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Russians Defeated in Fight With Koreans; Japanese Fleet Bombards Vladivostock

Body of Czar's Troops in Vicinity of Anju Routed With a Loss of Thirty Men—Jap Shells Do Little Damage to Vladivostock—One Woman Killed and Five Russian Sailors Wounded.

Seoul, March 7. — The Russian soldiers operating in the vicinity of Anju are committing all manner of excesses, maltreating the native women, and perpetrating robbery upon every opportunity.

Korean soldiers attacked a body of the invaders on Friday last, the 4th inst., and succeeded in killing 30 of them. It is reported that as the result of a collision between Russian and Korean soldiers at Kang Ge the Russians were driven beyond the Yalu River.

VLADIVOSTOCK BOMBARDED.

Vladivostock, March 7. — A fleet of five Japanese battleships and two cruisers appeared off this place at 10:25 o'clock this afternoon and bombarded the town and shore batteries for 55 minutes. The fleet approached from the direction of Askold Island, at the east entrance of Ussuri Bay, and about 32 miles southeast of Vladivostock. Entering Ussuri Bay, the enemy formed in line of battle, but did not approach to a closer range than 5 1-3 miles. They directed their fire against the shore batteries and the town, but no damage resulted, as most of the 200 lyddite shells failed to burst. The Russian batteries, commanded by Gens. Sveronetz and Artamonoff, did not reply, awaiting a closer approach of the enemy. The Japanese fire ceased at 2:20 p.m., and the enemy retired in the direction of Askold Island. Simultaneously two torpedo boat destroyers appeared near Askold Island, and two more near Cape Maidol. The Japanese ships were covered with ice. The attack resulted in no loss to the Russians, but cost the enemy 200,000 roubles ($100,000) in ammunition. Most of the projectiles were 6 and 12-inch shells. The population of Vladivostock was warned this morning of the presence on the horizon of a hostile fleet, and of the prospect of an attack during the day, but it remained tranquil.

FIVE WERE KILLED.

Official dispatches concerning the bombardment of Vladivostock by a Japanese fleet this afternoon do not mention any Russian losses, but private advices say that four sailors and the wife of an engineer were killed. It is apparent the Japanese were afraid to risk exposing their ships to the plunging fire of the land batteries, and it is considered probable here that the attack was really to draw the fire of the Russian forts, compelling the Russians to disclose the position and caliber of their guns, and also to ascertain whether the Russian squadron is in port. If this was the Japanese purpose, it is believed to have failed signally, as the batteries did not fire a shot, and if the squadron is in port it could not be seen from the Japanese position in the Bay of Ussuri on account of the high land which rises from the coast on that side, obstructing the view of the harbor.

WHICH FLEET WAS IT?

St. Petersburg, March 7. — Although the prevailing opinion in military circles continues to be that the bombardment of Vladivostock Sunday was for the purpose of locating the guns of the Russian batteries and to ascertain whether the Russian squadron was in port, some shrewd observers believe it indicates a move by land and sea against the city.

The Novoe Vremya advances the theory that the bombardment was ordered for political effect on the Japanese Diet.

It is considered here especially unfortunate that the Japanese did not go close enough to Vladivostock to establish the identity of their ships, leaving the question whether they were a division of the Port Arthur fleet in doubt. But it is not believed the Japanese would dare to divide the latter, which would involve the risk of a sortie by the Russians and their playing havoc with the Japanese transport flotilla.

LOOKING FOR THE FLEET.

Paris, March 7.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo de Paris, concerning the bombardment of Vladivostock yesterday afternoon, says that the opinion of competent men is that the Japanese wished to find out whether or not the Russian squadron was at Vladivostock, in the belief that should it prove to be absent it would be necessary for the vessels to return and defend the place. The correspondent adds: "These tactics are useless, as the general staff here knows Reitzenstern's exact destination, and that he has succeeded perfectly in carrying out the plan confided to him, despite the constant vigilance of the Japanese. I am not allowed to say more today."

TO ABANDON NEW CHWANG.

Yin Kow, March 6.—The removal of the furniture of the police and military quarters at New Chwang, the withdrawal of unnecessary rolling stock and equipment from the New Chwang Railway terminus, and the removal of silver from the bank, indicate an intended evacuation of New Chwang. The bank authorities have arranged to leave French and German agents in charge of their interests. A large force of cavalry is expected to return to New Chwang before the river opens for the purpose of maintaining patrols between the main railway and the seas and of reconnoitering the coast.

Russian private letters disclose the fact that in the recent engagements between the Yalu River and Ping Yang, the Russians, with superior numbers, defeated the Japanese, but lost heavily.

The derailment of one car yesterday north of Dalny, by an obstacle on the track, delayed trains for 15 hours, and a serious accident was only averted by the low speed at which the train was running.

STRENGTHENING THE FORTRESS.

Port Arthur dispatches of Saturday and Sunday say that everything is quiet there. The Japanese cruiser squadron was seen reconnoitering off Port Arthur on Friday night, during a heavy snowstorm. The Daily Telegraph's Che Foo correspondent says the Russians are still employing thousands of coolies at Port Arthur and Dalny on entrenchments and new forts, and that they are also mounting over 100 guns to protect the neck of the isthmus.

RUSSIAN DESERTERS SHOT.

The correspondent of the Standard at Tien Tsin gives a rumor that 50 Russian sailors were caught in an attempt to escape from Port Arthur, and that they were shot the same day.

THE ADVANCE DELAYED.

The Daily Mail's Che Foo correspondent describes a visit which he made to Chinampho. He says the country thence to Ping Yang is impassable, owing to the thaw. The villages were deserted, and horses and provisions cannot be obtained, everything having been bought up by the Japanese. "I am informed," says the correspondent, "that there will be no advance till 100,000 men have been concentrated at Ping Yang. It is thawing inland, and the waterways have greatly helped the transportation arrangements. The Japanese are busy at every suitable landing place, and are buying all suitable craft along the coast. At noon on Friday, transport steamers, convoyed by the cruiser Takao and two torpedo boats, landed men and stores ten miles below Hwangju. Cossacks are keeping a sharp watch on the Japanese movements."

MISSIONARIES ALARMED.

Cabling under yesterday's date, the same correspondent says the missionaries are averse to leaving Ping Yang, and are not likely to accept the offer of United States Minister Allen to allow refugees to go aboard the United States cruiser Cincinnati, as they believe they will be able to escape later should the situation become acute.

JAP DYNAMITERS.

The Standard's St. Petersburg correspondent telegraphs, under reserve, a story to the effect that a party of Japanese, disguised as Tartars, were arrested by a guard of the Siberian Railway at Syzran, on the River Volga, having packages of dynamite in their possession. A special dispatch from Tien Tsin estimates there are 30,000 Tunguse irregulars in Southern Manchuria, largely led by patriotic Japanese, who volunteered for the dangerous work.

The Russian cruiser Aurora has arrived at Suda Bay, Turkey.

A KOREAN CONSPIRACY.

Twenty members of the peddlers' band are reported to have taken an oath to kill all officials who favor an alliance with Japan. The Japanese minister, on being notified of this, promptly informed the Korean Government that if it did not arrest the conspirators the Japanese officials would do so. As a result four leaders of the peddlers have just been arrested.

ON RUSSIA'S FLANK.

St. Petersburg, March 6.—Advices from Vladivostock say the 2,560 Japanese troops who landed at Plaksin Bay (on the east coast of Northern Korea) are advancing toward Husan (218 miles from Sensan), with the intention of ultimately reaching Hunchan (on the left bank of the Tumen River, about 100 miles west of Vladivostock), and threatening the Russian flank. In order to checkmate this move, the Russian outposts, 1,500 strong, which recently crossed the Tumen, is advancing to occupy Koyryong, on the Tumen River, a walled city commanding the trail along which the Japanese must pass.

The naval mobilization foreshadowed in these dispatches was partially decided upon today. Three eastern provinces of European Russian—Vyatka, Perm and Ufa—are included in the plan, the purpose stated being the strengthening of the crews of the Pacific squadron.

AFTER JAP SPIES.

Vladivostock, March 7. — Last night passed quietly, the inhabitants and the troops are in unusually high spirits. A strict search is being made throughout the town for Japanese. The police have posted placards on the walls offering a reward for information as to the whereabouts of Japanese, and threatening with trial by court-martial any person found guilty of concealing them.

WILL DIVIDE COST

Mexico to Pay Half of Expense of Steamship Line.

Ottawa, March 7. — The Mexican Government, through Sir William Mulock, have expressed a willingness to bear one-half the cost of instituting a steamship service between Mexico and Canada. It is believed the Canadian Government will reciprocate, and that before long steps will be taken to inaugurate a service. A steamship line to Mexico will be a great advantage to manufacturers or exporters who do business with that republic, seeing that it will mean direct communication and the avoidance of vexatious delays.

A FLYING ROLLER GUILTY.

Windsor, Ont., March 7. — Judge Horne on Saturday found Mrs. Lodenia Beaver, a member of the Windsor Flying Roll colony, guilty of distributing obscene literature on the streets of Windsor. Upon application of J. W. Hanna, defendant's attorney, sentence was reserved for one week.

BORROWING POWERS

Many Essex County Municipalities in an Awkward Fix.

Amherstburg, March 7. — The quo warranto proceedings instituted against the town council of Amherstburg, on the ground that the councilors committed a breach of the municipal act in borrowing upwards of 80 per cent of the total amount required for current expenses, will have a far-reaching effect throughout Essex county.

Bankers carrying the accounts of municipalities have made the discovery that nearly all of the municipalities have overstepped their borrowing powers and have notified several municipalities that hereafter they will refuse to advance any funds beyond the limit of the municipality's borrowing powers.

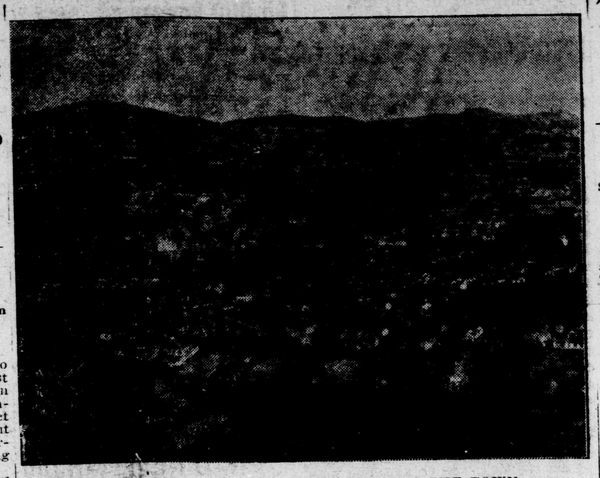
SLAUGHTER CHARGED

Alleged Murderer of Ruddin Given Preliminary Hearing.

Windsor, Ont., March 7. — Edward Slaughter, who was brought to Windsor on Friday night from Cincinnati, appeared before Magistrate Bartlett on Saturday, and his preliminary hearing was set for Friday next. Delos R. Davis, of Amherstburg, is acting as counsel for Slaughter. The information charges Slaughter first with murder, and secondly with manslaughter. Slaughter appeared to be very unconcerned over the proceedings. He admits striking Rudden with the billiard cue, but says it was in a fight.

SKULL FRACTURED BY FALL.

Guelph, March 7. — Freeman Robertson, a young lad about 10 years of age, while running around the balcony of the Victoria Skating Rink, slipped and fell under the railing, fifteen feet, to the ice below. His skull was fractured, and he is in a serious condition.



PORT ARTHUR; A GENERAL VIEW OF THE TOWN.

THE WAR SITUATION.

A Japan[illegible]t bombarded Vladivostock yesterday. Russian reports [illegible] fight say no damage was done. The forts did not re[illegible] the attack, which was made at a distance of five mil[illegible] object of the bombardment was evidently an attempt to locate the Russian fleet, the whereabouts of which is wrapped in mystery. There is no further news of fighting at Port Arthur. Russians are reported as preparing to evacuate New Chwang. China has ordered the Russians out of her territory, and has troops on the scene to back up the order. A party of Japs, disguised as Tartars, with the intention of dynamiting railway bridges, was captured in European Russia. Russians and Koreans clashed near Anju, and the former were defeated, losing thirty of their men. An army of 2,560 Japanese has landed on the east coast of Northern Korea with the object of making a flank movement on the Russians. Thirty thousand Manchurian irregulars, led by Jap officers, are preparing to swoop upon the Czar's forces. Japan, in the face of great difficulties by reason of the weather, is steadily advancing her armies. She is not expected to attack the Russians until at least 100,000 men are on the scene. A Korean conspiracy to kill all ministers favoring an alliance with Japan, has been unearthed at Seoul. Later reports of the attack on Vladivostock say one woman was killed and five Russians sailors wounded.

DEFENSE OF THE PACIFIC COAST

London Post Points Out Weak Point in Case of War.

DIRECTOR SEES RUIN FOR G. T. R.

Australia Protests Against Chinese Labor in the Rand—Too Much Sport in England.

London, March 7. — The Post, referring to the bill for reorganizing the Canadian militia, says much credit is due to Lord Dundonald for the comprehensive scheme for the defense of Canada and for his unfailing tact in dealing with Canadians and their parliamentary representatives. It remains to be seen whether a 50 per cent increase in pay and a growing conviction in the country that the militia is not a plaything will enable the Dominion authorities to make the force realizable. It will not be the fault of Lord Dundonald or Sir Frederick Borden if Canada fails to possess a well-balanced weapon of defense. The cry of militarism can no longer be regarded as an argument by the majority of Canadians. The time will soon come when Canada will contribute to the cost of the navy protecting trade valued at $1,200,000,000, of which Canada's share is one-tenth. The notable object lesson of the war in the Far East, in full view of Canada's Pacific Coast, which is without a fleet, carries a moral which should not be overlooked by Hon. Mr. Prefontaine and other Canadian politicians, who appear to think that the building of a couple of revenue cruisers is a serious contribution to the naval strength of the Empire.

G. T. R. AND G. T. P.

Mr. George Allen, one of the directors retained on the board of the G. T. R. since Sir Henry Tyler's regime, but now resigned, says the report to be dealt with today is fundamentally wrong, and will gradually ruin the Grand Trunk. When he resigned on Dec. 28 the route across the mountains had not been determined, the length of the lines was unascertained, and an estimate of the cost had not been submitted. If the Government wants a line which will take all new traffic off the Portland section it ought to build it itself. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has stated that the Government runs no risk, while the risk of the old line is a danger which is imminent. The agreements ought not to be confirmed.

An Edinburgh holder of a considerable quantity of G. T. R. stock hopes no decision will be reached at today's meeting. To guarantee the second mortgage bonds of the company in the weak condition of the G. T. P. to an unrestricted extent would, he declares, ruin the G. T. R.

JAMESON OR ENGLAND.

The South African News says that Dr. Jameson's leadership is in the direction of a not untried precipice; patriotic men must choose between him and England.

The labor organizations of Melbourne, at a meeting at which 5,000 attended, protested against Chinese importation into the Rand without a referendum vote.

Premier Seddon wants New Zealand to petition the King to veto the Chinese bill.

Premier Seddon says that before the end of the year the operation of the new preferential tariff will divert half a million pounds of New Zealand's trade to England.

WILL THEY EVER BUILD THE DITCH

Panama Canal Co. Unable to Deliver to United States.

OWNERS HAVEN'T CLEAR TITLE

The Deal Was Set for March 28th, but There Is Small Possibility of Its Going Through.

Washington, March 7. — "Not only is the Panama Canal Company unable to deliver the goods, but there is no certainty that it will be able to do so on March 25, when the United States has arranged to make payment, or at any other time in the near future," said Senator T. C. Platt, of New York yesterday. Senator Platt is acting chairman of the senate committee on the inter-ocean canal. He said all legislation would be held in abeyance until the title to the canal had been completed by the new Panama Canal Company.

It was learned that Charles W. Russell, special assistant attorney-general, will make another trip to Paris, within a short time, for the purposes of further investigation, and to complete certain legal technicalities.

A prominent member of the house committee on inter-state and foreign commerce expressed doubt of the ability of the French company to a perfect title, to the satisfaction of the United States. When asked if he considered the chances for getting a proper title from the new Panama Canal Company, entirely hopeless, this member said:

"The only way in which the United States can get an absolutely safe title would be by securing, if possible, the record of enough indebtedness against the old canal company, to obtain a foreclosure and an absolute sale of the property to the new company. The latter would be in a position to sell the property to the United States with a clear and absolute title."

WEATHER BULLETIN

TOMORROW—FINE AND COLDER.

London, Monday, March 7.

Sun rises..6:44 a.m. Moon rises..12:00 a.m.
Sun sets...6:14 p.m. Moon sets...10:12 a.m.

Toronto, March 6—8 p.m.

Mild weather now prevails throughout the continent, attended in Ontario by sleet and rain. Elsewhere it is fair.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 36—44; Calgary, 24—36; Qu'Appelle, 22—34; Winnipeg, 8—36; Parry Sound, 20—34; Toronto, 28—36; Ottawa, 10—34; Montreal, 12—32; Quebec, 6—28; Halifax, 4—22.

FORECASTS.

Monday, March 7—8 a.m.

Today—Mild, with rain.

Tuesday—Fresh to strong northwest to north winds; clearing and turning colder again.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	0	20	Snow
Winnipeg	14	12	Cloudy
Parry Sound	36	30	Rain
Toronto	36	34	Rain
Ottawa	32	26	Rain
Montreal	34	30	Rain
Quebec	26	22	Snow
Father Point	24	22	Cloudy

WEATHER NOTES.

The disturbance which was forming in the Southwest States on Saturday is now moving into Ontario, attended by heavy rain and sleet eastward to the lower St. Lawrence Valley, and promising a storm in the Maritime Provinces. Colder weather has set in during the night in the Northwest Territories and Manitoba.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Saturday, were: Highest, 35°; lowest, 15°. Sunday—Highest, 35°; lowest, 30°.

TRICKS PLAYED BY JAP SHELLS

One Plunged Into a Cottage and Killed a Woman.

ANOTHER DESTROYED A STOVE

And a Third Covered a Sentry With Mud—Five Sailors in Barracks Wounded.

Vladivostock, March 7.—Outside of killing a woman and wounding a few men yesterday's bombardment of Vladivostock by the Japanese fleet did no material damage. The wooden cottage of an artisan was the only building wholly destroyed. It was pierced by a shell from a twelve-inch gun, which, after traversing the roof and wall, fell in the yard, killing the woman previously referred to.

In the quarter of the city called the "Dirty Corner," a shell fell on the house of Colonel Shukoff without exploding. It traversed a bedroom, destroying a stove and penetrated a wall. It finally burst near the regimental safe, which was standing in the court yard. A sentry guarding the safe was covered with mud, but was not injured. Evidently fearing an outbreak of fire the sentry shouted: "Help, save the regimental colors," which were in the house. These ultimately were brought out by the colonel's wife, and the soldiers.

Five sailors were slightly wounded by the explosion of a shell in the court yard of the Siberian naval barracks.

Outside of those casualties no one was killed or injured and there was no outbreak of fire anywhere in the city.

The fact that the Russian batteries did not reply to the Japanese bombardment was due partially to the slight chance of hitting the enemy's warships at such a long range and partially to a desire not to betray the position of the batteries. It is now thought that the attacking squadron consisted of a battleship, four armored cruisers and two unprotected cruisers.

ARCTIC HOT SPRINGS

Remarkable Natural Phenomena Discovered in the Far North.

New York, March 7. — A dispatch to the World from Tacoma, Wash., says: Latest Nome advices received at Dawson give details of wonderful hot springs, which make a verdant spot just below the latitude of the Arctic Ocean in the midst of winter. The springs are located on Reed River, 100 miles northwest of Riley Camp, in the Kobuk River country. The thermal zone covers a large basin, where it is possible for travelers to disrobe at any time of the year and bathe in warm water. Snow never falls there, and the grass is always green. Miners go there and bathe during the winter months, when the thermometer only a few miles away registers 60 to 70 below zero.

THE TWENTY-FIRST VICTIM.

New York, March 7. — Another body, that of the 21st victim of the collapse of the Hotel Darlington last Wednesday, was uncovered in the wreckage of the hotel today. The body was in the center of the ruins near the elevator shaft, and it is thought that several more bodies may be found in this location. Three bodies were taken out yesterday, being those of Patrick Quinn, William R. Greene and Benzi Sonti.

The Duke of Devonshire to Lead the New Cabinet?

London Guessing as to Ministry Should Liberals Go In.

Asquith Would Step Into Vernon Harcourt's Shoes.

Campbell-Bannerman To Be a Peer and Council President—Foreign Office for Rosebery.

New York, March 7. — I. N. Ford, in a London cable to the Tribune, says: Sir William Vernon-Harcourt, who unconsciously provided a resource for extravagant and ceaseless expenditures on military and naval armaments when he revised the death and estate duties, has announced his retirement from public life. The Liberals have no debater equal to Sir William Vernon-Harcourt, as he was before his voice failed him, and no financier of like eminence. Sir William Vernon-Harcourt's withdrawal makes it probable that Mr. Asquith will be chancellor of the exchequer in the Liberal coalition cabinet, and Mr. Haldane, lord chancellor. One of the shrewdest observers of British politics forecasts the premiership of the Duke of Devonshire, the elevation of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman to the peerage with the office of president of the council, the return of Lord Rosebery to the foreign office, and the handing over of the leadership of the House of Commons to Mr. Asquith. This is also a favorite list in the new political salons and in Belgravia, where Mrs. Asquith is popular.

BRITAIN'S TRADE

Substantial Increases for Exports and Imports in February.

London, March 7. — The board of trade returns for the month of February show that imports increased $17,749,500, and the exports increased $5,597,000. The increase in imports includes foodstuffs to the value of $8,343,180, and cotton to the amount of $3,429,435. Among the exports the only notable increase was cotton fabrics, $4,251,585.

BOOTH-TUCKER TO QUIT

Commander of the Army in United States to Take Up Literary Work.

New York, March 7. — The World this morning says: It is believed in the Salvation Army, although denied at the army headquarters yesterday, that Commander Booth-Tucker will retire soon from the command in America to do literary work in London, and will be succeeded by Commander Thos. E. Coombes, now in England.

Rumors that Commander Booth-Tucker will soon retire as head of the Salvation Army of America and be assigned to literary work in London, are denied by minor officers with the organization headquarters in this city.

DEATH OF W. H. HAMMOND

A Prominent Citizen of Petrolea Passes Away.

