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Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths which are inserted in The Daily Advertiser also appear in The Western Advertiser. Births 25c, Marriages and Deaths 50c.

MARRIED. BLACK-VINCENT-In this city, on Wednes day, Dec. 21, 1898, at the residence of the bride's father, 860 Maitland street, by the

Rev. George Jackson, Mr. James A. Black, of Laidlaw, Watson & Co., to Miss Florence May DIED. WORRALL-At the family residence, 363 Vic-

toria street, Annie E., youngest daughter of John and Millie Worrall, in her 3rd year. Funeral Monday, at 2:30, from the above residence; services at 2 p.m. Friends and acquaintances will kindly accept this intimation.

Amusements and Lectures

RAND OPERA ALL NEXT WEEK.

DANIEL R. RYAN. Prices—10c, 20c, 30c and 50c. Monday (Christmas), matinee, "Wife for Wife." Monday aight, "The Fatal Wedding." Seats now on cale.

JACK, THE BEAR, WILL BE SERVED up free lunch at J. W. Doyle's, Britannia House, on Christmas Day.

SKATING REDLIGHT RINK, BLACK-FRIARS street. Splendid ice. Band Monday.

PRINCESS-MONDAY, CHRISTMAS HOL-IDAY, Seventh Band, by permission com-manding officer, afternoon and evening. 23u P. D. A. — XMAS HOLIDAYS — ALL classes adjourned from Dec. 21 to Jan. 3. New terms for beginners will open second week n January. Dayton & McCormick.

TICKETS TO ALL PRINCIPAL SEAPORTS Tates, via G. T. R. and C. P. R., in connection with ship ticket. Gallia sails from Portland Dec. 29, Numidian from Portland Dec. 31, Parisian from St. John Jan. 11. F. B. Clarke, Richmond street, next Advertiser.

UBILEE RINK - BAND TONIGHT -Monday morning, at 11 o'clock, first hockey match, Ingersoll vs. Jubilee team.

VOICE CULTURE EVA N. ROBLYN. Studio, Bell Piano Parlors. Residence, No. 320 Dundas street. Concert engagements. Tele-phone 1,270.

PRIVATE LESSONS IN DANCING—Rapid teaching; low rates. All who desire a thorough knowledge of the art of dancing should avail themselves of this opportunity. Lessons any hour. R. B Millard, teacher of dancing, 345 Princess avenue.

Domestics Wanted. WANTED-HOUSEMAID-APPLY AT City Hospital. 24u

WANTED AT ONCE—GENERAL SER-VANT, in a family of two. Apply, be-fore 10 a.m. or after 6 p.m., 571 Ridout street.

WANTED-KITCHEN GIRL AND COOK

-Apply Boswell House. 23c

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FIRST-CLASS CANVASSER CAN A secure a permanent position by applying to G. Marshall & Co., Wholesale Tea Importers, 258 Dundas street, London.

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Lost and Found.

LOST - THURSDAY NIGHT - FUR gauntlet, on Richmond street north. Kindly leave at Advertiser. 24c LOST-IN THE CITY, THURSDAY, A ten-dollar Molsons Bank bill. Reward on returning it to this office. 24u

Educational.

A SCHOLARSHIP IN THE LONDON Business University is the best Christmas present parents can make their sons and daughters. Holiday prices for the next few days. W. N. Yerex, B.C., Principal, Higgins days. W. N. Yerex, B.C., Block, 210 Dundas street. 16i eod BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL MEN D supplied with office help without charge for our services. Apply W. C. Coo, court re-porter, 76 Dundas street. THE HARDING HALL GIRLS SCHOOL

LIMITED, will be opened for pupils Jan. 4, 1899. Kindergarten branch was started Dec. 7, at room in Conservatory of Music building, Dundas street For calendars and other information apply to Mrs. J. E. Wells, 661 Talbot street, London.

Wanted.

HIGHEST PRICE PAID FOR GENTLE MEN'S cast-off clothing. A. P. Sains bury, 90 King street. Mail orders attended to

Swedish Massage. MISS MILLAR, 350 PRINCESS AVENUE

JI. Swedish therapeutic massage, graduate of the Hugo Oldenburg Institute. Chicago.

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FOR SALE-SAWMILL MACHINERY, saws and carriage complete. A bargain. Apply J. W. Cawrse, 93 York street, London.

Viavi Treatment.

MRS. L. STEIN AT HOME SATURDAYS at he new address, 196 John street.

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GEO. ROUGHLEY—FELT AND GRAVEL roofer, repairing a specialty; estimates on application. 209 South street, London. Telephone 88

10 Sits.

During present week two graduates accepted positions—Miss Reynolds with the Bell Plano Company and Miss Barter with Kerrigan & Co., making ten situations secured in past three weeks by pupils of

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We teach Shorthand, Typewriting, Book-keeping, Penmauship, etc. We guarantee to secure a situation for every pupil who qualifies. We have placed every graduate during 1898, For terms apply

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No need to beg for customers. Everybody will be here, as a matter of course, looking and buying for Christmas.

Our Shoe Stock appeals to every thoughtful buyer. The wide range of up-to-date styles for men, women and children, the superior quality and the low prices give this store a distinct leadership in the shoe trade.

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140 DUNDAS STREET.

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ORANGES - ORANGES - ORANGES -ORANGES — ORANGES — ORANGES — Sweet Jamaica Oranges. Very large size. 30c; good size, 25c; small size, 20c. All kinds of apples cheap; good Golden Russets, 12c peck: Baldwins, Greenings and Snows, 15c peck; best Spies and Spitzenburgs, 20c peck. Bost Pork Sausages and Bologna in the city, 4 lbs. 25c. The cheapest place in the city for choice table butter. Extra good cooking butter, 14c lb. Fauld's Provision Store, 8 Market Lane.

