a lifetime" when they were distributing Christmas cheer this Christmas. Now let us add this—there are all sorts of those worth-while "thrills" to be had every day, and if you are stinting yourself in this regard it's your own fault.

The Peterboro Examiner has found a new hero, and points to him thusly: "And peace has no greater hero than the man who gamely

lights one of the cigars his wife has given him." Unless it be the poor wife who cheerfully puts on the hideous looking blouse her husband picked out for her.

One of the largest steel merchants in the Dominion reports to The Advertiser that "business has been very good with this office for the past six or eight weeks." The purchase of steel means that the buyers are going to work, as this merchant deals largely in semi-finished and structured steel. It is a good sign to see the steel merchants booking orders.

The Winnipeg Free Press brings up the matter of Canadian representation at Washington, and remarks: Perhaps with a new government we shall see a Canadian minister appointed to Washington. It is no disparagement to Sir Auckland Geddes to say that he does not and cannot adequately represent Canada at Washington. If you want a thing well done do it yourself.

Mr. Tom Moore, president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, has returned from Europe. Speaking of the exchange situation, Mr. Moore said:

I am no financier; other workers may be in the same position as myself, but it does seem time that the governments of different countries should take away the power of financial groups to make profits on international exchange.

There seems to be a growing feeling, says the Ottawa Citizen, that financial groups are the real culprits in much of the topsy-turvydom now existing. Among students it has been fully realized for some time, and the way out been pointed. But governments conveniently ignore the financiers, and the chaos continues.

NOAH'S POETRY

You Know Him. He always had a lot to say 'bout what folks ought to do, and graded all his neighbors out as sinners red and blue.

He went on Sunday to the church, he wore his Sunday jaw, he kept in toto all the rules and all Mosaic law. And every day he'd go his way, and sort the bad folks out, his face looked like the chickenpox, likewise a spell of gout.

And when he rose to pray in church he talked for six feet long, and had a sob inside his throat to wreck and move the strong.

At every place he showed his face he shook hands all around, you might imagine that his like could scarce be ever found.

Wives used to say he was a peach, a model sort of spouse, he'd never stagger home at night, a poor and useless souse.

I saw him at the kirk one day, a-sittin' in his pew, and I was anxious for to see just how this bird would do. He'd surely shell a dollar bill, a man of his estate, but he fished out one lone nickel to drop upon the plate.

—NOAH.

POETRY.

THE WEALTHY MAN. I have a wife who's fair to look upon, Well favored, too, with kindly common-sense.

Right skilful she to manage in a home Where neither want there is, nor opulence.

I have a little daughter and a son, Two-headed rascals with the bluest eyes, Who run to meet me when I home-ward come With waving hands and gladly shrilling cries.

I have a home to which I fare o' nights, A little cottage on a quiet street, A ruddy fire and a book or so, A peaceful haven where my rest is sweet.

London, Ont. SIMON SMITH.

25 YEARS AGO TODAY

Here We Have Items of Local and District Interest, As Recorded in The Advertiser of 1896.

TUESDAY, Dec. 27, 1896.

The Christmas tree and entertainment given on Wednesday evening, Dec. 23, in Florence was a success in every way. The pantomime, entitled "Annie's and Willie's Prayer," prepared by Mesdames Howell and Armstrong, was enjoyed by all. Music was rendered by Miss Young, Messrs. Young and Lenden, and Mr. W. Milton rendered a solo, and was accompanied by Miss Husworth. Rev. H. R. Diehl also sang, and was accompanied by Mrs. Diehl. Misses Maud Wilson and Edith Bobier prepared the children in their carols. The chair was occupied by two of the Sunday school scholars—Master Lee Atkinson in part I. of the program, and Master Charlie Wilson in part II.

On Tuesday evening last at the Sunday school entertainment in the town hall, Port Stanley, Mrs. Courtney's class presented her with a handsome parlor chair.

A McIntyre and wife of Port Stanley spent Christmas with Adeline Clark, Mrs. McIntyre's brother, in Alvinston.

The Glenora rink was opened yesterday with an interesting game of curling between rinks chosen by the president and vice-president, Messrs. P. J. McKellar and J. L. Luckham, acting as skips. The victory was with the vice-president, Mr. Luckham's rink winning by three points.

A large number attended the cantata in the Presbyterian Church last night.

CALLS IT A BLUNDER

(Galt Reporter).

HAD public sentiment such as now prevails, unfortunately, in this country with reference to the residence of men of alien birth, who are honest, industrious, godly men, but ardent pacifists, occupied a place in the minds of our governing bodies during the early years of last century then the Mennonites or Pennsylvania Dutchmen, who came to these parts to clear the bush would have met with a cold reception, and eventually been driven out of the province of Upper Canada.

To Waterloo County came these peaceful people, and to this county they gave the best that was in them in their activities as pioneers. That best was not in hard, persevering, courageous and honest toil surpassed anywhere. The faith in peaceful measures for the amelioration of the ills of mankind was such that only on condition that allowance for the same should be forthcoming in establishing their status as citizens would they undertake the new life under the British flag.

In 1872 there was some doubt as to their responsibility in the matter of complete citizenship, leading Parliament to accept the advice of the then members for Waterloo, the late James Young and Isaac E. Bowman, and by a special act they were freed from military service. That fact had not held their sons and grandsons and great-grandsons from taking part in the defence of

and all enjoyed the program. A fine fur coat was presented to Mr. A. J. Taylor, the superintendent, as a slight token of appreciation and esteem.

On Thursday evening the W. C. T. U. will give an at home at the residence of D. Bice. A first-class program will be provided, after which a mystery tea will be served.

Curling on the new rink received its initiation yesterday. Two rinks played an exciting game of ten ends in the afternoon, resulting as follows: Rink No. 1, William, Reid, Leitch, Gillies, skip 12; rink No. 2, Brown and Leach, skip 12. Schryer, Kennedy, Stalker, Dauphin, skip 7.

Robinson, Little & Co. have forwarded their annual grant of \$50 to the police force.