Petrolea, Ont., March 9. — W. H. Hammond, one of the oldest residents of this town and Oil Springs, died last evening. Mr. Hammond first settled in Oil Springs, afterwards removing to Petrolea. He filled the position in this town as reeve, mayor, councilor, school trustee and other municipal offices. He also was largely interested in producing and refining oil, and at the time of his death was police magistrate. In politics he was a Liberal. Much regret is expressed by all.

TARTE HAS THEM GOING

Monk's Friends to Talk It Over and Do Something.

Ottawa, March 7. — Sir Frederick Borden's bill to amend the militia act upon lines that are already well known to the public, and Hon. Raymond Prefontaine's bill to create a naval militia and establish naval training stations, are two of the important measures to be brought before the House. If the ministry accede to the representations of the Lord's Day Alliance there may be a Federal Sunday observance law. There will not, however, be many Government measures. There are over 80 applications for private bills, and the number is increasing every week. Taking every possible circumstance into account, the session should not be one of inordinate length. If it should be spun out unduly it will be by reason of the Opposition's desire to manufacture campaign material. A Conservative caucus has been called for the evening of the 9th inst. at Mr. Borden's house, to discuss the situation caused by Mr. Monk's retirement. Mr. Tarte's reappearance in the Conservative ranks is not welcome to all Mr. Borden's followers, and there are those among them who even at this early date are urging that he be thrown overboard as a political Jonah.

KING LEOPOLD'S DISGRACE

Refuses to Allow His Daughters to Benefit by Their Mother's Will.

Brussels, March 7. — If King Leopold of Belgium has any reputation left it will hardly survive his action in allowing his own daughters to sue him in court for alimony. Not content with banishing the unhappy Princess Stephanie from the bedside of her dead mother, after refusing to allow her to take a last farewell, King Leopold now refuses to allow her and her sister, the Princess Louise of Cobourg, to benefit by their mother's will.

The princesses have been forced to take action in the law courts by Louise's creditors. The legal aspect of the case is complicated and obscure, depending on the point of whether the marriage settlement of 1853 provides for separate estates or not, but judgment of public opinion has already been delivered.

Princess Stephanie's counsel read a declaration that she was not only prevented from benefiting by her mother's will, but her allowance had been withdrawn. He also read the Queen's will, in which it was said that she never spent a farthing of her own dowry and that all efforts to trace it proved fruitless.

FEBRUARY'S WEATHER.

Toronto, Ont., March 7.—The weather report for February just issued, discussing the snowfall, says that on the higher lands of Ontario east of Lake Huron, the depth ranges from 30 to 60 inches. In Muskoka and to the Ottawa Valley the depth is 30 to 40 inches, and in Southern Ontario only 5 to 15 inches. Weather bureau reports that February's average temperature in Ontario has been exceeded by only three months—January, 1835; January, 1875, and February, 1885.

ELMIRA'S BIG FIRE

Losses Will Approach Two Hundred Thousand Dollars.

Elmira, N. Y., March 7.—Fire which started last night in the Lyceum Theater, destroyed the building together with several stores and the lodge rooms of the Elks. Later it spread to the Realty building, in which was located the Auditorium Theater, a number of offices and the rooms of the Kanauola Athletic Club and gymnasium. The total loss is estimated at $200,000, of which the Lyceum Theater loss about to $75,000. The Elks and the Kanauola Club losses are heavy.

COAL AS CONTRABAND

British Government Objects to Russia's Putting It on the List.

London, March 7. — Answering a question in the House of Commons this afternoon, Premier Balfour said the Government considered that Russia's declaration that she proposed to treat coal as contraband of war was of the greatest importance. The Premier added he was aware that the Russian plenipotentiary at the West African conference held at Berlin in December, 1884, in relation to the neutralization of the Congo, declared Russia never would accept an interpretation that coal should be considered by international law as contraband of war, and that his Government would categorically refuse to consent to recognize coal as contraband, either in relation to the Congo or any other district whatever. In view of this, Mr. Balfour concluded, the British Government was taking steps to obtain more precise information in regard to the interpretation of the Russian declaration respecting contraband of war.

SYSTEM PLAY SUCCEEDS

A Syndicate of Three Americans and Two Englishmen Causing Concern

Monte Carlo, March 7. — A new bank breaking syndicate, which has been working unobtrusively for several weeks, is credited with wonderful success, causing the popular belief that the Casino directors are for the first time distinctly uncomfortable. The syndicate consists of three Americans and two Englishmen with a capital of $125,000.

Two of the syndicate play simultaneously at different tables. Each backs even chances to win $25 every time until they have been successful in a fixed number of coups. Then they play to win $50, periodically increasing the amounts while fortune is favorable and returning to the original £5 basis when their luck turns.

The public partly attributes the recent serious fall in the Casino shares to the success of the syndicate and partly to the increased anti-gambling agitation. The French authorities are seriously considering placing a tax of 50 per cent on profits of all public gambling and so-called visitors' clubs.

BARON HALKETT DEAD.

New York, March 7. — A cable to the American from Bloemfontein says: Baron Halkett of Hanover, some time husband of Miss Sarah Phelps Stokes, died here yesterday.

Baron Halkett was wedded to Miss Stokes in 1890 in New York. They were divorced two years later.

HON. REGINALD WARD DEAD

London, March 7. — The Hon. Reginald Ward, the well-known amateur rider, and brother of the Earl of Dudley, lord-lieutenant of Ireland, died this morning as the result of an operation for appendicitis.

Murder in Russell County; Man Chops Off Wife's Head

Ottawa, March 7. — G. P. Menard, a C. P. R. sectionman living in Clarence township, Russell county, chopped his wife's head off with an axe at midnight on Sunday, and then slashed his own throat in three places with a knife and gashed his forehead with an axe. He will die. Menard was likely insane. A few months ago he showed signs of mental weakness.

There were six little children in the house at the time, and the eldest, a boy, ran to a neighbor, Napoleon Cessiers, who hurried over and bound the man with a rope to prevent further trouble.

Dr. Boyd, of Casselman, coroner for Russell, and Crown Attorney Maxwell, of L'Orignal, have been summoned and an inquest will be held today.

The crime created great excitement, as it was only a few weeks ago that Daniel Colligan and his son were murdered by a farm hand in the neighboring township of Alfred.

China Orders Russians Out; Must Go Beyond Liao

Tokio, March 7.—The Chinese foreign office has replied to the Mikado's Government regarding the protest filed by Russia against the dispatch of troops to the northern provinces. The reply says that the object is to maintain order and enforce neutrality.

China has requested the Russian troops to withdraw to the eastward of the Liao River, as otherwise much disturbance might be caused to the Chinese inhabitants of those provinces.

A small number of Russian troops are reported to be at New Chwang. The influence of the Russians at that important port seems to be on the decline, and they have expressed the desire that China shall declare New Chwang to be a neutral port, with the apparent object of embarrassing Japan. The arrival of the Japanese army is desired by all neutrals.

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WRECKED NEAR CHAPLEAU

C. P. R. Express Derailed With a Loss of One Life.

Fort William, March 7.—At 2 o'clock Friday morning the westbound C. P. R. express left the track at Forks station about 100 miles east of Chapleau. One man named McGowan, who boarded the train at Biscotasing, is reported killed, and six people more or less injured. It is also reported that the colonist car was wrecked or burned. None of the passengers in the sleepers were hurt. Anthony Allen and Miss Jean Thompson, of Fort William, are among the passengers reported safe. The road was clear for traffic next afternoon.

Lever's Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder dusted in the bath, softens the water and disinfects. 38

Dr. Arthur McDonald, the criminologist in Washington, now says that unless a person wants to become a criminal he should never eat meat or potatoes.

CO-OPERATION BY ORCHARDISTS

For the Packing, Selling and Shipping of Apples.

FRUIT-GROWERS ARE AROUSED

Middlesex Men Decide to Organize an Association For Proper Handling of Fruit.

Vanneck, March 5.—The marketing of apples from this district has for years been so unsatisfactory that orchardists have become thoroughly disgusted with present methods. Many have been frequently humbugged by buyers, and others who tried shipping direct to the British markets have received such incomplete and unsatisfactory sales accounts and cash returns, that the advisability of cutting down their orchards and using the ground for other purposes has been seriously considered by many growers. Such a thing, of course, would have been a calamity.

The outcome of this season's transactions has been the straw that broke the camel's back, and an agitation was started that his resulted in the organization of an association for the co-operative packing, selling and shipping of apples.

A meeting for this purpose was held in the hall at Ilderton on Monday afternoon, when Mr. A. McNeill, Dominion fruit inspector, was present and gave some valuable information and many suggestions as to how this association might be operated, and the advantages to be derived from such co-operation. By beginning in a small way and expanding each year, not only could the produce of the orchard be more economically handled, but co-operation could also be applied to spraying orchards, making boxes or barrels for shipping, buying new nursery stock, etc. Mr. McNeil outlined two schemes: One by which a number of orchardists could join together and agree to ship their apples through the association, each grower packing his own apples, and delivering them at the point of shipment; the other (the one he recommended to the meeting) was the formation of a joint stock company, having a central packing house, where all apples would be brought direct from orchards and entirely handled by the association.

The meeting favored the central packing house scheme, and a motion to organize an association for this purpose at Ilderton was unanimously passed. Mr. H. B. Kennedy was elected chairman, and Mr. A. O. Telfer, secretary—these officials to act for the present.

A committee including Messrs. A. McLean, J. C. P. Hughes, T. B. Scott, B. Rosser, A. C. Attwood, S. P. Zavitz, Ed Caverhill, John Guest, with the president and secretary, was appointed with power to add to their number, to take all necessary steps for the complete organization of an apple packing, selling and shipping association.

Each orchardist in the Ilderton, Coldstream and Denfield districts will be canvassed, and it is expected that a strong association will be formed.

The above committee will meet at Mr. T. B. Scott's home on Monday afternoon next to push along the work committed to them.

It is believed that this is the beginning of a movement that will soon spread over all fruit districts in Ontario, and that the results will be such that the orchard will be a very profitable part of the farm, instead of being looked upon an the unprofitable servant.

SUNLIGHT SOAP REDUCES EXPENSE

$5,000 Reward will be paid by Lever Brothers Limited, Toronto, to any person who can prove that this soap contains any form of adulteration whatsoever, or contains any injurious chemicals.

Ask for the Octagon Bar. 215

EIGHT LIVES LOST

Two Locomotives Go Through a Bridge In Ohio.

Cleveland, O., aMrch 7.—Eight lives are reported to have been lost Friday as a result of two engines on the Cleveland and Pittsburg road going through a bridge over Yellow Creek, near Irondale. Eight men, composing the crews of two work trains are believed to have gone down with the engines. The bridge had been weakened by high water, and collapsed when the engines ran onto it.

There Is Pneumonia On Every Hand

THREE DEATHS IN ONE FAMILY RECENTLY ARISE FROM NEGLECTED OR UNCONTROLLABLE COLDS.

Pneumonia is second only to consumption in the number of deaths which it causes. Unlike consumption, always has its beginning with a cold.

At this season you can scarcely glance over a paper without seeing the record of several deaths from this dread disease.

Cold in the head, fever and chills, a cough which gradually becomes dry and more painful in the chest, rapid, difficult breathing, feelings of exhaustion and depression—these are symptoms of pneumonia.

You can prevent and cure pneumonia by the use of Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine, the greatest of all treatments for the throat and lungs.

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Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine 25 cents a bottle, family size (three times as much) 60 cents, at all dealers, or Edmanson, Bates & Co., Toronto.

To protect you against imitations the portrait and signature of Dr. A. W. Chase, the famous receipt book author, are on every bottle.

HIS FORTY-SEVEN WIVES.

Elizabeth, N. J., March 7. — When James H. Shippie, 32 years old, a street car conductor, was arraigned in court, on a charge of bigamy, he astonished the judge by saying he had been married "about 47 times," he thought. Two of his wives were in court, and it was stated that he had married at least four other women, one living in San Francisco, and the others in this state. He was held for the action of the grand jury.



THE WEATHER TODAY- Unsettled, mild, sleet, rain.

Corset Perfection.

MOST women are thinking about New Spring Suits, and we suggest that they also have a care about the fit of their Corsets, as it is well known that an otherwise faultless dress is often spoiled by poor-fitting Corsets. It is not necessary to send away and pay a high price to get a good choice and the best quality in High-Grade Corsets. We carry Artists' Model, a Corset worn by many of London's best-dressed ladies, W. B. Erect Form, America's leading Corset, and French P. D., the best imported Corset. These favorites can only be had at this store. In addition to these lines we have specials ranging from 50c up, among which are the following:

AT 50c—A short Corset made in gray and white jean, steel filled, and trimmed top and bottom with lace; a nice little corset for medium figures, only **50c**

50c—Empire Tape Girdle, made of wide tape; 10-inch clasp, in white only; sizes 18 to 23. Price **50c**

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SPECIAL $1 00—Medium model for average figures, full gored and bias cut, fairly low bust, with medium hip, material of fine French coutil, in white only; some trimmed with lace, others, with wide band of satin ribbon. Our price only **$1 00**

$1 25—Special model for stout figures, low bust and extra long front and hips, strong steel filling, gray only; sizes 19 to 30. Splendid value for **$1 25**

FRESH AND DAINTY WHITE UNDERWEAR.

There is no time like the present to secure Pretty White Underwear. When stocks are fresh, before the best styles are picked up, you have as good a chance as anyone to pick out the newest and best. These are wonderful values.

Ladies' White Gown, in extra fine nainsook, French style, narrow round yoke of fine tucks, with edging of fine lace, beading and dainty silk ribbons. Special value for only **$1 50**

Pretty Fine Nainsook Gown, embroidered kerchief reveres, edged with dainty lace, long sleeves, and neck finished with lace, beading and ribbon, beautiful quality, for **$2 00**

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Pretty Full Corset Cover, of fine tucks, extra wide lace insertion; insertion at top, drawn with ribbons; skirt at bottom; something new, and good style **$1 35**

Nainsook Corset Cover, Marguerite style, round yoke of fine lace insertion and ribbons, lace and ribbons round sleeve hole; extra fine quality and very dainty, for **$1 50**

Fine Muslin Cover, of pretty embroidery and small hemstitched tucks, full Marguerite style, front, sleeve holes and neck edged with lace, drawn with ribbon, narrow skirt at bottom; neat and new .. **$2 00**

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FLOODS CREATE HAVOC

Great Damage Done at Harrisburg, Pa.—Several Lives Lost.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 7. — This region is threatened with the worst flood in many years, and every precaution is being taken for the protection of life and property. The lowlands here are submerged, and the courthouse has been thrown open for the shelter of those forced to leave their homes. The Harrisburg hospital is also open to the sick. All the large industries in the flooded districts are closed and it was impossible to hold services yesterday in many of the churches. At Steelton the entire west side is flooded, and the property loss is heavy. Highspire is submerged, and at Middleton the churches and schoolhouses have been opened to flood sufferers, 80 families having been driven from their homes. The town is without drinking water or electric lights, the industrial establishments are closed, and the people are going about in boats. Further serious trouble is expected when the great gorge at Sunbury breaks. The Pennsylvania Railroad tracks are under water from the tower end of the city of Middleton. Trains in all directions are using roundabout routes. The gorge at Highspire broke and the effect was immediately felt in Harrisburg and Steelton. Saturday the ice was gorged at Bainbridge, and the river is rising. The Central Pennsylvania Traction Campany is running its cars only as far as Highspire. Observer DeMain predicts further serious trouble. The water is the highest in years.

York, Pa., March 5. — The gorge in the Susquehanna River, just below the mouth of Conewango Creek, crushed the superstructure of the York Haven Power Company's plant in several places today. The flood has covered railroad tracks at York Haven and has washed away several buildings from their foundations on Duffie's Island. Three families live on the island, and one report says that all have been killed. The families are those of John Zush, a Mr. Brown and a Mr. Sheetz.

THE G. T. R. REPORT

Full Dividends Can Be Paid and Good Balance Left.

London, March 7. — At the coming Grand Trunk Railway meeting the directors' statement of accounts for the half-year ending Dec. 31, will show gross receipts of £3,138,468, an increase of £326,590. Passengers carried 5,139,073, an increase of 451,422; tons of freight and live stock 6,738,702, an increase of 590,172. Working expenses, including special expenditure of £30,000 on bridge renewal account, £2,214,084; net receipts, £924,384. After deducting the revenue charges of £526,000, there is a net balance of £398,438; add Detroit, Grand Haven and Milwaukee Railway surplus for the half-year, £400, shows a surplus of £398,838. The cost of maintenance and equipment increased £52,485, and the cost of transportation increased £179,616, due to the increased price of materials of all descriptions and higher wages, affecting all the railroads over the North American continent. The total increased expenditure was £239,263. The surplus of £398,838 added to the balance of £5,560 from June last, makes a total amount of £404,338 available for dividends, which admits the payment of full dividends for the half-year of 4 per cent on the guaranteed stock and the first and second preference stock, leaving a balance of about £2,800, to be carried forward. The accounts of the Great Western Railway for the half-year show a surplus of £2,300 carried forward to the current half-year.

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COCOA

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ESTERHAZY' NOT CAPT. DREYFUS

Evidence Goes to Show That Former Wrote the Famous Bordereau.

London, March 5. — The correspondent of the Times at Paris says: The discussion of the application for a revision of the Dreyfus case was resumed today, Procureur-General Baudouin continuing the summary of the incidents of the affair and dwelling at great length upon the maneuvers of the real conspirators to compromise Col. Picquart. His review of the case, coming after the masterly report of M. Boyer, was necessarily open to criticism as being a work of supererogation, but the facts were marshaled afresh with so rigorous a logic and the melancholy conclusions were so lucidly drawn that the requisitoire of the public prosecutor constitutes an indictment well-deserving a comparison with the famous report on the basis of the historic decision of the court of June, 1899.

The most original portion of M. Baudouin's requisitoire was the passage in which he put the question whether the bordereau, which figured so largely in the previous trials, was an act of real or fictitious treason, whether, in a word, it was any act of treason whatever. This conclusion was the most serious of the doubts justifiable on this point. At all events, according to him, it could not have been written by Capt. Dreyfus. On the other hand, a study of the document in its technical aspects proved that it could have been written by Col. Esterhazy.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

Blenheim, March 5. — While driving from Chatham to Blenheim Thursday Wm. Boyd, of Brigden, traveling salesman for a Stratford firm, and Mr. Leutis, of Chatham, had a narrow escape from drowning. While crossing Indian Creek the water started to fill the buggy, and it was only with good management that they escaped with their lives.

DREYFUS GETS A NEW TRIAL

The French Court of Cassation Grants Plea For a Revision.

Paris, March 7.—The criminal branch of the court of cassation granted the appeal of Alfred Dreyfus for a revision of his trial at Rennes.

The court held a sufficient showing had been made to warrant a reopening of the case, and ordered a supplementary investigation for the purpose of establishing the doubtful points which have been the basis for the present application to reopen the case.

The decision is another marked success for Dreyfus.

The decision was given at the close of the third day's hearing. Comparatively little public interest has been taken in the sessions of the court, and the court room was almost deserted. Most of the day was given to the address of Maitre Mornard, one of Dreyfus' counsel. He argued that the case against Dreyfus was a tissue of invention. He closed with an eloquent appeal, saying that the honor of the army and its officers demanded the removal of the stain of this unjust conviction. Counsel referred to Dreyfus' great qualities of heart and exalted character, and turned towards M. Labori, the lawyer who defended Dreyfus at Rennes, as if making a personal appeal to have his statements confirmed. Thereupon M. Labori arose and left the court room, causing some commotion.

M. Labori was quoted as saying in the corridor that he did not wish his presence to confirm the eulogy pronounced upon his former client's heart and character.

The decision was then given. The criminal branch of the court of cassation will conduct the supplementary investigation and thereafter its findings will be presented by the united branches of the court of cassation, which is the supreme and final civil authority. It is the expectation of the highest Government authorities that the court's final decision will rehahilitate Dreyfus, but the court of cassation has the right to order another trial before a military court.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS.

DIED.

GREEN-HART—On Friday, March 4, 1904, James Green-Hart, late of Ashfield, Great Canfield, Essex, England, aged 73 years.

Funeral from his late residence, 97 Byron avenue, on Monday, March 7, to Woodland Cemetery; services at 2:30; funeral at 3 p.m. 46u

BROOME—On March 6, 1904, at her parents' residence, 625 Lorne avenue, Margaret, beloved wife of George Broome, aged 25 years.

Funeral from the above residence tomorrow (Tuesday) afternoon, at 3 o'clock; service at 2:30. Friends will please accept this intimation.

BIGNELL—On March 6, 1904, W. Roy Bignell, second son of Mr. W. M. Bignell, aged 25 years and 7 months.

The funeral will leave his father's residence, con. 3, Delaware, on Tuesday, March 8, at 1:30 p.m. Interment at Delaware Cemtery. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

TUKE—In this city, on March 6, 1904, Mary, beloved wife of John Tuke, in her 74th year.

Funeral from the family residence, 826 Lorne avenue, on Wednesday, March 9, at 2:30 p.m.; service at 2 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation. Interment at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

PULFORD—In London Township, on March 5, 1904, William, beloved husband of Sarah Pulford, in his 81st year.

Funeral from his late residence, lot 19, con. 1, London Township (west of Mount Pleasant Cemetery), on Tuesday, at 2:30 p.m.; service at 2 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation. Interment at Woodland Cemetery.

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

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GRAND CONCERT, BY KNOX Church Sunday School Orchestra, aided by Cyril Dwight-Edwards, baritone, at Knox Church, South London, Tuesday, March 8, 1904. Admission—Single, 15c; double, 25c. b

MEETINGS.

REGULAR MEETING OF ST. JOHN'S Lodge, No. 20, to be held this evening in Masonic Temple, at 8 o'clock. Visitors cordially welcome. R. West Evans, W. M.; M. D. Dawson, secretary. b

"SECOND COMING OF CHRIST, IN Light of Present Events" is subject at Union Bible Class, Auditorium, Tuesday, 8:00. Speakers, Rev. J. J. Ross and N. H. Camp. Free and open to all. b

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FURNITURE FINISHER — ACTIVE young man, with a year or two's experience at finishing wanted. Hourd & Co., furniture factory, Quebec street, city. 46u

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WANTED—RESPONSIBLE, STEADY, active stationary engineer, for up-to-date plant; must be well recommended and married man. Apply to J. Parsons, 379 Wellington street, city. 20tf

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WANTED — HOUSEKEEPER. APPLY McEwen's Intelligence Office, 501½ Richmond street.