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5,000 Cracker Jack, make offer.
1,000 Minnehaha, call.
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403 Richmond s 403 Richmond street.

FOR SALE-UPRIGHT BOILER AND engine. Apply 345 Adelaide street. 24c MEN'S AND BOYS' BLACK AND GRAY Curly Astrachan Cloth Caps 38c, worth 50c. Children's White Wool Muffs, with cord, 25c, worth 50c. Cunningham s,778 Dundas street FOR SALE-ONE SLIGHTLY USED UP-RIGHT mahogany piano, 75 octaves, only \$200, and one Thomas organ, slightly used, \$35. Easy terms. Heintzman & Co., 217 Dundas street.

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offer some startling bargains for the holiday trade in slightly-used and second-hand pianos and organs. These goods are put down to such a price that will command the attention of close and shrewd buyers. Terms to suit. Call

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PAMPHELT WORK OF EVERY DE-SCRIPTION, clean and quick, at Adver-tiser Job Department. ELECTRIC BELLSKEPTIN PERMANENT repair, only 50c per year. R. M. Millar, 434 Talbot street. 21tf

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TO LET-GOOD BRICK AND FRAME stable. Inquire A. N. Udy, over C. P. R. ticket office. Phone 735.

TO LET-NO. 427 KING STREET-APPLY at 383 King street. TO LET-BRICK HOUSE-FOUR BED-ROOMS, parlor, dining-room, kitchen and basement. Apply 138 Queen's avenue. 95tf

TO LET-COVERED MOVING VANS— When moving have your furniture and pianos carefully mayed. Address 97 Carling street. Phones 1,162 and 1,167.

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450 Ridout street—Frame cottage, 5 rooms, in good repair; nice lot: close to Carling street; at a very low figure. Must be sold. 997 Waterloo street—A neat frame cottage; small barn; with one acre choice land; fruit and shade trees; at a low figure to close. 456 Piccadilly street—A new 2-story brick house, stone foundation, 9 rooms, modern; lot 52x130 feet; at a bargain. Inspection invited.

786 Elias street—A new brick cottage, 7 rooms, in perfect order; frame barn; good lot; at a bargain.

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Cheap Rents—No. 512 Piccadilly street, first-class modern 8-roomed brick house, new furn-ace, barn, etc., \$12. No. 386 Central avenue, 6 rooms, \$8. No. 836 Richmond street, 8-roomed brick house, \$13. Building Lots—Near Bennett Park, on Oxford

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Molsons Bank Building. cement of building lots, cottages, for purchase. Call for full information.

BUILDING LOTS.	
	Price.
Dundas east 61x151. sui able for store	2,100
WellingtonCity Trusts survey	1,100
Grand ave 140x510 (most eligible)	2,800
College50x150, to lane	400
DundasCorner Wharncliffe	800
Etc., etc., etc.	
COTTAGES.	
Arthur Corner lot, frame, 6 rooms	800
PiccadillyFrame. 7 rooms	1,000
PrincessBrick, furnace, gas	1.900
CenterFrame, 5 rooms, monthly	-,000
payments	500
HortonBrick, 7 rooms	900
John Brick, new, 8 rooms	1.700
ClarenceFrame, 6 rooms	600
Etc., etc., etc.	
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	ALC: NO
Queen's ave Brick, modern, 10 rooms	3,200
Waterloo Brick, modern, 9 rooms	3,000
Wortley Brick, modern, corner lot.	3,500
Elmwood ave Brick, modern, large lot	4,500
Albert Brick, large, modernIn	quire
Queen's ave Brick, modern imp'v'ts	4,500
King Brick, central, modern	4,000
Dundas Attractive, brick, modern	4,700
Grand ave Brick, lot 100x519	3,500
Maitland Handsome brick	4,000
DundasBrick, corner, suitable for	
physician	6,700
Queen's ave Brick, very central	3,100
Grosvenor Attractive brick	4.000
Queen's ave New brick, modern	3,200
Etc., etc., etc.	
BUSINESS PROPERTY.	
Richmond3-story, central, dividend	
paver	9.000
Dundas Central. brick (unusual	
investment)	11,500
Bathurst110 to G. T. R. siding	4,000
DundasFrame store and dwell-	
ing. A snap	2,400
Etc., etc., etc.	
"CHAPTER HOUSE."	
CHAPTER HOUSE.	

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Electors of Ro. 5 Ward. Frank Plant

Solicits your vote and influence

As Alderman for 1899.

NOTICE—CREDITORS AND ALL OTHER persons having claims against the estate of John Howard Grifiths, late of the township of Westminster, in the County of Middlesex, who died on the 30th day of October, 1898, are, on or before the 10th day of January, 1899, to send in their names and addresses and particulars of their claims to Macbeth & Maepherson, of 57 Dundas street, London, Ont., solicitors for J. H. McMechan, executor of the will of the said deceased. After the said 10th day of January, 1899, the said executor will distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he then has notice. Dated this 8th day of December, 1898. Macbeth & Macpherson.

What Is Going On In The Leading Churches Of The City.

NOTICE-CHANGES FOR CHURCH SERVICES MUST BE HANDED IN BY FRIDAY EVENING. A SKIN STREET METHODIST CHURCH-Rev. Richard Hobbs, pastor. Services to

norrow as usual. A DELAIDE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

At 11 a.m. Pastor will preach. 7 p.m.