Miss Daisy Lewis has returned home to 247 Oxford street, after a successful tour with the Wilson Brothers' Concert Company through the provinces of Quebec and New Brunswick, the state of Maine, and the eastern parts of Ontario.

The European Waltz Club's ball at the city hall last night was one of the best held there for years. Over 300 couples were present. Mr. S. Taylor acted as master of ceremonies. The committee of management was composed of F. R. Harris (president), Guy Guymer (secretary), W. Arncliffe, J. Young and W. Temple.

Our public men need to have drilled to them the experience of Waterloo County. Without information as to the true value of the Mennonite farmer, they cannot properly appraise him or regard him as an asset in national expansion. The Mennonite made Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, the richest county in all America. His people have mainly stuck to the land, and as steady-going and wide-awake producers they have not their superior anywhere.

And here we are forcing from our lands thousands of the clan. In the excess of our prejudice as to military service we have robbed ourselves of thousands of pioneers, whose main thoughts were centred on production of foodstuffs. We aimed in their case to jump from the primary school of citizenship to the university of Canadianism. It couldn't be done. It was done in Waterloo County. Someone has bungled.

COMMON SENSE WAYS TO KEEP WELL.

INTESTINAL CATARRH

BY DR. R. H. BISHOP.

INTESTINAL catarrh is a common ailment.

The disease is caused chiefly by eating indigestible foods and by constipation that has become chronic. Unripe fruit, stale vegetables, spoiled foods, poisons and irritating medicines will cause it. Other causes: Congestion of the liver, diseases of the heart and kidneys and tuberculosis.

When the intestine becomes overloaded—and especially when its contents are very long retained—the mucous membrane becomes diseased by long continued contact with putrefactive bacteria and the poisons they produce. The inflammation that results may extend through the wall of the intestine to the abdominal wall or to some other portion of the intestine.

"Kinks" and other obstructions are thus formed, sometimes fatal anomalies are developed and the result is a most obstinate kind of constipation.

In quite a large proportion of cases of chronic constipation that do not yield to regulation of diet and other simple means of cure, adhesions, kinks or loops are found.

When the infection extends into the appendix, appendicitis results. This is a serious condition and may give rise to peritonitis and death within a few days. When the appendix is affected, there is severe pain low down in the right side, often with nausea and vomiting. A skilled surgeon should be called in at once.

As in the treatment of most digestive troubles, regulation of diet is of first importance. The patient must carefully avoid tea, coffee, condiments or alcoholic beverages. Vegetables and cheese should be eliminated.

Milk is an excellent food for those suffering from colitis if the milk is fresh and clean and if the patient does not drink it too rapidly.

Egg yolks may be eaten if in not too large quantities. The intestines, when well prepared and carefully masticated, are extremely beneficial to those suffering from this malady, and also toasted cereal flakes.

Cereal gruels are especially recommended.

familiarize himself with the layout, when on passing a small inclosure he saw two workmen inside who were sitting down smoking. Before he had the opportunity to speak one of the men said: "Hello, and what are you doing around here, stranger?"

"I'm Dodge, the new foreman," was the reply.

"So are we, come in and have a smoke."

SHE TOLD IT AFTER ALL.

When Mrs. Travers registered to vote she gave her name, and then the registrar asked: "Age?"

"Over 21," she replied cautiously.

"Born?"

"Here in Nisour."

"How long have you lived in the division?"

"One year."

"In the village?"

"Ten years."

"In the province?"

"Thirty-one years."

AND THEN—?

"I can't keep visitors from coming."

"When I say you're out they won't leave me. They all say they must see you."

"Well, put them off somehow," said the editor, with a worried look.

"Whatever they say, just tell them: 'That's what they all say.' Be firm. See?"

"Yes, sir."

That afternoon a lady called. She had hard features and an acid expression, and she demanded to see the editor at once.

"Impossible," said William.

"But I'm his wife," persisted the lady.

"That's what they all say," said the boy.

THE JEST.

SIMILARLY EMPLOYED.

A new foreman took charge of the shop this particular morning, and many of the men had not as yet met him.

About the middle of the forenoon he was making a tour of the buildings to

Every attempt he made to speak

was interrupted by some member of the audience. At last stamping his foot in anger, he bellowed at the top of his voice:

"Every time I open my mouth a silly fool speaks."

And the crowd agreed with him entirely.

MIGHT HAE BEEN WORSE.

Jumping into to compartment as the train was moving, Sandy sat heavily

on another traveler's hat.

"You clumsy idiot!" ejaculated the

owner of the headpiece. "Why don't

you look before you sit down?"

Sandy rose and picked up the hat.

"Ah, well," he remarked gently, "it

might hae been worse."

"Worse?" exclaimed the wrathful

one: "It's ruined, man! How could it

possibly have been worse?"

"It might hae been ma ain," answered Sandy, thoughtfully.

Our New Year Resolution

"WELCOME, 1922! We are pledged to one New Year resolve for the coming year—to use Long Distance more for both business and social purposes!"

"As a business man, my books show I didn't use it enough in 1921. Those who used it more came out better — and I'll tell you why:—"

"Service is the bed-rock of business to-day —and service is personal. There is no way in which so much personal service can be rendered to so many people, as by Long Distance."

"The consumer and dealer look on advertising and Long Distance as the source of news of new styles and new prices. Long Distance ended the isolation of small towns. It enables them to keep the rapidly-growing small-town trade at home."

"The Smiths and Browns and Robinsons whose shopping trips to town were formerly planned weeks ahead, now buy advertised goods by Long Distance."

"It enables us to go after sales direct. A letter is a good peddler or order-taker, but it rarely makes a sale. Only salesmen make sales, and they can make lots of them by Long Distance."

"So bring us good luck and prosperity, 1922, and with raised hands we pledge ourselves to use Long Distance more."

As you watch the Old Year out and the New Year in, why not greet distant friends by Long Distance? The night rate on Station-to-Station calls is very low.