WANTED, ON APRIL 1—COMPETENT general servant. Apply to Mrs. J. H. Flock, 438 Adelaide street. References required. 46c

WANTED—SCRUB WOMAN; PERMANENT work. Apply at office, Tecumseh House. 46c

WANTED — MAID FOR GENERAL housework. Apply Mrs. J. B. P. Tanton, 297 King street. 46c

EXPERIENCED COOK AND DINING-ROOM girl—Good wages. Apply, Mrs. McDonald, Queen's Hotel. 45c

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LOST—$9, ON WELLINGTON STREET car. Will finder kindly return to this office and receive reward? Albert House. b

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Stumbling Blocks of the Initiative System—Companies' Agents Are Hustling With Petitions.

Distance lends enchantment, says an old saw, and it might also be added that distance and mightiness tempt people to make predictions regarding certain tremendous events in far-away lands, which they would not dare to make concerning the most trifling matters transpiring, so to speak, under their very noses. Take, for example, the Russo-Jap war, and the pavement squabbles in London. Any citizen of London who reads the daily papers will tell you offhand just how long it is going to take to end the big rumpus in the far east, but what citizen of this extremely well-regulated Canadian community, has the temerity to say what will or what will not happen in paving matters in London the coming summer? Who will dare prophesy when the battle between the rival paving companies will end or when the streets of London, which sadly need paving, will be paved? The fact of the matter is, it's easier to talk from inexperience than from experience. The citizens of London have never conducted a Russo-Jap war, but they have been parties to a paving row, which has dragged its unsatisfactory length over several years. They have become so used to the circulation of petitions and contra petitions, to the putting through and knocking out of proposed initiated pavements, to the allegations and contradictions of the rival companies and their agents, that they have come to know the law on local improvements better than the average lawyer in any city in Canada, outside of London, and have come to believe that no street will ever be paved until they see the pavement laid and the wagons rolling over it. Consequently, predictions as to what may transpire in a battle between nations appears to the average Londoner a paltry matter compared with giving a straight tip on paving matters in London.

THE BEGINNING.

London's experience in paving rows began with the introduction of asphalt in this city. The laying of cedar blocks caused the people no uneasiness, except when riding over them, more particularly when on a wheel. But with asphalt it was different. Asphalt meant the laying out of a small fortune — somewhere in the neighborhood of $50,000—and the people felt anxious. There was a really first-class body of men in the council at that time, however—in 1895—and the people felt safe in the belief that a good pavement would be laid on Dundas and Richmond streets, and that the city would get it money's worth. And the aldermen did their best, and had what was at that time considered to be the best brand of pavement laid, with as long a guarantee as it was possible to procure—five years. But asphalt was new to Canadian cities at that time, and, of course, the company which laid it in London saw that they got all that was coming to them, and taxed the city $2 65 a yard for it. In 1900 the guarantee of the Barber Company to keep it in repair ran out, and the expense fell on the city's shoulders. When the city in 1901 called for tenders for resurfacing the pavement in places where holes had been worn, the Barbers put in the only tender at $2 15 a yard, and the repairs cost the city about $191. The aldermen, of course, considered this a pretty steep price, and it was—almost as much as the original cost per yard for excavating, base, binder, surface and all.

Self-preservation being the first letter of the law, the city began to look around for other companies, who might be willing to make the repairs to the London pavement. They did not have long to look. At the time the Barbers laid the asphalt pavement on Dundas and Richmond streets, they were practically the only firm putting down such pavements in North America. They had in their employ two men named Warren. These men, for some sort or other of business reasons, left the emplay of the Barbers, and started out on their own hook as a paving company, and they and the Barbers were conducting a Kilkenny cat fight, for work in almost every city in the country. The fight was carried into London. The Warrens put in a tender for repairs at $1 85 a yard, and the city thought it was going to save money. But whereas the repairs in 1901 only amounted to less than $200. In 1902 they cost the city somewhere in the neighborhood of $800. And in 1903 the repairs cost about $900. The asphalt pavement had cost a barrel of money in the first place, and was certainly coming high. But there was no redress for the people. They merely continued to pay, pay, pay. True, the Barber Company claimed that the city made a mistake in allowing a rival company to repair a Barber pavement, and hinted that if the Barbers had been permitted to repair it, the repair bill would not be so large. Certainly it was a big jump from $191 in 1901 to $800 in 1902. And even now the Barber agent in this city gives out that if his company are given a chance, they will save the city money on the repairs. This is not possible this year, however, as the Warrens have a contract for the repairing of the pavement for some time yet.

MORE TROUBLE.

This is, of course, but a portion of London's paving troubles. For some years London has stood in sore need of pavements on several streets, particularly on King street. Both companies sent agents to this city, and without any delay the agents began to hustle for work for their companies. The Warren Bros. lay a special brand of pavement known as bitulithic, pretty much the same as asphalt, but with a rough surface, and they also lay California asphalt. The Barbers lay all kinds of asphalt, but pin their faith to what is known as Trinidad Pitch Lake asphalt, of which they hold a monopoly, by reason of contracts held by them with the British Government in the Island of Trinidad. Thus, if the people of London decided on a bitulithic or a Trinidad asphalt pavement, they were merely placing themselves in the hands of a monopoly. But this fact did not "fizz" on the agents. They set to work with a will, and soon petitions for both pavements began to make their way into the city hall. The aldermen did not know what to do in the matter. If a petition was granted for Trinidad asphalt it meant that only one company had a chance to tender; that there would be no competition, and that calling for tenders would be simply a farce. This view was held to pretty strongly by the aldermen.

But they were not so decided as regards the bitulithic pavement, which is patented and controlled solely by the Warren Bros., though latterly the Warrens have been advertising that they are ready to sell the patent to any firm which desires to go into the paving business. And in London the Warrens secured the work of paving several streets—Talbot street, two blocks on York street and a block on King street. If the aldermen have been puzzled in paving matters, the average citizens has been still more puzzled to know why it was that the city preferred one monopoly to another. Competition was the watchword, but it appeared to end with being a watchword.

It was on King street, however, that the paving war between the rival companies was conducted in earnest. The Warren agent secured a fully signed petition for a bitulithic pavement on that street, but before it could be acted upon, several citizens removed their names and invalidated it. At this time another petition for Trinidad asphalt was put in, and this petition has been before the council as often, almost, as the aldermen have held meetings. Wrangle after wrangle and argument after argument followed in its wake, until finally the council decided to accept no petition which specified any particular brand of material. It was also agreed to initiate a pavement on the street, and call for tenders for asphalt of any kind, so as to enjoy the benefits of competition. As a result the petition for a Trinidad asphalt pavement on King street is knocked out, and a pavement cannot be initiated on that street until after the 12th of June next, as the act reads that when a proposal to initiate a pavement on a street is knocked out a pavement cannot be initiated for two years, and the two years will not be up till June 12. Of course, if the people desire it, a petition may be gotten up at any time for a pavement. Thus the war is liable to be renewed on that street at any moment.

CLARENCE STREET.

Clarence street has also known its pavement troubles. On that street the aldermen proposed to initiate a bitulithic pavement, but this met with a storm of protests, and a petition was lodged against the initiation. After the petition had been sent in several owners removed their names, however, and the petition to knock out the initiation was left insufficiently signed. Then the council went ahead with the initiation, and advertised the street, and a bylaw was prepared, though not passed, as was erroneously stated some days ago. In the meantime a petition for a Trinidad asphalt pavement was put into the council, sufficiently signed. After dillydallying with the matter for a long time, the aldermen decided to take no notice of the petition, but to go ahead and initiate an asphalt pavement on Clarence street, and right here there may be unearthed a legal flaw which may upset the proposed initiation, for it is an open question whether the city cannot advertise two initiations on the one street inside of two years or less. Of course, the initiation of the bitulithic pavement on Clarance street was not knocked out by the petition, but was merely dropped by the aldermen.

On William street between Dundas and King streets, a proposal to initiate a pavement was knocked out, so that it is hardly likely William street will get a pavement this year.

On King street, between William and Adelaide streets, the people asked for a Trindad asphalt pavement, the curb and gutter to be also laid by the Barbers, but the city took the curb and gutter out of the hands of that company, and gave it to the Forest City Paving Company, who were under contract to the city, and laid the curb and gutter for about 20 cents a foot less than the Barbers wanted. This curb and gutter only carries a five-year guarantee, though the people asked the city for a ten-year guarantee, as well as on the pavement, and in consequence the property owners affected have served notice on the city that they refuse to pay for the curb and gutter. The city has taken no notice of the complaint, however, and it looks as though a lawsuit may be on tap shortly, when the tax collector attempts to collect the rates on that block, as the law says plainly that when property owners petition for a local improvement, the city must ignore the petition altogether or give the people what they ask. And, as far as the curb and gutter on King street are concerned, the people only got a five-year guarantee, whereas they asked for a ten-year guarantee. Fault is also found with the construction of the curb and gutter, but it is also an open question whether it is not as good as any other laid in the city.

THE WAR RESUMED.

Now the spring has come once again, and with it comes signs of approaching pavement battles. The theater of war in the early operations threatens to be Queen's avenue this year. Both the Warren and Barber agents are hustling, and it is understood that petitions for a bituminous pavement, and also an asphalt pavement, are in the hands of each agent, and that each of them requires but a half dozen names to be sufficiently signed. The Barber agent, it is understood, has eliminated the words "Trinidad Pitch Lake" from his petition, which puts him on the broadest plank of competition with all firms who lay asphalt. It is understood, however, that the other petition, which has also been passed around by a Queen's avenue property-owner, calls for a bitulithic pavement. In bitulithic, so far as known, there is no competition; certainly it is a Warren patented pavement, and has only been laid in London by the Warren Company. How the city can accept a petition for Warren bitulithic and throw out petitions for Barber Trinidad is a puzzler for citizens. The fact of the matter appears to be that in ashalt only can the city secure competition, or possibly in vitrified brick. When these petitions reach the council, that august body will have its hands full dealing with them, for it is said the price quoted by the Warrens is 23 cents a running foot for bitulithic, and it is understood the Barber Company will underbid this if given a chance, but, of course, for asphalt, as the Barbers cannot lay bitulithic.

Thus the prospects for a paving war in London this summer are very, very bright, and when or where it will end no citizen feels competent to say. Certain it is that the city should get some cheap pavements this year, as both companies appear to be after the other's scalp, and it is hardly likely that any contracts let this year by the city will make much money for either the Warrens or the Barbers.

A BETTER UNDERSTANDING

Anti-British Sentiment at St. Petersburg is Decreasing.

St. Petersburg, March 5. — There exists a high authority for the statement that Russia now has reason to feel more tranquil regarding the attitude of Great Britain. The real reason of the visit to St. Petersburg of Count Benchendorff, Russian ambassador to Great Britain, while ostensibly to see his son off to the far east, was personally to assure his Government of his belief that the suspicions harbored here concerning Japan's ally were ill-founded, and Great Britain, although standing by the obligations of the Anglo-Japanese treaty, would not move unless compelled to do so by the entrance into affairs in the far east of a third power. Count Benckendorff had a long interview with the Czar as well as with Foreign Minister Lamsdorff, and it is learned that he convinced the authorities that Great Britain was acting in good faith. He conveyed also Great Britain's assurances that the Anglo-Japanese treaty contained no secret clauses, and that it was not directed especially against Russia, its sole purpose being, according to the British authorities, the preservation of the balance of power in the far east, which might be threatened by another coalition such as followed the Chino-Japanese war, and which resulted in the exclusion of Great Britain from further international settlement of eastern questions. As it is authoritatively stated that the British and French Governments have reached a thorough understanding by which they have pledged mutual non-interference, Russia now feels much more secure against European complications. The more moderate tone of both the English and the Russian press during the last few days is considered additional evidence of a better understanding between the two Governments.

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The Turn of the Tide.

If the bye-elections are a true sign of the drift of public sentiment in Great Britain, Lord Rosebery is justified in his assertion that the Liberals will sweep the country when the Government decides to make the appeal. Since the beginning of the year there have been six contested elections and only one Conservative has survived. He ran in the city of Birmingham, which is Mr. Chamberlain's private preserve. Since the beginning of 1902 there have been 28 bye-elections, the Liberals winning 15 and the Conservatives 13. The remarkable turn-over is shown by the following comparison.

	General Election.	Bye-Elections.
Liberals	6	15
Conservatives	22	13
	1900	1902-4

In 1885 when the Conservatives reached their highest mark before 1900 these constituencies returned 13 Liberals and 15 Conservatives. Undoubtedly the tariff question has contributed very largely to the results of the bye-elections, but the tide had begun to turn before the Government was suspected of fiscal heresy. The education act, the war commission report, and, lately, the question of Chinese labor in the Transvaal, have been very important factors. The Conservatives were carried into power on a wave of popular enthusiasm over the war, but with the khaki issue out of the way, the people are turning their attention to domestic problems.

The one ray of consolation for the Government has been the election of Lord Morpeth by an overwhelming majority in South Birmingham, on a platform of imperial preferential trade. The result is proof of the phenomenal hold which Mr. Chamberlain has kept on the Midland district since he became a political figure. Birmingham, previous to 1885, was a radical hotbed, staunchly free trade and at war with the aristocracy and the church establishment. Mr. Chamberlain, himself, had been a "red republican" and was a product of the Birmingham spirit. In 1885 out of the 39 constituencies in Warwickshire, Worcestershire and Staffordshire, 31 were represented by Liberals. In 1900 only six Liberals were elected in these Midland ridings, which are within Mr. Chamberlain's "sphere of influence." The three bye-elections in these counties since 1900 have been carried by the Government. The Liberal tide may overwhelm the Conservative party elsewhere, but it breaks in vain against the Chamberlain stronghold.

Port Arthur's Defense.

The town of Port Arthur, like its sister municipality, Fort William, has issued a defense of its policy of municipal ownership, which was arraigned in an article in the Ottawa Free Press. Port Arthur owns and operates its electric street railway, electric lighting and telephone plants, and has developed a water power which runs the former two. The gross income of the street railway and lighting plants from 1892 to 1902 inclusive has been $156,347 57 and the operating expenses $139,947 17, leaving a profit of $16,400 40. The interest on capital expenditure in that period has been $68,000, so that $51,600, or $4,300 per year has been taken out of general taxation to meet the deficiency. This is $36,908 less than the loss figured out by the Ottawa Free Press. It appears the town is relieved from levying sinking fund on $115,000 of debentures issued for street railway and lighting purposes. The revenue from these two sources is increasing, and last year paid every charge against them (including interest), leaving a balance of $3,120 to the town's credit. The receipts have increased from $10,668 in 1895 to $26,797 in 1902, and the expenditure from $10,461 to $14,617 in the same time. The claim is made that these assets could now be disposed of for a sum considerably over and above the amount of the debenture issue.

The debenture debt incurred for the street railway, the electric light plant, the telephone system and the water power at Current River, which operates the light and street railway plants, is $219,000. Other capital expenditures, for schools, railway bonuses, etc., bring the total debenture debt up to $405,250, which is reduced by the sinking fund to $384,555. As the lighting and electric railway plants carry themselves and are turning money into the treasury every year, the town council claims that the debenture debt which throws any burden on the ratepayers amounts to only $165,555.

The defense pays a good deal of attention to the telephone system. A company entered the field some years ago in opposition to the Bell, but sold out to the latter after a season's fighting. The council complains that the service given by the Bell was most inefficient, and drove the twin municipalities of Port Arthur and Fort William to install their own systems. The Bell rates were $30 for business and $25 for domestic 'phones. The municipal system in Fort William gave rates of $2 per month for business and $1 per month for house 'phones. The original cost to the town was $8,746 99, but the service was so successful, and the demand for 'phones so great that on Jan. 4 of this year the ratepayers voted almost unanimously to spend another $9,000 in extensions. The receipts for 1903 were $3,546, and the expenses (including interest) $3,347 49, leaving a profit of $198 86, although the system was in process of installation and few subscribers had 'phones for the full year. The municipal system has 345 subscribers (only three free), and the assertion is made that the Bell has not over 20 paying subscribers. The town council contemplates reducing the rates to $20 for business 'phones and $10 for house 'phones.

The population of Port Arthur increased from 2,779 in 1900 to 5,556 in 1903, and the assessed valuation from $1,079,913 to $1,845,273. Evidently the ratepayers have still full confidence in their ability to stand the pace, as last year they voted $85,000 to install a waterworks plant and $62,000 for a sewerage system. They have borrowed $80,000 from the bank on the security of these unsold debentures.

One criticism that suggests itself is that the town council seems to have made no allowance for depreciation in any of their public service plants. No doubt it believes the profits from these and the consequent increase in the financial strength of the municipality will be equal to any contingencies.

Imperial Uncle Sam.

An amazing change has come over the spirit of American diplomacy since Uncle Sam became an Imperialist, and threw aside his simple republican traditions. The Washington Government now rushes in where the Governments of Europe fear to tread. It is safe to say that no other power would have ventured to interfere in the present crisis as Secretary Hay has done by asking the nations to insist that the integrity of China shall not be violated and that the war shall be localized as far as possible. The United States in pursuit of its own interests, is playing Great Britain's game in the far east. When Great Britain promulgated the doctrine of the open door, she had to play the game alone against the world. The Spanish-American war gave the United States a foothold in Asia, and the republic began to wake up to its Asiatic interests. Luckily the bulk of Uncle Sam's export trade with China is with Manchuria, upon which the Russian bear has laid his paw. Finding its commerce threatened, the United States became a champion of the open door, and American diplomacy has been even more aggressive than British diplomacy in checkmating Russian designs. It extorted from Russia those solemn pledges to evacuate Manchuria which have been so cynically disregarded at St. Petersburg. This flagrant bad faith has helped to lose Russia the friendship of the American people. Today their sympathies are ardently with Japan, and their Government is more than ever determined to hold Russia to her obligations.

Uncle Sam as the champion of the open door is not playing a consistent role. He is even now trying to close the door of the Philippines against everyone but himself, as he has closed the door of his own house by the highest tariff in the world. But he is playing into Great Britain's hands in China. His motives are those of self-interest, but so are the motives of Great Britain; and it is fortunate that the interests of the two powers are identical in nearly every quarter of the world. Where they stand together, no other combination can stand against them.

It is said the country from Seoul to Ping Yang is almost impassable owing to the thaw. The people of London can quite understand it.

Mr. Newton Rowell tells a political club in Toronto that the franchise is too low. Manhood suffrage is a pretty theory, but in practice it is too often a case of more suffrage than manhood.

The fiscal fight has even drawn the novelist, George Meredith, out of his shell. In a letter to the Liberals of Woking he calls Chamberlainism a deadly drug; but he must admit it has been a tonic for the Liberal party.

Some of the civil servants have black-balled Hon. Mr. Brodeur and Hon. Mr. Prefontaine, who were nominated as members of the Rideau Club. The old Tory idea that Liberals have no right to govern dies hard.

Sir Charles Tupper has sailed for England and says he will put his services at Mr. Chamberlain's disposal. Sir Charles is a wonder for his age. He might repeat the slashing speech he made in 1897 against the Canadian preferential tariff.

Sir John Carling in 1869, as a member of the Ontario Government paid $67 an acre for the London Asylum site of 300 acres. And now another member for London tells us that adjoining land, just as good for asylum purposes, is worth only $50 an acre, 37 years later. Next!

The Dominion revenue for the past eight months shows a surplus of nearly $15,000,000 over the ordinary expenditure and nearly $9,000,000 over the capital and ordinary expenditures combined. The surplus this year will bring the national debt to a figure lower than when the Liberals took office in 1896.

PROF. TARTE CALLED.

[Catholic Register.]

The Conservative press of Ontario appears to view with the greatest equanimity the virtual expulsion of Mr. F. D. Monk from his high position in the counsels of the party. The letter written by Mr. Monk to his chief, Mr. Borden, and published last week, has failed to draw any unusual editorial notice, as if the Quebec leader's retirement to the independent back benches was a matter of little moment to the pary or to the country.

Either apathy or unparalleled boss influence could be expected to hold the Conservative journals, whilst a dangerous operation was being attempted upon the party by the same Montreal quacks who disemboweled French-Canadian Conservatism both in 1890 and 1900. Sir Charles Tupper trusted his political responsibility to the rich owner of the Montreal Star, and Mr. Borden has not enough force of character to try another doctor for his decreasing family. To be sure, Prof. Tarte has been called into consultation; and between Mr. Graham and Mr. Tarte, Mr. Borden must now consider his case in competent and trustworthy hands.

THERE IS EVER A SONG SOMEWHERE.

[James Whitcomb Riley.]

There is ever a song somewhere, my dear,
There is ever a something sings alway;
There's the song of the lark when the skies are clear,
And the song of the thrush when the skies are gray;
The sunshine showers across the grain,
And the bluebird trills in the orchard tree;
And in and out, when the eaves drip rain,
The swallows are twittering ceaselessly.

There is ever a song somewhere, my dear,
Be the skies above or dark or fair;
There is ever a song that our hearts may hear—
There is ever a song somewhere, my dear—
There is ever a song somewhere!

There is ever a song somewhere, my dear,
In the midnight black, or the midday blue;
The robin pipes when the sun is here,
And the cricket chirrups the whole night through;
The buds may blow and the fruit may grow,
And the autumn leaves drop crisp and sere;
But whether the sun or the rain or the snow,
There is ever a song somewhere, my dear.

LADY POLITICS.

[Toronto Telegram.]

The Ontario Opposition might be somewhat more of a "formidable unit" if its leaders would cease officiating as a home market for the Hon. J. M. Gibson output of gold bricks.

"ROCK OF AGES."

[London Express.]

A brass tablet has been placed in the chancel of Farnham Parish Church to the memory of the Rev. Augustus Montagu Toplady, author of the hymn "Rock of Ages," who was a native of the town. The inscription states that the Rev. Augustus M. Toplady was born Nov. 4, 1740, died in London, Aug. 11, 1778, and was buried in Tottenham Court Chapel, London, Aug. 17, 1778.

Toplady, who was a strong defender of Calvinism, a great controversialist, and author of many poems an sacred subjects, was at one time vicar of Broad Hembury, in Devonshire, and in 1775 preached in a chapel near Leicester Fields, London.

FISH AS A BRAIN FOOD.

[Lancet.]

The notion that fish contains phosphorus had no doubt its origin in the glowing or phosphorescence of fish in the dark. This phosphorescence is due not to phosphorus at all, but to micro-organisms. The belief, therefore, that fish is a brain food is just about as reasonable at the idea that because a soup is thick and gelatinous "it will stick to the ribs," or as sensible as the celebrated advice to Verdant Green to lay in a stock of Reading biscuits to assist his reading. Fish is excellent food, but it is in no sense a specific for brain or nerve.

DEATH AND THE HATCHET.

[Life.]