Rev. A. J. Vining, superintendent of Manitoba missions. Strangers made welcome at

CHALMERS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-Rev. Walter Moffat, pastor. 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Special Christmas music at both ser-

COLBORNE STREET METHODIST Competed in the control of the control o

CENTENNIAL METHODIST CHURCH— Morning—"The Visit of the Wise Man." Evening—"The Purpose of Christ's Coming." Special Christmas Music.

DUNDAS CENTER METHODIST CHURCH
—Christmas services—The pastor, Rev.
Dr. Saunders, will preach. Morning subject,
"The Name Above Every Name." Evening
subject, "Heaven's Oratorio." Morning, carol,
"Hail, Christmas Day" (Warren); chorus, "It
Came Upon the Midnight Clear" (Sullivan); solo
and chorus, "The Birthday of a King" (Neidlinger); solo, "Joy to the World" (Marzo). Evening,
anthem, "Come Near, Ye Nations" (Watson);
solo and chorus, "O, Holy Night," (Adolphe
Adam); solo, "Nazareth" (Gounod) "Hallelujah
Chorus" from Messiah (Handel).

DUNDAS CENTER SUNDAY SCHOOL, 2:45. Special Christmas service. Addresses by poster and C. J. Beal. Visitors and friends velcome.

EMPRESS AVENUE (WEST LONDON)
Methodist Church. Rev. A. G. Harris,
pastor. Christmas services. 10 a.m., classes.
Morning, "Angels' Song." Evening, "Wonderful." Special Christmas music.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—REV. W. J. Clark, pastor. Christmas services. II a.m.—Preacher, the pastor, "The Dayspring From on High." 3 p.m.—Special service for the children, address by the pastor. 7 p.m.—Preacher, Rev. J. A. MacGillivray.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH—Rev. J. W. Pedley. Morning—"The Human Life of God." Evening—"A Seasonable Warning: Impossible." Christmas music and a Christmas offering at both services.

RIRST METHODIST CHURCH—
Rev. J. V. Smith. D.D., pastor.
Morning—"Humanity's Hour."
Anthem—"Hark! What Means Those Holy
Voices?" (Sullivan).
Solo—"Bethlehem" (Coombs).
Chorus—"Blessed Be the Lord God" (Williams) Chords Hessed Be the Bold God (Williams).

Evening—"The Christ That Is To Be."
Organ Recital—"Christmas Themes," at 6:45.
Carol—"Hark the Herald Angels" (Wolcott).

Motett—"Hymn of Peace" (Coombs).

Anthem—"Arise, Shine" (Buck).

Solo and chorus—"Chime Ye Bells of Heaven" (Shelly).

TIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST (SCIENTISTS) — Duffield Block — Sunday services, morning, 11 o'clock, subject—"Christian Seience." Evening, 7 o'clock, subject—"Christian Seience." Evening, 7 o'clock, subject—"Christ Jesus, the Heir of All Things." Wednesday evening meeting, 8 o'clock. Sunday school immediately after morning service. All wel-come. D. S. Robb, C.S., first reader; Mrs. Edna Robb, C.S., second reader. Residence 293 Prin-

HAMILTON ROAD METHODIST CHURCH AMILION ROAD METHODIST CHURCH

— Rev. J. G. Fallis, the pastor, will preach
at 11 a.m. Special Sunday school service at 3
p.m. Mr. Belcher, of York street, will preach
at 7. Miss Holmes will preside at the organ.

KING STREET PRESBYTERIAN Rev. Thos. Wilson. Morning — "The Weaver's Shuttle." Evening—Course to young people completed, subject, "Unheeded Reproof; to Daylor." Sales free. Seats free.

NOX PRESBYTEKIAN CHURCH (South London)—Rev. J. G. Stuart, paster. Morning—"The First Advent in the Fullness of Time." Evening—"The Child Christ Set as the Touchstone of Humanity." Special music at

LATTER DAY SAINTS-II AND 7-ALL OUTHERN CONGREGATIONAL Churce, Horton street. Rev. W. H. A. Claris, pastor. Services 11 a m. and 7 p.m. Sabbath school and pastor's Bible class, 2:45.

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTER.
Church—
Rev. Robert Johnston, B.D., pastor.
The pastor will preach at both services.
11 a.m.—"The World's Hope."
7 p.m.—"Diligent Neglect."
3 p.m.—Sahhath school and pastor's ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN

3 p.m.—Sabbath school and pastor's class.
Topic, "The Devil's Last Card."
Wednesday—Prayer meeting. ST. JAMES' PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-Nev. A. J. MacGillivray, M.A., pastor. Services at 11 a.m. by the pastor. 7 p.m. by the Rev. W. J. Clark, of First Presbyterian Church,

Visitors welcome.

S.T. JAMES' CHURCH, SOUTH LONDON—
Christmas Day—Holy communion at 8 a.m. and after morning service. Morning services—
11 a.m.—Preacher, Archdeacon Evans Davis.
To Deum, Farebrother; Jubilate, Farebrother; anthem, "Unto Us a Child Is Born"; offertory solo, "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth."
Evening service—7 p.m.—Preacher, The Bishop of Huron. Magnificat, Churchill: Nunc Dimittis, Churchill: anthem, "Hark, Hark, My Soul": offertory solo, "The Birth day of a King."