THE BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF CANADA

Every Bell Telephone is a Long Distance Station

WOMEN'S HOME AND MAGAZINE PAGE

LOVE FINDS A WAY PAST ALLOWANCES

"Encourage Thrift, Inestimable Boon," Says Investigator.

Love, which laughs at locksmiths, has found a way of overcoming such an obstacle to matrimony as a mother's allowance. Just as in other parts of the province, so in London and district, mothers who have become benefactors since the act went into force a year ago last fall, have automatically been removed from the list owing to a second marriage. In three such cases within the past few months the responsibility undertaken by the state for the children has been assumed by the new husband.

Did the allowance, which made a better standard of living possible for the family, render the widowed mother more attractive? Did that account for the second marriage?

The enthusiastic and deeply sympathetic investigator for London, Woodstock, Ingersoll, Middlesex, Oxford and Huron refused to make any statement in that score. She wasn't telling any romantic secrets. Next week, Mrs. R. M. Graham, the investigator in this district, with investigators from all over the province, will attend a conference in Toronto (the second by the way), called by Rev. Peter Brown, of Palmerston, to consider problems in connection with the work.

If asked for a report she will be able to present a most optimistic one. Are the mothers' allowances realizing the dreams of the promoters in the way of relieving strain on overburdened mothers and giving children a chance to be properly housed, clothed, fed and cared for as a preparation for good citizenship?

Are Real Boon. "After a year's experience, I am thoroughly convinced that they are inestimable," declared Mrs. Graham to the women's department of The Advertiser Monday evening. She was due for a holiday, but she had spent the greater part of the day out in the country investigating a case which she felt imperatively demanded immediate attention.

"While the allowances do not constitute an adequate living, and are only supplementary," she said, "they have in many cases been responsible for keeping families together and resulting worthy mothers with their children. Homes would have been broken up in a number of cases, children placed in institutions, and the discouraged mothers obliged to bear the pain of separation, were it not for the allowance.

"The case is indeed where there is not a general improvement in the living conditions, an improvement in the mental and moral tone of the family. While a better standard of living is made possible, so far as physical conditions are concerned, I find on paying return visits the children attending school, often with regularity unknown before, the mother and her brood attending church and Sunday school.

"The interest of the state in her children has given the mother an added sense of her own importance and responsibility. She recognizes herself as an employee of the government, as a steward of the allowance. She wants to spend it and whatever other means she has at her command, to the very best possible advantage. I find mothers making a greater interest in getting the best possible value for their money. They are anxious that the children should have the most wholesome food possible, and are studying food values with this end in view. The thing that has struck me in connection with so many of them is that the allowance gives them a new sense of the worthwhileness of life. They go at their homemaking with a new courage and interest in improving their surroundings. Again and again I have been touched by seeing a potted plant in a home that looked any such touch of grace on my first visit.

Can the Cans. "To get back to the subject of food, they quickly respond to suggestion to buy vegetables in bulk, instead of getting them out of cans. Many of the mothers had gardens last summer and a number grew enough potatoes to carry them through the winter.

"The mothers' allowance assuredly does not pauperize. Its effect, excepting in very rare exceptions, is the very opposite. It encourages thrift, and thereby virtue. And all this results on the welfare of the children, in whose interests the act was framed and is administered.

"Are the mothers appreciative? Again and again I have seen a mother burst into tears of relief and joy when she learned she would get the allowance. They regard it as a sacred trust."

Never, until taking up her duties as mothers' allowance investigator, did Mrs. Graham realize that the heart of humanity was so wonderful a kind, even in her association with many patriotic, educational and well-to-do organizations. "In this work," she said, "I have discovered a splendid spirit of service that never fails to respond to an appeal of need. Church organizations, clubs, societies, individuals have always been ready to help promptly whenever a case of need has been brought to their attention. The Girl Guides in London West have proved themselves most generous little sisters. Some of my mothers' boys are being brought up by the members of the Kiwanis Club. This Christmas season especially I have been struck with the genuine interest of men, women and children in those less fortunate than themselves, an interest that manifests itself in service as well as in giving of money."

In all, in London and the remainder of Mrs. Graham's district, there are at the present time about one hundred and fifty families on the list of mothers' allowances beneficiaries, though many more have been investigated, several of whom have not yet been passed upon by the commission.

Personals

Major E. K. Eaton is still confined to his home, owing to illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dalton of Detroit are spending Christmas with relatives in this city.

Mr. George Jackson of Chicago spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson, Central avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McLeod and son of Hamilton spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Jackson, Central avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dalton of Detroit are spending Christmas with relatives in this city.

Miss N. Heffernan of the Normal School staff is spending the Christmas vacation with her sisters, the Misses Heffernan, Guelph.

Miss Grace Penfold, Miss Annie Jeffries, Miss Lavina McLennan and Miss Madeline Adams of the D. S. C. R. spent Christmas in Guelph.

Mr. Wm. A. Childs of Regina and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. B. Childs of Toronto are spending Christmas with Mrs. Childs, 733 Wellington street.

Misses Dawson, who are attending Western University, are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Dawson, Sarnia.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Weeks, 558 Colborne street, announce the marriage of their only son, Mr. E. C. Weeks, to Miss Isabel Anderson, both of Ottawa.

Dr. Rivington Fisher of Sarnia and Mr. Fred Fisher of Hamilton, are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Dawson, Sarnia.

Miss Katharine I. Eastman goes to Hamilton Wednesday to be the guest for the remainder of the week of her uncle and aunt, Sheriff and Mrs. Middleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Raynard of Detroit and Miss Laura Lammy of Toronto are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Raynard, Princess avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dalton and two children of Detroit are spending Christmas with relatives in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Goodburne and baby Betty of Toronto spent Christmas with the former's parents, 3059 Dundas street, and are now visiting Mrs. Goodburne's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mayes, Maude street, Woodstock.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Harvey, Sr., and Miss Mary Harvey were in Christmas visitors in Sarnia, guests in the home of Dr. and Mrs. F. Burrows. Miss M. A. Harvey of Victoria University joined the week-end house party, returning to Toronto on Monday evening.