Wills of millionaires remind us
We can make our deaths exciting;
And, departing, leave behind us
All our wives' relations fighting.

THEY KNOW ADAM-ZAD.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]

Count Cassini intimates that the great trouble with the people of this country is that they don't understand Russian diplomacy. The count is entirely wrong. It is their thorough understanding of Russian diplomacy that makes the people of this country lean as they do at the present time.

WANTS MORE FIGHTS.

[Ottawa Citizen (Con.)].

Mr. Whitney—Dear Sir: This after-you-my-dear-Alphonse style of tactics in fighting the Ross Government does not appeal to the "insensate partisans" who pile up the good old Tory vote on the side-lines and back concessions of this fajr Province. Fight while you fight on the floor of the House and confine personal courtesies to the corridors.

THE SCRAPPY LITTLE JAPPY.

[New York Globe.]

When we first observed the yellow little fellow from Japan,
With his satins, flowers and silks we grew acquainted.
We imagined him as standing in a garden with a fan,
Nigh a dainty paper mansion, nicely painted.
But he offered no suggestion of a warship or a gun,
Or a deed of martial valor, fiercely scrappy;
Or the military neatness shown beneath the rising sun
In the plucky little, lucky little Jappy.

When first upon the Yalu he destroyed the poor Chinese,
He displayed for modern war a passion ready,
He took to shells, torpedo boats and warships with the ease
Of a spunky little duckling in an eddy.
Later, when we stormed Pekin, the Jap was first upon the grounds,
With a dash that made the god of war feel happy—
You were sure a revelation to the military nations,
Oh, you fiery little, wiry little Jappy.

Lately, when he bearded Russia with demands to right a wrong,
We remarked, "Be careful, kid—we would advise, sir,
That the Bear is fierce and shaggy, that the Czar is cruel and strong—
Better look for something nearer to your size, sir."
But the youngster, like a demon, clutched the windpipe of the bear,
Till his mighty paws were paralyzed and frappe,
Now her battleships lie battered, and her banners torn and tattered,
By the spunky little, chunky little Jappy.

SIGNS.

[Washington Star.]

"Do you regard dollar wheat as a sign of prosperity?"

"Not out our way," answered Farmer Corntossel. "It's just a sign that we haven't any wheat."

SOME MILITIA NEWS.

Ottawa, March 7. — It is said that a French-Canadian officer may be chosen as commandant of the next Bisley team. The name of Lieut.-Col. McKay, of the Sixty-fifth Battalion is one of those mentioned.

Eight companies of the Seventy-ninth Shefford and Brome Regiment of Highlanders have been disbanded. The remainder have been coverted into a cavalry regiment called the Thirteenth Scottish Light Dragoons, with headquarters at Waterloo, Quebec. Two squadrons of the Duke of Connaught's Royal Canadian Hussars have also been transferred to the new corps. Major C. A. Smart, of the Duke of Connaught's Royal Canadian Hussars, has been appointed to the command, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel.

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HEAD Ache they would be almost priceless to those who suffer from this distressing complaint; but fortunately their goodness does not end here, and those who once try them will find these little pills valuable in so many ways that they will not be willing to do without them. But after all sick head

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THE BOOK OF BOOKS

Chief Justice Brewer Discusses Bible and Higher Criticism.

Washington, D. C., March 7. — President and Mrs. Roosevelt, Justice Brewer, of the United States supreme court, the British ambassador and Lady Durand, and many other persons prominent in official and diplomatic and social circles, attended the meeting yesterday in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the British and Foreign Bible Society at St. John's Episcopal Church. Justice Brewer and Senator Dolliver were the principal speakers.

Dr. Daniel Gilman, president of the American Bible Society, in an address, said that during the lifetime of British and American societies, they had circulated 270,000,000 copies of the Bible and parts of the Bible to the nations of the world.

Justice Brewer said the poorest way to estimate the value of a life whether of an individual or an organization is by numbering the years. He should count by deeds, not years. So said he we celebrate the anniversary of the British Bible Society, not so much because it has endured for a century, as because of gigantic good it has accomplished. "It is scarcely necessary before this audience," continued Justice Brewer, "to enter upon an eulogy or defense of the great Book of Books. But this is the age of the iconoclast when destructive criticism runs rampant. Some criticism indeed is reverent and useful — that which seeks simply by correcting wrong translations and arranging in chronological order the matchless truths of Scripture. It is striving to remove from the sacred volume the dust that careless centuries have strewn upon it. But there are other critics without such lofty aims. The iconoclast is a popular man today. To him the Bible appears merely as a sort of crazy quilt of untrue history, distorted science, weak poetry. Yet we who believe know its promises are the sweetest and most comforting that have ever come to the tired hearts of man." Justice Brewer declared that the greatest glory of the nation lies in the fact that ever and always she has striven to translate into the vernacular of international law the parable of the Good Samaritan and the Golden Rule.

Senator Dolliver said the Bible Society had contributed more than any other influence to unite the creeds of Christendom into one grand whole, representing universal Christianity.

"One of the grandest enterprises I ever heard of any organization," Senator Dolliver says, "was the offer of this society to make a language for a barbarous people whose speech had not even attained the dignity of an alphabet. The society undertook to make first an alphabet then a translation of the Bible, and finally a literature. Certainly the brain of man never conceived a grander philanthropic purpose."

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A SURPLUS OF TEN MILLIONS

The Government's Handsome Financial Showing For the Last Eight Months.

Ottawa, March 7. — The surplus of ordinary receipts over ordinary expenditure for the eight months ending Feb. 29, amounts to $15,148,680. Over all expenditures combined the surplus amounts to $9,417,659. There are probably about a million or a million and a half of expenditures on consolidated account which do not appear in this statement, but even allowing for this the surplus will be an extremely handsome one. At the present ratio of increase the surplus at the end of the fiscal year promises to be nearly $20,000,000. The improvement in the receipts is $4,525,304 compared with the same eight months of the preceding year, while the ordinary expenditure shows an increase of less than a million. Taking ordinary and capital expenditures together, the increase for the eight months is only $1,228,725. The following is a statement of the receipts in detail:

Revenue.	To Feb. 28, 1903.	To Feb. 29, 1904.
Customs	$23,410,062	$26,710,985
Excise	7,943,340	8,737,336
Postoffice	2,779,455	3,067,516
Public work, including railways...	4,636,412	4,582,575
Miscellaneous	2,334,215	2,530,375
Totals	$41,103,486	$45,628,790
Expenditure	29,523,086	30,480,110

A GAIN FOR TORONTO.

Toronto, March 7. — By the 10 per cent increase which the assessment committee of the Legislature has to make in the assessment of manufacturers' property, the city will gain $10,000. The total tax to be paid under the former rating was $53,748. This has been increased by the latest change to $63,545.

ROLLED BY FENDER.

Windsor, Ont., March 7. — Albert Snider, a miller, of this city, while crossing the street car tracks Saturday, was struck by a Sandwich car. He had a narrow escape, being rolled by the fender some distance along the road. His head was badly bruised, and he was badly shaken up, but escaped serious injury.

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A Hamilton Lady Succumbs to Burns Received In Accident.

Hamilton, March 5. — By the explosion of a coal oil lamp Thursday evening, Mrs. James Hall, 276 Hughson street north, sustained injuries from which she died yesterday morning. Mrs. Hall's dress caught fire when the coal oil lamp fell to the floor, and her husband and two boarders tried to extinguish the fire, but she had inhaled the flames, and her body was badly burned from head to knees. Mrs. Hall was 50 years of age, and is survived by a husband, two sons and two daughters.

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THE AFGHAN FRONTIER

The Shah of Persia Sends 30,000 Men to Guard the Line.

Paris, March 7. — A Russian officer, who was formerly military attache at Teheran, Persia, informed the correspondent of the Echo de Paris that the Shah of Persia had sent 30,000 men to the Afghanistan frontier as a precautionary measure.

LOOKS LIKE A STRIKE

Mitchell Intimates That the Miners Will Go Out Again.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 7. — The joint conference of coal miners and operators of the central competitive districts adjourned Saturday, without reaching an agreement as to the scale of wages for the year beginning April 1. This is the second failure to agree. The operators are leaving for their homes. The 800 miner delegates will meet Monday in national convention, when a statement of the miners' position will be made. The final agreement and adjournment came after a day devoted to consideration of the ultimatum of the operators, which was that a two years' scale be signed at a reduction of 5½ per cent from the present scale. At an executive session of miners, President Mitchell, Vice-President Lewis and Secretary Wilson advised acceptance of the operators' proposition. A test rising vote showed that the miners would not accept this advice. If the locals vote against the operators' proposition, operators says a strike is inevitable, as they will not make further concessions. Opinion among the miners was divided. President Mitchell said: "The adjournment of the convention means practically the disruption of our inter-state movement, and points strongly towards a strike in the competitive districts April 1. The miners will meet again Monday, when the resolution defining the miners' attitude, which, it is hoped, will be ratified.

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Governmental insurance of horses in Bavaria is eminently satisfactory, as shown by the first annual report of the Royal Chamber of Insurance. The Government has conducted the business of insuring cattle against fire and hail for many years.

IN THE BALKANS

Sultan Rejects Memorandum of the Reform Powers.

Vienna, March 7. — The optimistic feeling regarding the situation in the Balkans has again given way to pessimism. The Sultan is reported to have refused emphatically to ratify the Natchovitch agreement, and his attitude occasions much anxiety in the Bulgarian Government.

Fears are expressed in Servia, that even if war with Turkey is not imminent, it will be impossible to avoid a conflict later, unless some agreement with the Porte is speedily reached.

Telegrams received here declare further that the Sultan has rejected the memorandum presented by the reform powers, as well as the demands of gendarmerie commission. This commission is making slow progress in its work.

A dispatch from Salonica says the Albanians are still under arms. The leaders now demand exemption from military service and the abolition of civil courts.

A MASTODON FOUND

Primeval Monster Buried in Ice Near Dawson City.

Seattle, Wash., March 7.—The complete form of a mastodon has been discovered at Hillside on Quartz Creek, according to a dispatch received by the Post Intelligencer, from Dawson, Y. T. It was imbedded 38 feet in the earth when found, and the use of a steam thawing plant was necessary to unearth the immense animal. The hair and the skin of the beast are in a perfect state of preservation, although the flesh is somewhat decomposed, and the big tusks which remain fastened to the skull are in good condition. It is estimated that the skeleton is worth about $50,000, as there are but one or two of them in existence in as good a condition as is this. The mastodon was discovered buried in an old channel, well in the zone of almost perpetual frost, which accounts for its excellent preservation.

A CONTEMPTIBLE ACT

Prefontaine and Brodeur Blackballed by Rideau Club.

Ottawa, March 7. — Three or four days ago a ballot took place on the admission of Messrs. Prefontaine and Brodeur to membership in the Rideau Club. Both gentlemen have been privileged members of the club for some time past, Mr. Prefontaine for an exceptionally long period, and their election, in view of their high position and their great personal popularity, was looked upon as a foregone conclusion. The disgust and indignation of the gentlemanly section of the club may, therefore, be better imagined than described when it was found that both ministers had been black-balled. There is little doubt that this despicable action was taken by a coterie of Tories, influenced altogether by political hostility to Messrs. Prefontaine and Brodeur. It would not be difficult to name the members of the club responsible for this contemptible piece of meanness. Some of them are in the civil service. They resent the fact of the Government being in the hands of the Liberals, and, although treated with rare generosity on very occasion, they bite the hand which befriends them. The character of Messrs. Brodeur and Prefontaine will not suffer from the incident, but the reputation of the club will assuredly be hurt.

PINNED TO THE WALL

Negro Murderer Makes a Fight Going to Execution.

Opelika, Ala., March 7. — C. H. Sparks, a negro murderer, was hanged here yesterday under exciting circumstances. Before being taken from his cell, Sparks assaulted and severely wounded one of the guards with a knife. Sparks was then pinned to the wall with pitchforks, and the sheriff and deputies overpowered and handcuffed him, after which he was led to the scaffold. The first drop was unsuccessful on account of the rope being too long and it was necessary for the murderer to mount the scaffold again. The rope was shortened and this time his neck was broken.

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WHERE BIRDS PREY ON DEAD

Parsees of India Give Corpses to Vultures.

HOLD THE METHOD IS HUMANE

Bones Scattered From the Towers of Silence—Ceremonies of Funeral Pyre.

Bombay, March 7. — While the Parsees teach pure and lofty morality, and are famous for their integrity, benevolence, good thoughts, good works and good deeds, their method of disposing of their dead is revolting. For, stripped of every thread of clothing, the bodies of their nearest and dearest are exposed to dozens of hungry vultures, which quickly tear the flesh from the bones.

In a beautiful grove upon the top of a hill overlooking the city and the sea, surrounded by a high, ugly wall, are the so-called Towers of Silence, upon which these hideous birds can always be seen, waiting for their feast. They roost upon palm trees in the neighborhood, and, often in their flight, drop pieces of human flesh from their beaks or their talons, which are allowed to lie rotting in the fields below. An English lady driving past the Towers of Silence not long ago was naturally horrified when the finger of a dead man was dropped into her carriage by one of these awful birds; and two or three years ago, an army officer tells me, he picked up by the roadside the forearm and hand of a woman which had been torn from a body only a few hours dead and had eventually fallen during a fight. The reservoir which stores the water supply of Bombay is situated upon the same hill, not more than half a mile distant, and for obvious reasons has been covered with a roof. Some years ago the municipal authorities, having had their attention called to possible pollution of the water notified the Parsees that the Towers of Silence would have to be removed to a distance from the city, but the rich members of that faith preferred to pay the expense of roofing over the reservoir to abandoning what to them is not only sacred but precious ground. The human mind can adjust itself to almost any conditions and associations, and a cultured Parsee will endeavor to convince you by clever arguments that their method is not only humane and natural, but the best sanitary method ever devised of disposing of the dead. And they regard these awful ceremonies very much as we regard a funeral, for they have practiced them for centuries.

Funeral ceremonies are held at the residence of the dead; prayers are offered and eulogies are pronounced. Then a procession is formed and the hearse is preceded by the priest and followed by the male members of the family and by friends. The body is not placed in a coffin, but is covered with rich shawls and vestments. When the gateway of the outer temple is reached, priests who are permanently attached to the Towers of Silence and reside within the inclosure, meet the procession and take charge of the body, which is first carried to a temple, where prayers are offered, and a sacred fire, continually kept burning there, is replenished.

While the friends and mourners are engaged in worship, Nasr Salars, as the attendants are called, take the bier to the entrance of one of the towers. There are five, of circular shape, with walls forty feet high, perfectly plain, and whitewashed. The largest is 276 feet in circumference and cost $150,000. The entrance is about fifteen or twenty feet from the ground and is reached by a flight of steps. The inside plan of the building resembles a circular gridiron gradually depressed toward the center, at which there is a pit, five feet in diameter. From this pit cement walks radiate like the spokes of a wheel, and between them are three series of compartments extending around the entire tower. Those nearest the center are about four feet long, two feet wide and six inches deep. The next series are a little larger, and the third, larger still, and they are intended respectively for men, women and children.

When the bearers have brought the body into the anteroom of the tower they strip it entirely of its clothing. The valuable coverings are carefully laid away and sent to the chamber of purification, where they are thoroughly fumigated, and afterwards returned to the friends. The wrappings are burned. The body is laid in one of the compartments entirely naked, and in half an hour the flesh is completely stripped from the bones by voracious birds that have been eagerly watching the proceedings from the tops of the tall palms that overlook the cemetery. There are about two hundred vultures around the place; most of them are old birds and are thoroughly educated. They know exactly what to expect, and behave with greatest decorum. They never enter the tower until the bearers have left it, and are as deliberate and solemn in their movements as a lot of undertakers. But sometimes, when they are particularly hungry, their greed gets the better of their dignity and they quarrel and fight over their prey.

After the bones are stripped they are allowed to lie in the sun and bleach and decay until the compartment they occupy is needed for another body, when the Nasr Salars enter with gloves and tongs and cast them into the central pit, where they finally crumble into dust. The floor of the tower is so arranged that all the rain that falls upon it passes into the pit, and the moisture promotes decomposition. The bottom of the pit is perforated and the water impregnated with the dust from the bones is filtered through charcoal and becomes thoroughly disinfected before it is allowed to pass through a sewer into the bay. The pits are the receptacles of the dust of generations, and I am told that so much of it is drained off by the rainfall, as described, that they have never been filled.

The carriers are not allowed to leave the grounds, and when a man engages in that occupation he must retire forever from the world, as much as if he were a Trappist monk. Nor can he communicate with anyone except the priests who have charge of the temple.

ESCAPED IN NIGHT CLOTHES

Bowmanville, Ont., March 7. — Mrs. A. N. Gifford, dressmaker, and daughter Mildren, had an escape from an upstair bedroom in their night-clothing about 2:30 Sunday morning, the lower story of the frame dwelling they occupied being enveloped in a mass of flame when warned by a night watchman. Building and contents are a complete loss; partially insured. The new brick dwelling on the west side, occupied by Chas. F. Rice, hardware merchant, was considerably damaged.

JAPAN PLAYED RUSSIA'S GAME

Occupies Korea as the Latter Did Manchuria.

THE NEW JAP PARLIAMENT

Subscriptions to the Mikado's War Bonds Are Very Large, the First Issue Being Oversubscribed.

Tokio, March 7.—Japan addressed a note to the powers in response to the recent communication from Russia. The note has not been published here and its contents are unknown. Russia's various communications to the powers, attacking Japan for its conduct of diplomatic negotiations before their rupture for its attack upon Russia without declaration of war, and for its alleged violation of the neutrality of Korea, have been received in Japan largely in a spirit of amusement. The Japanese, however, resent what they say is a deliberate attempt to place them in a false position regarding certain incidents, but in the main do not take the correspondence seriously. Responding to the charge of violating the neutrality of Korea, they point to the action of Russia in Manchuria, in which thousands of troops were assembled long before a diplomatic rupture occurred. They say they are fully prepared to accept the judgment of powers on a comparison of their course in Korea, where they landed troops only after a state of war existed, and upon the written permission of the Emperor of Korea. They deny that Chemulpo was a neutral port after the Japanese landed on Feb. 8, but whether it was neutral or belligerent, Russia began hostilities there. When the Russian gunboat Korietz steamed out of the harbor of Chemulpo on the afternoon of Feb. 10, she opened fire on the Japanese squadron, making the opening shot of the war. The Japanese guns did not respond, but the Japanese torpedo boat destroyers answered the fire and discharged two torpedoes before the Korietz retired. The Japanese are confident of the justic and strength of their original position in the integrity of China and the fairness of their proposals during the negotiations. They feel fully justified in commencing hostilities after breaking off diplomatic relations and serving notice of their intention of taking independent action. They are sure their recent assurances that they had no intention of taking possession of Chinese territory and would guarantee the integrity and independence of Korea, will be accepted by the powers.

ELECTIONS IN JAPAN.

The final returns of parliamentary elections show that over 100 new members were elected. The large increase of independent membership is regarded as a favorite sign. Of late years the Diet has been composed largely of politicians, and in consequence has ceased to be the great representative body the constitution proposed. Political issues have been caused by bickering and frequent dissolutions, making the Government partly an oligarchy. The war has revived interest in national affairs, and the new Diet is regarded as an improvement on its immediate predecessors.

JAPAN'S WAR BONDS.

Subscriptions to the war bonds, gifts to the war funds and contributions to war charities have been exceedingly large. The first 100,000,000 yen of war bonds will be over-subscribed. The Soldiers' Relief Society report subscriptions approaching one million yen. Donations totaling a quarter of a million yen have already been paid to the war fund. Hundreds of applications have been made for permission to contribute to the coming army and navy relief funds, the amounts offered making a total of 250,000 yen. The Ladies' Patriotic Society (largely composed of peeresses and the wives of nobles) is raising a fund in aid of the Red Cross. The latter society already possesses a large fund and an extended organization in Japan.

A DOMESTIC TRAGEDY

Woman Shoots Herself and Husband and Tries to Burn Boy.

Elgin, Ill., March 7.—After shooting her husband three times and trying to kill her 7-year-old son, Mrs. Gustav Stanson locked her wounded husband out of doors and carried the boy to her bedroom, where she wrapped him in blankets, applied a match and then lay down to die with him when the fire spread. The boy struggled, but finding his efforts to free himself in vain, crawled under the blankets to keep from inhaling the smoke. Mrs. Stanson heard the police pounding on the door, and then to make sure that she would die swallowed carbolic acid, and fired a bullet into her throat. All three members of the household were taken to the local hospitals. Mrs. Stanson died in the afternoon. Physicians extracted three bullets from Stanson's head. Both he and his son will recover. Domestic differences caused the trouble.

LABOR TROUBLE BREWING

The Montreal Longshoremen Withdraw From Trades Council.

Montreal, March 7.—An upheaval in local organized labor circles is threatened, and the first step in that direction was taken Friday night, when twelve delegates representing 3,000 members of the Longshoremen's Association, withdrew from the Trades and Labor Council of Montreal.

This course will be followed by the representatives of 10,000 men in different trade organizations in the city.

The trouble arose over the part taken by some of the labor leaders at the recent municipal elections.

PEEL CONSERVATIVES.

Brampton, Ont., March 7. — The convention of the Conservatives of the county of Peel, held here Saturday, was the best in point of attendance and most representative in character. B. F. Johnston occupied the chair. On motion of Robert Johnston, M. P. for Cardwell, the unanimous nomination was tendered R. Blain, M. P.

The convention was afterwards addressed by J. Clancy M. P. for Bothwell, and E. F. Clarke, M. P., for West Toronto. This was the first time these gentlemen were heard here at a political meeting, and their remarks were received with the greatest interest.

Resolutions indorsing the policy and leadership of Mr. Borden and Mr. Whitney were adopted.

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THE KING'S HEALTH

His Majesty Will Be Out Again in a Few Days.

London, March 7.—King Edward did not accompany Queen Alexandra and the Prince and Princess of Wales to St. Paul's yesterday on the occasion of the Bible Sunday. This absence of his majesty is not to be regarded as an indication that his cold is worse; on the contrary it was announced after th visit of Sir Francis Laking, physician in ordinary to the King, that his majesty was making splendid progress, and probably would be able to go out early this week.

THREE PERISHED

In Burning of a Farmhouse in New Brunswick.

St. John, N. B., March 7.—As the result of a fire which broke out early Saturday morning in an isolated farmhouse at Black River, five miles from Buctouche, three persons were burned to death and another probably fatally injured.