GT. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SUNDAY, Christmas Day. Morning—Venite (MoFarren); Te Deum (Nicholas Heins); Jubilate (Carl Bruche); Anthem, "Behold Upon the Mountains" (Kettlebey). Preacher, His Lordship the Bishop of Huron. Evening—Magnificat (Farebrother); Nunc Dimittis (Farebrother); Anthem, "Sing, O Heavens" (Gaul), Preacher, the Dean. Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

TALBOT STREET BAPTIST CHURCHa.m. and 11 a.m. I Ira Smith, pastor. 11 a.m.—Rev. A. J. Vining, superintendent of Northwest missions. 7 p.m.—The pastor. WELLINGTON STREET METHODIST Church-Morning service—"The Birth of Christ." Open Sunday school in afternoon. Evening—Christmas song service.

According to a dispatch from Iloilo, Island of Panay, several engagements have taken place between the Spaniards and the insurgents, and many of the latter have been killed or wounded. Worms cause feverishness, moaning

and restlessness during sleep. Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator is pleasant, sure and effectual. If your druggist has none in stock, get him to procure it for you. STOP THAT TOOTHACHE! You can

a bottle. George Calder, chief of the Brantford fire department, is dead. The Gaspesia is afloat again, unin-

neither eat nor sleep while it lasts. An-

drews' Plugs give you ease at once. 10c

The great lung healer is found in that excellent medicine sold as Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup. It soothes and diminishes the sensibility or the membranes of the throat and air passages, and is a sovereign remedy for all coughs, colds, hoarseness, pain or soreness of the chest, bronchitis, etc.

CHRISTMAS GREETING:

... We Wish Every Reader ...



A Merry Christmas and A Most Happy New Year

IN addition we embrace this opportunity to acknowledge the favor of liberal and increased trade that our friends the buying public have bestowed upon us, and to testify that it shall be our constant effort to merit a continuation of their steadfast patronage and good-will.

Cairncross & Lawrence.

Old-Fashioned Christmas Weather in London.

Baron Ferdinand De Rothschild a Favorite With the 'Bus Drivers.

Society Has Flitted to the Country ceats for Christmas. How Her Majesty Spenas the Festive

Season-An Ethical Marriage-Im-

portant Documents Discovered. [Special Cable Letter to The Advertiser.]

London, Dec. 24.-Muddy December is winding up with a cold snap, which promises a seasonable Yuletide. One of the sights of London during the past week has been the crowds of 'gutter hawkers' on Cheapside, Ludgate Hill and the Strand. They have

been doing a great trade in mechanical toys and other Christmas trifles. FAVORITE WITH BUS DRIVERS. The London bus drivers lost a patron in the late Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild, who presented every driver and conductor with a brace of pheasants and a bottle of wine at Christmas. The drivers made a demonstration on Thursday the day of the funeral of Baron de Rohtschild, expressing their sympathy with the deceased by fastening on their whips the baron's racing colors, amber and dark blue, the ribbons being tied with a slip of crape.

LEFT TEN MILLION DOLLARS. Baron de Rothschild left a fortune of £2,000,000, and has made a generous gift to the nation by bequeathing to the British Museum a magnificent collection of art treasures of the Renaissance period, and certain jewels, comprising some most exquisite sixteenth century enamel and gold work, and priceless examples of weapons and armor. LORD IVEAGH'S GREAT WEALTH. Lord Iveagh, whose magnificent gift of £250,000 to the Jenner Institute, and who proposes to expend a like amount in improving a most unsanitary portion of Dublin, is reputed to be the richest Christian in the kingdom. It is estimated that he is worth £14,000,000. He gave £260,000 in 1889 to erect dwellings for people of the working class in London and Dublin. His present scheme is to rebuild the Bull Alley district of Dublin, including the erection

will then place the property in the hands of trustees for the people. SOCIETY'S CHRISTMAS GATHER-ING. All society has flitted to the country seats, where the guests are gathering for the Christmas parties. The Duke and Duchess of Devonshire are entertaining lavishly at Chatsworth House,

of workmen's dwellings, a concert hall,

reading rooms, baths and a gymnasi-

um. Lord Iveagh will execute the

whole scheme at his own expense, and

Derbyshire, where about 200 guests will sleep during the next fortnight. The Duke and Duchess of Marlborough have a large party of relatives and friends at Blenheim, and their wellstocked coverts will be shot over. The Marlboroughs are negotiating for the purchase of Sefton House, one of the largest mansions in London. It is adapted for entertaining on a generous scale. The Duchess of Marlborougn distributed the prizes at the girls' high school at Oxford this week. In addressing them she said: "I am glad of the opportunity to show my appreciation and sympathy with the higher education of girls. We women are happy in knowing that we have now made men acknowledge that higher education must help us in any vocation we may

choose to pursue." The Prince of Wales has a houseparty at Sandringham; but it is very quiet, owing to the fact of the princees' mourning, and the loss of two of the prince's best friends-Mr. Christopher Sykes and the late Baron Ferdinand de

Rothschild. HOW THE QUEEN SPENDS THE HOLIDAY.

Queen Victoria will spend Christmas at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, in the old-fashioned way. A royal baron of beef, sent specially from Windsor Castle, will adorn the stdeboard of the royal dining-room, flanked by the timehonored boar's head and game-pie.
There is considerable bitterness in
French royalist circles because the

Queen has not entertained the Duke and Duchess of Orleans, who are now in England, although her Majesty has received a broad hint from the at Vienna that such an invitation would be particularly acceptable at the present moment.
Queen Victoria, however, while she

of Paris, does not like his son. More-over, in view of the present royalist intrigues in France, her Majesty has avoided special attentions to French

royalists, from political motives. The Prince of Wales, on Christmas-Eve, attended the reopening of the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul at Shernbourne, Norfolk, after the building had been restored at the cost of £2,000, which the price defrayed out of his own pocket.