Miss Beattie Mossop, B.A., of the department of hygiene, University of Toronto, returned to Toronto yesterday after spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Mossop, Lorne avenue. This week Miss Mossop will attend the meetings in Toronto of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, of which she is a member. Miss Mossop was formerly in the biology department of Western University.

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WITH THE BRIDES

BROAD-ELLIOTT.

A quiet wedding took place at the bride's home in Florence Tuesday, Dec. 20, when Rev. T. A. Barnard united in marriage Miss Hannah Elliott and Mr. J. E. Broad of Bothwell. Mr. and Mrs. Broad will reside in Bothwell.

MAY-DURHAM.

A charming December wedding took place Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Higgins, Hyde Park, when Miss Sheila Durham, sister of Mrs. Higgins, was married to William Malcolm May, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald May of the fifth concession. Rev. John MacKillop, B.A., officiated. The bride was given in marriage by her brother-in-law, Mr. Higgins, and looked charming in a gown of brown silk. She carried a shower bouquet of pink roses and maldenhair fern. The house was prettily decorated for the marriage in a color scheme of red and green, the same decoration forming an arch over the bride couple, who were unattended. At the conclusion of the ceremony the guests, who included only relations and a few intimate friends numbering about 25, repaired to the tastefully decorated dining-room, where a sumptuous repast was enjoyed. The happy couple motored to the groom's farm on the sixth concession of London Township.

SALTON-NEILSON.

A charming holiday event was the wedding which took place Monday afternoon at the home of Rev. Dr. Salton, when Anna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Neilson of London Junction, was married to Mr. Fred P. Salton of New York. Rev. Dr. Salton, father of the groom, officiated.

The bride was lovely in black panne velvet, trimmed with blue georgette broadened in gold, with hat to match, and corsage bouquet of Sunset roses. Her only attendant was a white gold lavalier set with diamonds, the gift of the groom. The bridesmaid, Miss Mary Neilson, sister of the bride, was gowned in blue figured georgette, beaded in white and blue, with which she wore a becoming velvet hat. Mr. Harold Brewer of Walkerville, formerly of this city, was the best man.

The happy couple left on the evening train for their future home in New York.

BY MARIAN HALE.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Probably no two materials can achieve the romance and eighteenth century loveliness of soft black velvet and white lace. A fancy of this season, and one that harks back to the days of our grandmothers, is this fashioning of tight little bodices above skirts which flare and ruffle—it's romantically old-fashioned and exquisitely dainty.

Amie for a knitted tie, so if she sees your request I am sure she will send them to you.

CANAAN'S CAKE.

Dear Miss Grey—I am going to send you a great big piece of Christmas cake after Christmas, so be ready. I will send a mite next time. I am sending Mother of Six a parcel. She can send postage in for the fund.

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Thank you very much, Canaan, for remembering Cynthia, and she certainly will be ready for her piece of the cake.

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Former Wards Visit Shelter

Christmas Day Brings Happy Reunion With "Santa Claus Sanders"

The Christmas tree, following the Christmas dinner at the Children's Shelter on Monday, served the purpose as well of a happy family reunion. Numbers of former wards of the shelter came back to pay a visit on Christmas Day and most affectionate was the meeting between them and the oldest grandfathers in the world to them all, the "real Santa Claus" of the present shelter children, the former Inspector, Mr. Joseph Sanders. Mr. Sanders also had with him a number of letters of greeting from former wards, who have made their way in the world and are happy in homes of their own. The shelter children had prepared the program, which was much appreciated by the visitors, including many members of the society. Mr. John I. A. Hunt was happy in the role of chairman, and among other prominent workers on the board who attended the festivities were President D. H. McDermid, Mrs. F. E. Leonard, Mrs. John Weld, Mrs. P. R. Hardie, Mrs. Joseph Brown, Mrs. and Mrs. E. H. McKone, Mr. Cadwallader.

This week the children in the shelter are going to experience the joy of being hosts and hostesses themselves, entertaining their schoolmates in the Victoria School to a real party, just as if they were in homes of their very own.

Western Ontario

Women's Activities

Address News For This Column to

The Editor of Woman's Page.

HYDE PARK W. M. S.

Hyde Park W. M. S. held a very successful annual business meeting in the Presbyterian Church. The president, Mrs. Cummings, occupied the chair.

After the usual business routine, Mrs. Ramsay read a sad letter from an invalid girl in India, asking the ladies to purchase home-made lace which would help her greatly in making a living. Her relatives, she stated, were all dead. After a short discussion the matter was laid over until further particulars were received. The delegates appointed to attend the W. M. S. convention to be held in King Street Presbyterian Church, London, in January, were Mrs. Shorbrook and Mrs. Herbert. The officers for 1922 are: President, Mrs. Cummings; first vice, Miss Mackenzie; treasurer, Mrs. Skippon; secretary, Mrs. Herbert; mite-box treasurer, Mrs. Shorbrook.

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DOUBT CRERAR HAS MADE PACT WITH LIBERALS

Official Circles in Ottawa Believe Political Negotiations Are Off.

CABINET SLATE LOOMS

Premier-Elect King Expected To Announce 'Official Family' Within 24 Hours.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 26.—It may be said with a fair degree of certainty tonight that the negotiations between Premier-elect W. L. Mackenzie King and Hon. T. A. Crerar are off and that the former will form his cabinet without the co-operation of the Progressive forces.

Messrs. Speakman, Forke and Johnston, who accompanied Mr. Crerar hither, left on the evening of the day they arrived. Mr. Crerar outstayed them, but left for Montreal last night, whence he will return home via Toronto. Hon. A. B. Hudson departed for the West last night and it is now taken for granted that not even he will enter the cabinet, for the present at least.

Complete alliance has been maintained by all the parties to the negotiations, and not even the conditions advanced have been divulged.