The dead are: Wm. Savoy, aged 72, J. A. Savoy, aged 14, and Jos. Savoy, aged 12, sons of Louis Savoy. Alfred who jumped from a wing of the burning building, is so badly injured that he is not expected to recover. Those of the family who were sleeping downstairs got out safely, but those in the upstairs rooms were overcome with smoke and their escape cut off by the flames.

WANT IRELAND FREED

United Irish Societies Ask the United States to Interfere.

Washington, D. C., March 7. — Sympathy for the people of Ireland and a declaration of the hope that she soon will be free were expressed in addresses by the speakers at the celebration tonight of the 126th anniversary of the birth of Robert Emmett by the united Irish societies of the District of Columbia. Resolutions were adopted appealing to the liberty-loving people of the United States to take steps in restoring to the Irish people, "allied to them by so many glorious associations in the revolutionary and civil wars, the God-given right of nationhood," and for the erection of statues to Gen. John I. Sullivan and Commodore Barry, of revolutionary war fame.

DR. JESSOP RE-NOMINATED.

St. Catharines, Ont., Feb. 7. — The Conservative Association of the County of Lincoln, met here Saturday afternoon. There being no other candidate, Dr. Elisha Jessop, the present member, was nominated unanimously. Dr. Jessop thanked the convention and accepted the nomination. He was followed by W. A. Mahaffey, member for Muskoka, who spoke for an hour in an able manner.

GREAT MEDICINE—Tonti, one of the pioneers of French Canada, lost a hand and wore an iron hook as a substitute. He was in the habit of boxing the ears of refractory Indians with this iron hand, and they have remarked that it was "great medicine." Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil is great medicine. It takes hold of pain with an iron hand and knocks it out of the system.

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LATEST MARKETS

STOCK MARKETS.

H. C. Becher, broker, Bank of Commerce building, received the following by private wire from Bartlett, Frazier & Carrington today:

New York, March 7—Noon.—Generally during the morning the market has been heavy, but except at the opening there was no real weakness. The market during the first hour was comparatively active, and trading was fairly well distributed. The Northern Securities decision has been the influencing cause in most of the trades, and the uncertainty concerning it has caused traders to fortify themselves against any possible developments. The opening market was somewhat weak and generally lower. Traders were bearish. The weakness in Northern Securities on the curb was an adverse influence. Union Pacific reflected very strongly. Among the active stocks during the morning were Pennsylvania, Brooklyn Rapid Transit, Amalgamated Copper, preferred, St. Paul and Southern Pacific. With the exception of Copper, the list made declines. Mexican Central has been very weak. Sugar, United States Steel, preferred, and Erie sold off somewhat. Baltimore and Ohio was aeffcted by the soft coal labor outlook. No news of importance has developed. Sales to noon were 159,700 shares.

TORONTO.

Toronto, March. 7.

	Ask.	Off
Montreal	..	246
Ontario	..	125
Toronto	..	225¼
Commerce	..	150¼
Imperial	..	222
Standard	..	224
Hamilton	210	206
Nova Scotia	270	..
Ottawa	245	..
Traders	..	135½
Soo, pref	121	117
Soo, com	52	50
British America	100	..
Western Assurance	..	70
Imperial Life	..	149
Consumers Gas	209	..
Ontario and Qu'Appelle Land	..	94
Canada Northwest Land, pref	..	97
Can. Pacific Railway Stock	110¾	110½
Toronto Electric Light	..	130
General Electric	140	..
London Electric	100	..
Commercial Cable	193	189½
Dominion Telegraph	..	114
Richelieu and Ontario Nav. Co.	80	79
Niagara Navigation	..	110
Northern Navigation	80	..
St. L. and C. Navigation	108	100
Toronto Street Railway	98½	96¼
Twin City Railway, new	88½	87¼
Winnipeg St. Railway	..	160
Sao Paulo Tramway	90	89¾
Dominion Steel, com	9	8
Dominion Coal, com	54	55⅛
Nova Scotia Steel	74	71
Canada Salt	117	..
Crow's Nest Coal	350	..
British Canadian L. and I.	..	85
Canada Landed and Nat. Inv	104	102¼
Canada Permanent	121	120
Canada Savings and Loan	..	119
Central Canada Loan	..	150
Dominion Savings and Invest	..	70
Hamilton Provident	..	119
Huron & Erie L. & S. Co.	..	173
Landed Banking and Loan	..	119
Manitoba Loan	..	95
Toronto Mortgage	..	86
Ontario Loan and Deb	120	..
Toronto Savings and Loan	..	130
Dominion Iron and Steel Bonds	53	..

SALES: Canadian General Electric, 5 at 140; Bell Telephone rights, 63 at 2, 61 at 2, 36 at 2, 10 at 2; C. P. R., 25 at 110⅝, 25 at 110¼, 75 at 110¼; R. and O., 10 at 79½; Toronto Railway, 15 at 96½; Sao Paulo, 25 at 89⅞, 5 at 90¼; Coal, 25 at 53, 25 at 53, 50 at 53⅛, 100 at 53¾, 25 at 53½; Canada Permanent, 6 at 121, 70 at 121.

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MONTREAL.

Montreal, March 7.

	Ask.	Off.
Canadian Pacific	110½	110
Winnipeg Electric	200	150
Montreal Street Railway	205	200½
West India	90	40
Toronto Railway	97½	96¾
Halifax Street Railway	88	86½
St. John Railway	120	..
Twin City Transit Railway	88¼	87¾
Richelieu and Ontario	80¼	79½
Commercial Cable	..	187
Montreal Telegraph	158½	157½
Bell Telephone	137	132½
Dominion Iron and Steel, com	8½	7¾
Dominion Iron and Steel, pref	26	24
Montreal Heat, Light	70½	70
Nova Scotia Steel, common	75	72
Detroit Railway	61¾	61½
Montreal Cotton	115	..
Dominion Cotton	40	34½
Montreal Street Bonds	104	102½
Dominion Coal, common	53⅝	53¼
Dominion Coal, pref	..	108
Int. Coal	100	..
New Street	200	196¾
Bank of Montreal	250	248
Molsons Bank	205	200
Ogilvie Flour	175	150
Ogilvie Flour	120	115
Ogilvie Bonds	112	100
Nova Scotia	117	110
Union Bank	132	..
Commerce	..	150
Dominion Iron and Steel Bonds	54	51¼
Colored Cotton	98	75
Toledo Railway	21	18

SALES: C. P. R., 25 at 10¼, 150 at 110, 100 at 110¼, 10 at 110¾; Montreal Railway, 8 at 200, 50 at 201; Montreal Telegraph, 53 at 158, 13 at 158; Power, 27 at 70; Iron, common, 5 at 8; Telephone rights, 379 at 2, 1 at 2¼, 6 at 2, 10 at 2¼, 5 at 2⅜; Coal, common, 40 at 53½, 100 at 53⅜, 100 at 53½, 5 at 53¼, 100 at 53½; Halifax Railway, 50 at 87; Coal, preferred, 25 at 108½; R. and O., 25 at 79¾; Switch, preferred, 24 at 80; Hochelaga Bank, 25 at 135.

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New York, March 7

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Amal. Copper	45⅝	46⅜	45⅜	46½
American Sugar Co.	123¾	123¼	122¼	123⅛
American Locomotive	22⅛	22⅛	21⅝	22⅛
Atcheson, com	64¾	65½	64½	65½
Atcheson Pfd	88⅝	89	88⅝	89
B. & O.	74⅛	74½	73¾	74⅜
Brooklyn Tran	39¼	40½	38½	40
C. P. R.	110¼	110⅝	110	110⅝
Chesapeake & Ohio	29¼	29⅜	29¼	29⅜
Chic. Great Western	14½	14½	14¼	14⅝
Chicago & Alton	39¼	39⅜	38¼	39⅝
Col. Fuel and Iron	29½	30	29½	29½
Delaware and Hudson	154	154¼	153¼	153
Erie	22½	22¾	22½	22⅝
Erie Pfd	62	62⅛	61⅞	6[illegible]
Edison Gen. Electric	160	..	..	..
Illinois Central	126	..	..	..
Kan. and Tex, com	15½	15	15½	15⅞
Louisville and Nashville	102	102¼	102	102¼
Manhattan	143	143¼	142½	143¼
Metropolitan St. Ry.	113½	113¾	113½	113⅝
Mexican Central	11¼	11¼	10½	11⅛
M. P.	87⅝	87⅞	87¼	87⅝
N. Y Central	113½	114⅛	113⅜	114
Norfolk and W	55	55	54¾	54¾
Ont. and West	19⅞	20	19¾	20
Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	27⅞	..	..	
Pennsylvania	113⅛	113	112	112¾
People's Gas	97⅞	97⅞	97⅝	97¾
Reading	39½	40½	39½	40½
Rock Island	20	20¼	19⅞	20¼
Southern Railway	18⅝	18⅞	18⅝	18¾
Southern Pacific	43	43½	42¾	43⅜
St. Paul	138¼	139¼	138¼	138¾
Union Pacific	73	73⅝	72⅞	73½
Union Pacific, pref	86½	..	..	
U. S. Leather, pref	78	78¼	78	78¼
U. S. Steel, com	10¾	11⅛	10¾	11
U. S. Steel, pref	55⅛	55⅝	54⅞	55⅜
Wabash, pref	33⅛	33¼	32¾	33¾

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, March 7.—Cattle—Receipts, 30,000; market 10c lower; good to prime steers, $5 to $5 60; poor to good, $3 10 to $4 80; stockers and feeders, $2 50 to $4 15; cows, $1 50 to $3; heifers, $2 to $4 50; canners, $1 50 to $2 50; bulls, $2 to $4; calves, $3 to $6 50; Texas-fed steers, $4 to $4 75.

Hogs—Receipts, 25,000; market 10c higher; good to choice wethers, $4 25 to $4 65; fair to choice mixed, $3 50 to $4 25; western sheep, $2 75 to $5 25; native lambs, $4 50 to $5 75.

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OLD COUNTRY PRICES.

London, March 5.—Canadian cattle are quoted unchanged, at 11c to 12c per lb; refrigerator beef is 8½c to 9c per lb; sheep firmer, at 12c to 13c per lb.

ENGLISH MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL.

Liverpool, March 7.—Wheat—Spot quiet; No. 1 California, 7s 4d. Futures steady; March, nominal; May, 6s 8⅛d; July, 6s 7⅜d.

Corn—Spot, American mixed, new, easy, 4s ¼d; do, old, quiet, 4s 6d. Futures firm; March, 4s ⅜d; May, 4s 2⅞d.

Peas—Canadian steady, 5s 7d.

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

Hops (at London)—Pacific coast firm, £6 15s to £7 15s.

Beef—Firm; extra India mess, 67s 6d.

Pork—Steady; prime mess western, 67s 6d.

Hams—Short cut, 14 to 16 lbs, steady, 47s.

Bacon—Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs, steady, 37s 6d; short ribs, 16 to 24 lbs, steady, 38s 6d; long clear middles, light, 28 to 34 lbs, quiet, 38s 6d; long clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs, quiet, 38s; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs, quiet, 38s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs, steady, 43s 6d; shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs, quiet, 34s.

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

Butter—Good United States quiet, 74s.

Cheese—Quiet; American finest white, 48s; American finest colored, 50s 6d.

Tallow—Prime city fim, 25s.

Turpentine Spirits—Quiet, 43s 6d.

Rosin—Common steady, 7s 6d.

Petroleum—Refined firm, 7¾d.

Linseed Oil—Steady, 18s 3d.

The imports of wheat into Liverpool last week were 13,200 quarters from Atlantic ports and 99,000 from other ports.

The imports of corn from Atlantic ports last week were 24,100 quarters.

OIL MARKETS.

LONDON.

London, March 3.—Petroleum, American refined, 7½d; spirits, 9¼d.

ANTWERP.

Antwerp, March 3. — Petroleum, 21 francs.

BREMEN.

Bremen, March 3.—Petroleum, 6 marks 35 pfennings.

PITTSBURG.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 3.—Oil opened and closed at $1 77.

OIL CITY.

Oil City, Pa., March 3.—Credit balances, $1 77; certificates, no bid; shipments, 93,913 barrels.

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CHICAGO.

Chicago, March 5.—Flaxseed—Northwest, $1 14½; southwest, $1 08½; May, $1 10½.

OIL MARKETS.

PITTSBURG.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 5.—Oil opened and closed at $1 74.

OIL CITY.

Oil City, Pa., March 5.—Credit balances, $1 74; certificates, no bid; shipments, 83,623 barrels.

LONDON.

London, March 5.—Petroleum, American refined, 7½d; spirits, 9½d.

ANTWERP.

Antwerp, March 5.—Petroleum, 20 francs 75 centimes.

DAIRY MARKETS.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Ill., March 5.—Butter—Weak; creameries, 14c to 24c; dairies, 14c to 22c. Cheese—Steady, 10½c to 11½c.

LIVERPOOL DAIRY REPORT, WEEK ENDING FEB. 26.

[Hodgson Bros.]

Cheese—There has been rather more general inquiry, but to make sales holders have again had to reduce prices, and at present values there is distinctly more steadiness shown. There is a good inquiry for under-priced full cream cheese, full shapes and small sizes, and this class of goods is sold readily. We quote today: Finest Canadian cheese, Septembers, colored, 49s 6d to 50s 6d per cwt; do, white, 48s 6d to 49s 6d; summer makes, ripe flavor and good condition, also full cream, small shapes and mild late makes, white and colored, according to quality, 40s to 46s; low grades, skims and half-meats, dull, 20s to 36s.

Butter has been in good demand for all grades and the market has advanced and still tends upwards. There is a scarcity in the supply of continental produce, and present supplies of colonial butter, choicest quality, is in small compass. There is also a little improvement in values of medium grades. The Copenhagen quotation for next week is 2 kroner higher. We quote today: Choicest Canadian creamery, in 56-lb boxes, nominal; choicest Russian, in Kiel casks, nominal; secondary grades of Russian and Siberian, scarce, 82c to 86c per cwt; choicest Danish, 115s to 120s; choicest Argetnine, scarce, 96s to 98s; choicest Australian and New Zealand, 97s to 102s; States and Canadian, medium qualities, 74s to 80s.

LOCAL MARKET.

London, Monday, March 7.

The market today was virtually a blank so far as the supply of produce was concerned.

A couple of loads of hay sold at $8 50 to $9 per ton; there will be a good demand for hay for the next couple of days, as the buyers have quite a few orders to fill.

There were no oats or wheat offered up to 11:30 o'clock.

A carload of live hogs was purchased for shipment by Mr. D. McIntyre, for which $4 90 per cwt was paid for selects.

HAY MARKET.

TORONTO.

Toronto, March 7.—Baled Hay—There is a little more coming forward; the demand is fair and the market is steady; cars on the track here are quoted at $9 60 per ton.

Baled Straw—Quiet; cars on the track here are quoted at $5 to $5 50 per ton.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

TORONTO.

Toronto, March 7.—Wheat—The offerings continue light, but the demand since the 10c dip in Chicago the past week or ten days, has been less; exporters say the export inquiry is very light, as the price is too high; Australian wheat is being offered at 5c to 10c per bu lower in Great Britain than Ontario wheat; there is a fair demand from the millers on this side; the wheat market is easier, at 97c to 98c for No. 2 red and white, east or west; goose is steady, at 87c for No. 2, east; spring is steady, at 93c for No. 1, east; Manitoba wheat is steady, at $1 06 for No. 1 hard, $1 04 for No. 1 northern, $1 01 for No. 2 northern, and 98c for No. 3 nothern, at Georgian Bay ports, and 6c more grinding in transit. Flour—The demand is very fair, but there is little offering and the market is dull but firm; local exporters are bidding $3 60 to $3 75 for cars of Ontario 90 per cent winter wheat patents, in their bags west or east; holders are asking $4; choice brands are held 15c to 20c higher; Manitoba flour is firm, at $5 30 for cars of Hungarian patents, $5 for second patents, and $4 90 for strong bakers, bags included. Millfeed—Steady; cars of shorts are quoted at $17 50 and bran at $16, in bulk, west or east; Manitoba millfeed is steady, at $21 for cars of shorts and $20 for bran, sacks included, Toronto freights. Barley—Steady, at 45c to 46c for No. 2, 44c for No. 3 extra and 43c for No. 3, west or east. Buckwheat—Firm, at 51c to 52c for No. 2, west or east. Rye—Steady, at 57c to 58c bid for No. 2, west or east, and 60c asked. Corn—Steady, at 58c for Canada mixed, and 59c for yellow west; American is steady, at 54½c for No. 2 yellow, 54c for No. 3 yellow, and 53c for No. 3 mixed, in car lots on the track, Toronto. Oats—Steady to firm, 35c for No. 1 white, and 34½c for No. 2 white, east; No. 2 white is quoted at 33½c, high freights west, and 34c middle freights. Rolled oats—Firm at the recent advance of 40c per barrel; bags are quoted at $4 50 and barrels at $4 75 on the track here, and 25c more for broken lots at Toronto, and 40c for broken lots outside. Peas—Firm, at 65c for No. 2 west and 66c east; choice milling peas are quoted at 70c west or east. Butter—The offerings are liberal, there is a fairly good demand for choice table goods, and the market is steady to firm; creamery prints, 20c to 22c; solids, 19c to 20c; dairy pound rolls, choice, 15c to 19c; large rolls, 15c to 16c; tubs, good to choice, 16c to 17c; medium, 13c to 14c; poor, 12c. Eggs—The supply is more liberal now, more Ontario lots coming forward more freely, and the offerings of Chicago and New York eggs here, which broke the market last week, have a tendency to further depress prices; new-laid are quoted at 25c. Live hogs—Steady; the arrivals the past week were not heavy; selects are quoted at $5, and heavy and light at $4 75 per cwt. Dressed hogs—Steady; cars on the track here are quoted by local packers at $6 50 for selects and $6 25 for light; farmers' lots on the local street market are quoted at $6 50 to $6 75 for heavy, and $7 to $7 50 for light.

AMERICAN MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

New York, March 7.—Flour—Receipts, 30,475 bbls; sales, 2,900 pkgs; flour was dull and barely steady; Minnesota patents, $5 25 to $5 65; Minnesota bakers, $4 20 to $4 70; winter patents, $5 20 to $5 60; winter straights, $5 to $5 35; winter extras, $3 60 to $4; winter low grades, $3 15 to $3 80. Buckwheat flour—Nominal. Rye flour—Quiet; fair to good, $4 30 to $4 55; choice to fancy, $4 60 to $4 85. Wheat—Receipts, 33,150 bu; sales, 750,000 bu; wheat was dull and weaker, owing to bearish cables, room unloading and good weather in the Southwest; May, $1 to $1 00½; July, 96 11-16c to 97⅛c; September, 88¾c to 89⅛c. Rye—Steady; No. 2 western, 85c, to arrive. Corn—Receipts, 141,900 bu; corn ruled quiet but steady on the cables and bad weather west. Oats—Receipts, 204,000 bu. Sugar—Raw firm; fair refining, 2 15-16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3 7-16c; molasses sugar, 2 11-16c; refined firm; crushed, $5 25; powdered, $4 65; granulated, $4 55. Coffee—Steady; No. 7 Rio; 6⅝c. Lead—Firm, $4 60 to $4 65. Wool—Firm; domestic fleece, 28c to 32c. Hops—Firm; state, common to choice, 1903 crop, 30c to 37c; 1902, 24c to 28c; olds, 10c to 15c.

THE PAVEMENT LETTERS MAY BE EXPLAINED AT COUNCIL MEETING

City Fathers Have Big Grist of Business—Council Pulls Through With Surplus.

After an adjournment of three weeks, the city council meets again tonight. There is a large grist of business to consider, and it is possible that a couple of pavement petitions for Queen's avenue may find their way in to the council chamber. The chief matter of interest, however, centers in the statement which Ald. Cooper assured a reporter he would make to the aldermen. Those citizens who have read Ald. Cooper's admission made to both local papers, that he wrote the Barber Company letters, and that he promised to try to help them to get the contract of paving Dundas street, are very anxious to have Mr. Cooper explain the whole affair. If there is nothing wrong about the letters, as Ald. Cooper claims, then he owes it to himself and to the people of London to make an explanation. True, it is, that certain letters have made their way to London which Ald. Cooper does not deny he wrote, and citizens in general would like to hear the explanation of the alderman. Though Ald. Cooper stated to the press some time ago that he will explain matters to the council tonight, it is not as yet known whether he has changed his mind. Tonight will tell the tale.

The city auditors' report has just been completed, and it contains some interesting figures. Despite the statements of a deficit made earlier in the year, it appears that by some sort of whittling the council of 1903 managed to pull through with a surplus of $3,246 06. The taxes collected during 1903 amounted to $397,688 62. Of course, there is still quite a sum outstanding, and, added, this sum should also be quite a few thousand dollars, for licenses, rents, and so on, making the city's revenue for the year in the neighborhood of half a million dollars. During the year the sum of $37,989 02 was spent on local improvements, $919 33 on curbs and gutters, $9,738 03 on sewers, $31,868 08 on permanent roadways, $9,249 81 on the Public Library, $30,399 28 on the Collegiate Institute, $104,718 16 on public schools and $7,865 35 on separate schools. During 1893, the city received from the London and Port Stanley Railway $14,831 02, and from the London and Southeastern Railway $3,217 02. The city now holds $360,557 of local improvement debentures, the sinking fund to pay off the debentures, which is put aside annually being invested in local improvement debentures. The report will be placed in the hands of the printer at once.

The hospital trust met this afternoon at 2:30 in the city hall.

The great depth of ice on the streets is causing the people of London to wonder why it is that the city does not compel the street railway company to remove the ice and snow at once. Under the bylaw the street railway company must remove all snow and ice from the pavement when it reaches a depth greater than five inches, but so far the city engineer has taken no steps in the matter. One great danger lies in the fact that the water runs the piles of snow onto the sidewalks, and floods cellars and basements. Today the city engineer was kept busy answering people who wanted to know why the city allows the water to run off the streets onto their premises. Mr. Graydon's answer to these queries is that so much snow has fallen this winter and so great is the depth on the ground that it is impossible for the city to look after the water as it should. All over the city today corporation laborers were at work opening up drains, sewers and gullies, but though they did their best, the city streets were more like rivers than streets.

A deputation composed of Ald. Matthews, chairman of No. 3 committee; Ald. Garratt and City Engineer Graydon will leave Tuesday for Hamilton and Toronto to inspect the market houses in those cities, with a view to securing an idea as to the best means of repairing the market house in this city.