AN ETHICAL MARRIAGE. There was a large gathering at Westminster town hall on Wednesday to

witness the marriage of Dr. Stanton Coit, lecturer of the West London Ethical Society, and formerly of New York, to Adele Wetzlar. An "ethical" ceremony was performed by Frederick Harrison, immediately after the civil ceremony. The hall was decorated with plants and flowers, but the congregation was soberly attired. Mr. Harrison delivered an address on "Ethical Ideas of Wedlock.

A DYNAMITER SET FREE.

The home secretary this week releas-

ed another Fenian, Terence McDer-

mott, one of the Glasgow dynamiters

who was sentenced to imprisonment for

life at penal servitude in 1883. He does

not appear to be any the worse for his punishment, and says he has done with dynamiting, and will start in life afresh with the few pounds he earned

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS DISCOV-ERED. Advices from the Vatican say the assistant librarian, Abbe Luzzi, has unearthed a number of important documents bearing upon Spanish domination in America, and especially in Cuba. They will be published, and bound copies of the books will be sent to the Queen Regent of Spain, and to President McKiniey, though this latter act of courtesy is not viewed with favor by many prelates, who are en-deavoring to prevent it. Abbe Luzzi also found among the archives Gali-leos' original manuscript treatise on the tides, which differs from the usual

THE PRINCESS OF COBOURG.

Sad news has been received regarding the condition of Princess Louise of Cobourg, daughter of the King of the Belgians, whose name figured in a painful scandal during the early part of the year, and who has since been confined in a private asylum in Austria. The princess, who was married to Prince Philip of Saxe-Cobourg-Gotha, eloped with Lieut. Mattachich-Keglevitch in the latter part of January The prince, later, fought a duel with the lieutenant with pistols, and then with swords, and was severely wounded in the right arm. He subsequently took steps to obtain a divorce from the princess. The mind of the princess is steadily giving way. memory is completely gone, she never asks for any news of her parents or relatives, and passes the time pacing to and fro in her apartment, and in cutting out paper patterns. The King and Queen of Belgium are constantly informed as to her health, but there is now little hope of the princess ever regaining her intellect, which was once exceptionally bright.

ENGLAND'S WEAK SPOT. The successful cross-channel voyage of a balloon from England to a point near Havre during the week has created intense interest, especially in France, where the Chauvinist mouthpiece, the Patrie, with unconscious humor, tells its readers with the accomplishment of this feat, the weak spot in England's armor has been discovered. It adds that if the channel can be crossed by other means than on board ship, the

French invasion of England is a feasible prospect. The Sheffield Independent announces on the highest authority that the Duke of York will not visit Canada and the United States in 1899, contrary to reports that he might do so.

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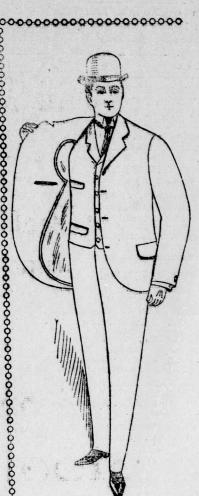
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Weekly Review of the State of Trade

and the Neighboring Canada Republic.

New York, Dec. 24. - Bradstreet's weekly review says: Reports as to houada are generally very good. Toronto any recent year, though a thaw has injured the roads. In Ontario, lumber-

ing has been helped by snow, and a larger output is looked for. The demand from Manitoba is larger than ever before, and calls for a great part of the surplus production in acacent districts. Victoria reports holiday trade larger

than for years, prices better and col-Business failures in Canada number

34, as against 32 last week, and 30 to this week a year ago. For the Dominion of Canada the bank dearances were as follows: Montreal, 14,730,739—increase, 14.0 per cent; 10-ronto, \$9,175,941—increase, 21.3 per cent;

Winnipeg, \$2,418,815—increase, 21.3 per cent; Winnipeg, \$2,418,815—increase, 12.9 per cent; Halifax, \$1,277,311—increase, 12.0 per cent; Hamilton, \$124,154—increase, 9.5 per cent; St. John, N. B., \$561,157—decrease, 1.9 per cent; Vancouver, \$601,—129; Victoria, \$401,501 129: Victoria, \$401,501.

Dun's weekly statement: In general the reports from Canada indicate a rather dull business, excepting in holiday Otherwise there is not much indication of improvement. Jobbing buslness is quiet at St. John, though retailers have a good holiday trade. Wholesale trade at Halifax is decreased, but Christmas business lifts retail trade. The holiday trade is good at Quebec, and at Montreal excellent, with collections good and money unchanged. Wholesale at Toronto is very good in oceries and hardware, but rather quiet in leather, with retail sales in fancy goods, jewelry and furs far ahead or previous years. Payments at Winnipeg are slow, and not much improvement is reported, except a good holiday trade. At Vancouver trade is less active on account of the season, but collections are satisfactory, and retailers report an averave business, and in wholesale trade at Victoria continues much the same, but retail is more act-