"I am unable to say anything," declared Mr. Crerar, prior to his departure. Claim No Breake. The negotiations, however, are said to have parted on amicable terms. The understanding here seems to be that Mr. King may expect the independent support of the Progressive group so long as he endeavors conscientiously to carry out a really Liberal program. It is rumored that the Progressives will not take the role of official opposi-

tion, but that that position will be left to the Conservative group to fill. An effective coalition must be backed by a strong body of support from both the parties to its formation. In the present instance both Liberals and Progressives were well satisfied with the result of the election and neither group was over anxious for an amalgamation. In the Liberal ranks were many who were openly opposed to any coming-together excepting on the basis of straight and unconditional fusion. On the other hand, it is stated, that there was a very strong body of opinion among the members of the agrarian organizations utterly opposed to any "intangling alliance," and insistent, should a coalition take place, upon conditions which the premier-elect could not concede.

Hudson Reported Out. As it is the Prairie Provinces will have to be content with a very limited representation indeed in the new cabinet. With Hudson said to be out of the running, Mr. King has but two members between the head of the lakes and the Rockies, namely Mr. Murray of North Winnipeg and Mr. McEwen of Regina. The name of the former has not been mentioned in connection with the cabinet, but may now be considered.

With the breaking off of negotiations Mr. King will now be in a position to proceed with the completion of his slate, and an announcement may be expected tomorrow.

While complete secrecy has been maintained with regard to the formation of this new ministry, it is understood that the eastern personnel has been pretty well decided upon for some days past.

In spite of the failure of the week-end negotiations Liberals are confident that they can carry on in Parliament without danger of dissolution or of defeat through a lack of confidence vote. In the opinion of a prominent supporter of Mr. King, support can be enlisted through good legislation.

WILL BURY GYPSY KING BESIDE FATHER'S GRAVE

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 26.—The body of Joseph Ell, gypsy king, has been shipped to Chicago for burial beside that of his father, whom he succeeded as ruler. Ell died following an operation. Scores of tribesmen came here from distant parts of the continent to pay him homage during his illness and participated in the funeral ritual.

LABOR FAVORS PLAN OF C. OF C.

Local Organization Representatives To Explain Position On Immigration.

CLAIM MISCONCEPTION

"I would consider it very fine," was the opinion expressed on Tuesday by W. M. Stewart, secretary of the London Labor Party, commenting upon the proposal that a representative of the chamber of commerce appear before the labor men of the city and explain the latter's position with respect to immigration. Mr. Stewart was also of the belief that there should exist a closer co-operation between the two bodies.

At a recent meeting of the London Trades and Labor Council, the Chamber of Commerce was vigorously assailed by certain of the delegates by reason of the report current at that time that it favored the abolition of the government employment agencies with the re-establishment of private offices in their place. The chamber's alleged unfavorable stand with respect to immigration from Europe was also strenuously opposed.

The Chamber of Commerce members are emphatic in their contention, however, that the entire problem has been completely misunderstood by the bulk of the working people, and contemplate an arrangement whereby one or more of their representatives may attend a general meeting of the union men and extend to them their viewpoint.

CANADIAN EMPLOYMENT FIGURES DECLINE AGAIN

Employment in the building trades as indicated by the building permits issued for the month of November in 56 cities throughout Canada showed increased activity over the previous month. The value rose from \$2,484,469 in the latter month to \$10,958,066 in November. This gain was, however, largely due to a rise in a hotel and several other large buildings in Montreal. All the provinces outside of Quebec showed declines, as also the cities of Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver.

CLAIMS HUSBAND 'UNWIGGED' SANTA

Chicago, Dec. 27.—A Christmas comedy at the home of John Magiera ended today in Evanston police court. John Magiera, 34, was charged with the theft of a coat and hat from his wife's wardrobe. He was too full of moonshine to enact the customary role of Santa Claus for the children, his wife told the police, so he put on a red suit and a white wig and whiskers. This so amused John, she said, that he playfully attacked her with a coal shovel, struck her on the head and the wig fell off, revealing to the children that Santa Nicholas was none other than their mother, and the Christmas celebration was ruined. "Why didn't you have her locked up yesterday?" the police asked Mrs. Magiera last night when she swore out a warrant. "Well, it was Christmas," she said.

BAND OF ROBBERS CAUGHT AT ST. LOUIS

East St. Louis, Ill., Dec. 27.—Police of East St. Louis and neighboring towns expressed belief today that they have rounded up a band of robbers which has obtained \$140,000 in four recent bank and pay roll robberies in Central and Southern Illinois. Nine men are under arrest, and six of them identified in connection with the robberies. The robberies included that of the Peabody Gold Mining Company of Kincaid, in which \$55,000 was stolen on Aug. 18; State Bank of Panama, in which \$19,000 was taken on Dec. 12; State Bank of Iuka, in which \$15,000 was taken on Dec. 20, and the DuPont State Bank, which was robbed of \$11,000 on Dec. 21.

HOLD INSPECTOR AND MANAGER RESPONSIBLE

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 27.—City Building Inspector Joseph E. Austin, Lawrence E. Carroll, manager of the theatre and Alfred S. Black, president of the Connecticut theatres corporation, which controlled the theatre are held criminally responsible for the deaths of nine persons in the Rialto Theatre fire of November 27, in a finding by Coroner Mix today.

The coroner's inquest was based on the death of Everett T. Case, which was taken as typical of all deaths as an outcome of the fire. The coroner also criticizes other persons who were connected with the operation of the theatre and the presentation of a prologue to a moving picture film, which prologue he holds was the direct cause of the fire, finds them negligent but not criminally responsible. Burning incense to give "atmosphere" to the prologue ignited flimsy stage draperies. The coroner finds that violations of the law in the theatre included absence of an asbestos curtain, lack of a water curtain, an automatic sprinkler, casks of water on the stage, hose connections, lack of fireproof scenery and woodwork.

GIRL ATE CHOCOLATES, THEN DISAPPEARED

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 27.—Mystery today enshrouds the sudden disappearance from the south branch of the Young Women's Christian Association of Miss Lila Dale Russell, a southern girl of refinement and beauty who came to this city several months ago from Albermarle, N. C., to study designing and costumeing. Miss Russell, Saturday afternoon, was visited by Raymond Morris, from her home town. Morris brought Miss Russell a box of chocolates. Miss Russell and her room-mate ate some of the chocolates soon after Morris left, and Miss Russell later in the evening complained that she was not feeling well. She disappeared Sunday night.