The water commissioners met this afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Ottawa has made an agreement with the Canadian Telegraph and Telephone Company, whereby the new company, on payment of $2,500, gets a franchise to do business in that city. Thus that city is now in for dual 'phones. A point of interest to London is that the new company first offered Ottawa $1,000 for a franchise, and later increased the offer by $1,500. A franchise in London should be nearly as good as a franchise in Ottawa, and it is likely that the local aldermen will look for more money than the Canadian company have offered before seriously considering granting them a franchise in London. They offer London $1,000 now for a competitive franchise.

The board of education meets this afternoon at 4 o'clock to prepare the estimates for the year. The estimates will be presented to the council tonight.

A cement walk is being initiated on the south side of Becher street, between Perry and Horne streets.

A PATRIOTIC PROGRAMME

To Be Used in Schools Last Friday in March.

Much Interest Felt In the Essay Competition For Scholars.

The patriotic programme for use in schools the last Friday of the present month, as issued by the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire, is as follows: Sketch the condition of England in the time of Queen Elizabeth; give a sketch of Queen Elizabeth; sketch the condition of Canada in the eighteenth century, and give the history of the Marquis de Robervale; sketch the history of Laura Secord. The readings recommended are "The Armada," Macaulay; "Maids and Matrons of New France," Pepper; "Story of Laura Secord," Curry; "Evangeline," Longfellow, and the song "For Canada," by Sangster.

Considerable interest is being evinced in the essay competition that is at present open until June 1. The first essay open to boys and girls over 12 years of age, still attending school, is to describe a journey taken from Halifax to the Yukon in the month of July; the cost, the principal objects of interest visited, manufactories, character of soil, products, etc. — the essay not to be over 600 words in length, and only the three best to be sent in from any one school. The second essay is open to boys over 9 and under 12 years, and is to give a history of the British flag in not more than 300 words.

BLOCKED MAIN LINE.

An accident which occurred a mile east of St. George blockaded the main line of the G. T. R. for several hours yesterday. An axle on a freight car snapped, causing the car to be thrown from the rails and to rest at right angles across the track. Passenger trains both east and west were sent around by the Brantford cut-off from Paris to Lynden. The freight service was delayed much more than the passenger, as trains with heavy engines could not be sent around by Brantford.

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PAID COSTS AND GOT OFF

Charge of Assault in Coursey Case Withdrawn.

The Case of Sending in False Fire Alarm Again Adjourned.

In this morning's police court John Hooper came up again on the charge of "mischief" that was laid against him a week ago. He had already pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly, but to the mischief he pleaded not guilty. The mischief which he is alleged to have committed was the breaking of a glass in a fire alarm box and sending in a false alarm on Sunday, Feb. 28. The crown asked to have the case adjourned until tomorrow, to which the magistrate acceded.

Mrs. Mary Haines, whose case was adjourned for a week, was present this morning, and so was her accuser, Mrs. Sarah Brooks. The Brooks boy, who stayed at Mrs. Haines', and thus caused the trouble, was shown to have been home since the case in court last week, so the case was disposed of, the magistrate suspending sentence on Mrs. Haines on condition that she would not trouble her neighbor any more. She willingly agreed to this, with a little outburst, in which she said she didn't want to have anything to do with Mrs. Brooks or her "tribe" at all. So that settled it.

James Coursey was ready to answer the charge of assault preferred against him by Miss Grace Miller, but the latter withdrew the charge on Coursey paying the costs of the court, amounting to $1 50.

James Horn had been drunk and disorderly, so it was charged, but the chief explained that the fight involved another man, so the case was enlarged for a week to bring the other combatant.

Two drunks were discharged, and one was fined $2. The latter was Jas. Lawler, who with one of the former had been driving, and in a runaway, on Sunday. The other man had never been in court before, so was let go.

E. Richards, proprietor of the Oriental Hotel, was charged with a breach of the liquor license act, but the case will not come up until tomorrow, when, it was intimated, he would plead guilty.

—Mr. C. L. Sitlington, of 194 Albert street, city, spent Sunday in Thedford and Arkona.

DEATH OF MRS. BROOME

Former Resident of East London Passes Away Unexpectedly.

The death occurred on Saturday evening of Mrs. Margaret Broome, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Reardon, of 625 Lorne avenue.

Mrs. Broome had been ill for several months, but her death was unexpected. Some years ago she suffered from inflammatory rheumatism, which affected her heart and eventually caused her death. She was 25 years of age, and a native of Glasgow, Scotland. Enghteen months ago she was married to Mr. George Broome, of Aurora, where she had resided since.

Mrs. Broome is survived by her parents, and several brothers and sisters. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon to the Scotch Cemetery, Rev. James Rollins, of the King Street Presbyterian Church, of which Mrs. Broome was for some time a member, officiating.

The death of Mrs. Broome is the fourth affliction in Mr. Reardon's family in six months.

PIONEER PASSED AWAY

Death on Sunday of Wm. Pulford, a Retired Farmer.

William Pulford, who has passed over to the majority, was one of the pioneers of this country. He was born in Suffolk, England, in the year 1823. He came to this country at the age of 14, settling for some time in Toronto. In 1847 he was married to Sarah, daughter of the late Thomas Pettman, of Davenport, Toronto. The marriage took place in St. Paul's Cathedral, corner of Church and King streets, Toronto, Rev. Mr. Grassette officiating. He then removed to King township, where he farmed for ten years. While there he donated an acre of land on which to erect the present English Church, of which he was a member.

Mr. Pulford sold out in King, and bought land in East Elgin, Dorchester township, remaining there for eighteen years.

Leaving the farm in the year 1875, he retired to his late home in London, where he had resided for the past 30 years. He died on the 6th inst., at the age of 81 years, after living a Christian life. His end was peace. Mr. Pulford leaves a widow, one son and two daughters—Thomas G. Pulford, of Dorchester; Mrs. Thomas Gillies, of Toronto, and Mrs. Charles J. Forward, of St. Louis, Mo.

THE STRENUOUS BLOCKADE

Prevents People Reaching Their Sick and Dead Relatives.

The impassable condition of the roads is no doubt very annoying, and causes much inconvenience, but probably when it inflicts the most suffering is when it prevents people from reaching sick ones or going to relatives who lie dead.

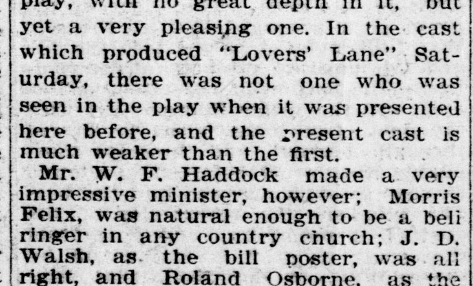
Such is the sad condition one man in London is in today. It is Mr. W. A. Mason, of the London Machine Fence Company, who received a telegram this morning from Paisley that his mother is dead. He left today for St. Marys, where he will see what can be done towards reaching Paisley. The railroads are reported as still tied up, and if no train is able to get through by tomorrow he will endeavor to drive the whole distance. Paisley is in the northern part of Bruce county.

The late Mrs. James Mason, who was about 56 years of age, had one other son and three daughters. The son is Dr. F. H. Mason, of Painsville. The daughters are Mrs. James Forsyth and Mrs. W. G. Kennedy, of St. Marys, and Mrs. James Sheepy, of Paisley. It was at the last daughter's home that the mother passed away.

HAD A TUSSLE AT GUELPH

Western University Students Try Conclusions With O. A. C. Boys.

The intercollegiate debate between representatives of the arts faculty of the Western University, of this city, and the Ontario Agricultural College took place in convocation hall, Massey building, Guelph, on Friday evening, and resulted in a victory for the Ontario Agricultural College. The subject was, "Resolved, that the preferential policy outlined by Hon. Joseph Chamberlain would, if adopted, prove to be in the best interests of the British Empire." Messrs. Fred Landon and W. H. Snell, on behalf of the Western University, supported the proposition, on behalf of the Ontario Agricultural College Messrs. H. Deachmann and B. S. Pickett opposed it. A very pleasant evening was spent, and wound up with cheers for the London boys and "God Save the King."



"Lovers' Lane," a four-act play by Clyde Fitch, drew fair houses at the Grand Saturday afternoon and evening. The play, which has been seen here before, presents a pretty story of the troubles of a young minister whose heart is in the right place, but who has to deal with a congregation of prudes and husband-hunting girls, with the result that many of his most charitable and worthy acts are misconstrued. It is a typical Clyde Fitch play, with no great depth in it, but yet a very pleasing one. In the cast which produced "Lovers' Lane" Saturday, there was not one who was seen in the play when it was presented here before, and the present cast is much weaker than the first.

Mr. W. F. Haddock made a very impressive minister, however; Morris Felix, was natural enough to be a bell ringer in any country church; J. D. Walsh, as the bill poster, was all right, and Roland Osborne, as the country storekeeper, looked and acted his part well.

But the real star of the company is a little miss of 15 summers — Tottie Richmond, who plays the part of Simplicity Johnston. This is her first season on the road, though she has had considerable training by her mother, who was a Boston actress at one time. The little girl carries out a couple of intensely emotional scenes with the skill of a finished actress, and that she has a bright future before her seems certain.

Miss Patricia Claire, in the part of the village schoolmistress, gave as finished a portrayal of the character as has been given to it in this city, but Miss Claire was at the disadvantage of having to submerge an extremely attractive personality in a part that did little justice to her talent.

Pauline Baxter, who takes the part of Mrs. Woodbridge, is also worthy of mention, and also Mabel Walsh, as Mary Larkin. The scenery of "Lovers' Lane" is very fine.

The vaudeville performances at the London Opera House were concluded Saturday, fair-sized audiences appearing to be well-pleased with the show.

CONDENSED LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. William R. O'Neil spent Sunday at his home, Sarnia Tunnel.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ed Martin, of English street, have returned from a month's visit to friends in Port Hope and Toronto.

—The funeral of Mr. Joshua Garrard Wright, who died on Friday in this city, will be private from the residence of Crown Attorney Magee.

—A Buffalo coal firm has sent a circular to Mayor Beck advising the city to lay in a supply of soft coal, as there will likely be a strike in the bituminous region this summer. Not much stock is taken in the circular around the city hall.

BARN WAS STRUCK.

During the storm of last week a barn belonging to Mr. George A. Gibson, of Byron, was struck by lightning. The building was considerably damaged.

LONDON ROWING CLUB.

The thirteenth annual meeting of the London Rowing Club is to be held next Friday night at the City Hotel, when the election of officers and committees for the present year will take place. A number of important matters are booked for discussion.

CANON DANN AT TORONTO.

Rev. Canon Dann, of this city, lectured on "Ireland and Its Educational System" at Trinity University, Toronto, on Saturday afternoon. The Toronto papers report the audience a large and well-pleased one, the lecture being very interesting.

BACK FROM MEXICO.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ferris and daughter, of Winnipeg, were guests of Mrs. Thomas Oliver, 423 Ridout street, yesterday. Mr. Ferris, who is connected with the big cattle firm of Gordon, Ironsides & Ferris, of Winnipeg, went west today. He has been in Mexico all winter, where they have 15,000 cattle. Mrs. and Miss Ferris left today for a visit to Chicago and St. Louis.

TWO CARS BURNED OUT.

Though there was a great flow of water on the rails of the street railway company today, only two cars were burned out up till 2 o'clock. Traveling was very slow, however, and the schedule was all out of kilter. A peculiarity which none of the officials seem to be able to explain is that more cars were burned out on days when there was less water on the rails than there is today.

DEATH OF MRS. TUKE.

The death took place at No. 826 Lorne avenue, on Sunday, of Mary Tuke, wife of John Tuke. Deceased was a native of England, 74 years of age, and a member of the Anglican Church. She leaves three sons, William, Charles, and John, and one daughter, Mrs. Jas. Marsh, of Detroit, Mich. Rev. George M. Cox, of St. Matthew's Church, will conduct the funeral service on Wednesday at 2 p.m.

THE MAKERS LOSE.

The statement was made by a well-known commission merchant today that the cheese makers who held their cheese last fall for higher prices will lose heavily, as the price being paid now is two cents a pound lower than it was at the close of the season. The figures given during 1903, he added, were altogether too high, and were not warranted. Many of the factories in the London district had held back their cheese expecting better prices, and would likely have eventually to accept the reduction.

THE POWERS WILL KEEP OUT OF IT

Europe Not Likely To Be Dragged Into the War.

INTERVENTION IS IMPROBABLE

Russian Press Adopts a More Conciliatory Attitude Towards Great Britain.

London, March 5. — The foreign office regards the week just ended as one in which much has been done to guarantee the continued peace of Europe. There is authority for saying, however, that rumors that France, Great Britain or any other power is contemplating intervention or the taking of steps with the idea of ending the war are quite baseless. The frequent visits of M. Cambon, the French ambassador, to Foreign Minister Lansdowne, have had no connection with the present war. The treaty now on the verge of conclusion to settle long-stading differences between Great Britain and France on colonial questions, gives M. Cambon and Lord Lansdowne plenty to do. In Downing street it is thought that Japan would almost regard any attempt at intervention as an unfriendly act. Concerning the attitude of Russia toward Great Britain, it was said at the foreign office that the Government here received direct information which has proved conclusively that the Russian Government is sincere in its desire to maintain friendly relations with Great Britain. It is frankly recognized at the foreign office, however, that certain classes of Russian opinions are much embittered against Great Britain, more so even than the Russian press indicates, and that it will be some little time before the relations of the Russian and British publics resume their normal condition. The only diplomatic danger believed by the foreign office to be in sight is a possible continental protest against the Japanese-Korean treaty. Great Britain has been unofficially approached by one of the great powers with the view of sustaining Russia's protest in this connection on a point of international law. Lord Lansdowne, however, will take no action, and, it is not thought likely, that other nations will deem it wise to complicate the situation by seriously urging the Russian contention that Japan's new treaty with Korea abrogates the rights of other powers. Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister to Great Britain, who keeps in close touch with diplomatic developments here and on the continent, declares that no European complication is at all likely to occur, nor is the course of the war in the least likely to be affected by any project of diplomacy now or in the near future.

The Novosti prints a significant editorial, which is very conciliatory toward Great Britain. The paper argues that the understanding between the two countries with regard to an Asiatic policy, will assure peace in Asia without which the moral development of Russian and British interests there would be impossible. If Great Britain, the Novosti says, would agree to an outlet for Russia to the Indian Ocean, Great Britain's possessions in India would be unconditionally guaranteed by Russia. The Novoe Vremya also discusses the offers of British friendship, but with bad grace, saying: "John Bull believes he has a better chance of reaching the winning post with Great Britain and Japan in double harness than with a troika, including the American mustang.

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JOTTINGS FROM NEAR-BY PLACES

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Ilderton, March 7.—A very enjoyable event took place at the residence of Mr. Frank Attwood, of the 10th con. of Lobo, on Friday evening last, in the form of a social party. People from far and near gathered there about half past 7 to spend the evening. The amusements included dancing and social conversation till about 12 o'clock, when the host and hostess served a royal lunch, to which the guests did ample justice. The music, which was supplied by Mr. John McLaren, was excellent, and the pleasant affair lasted until well into the early morning.

Owing to the continued blockade, the postmaster has little to do in his office these days.

Miss Nellie Robson, who attends the London Collegiate, had to be driven into the city because of the blockade.

Mr. Kenneth M. Robb, photographer of this place, and who attends business college, was storm-stayed in the city this week.

Mr. Peter McFarlane is slowly recovering after a long attack of sickness.

Vera's Love Affair

Lady Riversdale, by a word — an intensely proud, fond word—had intimated that they were her children, and Vera, filled with astonishment at such information, on comparing their beauty with the mother's remarkably homely face, had lost herself in a special glance around. Her eyes falling on Lord Riversdale's solved the riddle. He was a singularly handsome man with marked regular features; at last, then, she had found a child who did not "take after" the ugly parent. She felt thankful for this singular experience.

The children, after a prolonged examination of her charming face, scramble up from their cushions, and back slowly out of her sight. It seems to her that they have made their way to the wall behind her, only very much higher up the room. She feels a touch of regret as she loses her last glimpse of their deliciously solemn little countenances.

Seaton is standing close beside her, as motionless as if on guard, and with an unconscious air of taking care of her that irritates her to the last degree. Why can't he go away and talk to somebody, or, if he must stay, why can't he talk to her? She envies Griselda, who is laughing in the happy privacy of the curtains with Tom Peyton, who has just introduced her to one of his friends. It is a positive relief to her when presently she sees the children emerge again from behind the backs of those who line the wall and sidle towards her with that peculiarly aimless air that children will assume when most eagerly bent on gaining a desired goal.

Ever nearer and nearer they glide, their eyes distrustfully, yet longingly, turned upon her, until at last with a little soft rush they gain her side. Even here they hesitate, until the younger, taking her courage in both hands, slips her little slim fingers under the narrow gold bangles that adorn Vera's wrist, and begins to push them up and down with a childish diffident gesture. The elder, finding her sister unrepulsed, drops on her knees beside her, rests her elbows on Vera's gown, and looks calmly up into her face.

"What's your name?" asks she gravely.

"Vera."

"Vera!" Both children repeat the word with a sort of gratification.

"That's better," goes on the elder nodding her blonde head. "All the others are Mary, or Maude, or Violet, or some such silly name; we are tired of them, but Vera, that is quite new."

"Would you mind," asks the younger child anxiously, "if I called my smallest daughter by that name? She is such a pretty creature! I never saw a doll like her. Really, if you saw her I think you wouldn't care. May I christen her all over again and call her Vera?"

"I shall regard it as quite a compliment," says Vera, "and if you want a new godmother, pray let me stand for her."

This proposition is hailed with rapture, and an appointment instantly made to meet next morning, in the nursery, where the ceremony is to be performed.

"It's the loveliest name," says the blonde child. "Who gave it to you?"

"My godfathers and god——" Vera is beginning with a laugh, when a small frown checks her.

"Don't laugh," says the fair one with the golden locks. "We hate it. Dicky Browne is always laughing at us, and its horrid. But tell us—have you another name, haven't you?"

"Yes, Mary, I'm ashamed to say."

"Ah, it was sure to come," cry the two solemn children, mournfully. They evidently regard this commonplace addition to the romantic "Vera" in the light of a national calamity. The younger still continues to push the bangles up and down the pretty white arm, but now in a dejected fashion.

"I knew we shouldn't escape it," says she sadly, 'but I know what we'll do, Dolly, we'll forget it. It's quite easy to forget anything. She shall be Vera only."

"Not Vera Only," says Dolly sagely, "she can't be Miss Only; that's nonsense. She must be Miss Brown, or Miss Thompson or something. What Miss are you?" regarding Vera with anxiety, who is beginning to look upon them with reverence, as two of the quaintest little beings she has ever met.

"Dysart," confesses she softly, for her sins.

"Why, that's Seaton's name," cries Dolly, brightening, and looking up at the tall young man who is standing near them, "isn't it, Seaton? Why, you must be something to him. Sister, eh?"

"No," said Vera, shaking her head.

"You can't be his mother?" hazards the younger child uncertainly.

Vera laughs lightly. "No!" she says again.

"I have it! I know it!" exclaims Dolly the wise, glancing up triumphantly; "you are—his wife!"

This innocent bombshell spreads dismay in the camp.

"No, I am not," says Vera, in a carefully low but dreadful tone, conscious only of the fact that he is standing behind her and has heard the foolish prattle. She blushes abominably hard and almost shakes the child's arms off her knees.

As for Seaton, he, too, changes color in a very tell-tale manner, and with a quick frown turns on his heel and walks abruptly away.

"Oh, I'm sorry I said that," says the child, noting, with the unerring instinct of extreme youth, that luckless blush, "I have vexed you."

"Why should you think that? I am not vexed," says Vera coldly.

"Ah, don't speak to me like that," cries the little creature regretfully. "Your face is looking at me quite different now. And I didn't know. It is so hard always to know. But I am sure I have made you angry—and Seaton, too. Did you see him, Flossy?" turning tearfully to her sister; "he went away all at once, as red as fire, and as nagry as he could be."

"I suppose he didn't want you for his wife; but never mind," says Flossy sweetly, "somebody else will if you only wait, I'm sure of it, because you are very nice and pretty."

"You give me hope," says Vera sarcastically. And then ashamed of herself as she sees the little honest grieved faces staring in surprise at her she changes her tone, and lays a hand on each pretty shoulder with a caressing pressure. "Who is that pretty girl over there?" she asks, with a wild longing to change this embarrassing conversation, pointing to where the girl who had first attracted her is sitting, "quite opposite, in the red and white gown? Do you see her?"

"Oh, that is Mary Butler. Don't you know her. Everybody knows Mary Butler. We love her, so does everybody else."

"Mamma says Seaton does," says little Flossy, mildly; "perhaps that's why he won't marry you."

"Mamma says, too, that you are not to chatter," says the sapient Dolly, with slow severity.

"Well, there is no harm in loving anyone, it is only wicked to hate," says Flossy indignant at the public rebuke. "And I'm right too; he does love her. There he is now smiling at her."

Seaton had indeed joined the gay group round the ottoman on which Miss Butler is seated, and there is something in the way she makes room for him beside her, a little swift pulling aside of the dainty skirts, a vague uplifting of the brows, that tells his coming is not unwelcome to her. At all events it so suggests itself to Vera, and it may be that others think so, too, because presently one by one the attendant swains melt away, until she and Seaton are left alone.

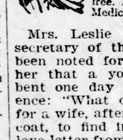
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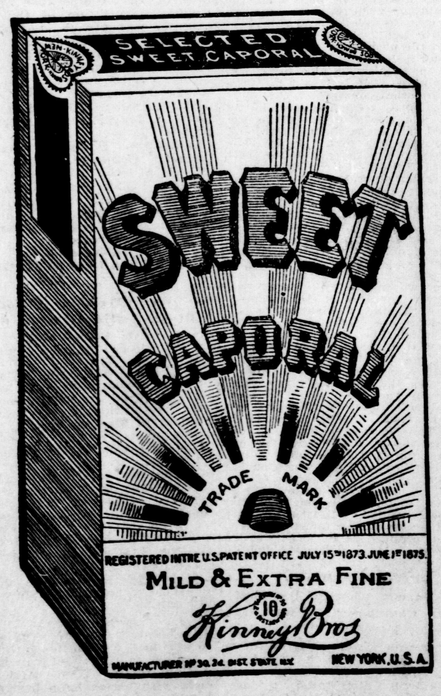
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Mrs. Leslie M. Shaw, wife of the secretary of the treasury, has always been noted for her wit. It is said of her that a young man of humorous bent one day exclaimed in her presence: "What could be more dreadful for a wife, after mending her husband's coat, to find in one of the pockets a love letter from another woman?" "Fortunately," said Mrs. Shaw, "that could never happen. The woman would find the letter first and then she would not mend the coat."