IN THE UNITED STATES. Bradstreet's: Probably never before at this date was the course of general business so animated as it is at present. In the iron true no signs of flagging interest are to be discerned, but rather more pronounced activity in new directions. The feature of the week has undoubtedly been the reported placing of an order of 80,000 tons of steel rails with an eastern rail mill, to go to Siberia. All the old strength of prices is maintained. In many lines the country's production seems to be heavily sold ahead. The foreign demand for cereals continues unabated, and any sight price reaction being taken advantage of by buyers. Wheat closes the week with quotations well up to highest paid this autumn, and short

sellers of December delivery are reaping the benefit of indiscreet speculation. The strength of wheat has been enhanced by sympathy with the growing speculative interest in corn, for the highest prices paid for three years past, has been recorded. Cotton displays notable strength, and the market for the manufactured product is very firm at re-cent advances, print cloths, in fact, being higher than for a year past. The cheerful tone of the industrial situation and steady demand from abroad at the higher quotations conduce to a more cheerful tone of business at the south, and predictions of increased speculative activity in the raw products. Strengtm and firmness is a feature also of the lumber market, with the possible exception of yellow pine, where keen competition tends to check the advancing tendency shown by other woods. Business failures for the week number 214, against 234 last week, and 280 in this

week a year ago. R. G. Dun & Co.'s review: It is a year beyond parallel, and goes to its close with the biggest volume of pusiness ever seen. The building of new roads is reported by the Railway Gazette at 2,857 miles—more than in any other year since 1892. But the car famine crowds both railroads and car works to the utmost. Shipments of wheat have been 4,285,704 bushels, flour included, at Atlantic ports, against 8,693,321 last year, although western receipts for three weeks have been 25,088,581 bushels, against 10,309,929 last year - a fact which the believers in a small crop may well consider. From Pacific ports the shipments have been for the week 1,316,bushels, against 956,000 last year. Considering the enormous exports from July 1 to date, exceeding last year's, one can only wonder that the outgo has this year has been so large. The prices have risen during the week a cent and a half. Corn exports have also been 3,-824,836 bushels, against 4,540,613 last year, and for the month thus far 11,-012,138, against 10,867,407 last year. The price has advanced about 2% cents, but the continued foreign demand is astonishing. Sales of wool have been large—27,300,000 pounds, against 23,115,-200 last year, and 21,518,200 in the same The story of iron is like week of 1892. a dream. With 25,000 tons of Bessemer pig sold at Pittsburg for \$10 60, and gray forge at \$9 40, and Chicago sales limited only by the capacity of the works, and eastern sales so numerous and so large as to raise the price 25 cents, there is a demand for finished products, which includes at Philadelphia 4,000 tons of plates for export to South America, 3,000 tons at Chicago, where works are crowded; 80,000 tons of steel rails by the Maryland Steel Company for Asiatic Russia, 35,000 tons for Australia, against British bids at Pittsburg, and about 10,000 tons domestic at the east, 6,600 tons structural work at Chicago and Pittsburg, and 8,000 for car builders at Chicago, all the works there being crowded with heavy buying of sheets and wine rods, and sharp competition at and wire rods, and sharp competition at the south in cotton ties. Prices of iron and steel products have not materially changed, although the tone is everywhere stronger, and for wire nails quo tations have been advanced to \$1 30 at Pittsburg. All this business is done with full belief that the next year's demand will be greater than ever before. The range of prices is nearly 20 per cent lower than in 1892, indicating an as-

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AN ASYLUM PATIENT'S WILL

The Cause of a Lawsuit at Woodstock -Thomas Wright Made Coffins for Himself.

Woodstock, Dec. 22. - Wright vs. Wright is an action brought by Albert Wright, of South Norwich, to set aside a deed made by his father, Themas Wright, in February, 1897, deeding a property consisting of seventeen acres of land to his other son, Newton Wright, of Woodstock, on the ground that the old man was irresponsible when he made the deed. This case is very well known in West-ern Ontario, and has wide newspaper notoriety. The old man, Thomas Wright, who was over 80, was committed to the lunatic asylum at London in 1895. He was discharged upon the application of his son Newton, after spending a year there. Prominent physicians had declared the old man insane, however. Then he went to live with his son Newton in Woodstock. He subsequently went back to his home in South Norwich. In October last he was found dead in the woods near there. Dr. Ellis testified yesterday that he made a post-mortem and found the deceased's brain softened and degenerated. Dr. Bucke, of the London Asylum for the Insane, testified that in his opinion the old man was insane The defense brought witnesses to contradict this testimony to the effect that while the old man was somewhat eccentric he was perfectly rational in his mind. It came out in the evidence that the old man some years ago made two coffins for himself, one of which he gave away, as it was too small for him. He was subsequently buried in the other. After hearing the argument of counsel, his lordship gave judgment for the defendant in all points, but one. His iordship held that old Thomas Wright was in February, 1897, sufficiently in possession of his faculties, although he was somewhat eccentrio in his habits, to make a deed. Newton Wright, however, held power of attorney from his father, and counsel for plaintiff held that as such he could receive no benefits. His lordship reserved his decision on this point.

SANTA CLAUS SCORCHED. Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 23.—Robert Harrington was badly burned while taking the part of Santa Claus last night in a show window. His cotton trimmings caught fire from a gas jet. He was rolled in the mud in the street until the flames were estinguished.

CAN STEAL HER OWN CHILD. Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 24.-Judge Dissett, in the criminal court, sustained the demurrer made to the indictment returned against ex-Mayor F. E. Ma-gowan, of Trenton, N. J. Mrs. Magowan and Mrs. Wynn, Mrs. Magowan's sister, upon the charge of child-steal-ing. The court ordered all of the defendants in the case discharged, saying that it was not a crime for a mother to steal her own child in the State of Ohio. The Magowans were not in court when the decision was rendered, and are said to be in Toronto.