SOCIALISTS GATHER TO WELCOME EUGENE DEBS

Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 27.—Terre Haute is a swarm with Socialists today, leaders of the organization from all parts of the United States assembling here as the advance guard of the thousands expected to welcome Eugene Debs on his arrival from Washington about 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Phil K. Reinhold, chairman of the local committee in charge of the plans, said today there would be 25,000 men and women in the parade Wednesday afternoon. A mass meeting has been called for tonight as a tribute to Debs and to afford an opportunity for the gathering hosts to give vent to their feelings for their leader.

Expect Eight Queens To Attend Princess Mary's Wedding!



Foil Flight From Auburn Jail When Convict Breaks His Leg

AUBURN, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Five convicts, recently found guilty of rioting in the yard of the Auburn prison, failed in an attempt to escape Christmas night through their efforts to carry away one of their number who had broken his leg in flight. This became known today when prison officials announced one criminal had been slain and the others recaptured. Cutting their way out of the cells in the Auburn courthouse in which they had been confined during their trials and rioting, the convicts dropped into the outer yard, where one became crippled. The alarm was spread while he was being taken in a wheelbarrow across the yard and some of his companions were searching for a ladder with which to scale the outer wall. The cripple and two others were immediately caught, but the other two were not recaptured until they were discovered this morning hiding in a packing box in a private office. A bullet fired to frighten, killed one who was crouching in the bottom of the box. The quintet, all of whom came from Buffalo, had been serving long terms for manslaughter and highway robbery. Clement Facyna was the convict slain, and those who had planned to escape with him were John Wydro, Alexander Y. Kallimowski, Walter Gahdik and Frank Lubicki.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL REPORT LIGHT MARKET SALES

Only Small Quantities of Produce Offered Tuesday. There was little produce offered for sale on the city market Tuesday. There were a few bags of potatoes offered for sale at \$1.50 a bag, but the demand was slow. There was no hay or grain offered. It is predicted that next Saturday's market will be large. A big sale of fowl is anticipated. The Christmas market was one of the largest in years. There were enormous quantities of fowl offered. The prices offered were somewhat similar to those of past years. Many citizens obtained live birds at a reasonable price, as the market was drawing to a close, the farmers not desiring to return with any surplus fowl. A rather novel product that was offered by some farmers were paper flowers that they had manufactured themselves. The flowers were well made and had a real sale. There were quite a number of Christmas trees offered for sale, but the demand was nothing like former years.

Grain, per cwt. \$1.40 to \$1.50
Barley, per cwt. 1.40 to 1.50
Rye, per cwt. 1.25 to 1.30
Oats, per cwt. 1.25 to 1.30
Wheat, per cwt. 1.65 to 1.75
Corn, per bushel 67 to 72
Barley, per bushel 67 to 72
Rye, per bushel 67 to 72
Oats, per bushel 67 to 72
Hay, per ton 12.00 to 12.50
Straw, per ton 10.00 to 10.50
Vegetables—
Cabbage, new, each 10 to 15
do, per bunch 7 to 15
Celery, per bunch 7 to 15
do, per doz. 75 to 1.50
Hobnob squash, each 10 to 15
Lettuce, per doz. 60 to 65
Mint, per doz. 40 to 45
Onions, green, doz. 2.75 to 3.00
do, cooking, bu. 1.00 to 1.15
do, 11 quarts. 1.10 to 1.15
Peppers, green, doz. 10 to 15
Pumpkins, each 1.50 to 1.75
Radishes, per doz. 1.00 to 1.10
Spinach, per bu. 1.00 to 1.10
Turnips, per bu. 75 to 1.00
Vegetable marrowns. 15 to 15

Apples, per bu. 3.00 to 5.00
do, No. 1, bag. 2.50 to 3.00
do, No. 2, bag. 2.00 to 2.50
do, cooking, bu. 1.00 to 1.15
do, eating, bu. 1.50 to 2.00
do, per peck. 35 to 40
Money, Wholesale—
Honey, 5-lb. pails. 30 to 35
do, strained, lb. 17 to 17
do, comb. 35 to 38
Honey, Retail—
Honey, 5-lb. pails. 90 to 90
do, strained, lb. 50 to 50
do, comb. 40 to 40
Dairy Products, Retail—
Butter, creamery, lb. 40 to 45
do, dairy, lb. 42 to 45
do, crocks, lb. 40 to 40
Eggs, doz., basket. 60 to 70
do, per crate. 65 to 65
Poultry, Dressed, Retail—
Chickens, each. 1.00 to 1.75
do, per lb. 25 to 28
Ducks, per lb. 25 to 30
Geese, per lb. 25 to 30
do, each. 2.25 to 3.00
Poultry, Wholesale—
Old fowl, per lb. 18 to 25
Poultry, Dressed, Wholesale—
Chickens, per lb. 18 to 27
Old fowl, per lb. 18 to 35
Turkeys, per lb. 52 to 55
Poultry, Alive—
Chickens, per lb. 18 to 20
do, old, per lb. 12 to 18
Ducks, per lb. 20 to 26
Geese, per lb. 18 to 18
Turkeys, per lb. 40 to 45
Live Stock—
Hogs, alive, cwt. 9.50 to 9.60
do, fat, cwt. 5.00 to 5.50

Winnipeg, Dec. 27.—Opening: Wheat—Dec., 35c to 36c higher at \$1.04 1/2; 110% May, 36c to 37c higher at \$1.14 1/2; @1.14 1/2.
Oats—Dec., 1/2c higher at 42 1/2c; May, 1/2c higher at 45 1/2c.
Barley—May, 1/2c higher at 40c.
Flax—Dec., 1/4c higher at \$1.70 1/2; May, 1/4c higher at \$1.80 1/2.
Rye—Dec., unchanged at 87c.
Chicago, Dec. 27.—Opening: Wheat—Dec., 11 1/4c; May, \$1.17 1/2.
Corn—Dec., 49 1/2c; May, 53 1/2c.
Oats—Dec., 34 1/2c; May, 39 1/2c.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—The local stock exchange was evidently suffering from an overdose of Christmas during the first half hour this morning, for only two of the leaders were traded in, and both of these were quiet. Brazilian rose 1/2 point to 28, and Riordon was quoted unchanged at 5.
New York, Dec. 27.—Foreign bar silver, 64 1/2c per ounce.
Butter and Eggs—
Chicago, Dec. 27.—Butter—Easy; creamery extras, 42 1/2c.
Eggs—Lower; receipts, 2,873 cases; firsts, 48 1/2c.