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LONDONERS KNOW NOTHING OF THE PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Have Not Been Approached in the Matter—A "Pipe" Story Sent From Detroit.

The revival of the old International Baseball League is the subject of a dispatch from Detroit, dated Saturday, which will be of special interest to London fans. The dispatch says:

"The movement to revive the old International Baseball League took shape Wednesday night, when James P. Bowen, of Saginaw, who proposes to have a team in that city, arrived in Detroit and immediately entered into negotiations with local promoters to effect a league organization. A meeting was held during the afternoon, when an organization was formed, and a representative sent around to the towns mentioned for the proposed league.

"It was decided Wednesday night that Lansing, Port Huron and Saginaw should be the Michigan clubs, with Hamilton, London and Chatham, all Canadian cities, to complete the list. Lansing men are behind a strong movement in that town for a first-class team, and will send a Lansing representative. Word has been received from London that a team would be supported by a stock company, and Port Huron is also working on the stock company idea.

"The six cities named would comprise a circuit hard to beat. The jumps are remarkably short for a six-team league, and all the Michigan cities allow Sunday ball. Two holidays, Decoration Day and Empire Day, both come in May, while Dominion Day and the Fourth of July come about five weeks later. Starting the season about the 10th of May, the holidays and Sunday ball alone should keep the league in a secure financial position.

"The Canadian cities will be visited early next week by a league representative to arouse interest in the league. An effort will be made to get the street railways in the various towns to take stock in the companies formed to support the clubs, and in at least two towns, Lansing and London, it is expected that clubs will be backed by the railway men."

Little "stock" is taken in the report here. Bert Sheere, who was one of the parties at the back of the last team London had in the International League, said this morning that as far as he knew there was nothing whatever in the story that the city was to be in the proposed league. He had heard nothing of it, and neither had Mr. W. J. Reid, owner of Tecumseh Park. If a club was entered, it would have to secure a place to play, other than Tecumseh Park, as the latter was now in the hands of the City League, and it was not known where a suitable place could be had without laying out a large sum on the grounds and the erection of stands.

"As far as the owner of Tecumseh Park is concerned," said Bert Sheere, "he is perfectly satisfied with things as they stand at the present time. I have not been approached at any time this season about the entry of a team in an international league."

HAVE ARRANGED THEIR SCHEDULES

Major League Magnates Have Everything in Apple-Pie Order for Season.

New York, March 4. — With the adoption and announcement of the schedule of playing dates for the season of 1904, the representatives of the National League Baseball Clubs finished their annual spring meeting tonight. The league has arranged what is known as "three trip schedule," the eastern clubs making the initial trip first to western territory. The season will open on Thursday, April 14, with New York in Brooklyn, Boston in Philadelphia, and Chicago in Cincinnati, and on April 15, Pittsburg will begin the season in St. Louis. The opening game in the other cities will be played on April 21, with Brooklyn in Boston, Philadelphia in New York, Cincinnati in Pittsburg, and St. Louis in Chicago. The holiday morning and afternoon games have been arranged as follows: Decoration Day, May 30, New York in Philadelphia, Boston in Brooklyn, St. Louis in Pittsburg, and Chicago in Cincinnati. June 17—Philadelphia in Boston. July 4—Brooklyn in Boston, Philadelphia in New York, Chicago in Pittsburg and Cincinnati in St. Louis. Labor Day, Sept. 5—Boston in New York, Brooklyn in Philadelphia, Cincinnati in Pittsburg, and Chicago in St. Louis. The season will close in the east on Oct. 8, with New York in Brooklyn, and Boston in Philadelphia, and in the west on Oct. 9, with Pittsburg and Chicago and Cincinnati in St. Louis. The Saturday games at home are distributed as follows: New York 14, Brooklyn 12, Boston 10, Philadelphia 12, Cincinnati 12, Pittsburg 18, Chicago 13, and St. Louis 13. The home games for Sundays are parceled out among the western cities, St. Louis getting 13, Chicago 18, and Cincinnati 17.

LONDON HAS THE WRESTLING CRAZE

Extends Even to the Drawing-Rooms of Fashionable Society.

London, March 5.—London has the wrestling craze, and it has even extended to the drawing-rooms of fashionable society. For the moment even bridge has been supplanted by the wrestling craze. Hackenschmidt and the Terrible Turk may congratulate themselves that they have set a new fashion. Many of those who for the past three months have been watching the deeds of these wrestlers have now become filled with the desire to do likewise, and at evening entertainments —where formerly ping pong and bridge were the craze—we have now amateur wrestling matches.

Indeed, one enterprising stationer is already printing "At Home" cards with the mystic word "wrestling" printed in the corner. At present the most popular style is Graeco-Roman, but Japanese methods of Ju-jit-su are also growing in favor.

Taking advantage of the fad, an ingenious artisan has invented a wonderful wrestling machine, which ought to become very popular. This machine grips you in any particular style you may like by an adjustment of the machinery, and then if you are strong enough you throw the machine over and so effect your release from the grip; if you are not strong enough the machine throws you. It is stated to be splendid practice for wrestling, and is very healthy exercise. Such a machine ought to have a good sale here just now, and would, no doubt, be largely patronized by those who are always on the lookout for mechanical devices for maintaining their physical strength at a high level.

BASEBALL STARS OF A FEW YEARS SINCE ARE WIDELY SCATTERED

Few of the Old-Time Favorites Are Now in the Game—Some in Business, Others Dead.

Twelve years cover the career of the professional baseball player. There are exceptions to the rule, but they are not numerous. George Van Haltren, who will not be seen in a New York National League uniform this year, but who will play ball on the Pacific Coast, is the oldest man in active service today, barring Jimmy Ryan, Jim O'Rourke, who still catches for Bridgeport, Conn., and Jim McGuire, who may be dropped by the Detroit Club. Van Haltren joined the Chicagos under Anson nearly 18 years ago. He came from California as a left-handed pitcher, and he continued to be effective when he played under John M. Ward, in the Brooklyn Brotherhood Club in 1890. Always careful as to his habits, "Old Van" remained in splendid condition from year to year, and was a shining example for other members of the profession to follow. No doubt Van Haltren would be a member of the Giants again this year, had he not broken his leg in the season of 1902, which incapacitated him the remainder of the year, and last season he had not fully recovered from the effects of the injury.

Jim O'Rourke, who one time managed the Senators under the Wagners, has had an even longer career than Van Haltren. His son played on the Yale 'Varsity team two years ago, and then joined his father's Bridgeport team. It was a unique spectacle last summer, when Father Jim made a quick line throw from behind the bat to third base to head off a base-stealer and his son caught the ball for a swift put out.

Jim McGuire has been in the major leagues 20 years, and is still a good catcher, although he can not bat as well as he once did, and is woefully slow on the bases. Charley Farrell, of the Boston Americans, is still in harness, after a campaign of 16 years, and a great catcher he has been, too, his work with the New Yorks, when he handled the terrific bombarding of Rusie and Meekin in 1894, the Temple Cup year, being well remembered by the fans all over the country.

FARRELL MAY STEP DOWN.

When the Bostons played in Washington at the opening of last season Farrell broke an ankle sliding into second base, and he was not seen in uniform again until almost the last games of the year. Charley has taken on considerable weight, and this may force him to retire from major league company.

Tom Daly, another veteran, is doomed to minor leagues this year. Anson took him from Newark along with Pitcher Phyle in 1888, and Daly was quickly pronounced the star catcher of the business. As a thrower and catcher of foul flies he was in a class by himself, even excelling the great Ewing and Charley Bennett in this respect, as many experts contended.

Jake Blakely is one more veteran who is still able to play almost up to major league requirements. He was first baseman of the Pittsburgs in 1887, and has for years been among the best champion batsmen of the National League. He will be with the St. Louis Cardinals in 1904.

There is hardly a player of the veteran class more remarkable than Jimmy Ryan, who rounded out two good years with the Washington team. It is said that he has played in big league clubs longer than any of the present players, and Jimmy acknowledged having served 20 years as a professional. He joined Anson's Chicagos as a pitcher, and was soon made an outfielder, because of his fine batting. Last summer at the local park and at New York and Philadelphia Ryan made some phenomenal catches and throws. In addition to hiting the ball well at times. He is mentioned as the manager of the Kansas City American Association Club this year, but the latest information from Jimmy was to the effect that he had not signed with any team. Lave Cross, Jack Doyle, George Davis, Charley Zimmer, and Jack O'Connor are the other notable leagues more than a dozen years and are still in the game.

THE DETROIT CHAMPIONS.

As star players drop into seclusion and younger men take their places, so old cranks give way to the rising generations of rooters. How many rooters of today remember the champion Detroits of 1887? What has become of this great ball team? Charley Bennett, the catcher, who lost both legs in a railroad accident, is the proprietor of a cigar store in Detroit. Charley Ganzel, the other catcher, retired to become a Boston drummer, while his brother, John, is playing first base for the New York Americans, "Lady" Baldwin and Getzein, the two leading pitchers, have dropped out of sight. Dan Brouthers, the big first baseman, and in his time the best batter in the world, is running a hotel at Wappinger Falls, N. Y., Fred Dunlap, probably the most spectacular second baseman that ever played ball, is dead. His professional career ended in Washington in the early '90's, when he had a leg broken running bases.

Jack Rowe, the shortstop, is a livery stable keeper in Buffalo. "Deacon" White, the third baseman, has retired and is well-fixed in the world's goods. Sam Thompson, who left the professional game four or five years ago, is living in Detroit, and will coach a Michigan college team this spring. Last summer the once great outfielder and batter played in the City League of Detroit. Hardie Richardson, who played in his later years with the Senators, seems to have dropped out of sight, while the other member of this star outfit, Edward Hanlon, is manager of the Brooklyn Club.

The champion Chicagos, who took the pennant in 1885 and 1886, have also been forgotten by a majority of the baseball enthusiasts. Anson's finish was with the New Yorks in 1896. He lasted about 20 days, when Freedman let him go. Then he opened a billiard room in Chicago and has devoted considerable time to bowling, having participated in the tournament at Cleveland. He was the star baseball captain of his day, and he had the happy faculty of surrounding himself with brainy players. Death has removed several of the men who helped to make Chicago and Anson famous on the diamond: "Silver" Flint, the catcher, who was behind the bat all the time, one might say; Mike Kelly, "the $10,000 beauty;" Ed Williamson and Tommy Burns have all passed away. Fred Pfeffer, the crack second baseman, is living in Chicago, and plays an occasional game. George Gore, the centerfielder, is a railroad detective. William Sunday, rightfielder, is a minister of the gospel. John Clarkson, the $10,000 pitcher, is in the cigar business in Saginaw, and his brother, Walter, another remarkable pitcher, is captain of the Harvard 'Varsity nine. Jim McCormick, another great pitcher in his time, is a resident of Paterson, N. J., and Larry Corcoran, also a star pitcher under Anson, has not been heard of for years. Fred Goldsmith, the pitcher of the old Tecumsehs (London), is now a resident of Monroe, Mich., and visited London last year at the time of the Old-Boys' reunion.

NEW YORKERS SCATTERED.

What has become of the members of the champion New Yorks who won the pennant in 1888 and 1889? Buck Ewing, the catcher and captain, and one of the finest players that ever lived, retired years ago and lives in Cincinnati. Buck invested his money well, and does not have to worry about meal tickets. Bill Brown, who helped Buck behind the bat, is dead. So is Ned Crane, the giant pitcher, whose speed was a terror to most batsmen. Tim Keefe, one of the brainiest pitchers that ever handled a ball, is living quietly at Cambridge, Mass., where he owns some real estate.

"Smiling Mickey" Welsh, another popular player, has a paying saloon at Holyoke, and is the father of nine boys, who will take to the diamond some of these days.

Roger Connor, the first baseman, who still has an army of friends, owned the Springfield, Mass., Club, of the New England League in 1903, but sold it and has retired from baseball. Roger is wealthy.

Danny Richardson, the second baseman, after playing a short while with the Washington Club, retired and now is a drygoods merchant in Elmira.

John M. Ward, the famous shortstop, is a lawyer who has made a success. His sporting proclivities nowadays tend toward golf, at which game he is quite proficient.

Arthur Whitney, the third baseman, is manager of the baseball department of the Victor Sporting Goods Company. Jim O'Rourke and Gore have been accounted for, while "Silent Mike" Tiernan, one of the most popular players that ever wore a New York uniform, is the owner of a Harlem saloon.

How many of the present stars in the big leagues will be playing ball in 1916, or 12 years from now, and how many cranks then will be familiar with the characteristics of the Boston world's champions and the Pittsburg pennant-winners of three seasons?

M'CHESNEY IS THE FAVORITE

Bookmakers Hold Him as the Choice in the Big Races—Others Close Up.

Although the opening of the metropolitan racing season is still several weeks off betting has begun on the big events to be decided this summer. The western bookmakers who lay the future odds on the handicaps to be run at the local tracks have already announced the prices on the various candidates for the big races.

The odds quoted showed that the layers are inclined to hold McChesney at a shorter price than Waterboy. In the Suburban McChesney is quoted at 12 to 1, while 15 to 1 is offered against both Waterboy and Hermis, with The Picket, High Ball and Claude quoted at the same price.

Waterboy is absent in the Brooklyn and McChesney, Hermis, Africander and Claude are the choices at 12 to 1, while Charles Elwood is next at 15 to 1, a rather short price judging from the showing that he made last season. The 20 to 1 shots include Irish Lad, Major Daingerfield, The Picket, High Ball, Pulsus and Dick Bernard.

RACING AT NEW YORK.

New York, March 7. — It is evident that the Empire City Trotting Association is going to make an effort to conduct another huge trotting meeting over its famous Yonkers course this summer.

During the week the officers of the association got together and without any delay decided to give the stake events amounting to $24,000. The meeting this year will be a regular Grand Circuit affair and it will attract all the fastest trotters and pacers in training.

Following the Empire meet the Brighton Beach Association will hold its annual Grand Circuit meeting. With two weeks of Grand Circuit sport in succession and only a few miles apart, there is no doubt that every prominent stable will be represented, and incidentally give local followers of light harness sport some of the best racing of the circuit.

THE DETROIT MEET.

The total amount to be offered in stakes at the Grand Circuit meeting in Detroit, commencing July 18, will be $43,000.

Major Delmar, 1:59¾, has developed considerably this winter, now weighing 1,080 pounds, which is about 75 pounds more than he weighed last winter. He is as sound as a new milled dollar.

SATURDAY'S WINNERS.

At New Orleans — John Doyle, 12 to 1; Macbeth, 13 to 1; Claremont, 9 to 2; Tribe's Hill, 6 to 5; Athelana, 2 to 1; Past, 7 to 1.

GAMES POSTPONED.

On account of the soft ice, the games in the Junior League will not be played tonight. The games will be put on shortly, and the balance of the week's programme, weather permitting, will be carried out. The Senior League games are scheduled for Wednesday, and the Hortons and St. John's A. C. are to play on Friday.

EMSLIE RE-ENGAGED

Bob Emslie, of St. Thomas, has been engaged for another season as a National League umpire. Emslie has a reputation such as few, if any, umpires have ever enjoyed, and it can be taken for granted that as long as he wants to work for the National a place will be found for him on the staff of umpires. O'Day, Moran and Johnstone, of the 1903 staff, have been re-engaged, with Kelley, who officiated for the Eastern League last season, as the extra man.

President Powers, of the Eastern League, has secured the release of Tom Daly, of the Cincinnati club. Daly will captain and manage the Providence team this year.

The Pittsburg Nationals will have the same in and out field as last season. Of ten pitchers on the list, only two—Phillippe and Leever—have been tried and found not wanting.

Ned Hanlon has 23 players on the list for 1904. Of these, six are pitchers and eight are infielders.

Rochester has secured Kane, a clever left-hand pitcher, from Detroit.

At a special meeting of the directors of the Toronto Baseball Club on Saturday, it was decided to leave the appointment of the fifth director over until tomorrow, when another special meeting will be held. The directors voted to leave the spring practice entirely in the hands of Manager Irwin, who has decided to order to players to report on April 4 at a place to be selected next week.

HIGH, BUT IT MUST BE HAD

English Newspapers Spend Immense Sums Annually for Sporting News Service.

A morning paper of the front rank pays a large amount of money for its service of sporting news says an English exchange. To begin with, a moderate racing service supplied through the news agencies costs not less than £150 a year; a cricket and football service costs another £150; reports of athletic meetings cost £120 per annum, and odds and ends yet another £150, or a total of £570. The service of the sporting editor and his staff cost £800 more, so that it will be well within the mark to say that £1,500 a year is not an outside price for a daily newspaper to pay for its service of sporting news.

The heaviest items of expenditure are concerned with the racing services. These cover full descriptions of races, introductions, the vaticinations of the prophets, whose chief successes are on classic events; training notes, latest betting, weights and acceptances, scratchings, orders of running, etc., and for every one of these items special men are employed and special salaries paid. It is only by the distribution of their work over a large number of papers, and a still larger number of clubs, that the agencies are able to recoup themselves, for the cost of a separate service to a single newspaper would be impossible. The payment would be out of all proportion to its revenue.

Let us glance at some other items which are not included in the agency services, but for which the newspapers have to make separate arrangements at an added cost—such as the cricket tour of the M. C. C. team in Australia, of whose brilliant play long special dispatches appeared in the news papers. It will assist to an appreciation of the up-to-date enterprise of the newspaper to learn that each word cabled costs a trifle under 1s at press rates, and that there are 2,000 words in the ordinary newspaper column.

Again, there are the minor cricket matches played by institutions and schools. They are not of wide general interest, and therefore the agencies do not report them, but they are of particular interest to those who take part in them and their friends, and the lowest cost of a result telegraphed by the club is not less than 6d to the newspaper. Where these minor matches are numerous, as they are in London and every large center of population, the sixpences run into sovereigns, and the sovereigns into substantial figures in the newspaper's balance sheet at the close of its financial year.

The same remarks apply to football. The agencies arrange to report the Association League matches and the Rugby county championships and all the big events. But they do not cover all the football matches, and in the case of big matches the leading newspapers find it an advantage to supplement the agency accounts by special reports of their own staffs at an added cost. In the case of the minor matches where mere details only are published, the cheapest obtained result means the cost of telegraphing, so that payment for any considerable number of these matches very soon advances from sixpences into pounds sterling. There is a call for this class of news, and at any cost the demand must be satisfied.

Take some of the other items. Athletics imply a considerable outlay because there are many meetings whose interest is limited to a town or district, and the whole cost of reporting them has to be borne by one or two newspapers instead of several. The cost is proportionately heavier the fewer newspapers there are to bear it. Golf is another form of sport requiring special attention at a special cost. And so we pass on to cross-country runs, cycling, swimming, rowing, jumping, fox and other hunting, archery, angling, skating, gymnkhanas, lacrosse, tennis, croquet, bowls, quoits, rackets and knurr and spell. These are all outdoor sports, and each one requires personal attention from some member of the sporting reporting department of a newspaper or a syndicate of newspapers, and all mean calls upon the newspaper cashier.

But the outdoor engagements do not exhaust the whole category of sport. There are indoor sports, and not a few of them, to which the newspaper has to give its attention and to apply its revenue. There are billiard matches between champions of the first class, the reporting of which has to be paid for on a liberal scale; boxing, wrestling, gymnastics, fencing, chess, draughts, and skittles, not to speak of others. They all need attention and they all receive it, and thus the bill for sporting news runs into many thousands of pounds a year.

AN INNOVATION IN DIVISION OF PURSES

Buffalo, March 4.—At an informal dinner tendered to representatives of the press this evening, C. R. Bentley, secretary and treasurer of the Buffalo Driving Club, announced the early closing stakes, amounting to $16,000, for the Grand Circuit week, beginning Aug. 1. An innovation in the division of purses was outlined. Ten per cent of each purse will be reserved for the horse standing best in the summary at the end of the race. In case of a tie the horse winning the fastest heat will receive the extra 10 per cent. After deducting the 10 per cent the balance of the purse will be divided into three equal parts. Each heat will constitute a race and the money division will be 60 per cent to the horse winning the heat, 25 per cent to horse finishing second, and 15 per cent to the third horse. As an illustration Secretary Bentley explained the division of the Electric City ($5,000) purse. Ten per cent, or $500, will be given to the horse standing best in the summary; the remainder of the purse will be divided into three equal parts of $1,500 for each heat, 60 per cent of which, or $900, goes to the winning horse; $375 to the second and $225 to the third. This makes it possible for nine horses to win money in the event, and also makes it possible for one horse to win $3,200 out of the purse. This is believed will reduce the inclination of drivers to lay up heats to a minimum. The other events for which entries close on April 7 are: Trotting—Queen City, 2:19 class, $2,000; Preparation, for 3-year-olds, $1,000. Pacing—Empire State, $5,000, 2:08 class; Iroquois Hotel, 2:14 class, $2,000; Introduction, 3-year-olds, $1,000.

EASTERN TEAM WON THE SECOND GAME

Toronto, March 5.—Enthusiasts from nearly all of the hockey playing towns west of Toronto were at the Mutual street rink to witness the return match between the eastern and western teams. The game played in Galt between the two teams was a close victory for the westerners, the score being 9 to 6, and the eastern were out to win a game with a score that would give them the majority of goals for the whole series, and they did the trick. The ice was soft, and the teams played very little combination, but the individual plays were brilliant. The score at half time was 4 to 3 in favor of the easterns, and at the finish 9 to 6. The line-up was: East—Goal, Geroux; point, Charlton; coverpoint, Ardagh; forwards, Chadwick, Hynes, Phillips and Forrester. West—Goal, Maltman; point, Brown; coverpoint, Twaits; forwards, Preston, Munn, Taylor and Peel. Referee F. C. Waghorne.

HOCKEY.

ST. JOHN'S VS. HORTONS.

At the Princess Rink tonight, weather permitting, there will be a fast game of hockey between the two O. H. A. teams, the Hortons and the St. John's A. C., of this city. The ice is still in good condition and a good exhibition of hockey is expected. Mr. Jack Brown will referee the game. The line-up will be as follows:

St. John's A. C.—Goal, Taylor; point, McGuffin; cover point, Thompson; center, McMahen; right wing, Casselman; left wing, Woolly; rover, Peel.

Hortons—Goal, Reynolds; point, Young; cover point, Jackson; center, Abram; right wing, Carrothers; left wing, Arthurs; rover, Powell.

The game will be called at 8:15 p.m.

BASEBALL.

BASEBALL MANAGER HERE.