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To Foster Commerce—A Broader Policy

The fostering of commerce obviously belongs to the general government, which has power not only to regulate, but to annihilate at will, the trade of its citizens with foreign countries, says President Charles W. Eliot in the January Atlantic. We have indeed seen our foreign commerce destroyed by our own national legislation. Now, commerce, foreign and domestic, is the great peace-maker and peace-keeper, and, on the whole, it is the great enricher of mankind in comforts and luxuries. It deserves on every account, the fostering care of a powerful nation, not only for the benefits it confers on that paricular nation, but we cause it tends to bring about the confederation of all races of mankind in the pursuit of a common well-being. The war with Spain has distinctly enlarged the moral outlook of our people. It has presented to them wholly unexpected problems concerning the responsibility of a fortunate people for the welfare of the less fortunate. It has suggested to them that a policy of political seclusion and commercial isolation is not worthy of a strong, free and generous people, and that such a policy is not the way to the greatest prosperity and the most desirable in-

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WITH THE SPORTS

Hockey Schedule Dates That Interest Londoners.

Martin Denny Fougat Nineteen

Riley Grannan Reinstated by the New York Jockey Club - Turf Events in Mild Latitudes.

TURF AT INGLESIDE.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.-Track fast et Ingleside yesterday.

First race, purse, 6 furlongs—Ballister won, Tirade 2, Rosebeau 3. Time,

Second race, maidens, 5 furlongs-Esperando won, Savoy 2, Scientellate Time. 1:041/2. Third race, hurdles, 11/3 miles, over

1:171/2

5 hurdles-Octuruck won, Granger 2, Major S. 3. Time, 1:061/2.

Fourth race, handicap, 7 furlongs-Paul Griggs won, Top Mast 2, Novia 8. Time, 1:291/2.

Fifth race, selling, 6 furlongs-Whitcomb won, Hohenzollern 2, Joe Ulman 3. Time, 1:151/4.
Sixth race, purse, 1 mile—Olianthus von, Ulm 2, Boardman 3. Time,

AT NEW ORLEANS. New Orleans, Dec. 24.—Yesterday

was the 26th day of the Crescent City winter meeting. First race, selling, 6 furlongs—Eight Bells won, Louisa 2, High Jinks 3.

Time, 1:16. Second race, 7 furlongs-Friskal won, Ben Walker 2, Lady Fitzsimmons 3. Time, 1:511/2. Third race, selling, 1 mile and 70

yards—Applejack won, Patron Hampden 3. Time, 1:49. Fourth race, 6 furlongs, selling-Miss Ross won, Disturbance 2, Sim W. 3. Time, 1:161/4.

Fifth race, 7 furlongs-Sensational Won, Hanion 2, Traves 3. Time, 1:31.

GRANNAN REINSTATED. Riley Grannan was reinstated by the stewards of the jockey club at a meeting held on Friday in New York. Grannan had been beaten to a standstill in the courts, and on the turf, and after a year of chastening his pardon is a

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************** voluntary act of clemency on the part of the jockey club. He was ruled off in 1896 on the charge of having violated that rule of racing which prohibits the giving of presents to jockeys by anyone other than the owner for whom the jockey rides. He gave \$500 to Fred Taral, and on another occasion offered \$500 to Henry Griffin. He admitted the latter offense, and on it the jockey club decided to rest its action.

> FISTIC. FOUGHT WITH A BROKEN HAND. There was a lively time in San Francisco Thursday night when Referee Steizner gave Sam Maxwell a decision at the referee and people cheered in some parts of the house and hissed in others. Denny broke his right hand in

the second round and finished the 20 rounds with his left. HOUKEY. According to the revised schedules made out for the O. H. A., in the intermediate series, round one, Ingersoll and

London play together Jan. 14 and Jan. In the junior series, Stratford vs.

London, Jan. 5; London vs. Stratford,

NOTES OF SPORTS.

Persy M. Jaffray, Harvard's tall center, died yesterday of blood poiscapitalists in Baltimore are talking about buying the remnants of

It is said that Edward C. Becker, a creditor of the St. Louis club, will buy the outfit at public sale and turn it over to Frank Robison.

Toledoans wanted to make a yacht of glass and enter it in the race for the Canada cup, but the Chicago contingent has turned the sheme down. Schafer and Carter will play their 100-point game of three-cushion caroms next Tuesday. Schaefer want to play Ives 6,000 to 5,000 for any amount of money.

The Turk beat Charley Wittmer at Cincinnati, but had to work hard to do it. He threw the German in 22:40, and then it took him 1 hour and 25 minutes to win the second fall, Graeco-Roman.

Tobe Broderick, an ingenious Chicagoan, is out to cheat the weather. has arranged a racing matinee, and in case there is no sleighing on the day he will have 40 cars of snow brought down from Wisconsin and spread over the course.

WEDDING AT GLADSTONE

Mr. Frank Bryant, Principal of West London School, the Groom-Miss Anna McCallum the Bride.

The marriage of Miss Anna McCallum and Mr. Frank Bryant, the popular principal of West London public school, was solemnized on Thursday evening at the beautiful home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McCallum, of Gladstone. The ceremony was performed at 6 o'clock, in the presence of a large number of guests. Rev. H. Kennedy, Baptist minister of Gladstone, officiated. The bride was becomingly gowned in a rich dress of white corded silk, trimmed with Venetian lace, and carried a handsome boquet of white roses. She was given away by The bridesmaid, Miss Louise McCallum, sister of the bride, was also handsomely attired in white French silk, trimmed with Valenciennes She carried a bouquet of pink roses. The groom was attended by Mr. Colin Campbell. Miss Effie Walker, of Belmont, played the wedding march. Belmont, played the wedding march. ner, jun., a farmer, sold a 6-months-Among the invited guests were: Mr. old calf, three-quarters Durham and and Mrs. Albert Bryant, of St. Thomas: Mr. and Mrs. Ramsay, of St. Thomas; Mr. and Mrs. McLellan, of Lawrence Station; Messrs. Duncan, Neil, Angus

and Dan McCallum and their wives, uncles and aunts of the bride; Miss Cora Dale, Oil Springs; Mr. B. S. Bryant and Miss Susie Bryant, London; Mr. and Mrs. John A. Cottam, London; Mr. John H. Downing, London; Mrs.