Exchange Rates—
New York, Dec. 27.—Sterling exchange firm; demand, Great Britain, \$4.20 1/2.
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New York Stocks—
New York, Dec. 27.—Wall Street, 10:30 a.m.—Events of over the Christmas

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Wall Street Journal Finds Stagnant Condition in Trade.

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CANCER DEATH RATE INCREASED

Washington, Dec. 27.—Deaths from cancer in the death registration area of the United States in 1920 totaled approximately 73,000, according to a report today by the census bureau, which on a basis of proportional population estimated the total of deaths for the entire country at 89,000, or an increase of 5,000 from the estimate for 1919. The upward trend of the cancer death rate, the report said, is accurately shown by the increase to 83.4 per cent per 100,000 population in the registration area in 1920 from a rate of 80.0 per 100,000 in 1919. Race comparisons for various sections under the adjusted rates, the report said, show the white and negro races to be equally susceptible to the disease, with both apparently less susceptible in the south than in the north.

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At the Sabbath school Sunday morning the superintendent and secretary presented Robert Parkinson, on behalf of the school, with an address and a purse of \$40.

Samuel Milson of Mitchell, who is an uncle to Mrs. J. Wright of this place, sold his 100-acre farm recently by auction for \$11,000. Mr. Milson will sell his stock in the spring.

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The largest congregation in the history of the York Street Mission marked the Christmas night service, attended by many visitors from all parts of the city.

THE QUEEN OF SHEBA
The story of the Queen of Sheba, who ruled with comparative ease the hearts of men and was totally imperious to their appeals until finally she met the supreme love which dominated her whole life—King Solomon—is being told again in that stupendous spectacle, "The Queen of Sheba," which opened at the Allen Theatre on Christmas afternoon and will continue through the week.

THE QUEEN OF SHEBA
In the course of his sermon he emphasized the point that Jesus Christ is the pivot on which the history of the world has turned. Of such supreme importance was His birth that all events previous to it date back from it, and all subsequent events forward from the coming of the babe in the manger in Bethlehem.

THE QUEEN OF SHEBA
"Indelible and believer alike, wittingly or unwittingly, every time they date a letter or sign a document pay tribute to Jesus Christ," said the preacher.

THE QUEEN OF SHEBA
Following her solo, Mrs. Wilson was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers by little Margaret Worrell.

THREE MAY RECOVER.
BRANTFORD, Dec. 26.—Though badly cut and shaken up, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Barber and Arthur Pierce of Port Dover, whose car was wrecked in a collision at the Bowley level crossing of the Lake Erie and Northern Railway, were reported at the hospital this afternoon as being in good condition, and their recovery is looked for.

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Selects Ten "Best Photoplays of 1921"

BY JAMES W. DEAN.
NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The ten best photoplays of 1921—their selection is almost entirely one of personal opinion. That holds true in the selection of the best books of the year, or any list of the "best" of anything.

A selective list furnishes a standard to measure the critic who makes it as much as it establishes a measure of the films passed upon.

Therefore this critic in submitting a list of the films he considers the best produced from Jan. 1, 1921, to Jan. 1, 1922, realizes that he makes himself a subject of criticism.

Gliding up my typewriter and setting myself for the onslaught I proceed to say that the ten best photoplays of the year 1921 are:

"The Three Musketeers."
"The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari."
"The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse."
"Miss Lulu Bett."
"The Kid."
"Disraeli."
"Doubling for Romeo."
"Passion."
"Peter Ibbetson."
"The Janner End."

"The Three Musketeers" undoubtedly is the best photoplay yet produced. It possesses unity of action and characterization. It is a play of serious intent shot through with humor. Action lags for never a moment. Its technique is flawless, its settings and photography approaching perfection. It was offered at the Grand Theatre, London, Ont.

I was of a mind when first considering the list to place "The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari" in first position. That film marks the biggest advance in the art of the cinema since the first photoplay was made in "Tom Kiddle" neither literature, portraiture nor drama. It represents a form that employs, each of those elements, yet is distinct unto itself, a form that for want of a better name I designate as cinema composition.

However, the Caligari film had to resort to cubistic setting and an irrational story to achieve its effect.

In ten years the cinema composer will be an established figure in the world of art. He or she, will be neither author, playwright or painter.

To give reasons for each of the selections would require too much space. The things alone in "The Kid" would make it worthy of a place in any list. That was the expression in Chaplin's face when he was informed that the kid was ill. That was the greatest bit



Anna May Wong. She's the daughter of a laundry man and has appeared in several movies. Her biggest role was in "Bits of Life."

of facial action ever caught by the camera.

I placed "The Journey's End" in the list because it told its story adequately without the aid of even one subtitle. In doing that it fulfilled the true mission of a photoplay.

Ten other photoplays considered at length for a place on the list were "The Old Nest," "The Lotus Eater," "Deception," "Without Benefit," "The Kid," "Get-Rich-Quick Wallingford," and "Sentimental Tommy."

It was my pleasure to meet Mary Pickford several times during the year. I was no more doubtful about placing "The Little Lord Fauntleroy" among the



Winter Blossom. That's what her Chinese name means. She is leading lady in "What-Ho, Ho, Cook," by Gouverneur Morris.

first ten than I was about some which did find a place there. However, I felt that I might be biased in Miss Pickford's favor because of the personal impression she made upon me. For that reason I omitted her film from the first ten.