Mr. J. M. Frysinger, business manager of the Aubrey Stock Company, leaves for Hamilton tomorrow to arrange for the opening of the company there on Monday next. Mr. Frysinger does not devote his entire time to theatrical work, for during the summer months he is to be found with a baseball team. On April 15 he will take over the management of the Wilmington, Del., nine, in the Tri-State League, the pennant of which he expects to land. Mr. Frysinger has managed teams for five years, being with the Harrisburg independent team in 1903, which won 100 out of 135 games played, and also captured the Elverson cup, offered for the Tri-State championship. In 1902 he managed the Wilmington independent team, which claimed the championship. Mr. Frysinger is a strong believer in the plan of bringing the young blood to the front, and he is also one of the kind that prefers to take hold of a poor team and build it up.

FRA DIAVOLO DEFENDED.

Even the dead can be rehabilitated in the Latin countries by the revision of trials in which they have been condemned. The rehabilitation of Calas was of this character, and the same process is to be applied, in Italy, to the notorious Fra Diavolo. According to Scribe and Auber, he was a brigand of the deepest dye; but he is now to be officially proclaimed a patriot. That, it may be remembered, was the view of his character taken by Victor Hugo, whose father, Gen. Joseph Hugo, captured Fra Diavolo and brought him to justice. "Fra Diavolo," wrote the poet, "belonged to the type that is found wherever a country is a prey to the invader—the legitimate bandit, fighting against the conqueror. He corresponded in Italy to the Empecinado in Spain, to Canaris in Greece, and to Abdel-Kader in Africa." —Philadelphia Record.

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LONDON AND DISTRICT

—Mr. E. Kemp, of Clinton, intends moving to this city.

—Miss Butler, of this city, is visiting Mrs. W. R. Hobbs, Tillsonburg.

—Miss Rhoda Bloch, of New York, was the guest of Mrs. Frank Cooper, Princess avenue, over Sunday.

—Miss Elva McBroom has been engaged as leader of the orchestra of the Colborne Street Methodist Sunday school.

—The Knox Church Sunday school orchestra will give a concert in the lecture hall of the church tomorrow evening.

—The following Londoners were registered in New York hotels Saturday: G. E. Forsyth, Miss G. Raymond, W. Widdicombe, F. H. Brewster, Miss L. Hellis, W. W. Thompson, Thomas Rowe and Cy Warman.

—President W. H. Sallmon, Carleton College, Northfield, Minn., on his return from New York city, paid a flying visit on Saturday to his father and his aunt, Mrs. J. McNab, of King street.

—The death of Mr. Roy Bignell, son of Mr. Wm. Bignell, of Delaware, occurred on Saturday night. Deceased was 26 years of age and lately returned from Alberta, where he went for his health.

—The death of Mr. Charles Robinson, a former resident of this city, is reported from Port Huron. Deceased, who conducted a business in that city, lived previously at Sarnia, St. Marys, and Forest. He leaves a family of six children. Wm. Robinson, of this city, is a brother, and the remains will be brought here for interment.

—The manager of the Windsor Gas Company has been summoned by Inspector Nash, of this city, to show why he should not be prosecuted for selling gas to Windsorites of insufficient candle-power. Some weeks ago similar action was taken by Inspector Nash against the same company, but the action failed.

CARNIVAL POSTPONED.

The carnival at the Jubilee rink, to have been held tomorrow night, has been postponed until Thursday night.

MISS WATSON WILL SING

On St. Patrick's night, March 17, an Irish concert will be given in St. Mary's Hall, under St. Mary's Church, in East London. Among the eminent artists who have been engaged to take part is Miss Helen Watson, contralto, of Toronto, one of the best known and most finished vocalists in Canada.

PUPILS PROMOTED.

The following pupils at St. George's school have been promoted to the Second Book: Bessie Geoghegan, Nellie Dean, Ruth Wallace, Elsie Young, Carrol McKenna, Willie Thompson, Gordon Chandler, Ernest Peterson, Gardie Gammage, Albert Joyes, Jim Snowden, Joseph Ridler, Fred Pinnel, Charles Eberle, Reggie Element.

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LONDONERS IN INDIA.

The Canadian Baptist of March 3, in giving minutes of the recent conference of missionaries in India, says Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Woodburne, who went from this city, are recommended to the board for appointment to Akidu, until the return from furlough of Mr. and Mrs. Chute; Miss Mary Sedman, at Peddapuram, to take the place of Miss Lottie McLeod (also of London), who returns to Canada. Miss McLeod will probably leave India early in April.

LATE P. McPHILLIPS' WILL.

On Friday last the surrogate court issued to the Canada Trust Company probate of the will of the late Patrick McPhillips, of this city, barrister. Mr. McPhillips died in November last, but it was not known until some time after his death that he left a will. The estate consists of real estate and securities of over $40,000.

CUTTER UPSET.

Two young men who were driving along Dundas street, yesterday, on approaching Richmond street, made an attempt to turn the corner, when the cutter slipped back, and catching in the car tracks, upset, precipitating the occupants in the gutter. Policeman Kelly, who was on the corner, averted a serious runaway by his prompt action in securing the frightened horse, which was just about to bolt. Both occupants of the cutter had their faces cut in several places. They were badly intoxicated.

CARELESS CORRESPONDENTS.

Some correspondents, who know and can do better, persist in writing for the press with poor, hard pencils, and with total disregard for the printer's eyesight. These people expect the compositor to know what the writers want to say, when the alleged "writing" is nothing but a faint, illegible scratch. Then they are ready to kick about "mistakes" and names wrongly spelled.

DEATH OF JAMES HART.

The death of Mr. James Hart, which took place at his residence, 97 Byron avenue, South London, on Friday last, was a matter of regret to a large portion of the community. Deceased was 73 years of age and a native of England. He was one of the oldest residents of the city and was at one time connected with the firm of Pontey & Taylor, nurserymen. Mr. Hart leaves a widow, three sons and two daughters, all of whom are at home.

COMING ASSAULT-AT-ARMS.

The coming assault-at-arms will attract a great deal of attention. Capt. De Malchin, having been the winner of so many bouts, will be able to put up a good sword battle. Mr. George Black, who is managing the affair, tried to get the Grand Opera House for the 16th, but that date was filled, so the assault-at-arms will take place in the Auditorium. He has arranged to have Capt. De Malchin meet Mr. Sifton, and Prof. Barton, of Hamilton. There will be other attractions, such as military melee, tug-of-war, and things that will go to make up a show such as should attract ladies as well as gentlemen.

CARS JUMPED TRACK

Slight Accident on the C. P. R. Near Melrose—Crew Uninjured.

A slight accident occurred on the C. P. R. at Melrose, a few miles west of this city, about 3 o'clock, this morning. A double-header freight, in charge of Conductor Ross and Engineer Connors and McLean, on engines 290 and 291, was pulling in toward London, when presumably through snow and ice on the rails, three cars near the rear of the train left the track. The cars were badly damaged and the line was blocked for some time.

None of the trainmen were injured.

BARRINGTON FOUND GUILTY.

St. Louis, Mo., March 7. — The jury in the murder trial of "Lord" Barrington Saturday returned a verdict finding him guilty of murder in the first degree. Barrington was on trial for the murder of James P. McCann, a St. Louis horseman. A motion for a new trial was filed. The penalty for first degree murder is death.

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Centenary of British and Foreign Bible Society Celebrated.

Rev. A. K. Birks Discusses the Question of Gambling.

Anniversary of Adelaide Street Baptist Church—Rev. Dr. Woodsworth in the City.

The communion service yesterday morning in Adelaide Street Baptist Church was largely attended, Rev. Ralph Trotter taking the pastor's place. The matter of Rev. Thomas S. Johnson's resignation of the church pastorate (announced last Sunday), was brought before the members and discussed. Regret was expressed at the determination reached by Pastor Johnson, but in view of all the circumstances it was felt that the church could not do otherwise than accept his resignation, and a resolution to that effect was adopted. Mr. Johnson's resignation takes effect on April 1.

A MISSIONARY SERMON.

A large audience attended the morning service at the First Methodist Church yesterday, to hear Rev. Dr. Woodsworth, one of the five newly-appointed missionaries to the Northwest. Dr. Kennedy conducted the devotional exercises in behalf of the pastor, who was indisposed. Mrs. Louise Mackay Leslie, of New York, sang, "Art Thou Weary?" with decidedly good voice.

"Consecration of Property to God" was the subject of the doctor's sermon, which was distinctly "missionary" throughout. Basing his thoughts on the 31st chapter of the Second Book of Chronicles, describing the religious reform which took place during the reign of Hezekiah, Hezekiah's proclamation, "Bring ye the tithes into the storehouse," was obeyed by the people, he said, and the direct result was that the treasury was filled to overflowing.

"Observing the property law of God, namely, the giving of the tenth," said Dr. Woodsworth, "church debts would melt like snow before the spring sun. Missionary treasuries would be filled to overflowing, great evangelistic services inaugurated, wonderful revivals would take place. The jubilee of the church's experience would soon be ushered in. The prevailing sin of covetousness is a cause for sorrow. The claims of God's cause receive the last consideration. The tithe law dates back to the flood, and should be honored, as well as God's time law, namely, the observance of the Sabbath. One-tenth is the Lord's," continued the speaker, "but nowadays the arrangement is self always, when it should be God first, others next, and self last.

"All nature is controlled by divine force," said Dr. Woodsworth, in conclusion, "and all the detrimental pestilence, the late frosts, and other blights, are punishments for our disobedience regarding the great property law of God."

GAMBLING DENOUNCED.

Considering the disagreeable weather, there was a large congregation at the Colborne Street Methodist Church last evening to hear the pastor, Rev. A. K. Birks, preach on "Gambling."

Mr. Birks based his address on the 22nd verse of the 28th chapter of Proverbs, "He that hasteth to be rich." In introducing his subject, the speaker said: "In business, commercial and mercantile, in education, in fact, in all the walks of life, this is a very fast age, and it is in keeping with the times that men should hasten to be rich. But today the methods that are used to accumulate fortunes are not always right. The most prevalent method is gambling—an effort to get something for nothing. The principal is the same, whether the stakes be for ten cents or ten thousand dollars, although morally it may be different. It is a matter of quality, not degree, that counts. There is a technical distinction between betting and gambling. The criminal code characterizes both as an act of stealing, and I am glad," said Mr. Birks, "that a resolution was adopted by the board of the church for the repeal of Sec. 204, of the Criminal Code."

"Gambling is more universal and fascinating than betting," continued Mr. Birks, "and gambling in stocks was one of the most universal forms." Mr. Birks gave an idea what gambling in stocks on margins meant. However, he asserted that "Gambling in stocks was vicious, and essentially, morally and always wrong." Speculation, on an investment basis, is different and is always right.

"He that hasteth to be rich has an evil eye." Every gambler has his character portrayed in his face; and card-playing leads to gambling. "Only those who are childish, or weak in body and mind play cards." Progressive euchre is gambling. "At one of the most (so-called) respectable houses in this city, a progressive euchre was on when a quarrel was started and the result was that there was nearly a free and open fight, and as long as I can I will denounce card-playing in every form," said the speaker.

"There are gambling dens in this city tonight," said Mr. Birks in conclusion, "where men have been away from their homes and wives since last evening at tea, and will probably be there until tomorrow morning, playing poker, trying to make gain. Why is it that we are not a nation of gamblers, a nation of drivellers, or a nation of sots? It is because we have the blessed light of the Gospel." Comparing the state of civilization during the reign of Nero with that of Victoria the Good, Mr. Birks drew a strong contrast, showing the wonderful power of the Gospel.

BIBLE SOCIETY CENTENARY.

Yesterday was the 100th anniversary of the formation of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and centenary sermons were preached throughout the Christian world in honor of the occasion. The time was naturally thought an opportune one to make an appeal for more funds to carry on the great work of the society. The millions of people who have read the Bible, it was felt, had profited, and it was not asking too much to ask that everyone who had been helped by it should contribute towards the centenary fund. Some months ago the Bible Society sent a deputation of two to this country, and it will be remembered, that in London as well as other places they made a deep impression.

Noteworthy among yesterday's services in London was that at St. Paul's Cathedral in the morning, when the Bishop of Huron preached upon the Word of God, thus commemorating the work of this great society. This day, he said, was more than a day of national thanksgiving.

Not only in our own Empire was the event being marked, but in the United States, Germany and other places, there was one great totality of thanksgiving for blessings ascribed to this Word. As far as Christian nations were concerned this was a day of universal thanksgiving.

His lordship went on to show the godlike character of this living Word. To reach the unreachable and build the unwise itself was no greater work than to write the Bible. He then pointed out how, between the old and the new testaments, there was first diversity and then unity. The Old Testament was written for but one nation, but the New Testament was made for the whole world from the Arctic to the Antarctic, and from the east to the west. Yet there was wonderful union. The Old Testament written by 30 men, started 1,500 years before and completed 400 years before Christ, and the New Testament written and finished by eight men about the close of the first century after Christ, were alike in many ways. Samuel never disagreed with Moses, and the Lord always spoke with respect of the old writers, differing in this way with modern books. Here his lordship pointed out the fact that the books most read now were those freshest from the press, and that two or three years now constituted the life of the best books. Yet here was a book started 1,500 years before Christ and with a circulation larger than any other book.

Both Old and New Testament, he pointed out, were alike in design—history, doctrine and prophecy. There was a unity of design and when there was a design, there must be a designer. He spoke of how the Bible gave evidence of God's workmanship. It was not the effort or speculation of man, but the writers wrote as they were moved. There was divine commission, divine accuracy and divine handling of the Bible.

There was such a thing as loving the letter and being mindless of the spirit of the Bible—some people loved the Bible only for its literature and history, its grandeur and power on the world. The bishop reminded his congregation that there were 2,000,000 books in the British Museum, but there was only one Book Christ had asked them to read. He appealed to them to enroll their energies into the diffusion of this Book.

By the Bible Society, the price of the cheaper Bible had been reduced from three pounds to ten cents, and 180,000,000 copies had been circulated. The society had translated the Word into 365 languages, and 100 copies were in progress of translation into languages into which no English had ever been translated. The missionaries of the church were only able to take the Gospel successfully to those peoples into whose languages the Bible had been translated. The bishop closed an eloquent address by an appeal for consecration of life. The congregation present was encouragingly large, considering the weather.

WHAT MR. GEORGE WOULD DO.

Yesterday was Missionary Day at the Empress Avenue Methodist Church. Rev. T. T. George, of the Muncey Institute, conducted both services. At the morning service, Mr. George spoke on home missions. "If I were the leader of a government," said Mr. George, "I would not only subsidize steamships and railways, but schools, churches and missionary enterprises, for the missionary is often the forerunner of the commerce of a country. True Christianity is unselfish." The net increase of the Methodist Missionary Society last year was $23,000. Empress Avenue Church raised about $400 for missionary purposes.

CHURCH NOTES.

Mrs. G. F. Robertson, who has resigned the presidency of the Young Ladies' Mission Circle, of the Adelaide Street Baptist Church, was the other evening presented with a handsome marble clock, as a mark of the esteem in which she is held by the members of the circle.

Rev. C. C. Owen, rector of Christ Church, Vancouver, formerly of the Memorial Church here, is now captain of the Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles, Sixth Regiment.

Rev. W. J. Clark preached last evening on the centenary of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

JORDANS OF DIFFICULTY.

In spite of unfavorable weather there was a large attendance yesterday at Adelaide Street Baptist Church, where anniversary services were conducted by Rev. Ralph Trotter, of Aylmer. The eloquent preacher gave his hearers two highly practical and impressive discourses, his earnest, forceful utterances holding their closest attention to the end. The morning sermon was based on the words of the Lord to Gideon, as given in Judges vii., 2: "The people that are with thee are too many."

The preacher told in a graphic manner how Gideon's army, 32,000 strong, was, at the instruction of the Lord, tested and sifted down to 300 brave, determined men, before it was allowed to proceed against the Midianites. The timid and those who lacked earnestness were not wanted. These 300 men had for their weapons only rams' horn trumpets, lamps and empty pitchers; yet their enemies were overwhelmingly defeated. In selecting Gideon as a leader, God chose a brave but submissive man—he wants men of courage. He chose the two intrepid spies, Joshua and Caleb, to lead Israel across the Jordan into the promised land. "There are Jordans of difficulty everywhere," said the preacher, "and Joshuas are wanted to cross them. Only to the courageous shall victory be given." God wants men of enthusiasm. We expect to see enthusiasm in politics, and it is needed in business, but when it comes to enthusiasm in church matters people cry out about "zeal without knowledge." The preacher remarked that zeal without knowledge was better than knowledge without zeal. In speaking of the weapons used by Gideon's band, the speaker said the voice was the trumpet, the body was the pitcher and the character was the light. When trouble comes and cracks the poor body, then the light of character shines out. The reverend gentleman made a strong plea for Christian earnestness. "It is," said he, "the strenuous life that counts."

Rev. Mr. Trotter's evening sermon was a pointed and powerful appeal to the unconverted, his theme being "Pardon." Instead of taking a text, the preacher dealt in sequence with each letter used in the word pardon. In the first place, "P" represented "purchased." The sinner's pardon had been purchased at incalculable cost with the Saviour's blood. "A" stood for "abundant"—there was abundant pardon for all mankind. "R" for "royal"—it was a royal pardon, signed with the signet of the King of Kings. "D," "divine"—a divine pardon, a blending of love and justice. "O," "our pardon," when we take. "N," "now," or perhaps never. "Now is the accepted time; now is the day of salvation."

A marked feature of the services was the music, which, like the preaching, was much appreciated, the excellent work of the regular quartet being ably supplemented with a chorus of about twenty voices. Among the selections given with good effect by the choir were: "Praise Ye the Father" (Gounod), "The Joyful Song" (Kirkpatrick), and "In That Day" (Baker). The quartet, composed of Misses Mary and Maude Pierce, Charles F. Maynard and C. G. Moorhead, sang very sweetly "Pleasant Are Thy Courts Above" (Plummer), and "De Massa of de Sheepfold." Foote's "O Holy and Most High" was given as a quintet. Mr. Charles Moorhead, jun., adding his effective voice to those of the quartet choir. Miss Rendell presided at the organ with her well-known ability and good judgment.

OPENING OF NEW SCHOOL.

The new Sunday school of the First Presbyterian Church will be formally opened Sunday, March 20.

Four new members were received into fellowship at Knox Church Sunday morning.

Bishop Baldwin distributed prizes yesterday afternoon, at St. Paul's Sunday school, which were won at the recent diocesan and interdiocesan examinations.

Rev. Dr. Lyle will preach at new St. James Presbyterian Church at the anniversary services next Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Nixon will preach next Sunday at St. Andrew's Church. The pulpit yesterday was filled by Rev. W. T. Hall.

During Lent, special services for children will be held Monday afternoons at St. Paul's Cathedral at 4:30 o'clock.

Rev. Dr. Chown, of Toronto, secretary of the Temperance and Moral Reform Association of the Methodist Church, will preach next Sunday in the First Church here.

Yesterday morning, at the First Presbyterian Church, 21 new members were received at the quarterly celebration of the Lord's Supper.

At St. Paul's Cathedral next Sunday, Rev. Dr. Mackenzie, of Brantford, will preach.

Rev. Canon Dann will speak on "An Incident Connected With the Crucifixion" at the Wednesday evening meeting in St. Paul's Cathedral, and Thursday afternoon will at 4:30 o'clock speak on "A Character Connected With the Crucifixion," taking Pontius Pilate as his first character.

OPENED MILE IN A DAY

Difficulties of a Gang of Men On the L., H. and B.

Track Has To Be Cleared With Picks and Shovels—Plows Useless.

Up till noon today the Grand Trunk Railway had found it impossible to open up the London, Huron and Bruce Railway. One of the officials said that snowplows were useless in the work, as the snow was from two to three feet deep, and was packed and frozen on the roadbed. The line has been opened as far as Hensall, but it is very slow work. All day Sunday a gang of 50 men, with a snowplow and two locomotives, worked between Exeter and Hensall, but they only succeded in opening up the road a mile. Today, three gangs of 50 men each are working on the road with picks and shovels, as well as three snowplows, and several locomotives. It is hardly likely the road will be opened up for traffic today. All other lines of the G. T. R. operated out of London are open, but many of the lines on the northern divisions are still blocked.

An Enormous Consignment of ...
New Spring Carpets.

OUR NEW STOCK OF CARPETS HAS just come to hand. Special efforts were made to get our goods here as early as possible, and, as a result, the latest designs and colorings—hardly three weeks off the looms in England—are now ready for your inspection in our Carpet Wareroom. As there are always special gems in every collection, intending purchasers would do well to see these as early as possible.

Brussels Carpets.
Over fifty new and stylish patterns, rich Oriental designs, fine scroll effects for drawing-rooms, small set designs in a variety of colorings, handsome two-toned effects in green and blue, as well as a number of new and striking designs such as have never been shown before in London. Prices, per yard, from **75c** to **$1.30**

Wilton Carpets.
Our assortment of Wilton Carpets has always been a special feature. This season we have imported more heavily than ever before, making a specialty of the small, plain effects that have become so popular. These we are showing in green, blue and red. Also a fine range of fine patterns for drawing-rooms, and handsome effects in red and blue for hall, library or drawing-room. Prices, per yard, from **$1.35** to **$1.75**

Our Great January Sale practically cleared out the balance of last season's Carpets, and we have
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CURED LITTLE EDITH.

She Was Terribly Swollen With Dropsy — What Dodd's Kidney Pills Did.

Weyburn, Assa., N. W. T., March 7.—No more remarkable cure of Dropsy has ever been reported than that of little Edith Harris, the two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Harris, of this place.

The little girl was swollen from her feet to her shoulders. Her natural waist measure was 18 inches, but when the disease was at its worst she measured 34 inches. Two doctors attended her, but her case seemed hopeless when the parents determined to try Dodd's Kidney Pills. To their surprise the child began to improve rapidly and by the time three boxes had been used the little invalid had been transformed to a laughing, happy, healthy child again.

The biggest monkey ever exhibited is a gorilla 6 feet 10 inches high, with an arm-spread of 9 feet 3 inches, from the Camaroons, West Africa. He stands with his skeleton beside him in the museum of Hamburg. The crowds at the museum have been enormous, and the comments upon its marked resemblance to the human species have been general.

SEVERE COLDS are easily cured by the use of Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, a medicine of extraordinary penetrating and healing properties. It is acknowledged by those who have used it as being the best medicine sold for coughs, colds, inflammation of the lungs and all affections of the throat and chest. Its agreeableness to the taste makes it a favorite with ladies and children.