Padding injured the sincerity of "The Old Nest." The same is true of others in the secondary list. "Way Down East" was not considered because of anachronisms in characters and settings.

The list as it stands is not entirely representative. It does not include short comedies and features. They will be considered in a supplementary list. The plays as listed might be classified as "feature" films.

41 DIE IN WAKE OF GULF STORM

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 26.—The death list from the storm which Friday night and early Saturday morning swept Northeastern Louisiana, today stood at 41—2 white men, 1 white woman and 37 negroes.

The number of injured persons was still undetermined.

The property damage has been placed at less than a million dollars.

The Red Cross was today continuing its efforts to supply the homeless with food, clothing and shelter.

Spencer, La., a village which was wrecked by the storm, has been abandoned, all inhabitants having been taken by special train to Monroe, where the injured and homeless are being cared for.

As a fitting conclusion to this excellent and wholesome Christmas offering is an interesting travesty, the Allen weekly news budget and another snub Pollard scream.

Special appropriate music features the big picture, "The Queen of Sheba."

"Queen of Sheba" At Allen's Proves Gigantic Spectacle

Six Thousand Warriors Engage in Mortal Combat, Depicting Biblical Narration of Engagement Between Solomon's Army and That of His Brother Adonijah.

Direct from its sensational run on Broadway, New York, the romantic story of the "Queen of Sheba" of Arabia, the eldest daughter of a hundred kings, who ruled with comparative ease the hearts of men and was totally imperious to their appeals until finally she met the supreme love which dominated her whole life—King Solomon—is being told again in that stupendous spectacle, "The Queen of Sheba," which opened at the Allen Theatre on Christmas afternoon and will continue through the week.

In opulent splendor, with all the gorgeousness and glory of the ancient Orient as its background, the "Queen of Sheba" has been screened by the William Fox Corporation as the greatest and best love story that has come to us down through the ages.

But the story is altogether charming in the exacting role as the Queen of Sheba, while Fritz Lieber, already noted as a Shakespearean actor of considerable merit, is certainly impressive as King Solomon.

Their support throughout the excellent account of themselves, and several other stars and feature players have undertaken to play various roles with huge success.

Tom Mix, the famous cowboy star, for instance, helps to make the thrilling chariot races all the more realistic.

The battle scenes are indeed wonderful, especially in view of the fact that more than six thousand men are seen engaged in mortal combat—the great engagement between Solomon's army and his brother Adonijah, with Sheba's forces joining at a crucial moment.

Undoubtedly no picture of such historical value has been witnessed in the city for months as the "Queen of Sheba."

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As far as comedy is concerned, Mr. Hyman and Mr. Ray have things pretty much to themselves. Mr. Ray, as the butler who once had a brother killed in a stepladder, is exceptional.

Miss Virginia Mann is splendid and carries the audience with her in the big scene of the play.

Miss Gertrude Gustin is also mighty good, while the rest of the cast fit admirably into their respective parts.

'Mutt and Jeff in Chinatown' At Grand Plays To Capacity Houses

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"Mutt and Jeff in Chinatown," a farce musical comedy, with some music and some comedy, pleased all of the audience some of the time, and some of the audience all of the time, when it opened a three-day engagement at the Grand Theatre, with matinee and evening performances Monday.

Few theatrical offerings offer such a great variety of good and indifferent entertainment as the present revision of Bud Fisher's clever cartoon character comedy. At times it is excellent, but at times in drops unnecessarily into burlesque. At the evening performance the house was crowded, and the applause for the second act, which is much better than the first act, was very generous.

The cleverest part of the whole performance is unquestionably the singing of the versatile Fred Roberts, while the Scotch and other dance and song novelties of Agnes MacPherson are artistically presented.

The costumes are striking and the chorus in several numbers, noticeably the "Gypsy Rose" song, does very good work.

The sleigh-bell chorus was a decided hit, cleverly presented. Fred Roberts deserved the applause it received. There is nothing in the slightest degree objectionable in the work of the chorus.

Danny McCormick, as Jeff, is a clever actor, and Josephine Sabel, as Lizzie Jeff, is very capable, but excels rather in her specialties. Billy Browning plays the role of Mutt to good ad-

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FIVE LOSE LIVES FROM GAS FUMES

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 26.—Fumes from a defective gas heater caused the death of Gaetano Maimonti, his wife and three children on Saturday night as the family was preparing to celebrate the holiday.

Police called by neighbors, whose anxiety was aroused today by the fact that the Christmas trees in the Maimonti home had been brightly illuminated since Saturday night, while none of the family had been seen, broke a window and discovered the tragedy.

The bodies of Mrs. Maimonti and the children were found in their beds. Maimonti's body was found near his wife's bed, where he apparently had been overcome as he attempted to arouse his family.

The police believe Maimonti remained up after other members of the family retired, to decorate the Christmas tree; that with the task completed he lighted the gas heater, which had no pipe connection with the chimney, to heat water for his bath and that possibly he sat down to rest and fell asleep. He was aroused some time later by the fumes, officers believe, but was overcome before he could save his family.

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QUELL RIOTING IN BELFAST STREETS

BELFAST, Dec. 26.—Further disorders occurred here today. A dozen shots were fired in Louis street this afternoon, but so far as is known, no one was injured. Soldiers were hurried to the scene and restored order.

DENIES ANY HAND IN CHILD'S DEATH

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Dec. 26.—Throughout several hours of questioning by the police yesterday George Gates, the carpenter arrested for the murder of 5-year-old Tessie Kucharski, steadfastly denied any connection with the crime. The child's body was found in a suitcase in the Albion Hotel.

Gates asserted he would be able to present an alibi when the proper time came.

QUITS POST WITH FOREIGN OFFICE

PARIS, Dec. 26.—Philippe Barthélemy, general secretary of the French foreign office, today tendered his resignation to Premier Briand.

It is understood by the Havas Agency that the premier intends to dispense with the post of general secretary of the foreign office in view of the resignation, and that the director of political affairs will assume the duties which the retiring secretary performed.

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