Neil Walker, Dorchester.

The wedding breakfast was served at the conclusion of the ceremony and a pleasant time spent. A large number of beautiful presents were received. The groom's present to the bride was a gold watch and chain. Mr. and Mrs. Bryant left on a trip to Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal.

WENT THROUGH THE THIN ICE

Two Young Girls Drowned While Coasting-Sloop Lost With Twelve Men on Board.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 24.—News comes from Grand River, C. B., of the drowning of two daughters of Archibald Cameron-Maggie, aged 12, and Bella, 8 years. The girls were coasting on a hill sloping into the Grand River. Their sleigh ran on to the ice, which was too thin to support them, and they broke through. Their bodies have not been recovered.

TWELVE MEN LOST.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 24.—The steamer Rosalie, which has arrived here has a report from Wrangel of the loss of a sloop with twelve men, bound for At-lin. The sloop was found bottom up, and there was nothing to give a clew to the fate of the prospectors.

GIVEN UP. New Haven, Conn., Dec. 24.-The underwriters have given up as lost the three-masted schooner Howard H. Hanscomb, formerly hailing from this port. It is believed that the vessel foundered in the November blizzard, and that eight members of her crew were lost. She was bound from Philadelphia to Providence.

PUMP MAN KILLED. Fort William, Ont., Dec. 24.—Hugh Clark, pump man for the C. P. R., while carrying a tank spout across the track at English River, in front of an approaching train, was struck and killed.

C. P. R. EMPLOYE SUICIDES. Worcester, Mass., Dec. 21.-William H. Gillen, a railroad employe, about 20 years old, committed suicide at the Hotel Branswick yesterday morning by shooting himself in the head. Papers found upon him indicated that he was a member of the Brotherhood of Rallway Trainmen, and that he had recently been employed upon the Canadian Pacific Railroad. He left a memorandum requesting that \$300 of his death benefit money might be paid to his intended wife, Miss M. Birch, of Morris. Manitoba, and also saying that Bangor Lodge, No. 443, of the brotherhood, would bury him. His death benefit certificate read payable to his father, William Gillen, of Nova Scotia. He came to the hotel yester-

CANADIAN

FORESTERS

Official Visit to Court Orient, No. 331, of High Chief Ranger Elliott-Officers Elected.

The annual meeting of Court Orient. was held in their hall, corner Dundas and English streets, last night. On over Martin Denny. Denny made a run this occasion R. W. Bro. Joseph Elliott, of Ingersoll, high chief ranger, paid his first official visit to the court. The high chief ranger expressed his gratification at the progress being made by the order in London, especially by Court Orient-the banner court of the city. He was pleased to know that there were four courts here of considerably over 100 members. All over the country the order was making rapid strides, and although there had not been a great increase in the number of courts, there had been a healthy increase in the number of members. In Ontario there were between 400 and 500 courts, and down in the Maritime Provinces about 30 new courts had been instituted. The financial standing of the order was something of which, he said, all might feel proud. During the year the surplus fund had increased over \$30,000, the largest increase in any one year in the history the Canadian Foresters, making \$108,000 for the year, and bringing the fund up to \$700,000, every dollar of which was securely and profitably invested. The speaker said the death rate last year was lower than that of any other society, and while commenting on this he eulogized the medical men, who were largely responsible for the good standing of the order, physically and financially.

Speeches were also made by Bro. Joseph Alexander, organizer, Strath-roy; R. Galpin, D.D.H.C.F.; Fred Brown, of Court Forest City, and C. A. Barnes, public school inspector, of Lambton county; Dr. James Macarthur

and others. The following officers were elected: Chief ranger, Dr. L. H. Dawson; vicechief ranger, W. Lannin; financial secretary, W. E. Leng; recording secretary, E. Isaac; treasurer, G. Beddgood; chaplain, Chas. Gilbert; auditors, W. E. Boyle; trustee, Dr. James Macarthur; senior woodward, W. Wilkie; woodward, Peneroy; senior beadle, Robert Ferguson; junior beadle Bro. Piper; court physician, Dr. James Macarthur; delegates to high court, W. E. Leng and J. Childs.

ARVA.

Arva, Dec. 24.-Mrs. D. Anderson is on a visit to her son, J. H. Anderson, of Orangeville. Turkey thieves have again visited this vicinity. Mr. D. Donaldson, of the

ninth concession, again had the misfor-tune to have a large number of his turkeys stolen A grand entertainment was held at Tamarac College, seventh concession

on Tuesday evening last. Miss Coreant was presented with a beautiful toilet set, after which a fine programme was rendered Mr. John Anderson, ninth concession, had a new set of double harness stolen

from his barn on Sunday evening.

TRIPLETS.

Quebec. Dec. 24.—Vesterday morning the wife of Mr. Antoine Gagnon, residing at 109 St. Francis street, presented him with a Christmas gift of tripletstwo fine girls and a bouncing boy. SIX-MONTHS-OLD CALF WEIGHED

425 POUNDS.

Vassar, Mich., Dec. 24.—Samuel Garone-quarter Jersey, for \$30 at Jud Teeter's meat market yesterday. weighed 425 pounds. The calf gained 31/2 pounds each day after it was born.

MIDDLESEX NEWS

Death of a Former Lobo Lady From a Fail-Glencoe Resident Stricken With Paralysis at Church.

The funeral of Mrs. Thomas Collins, of the Muncey Road, who died very suddenly, was largely attended. Dr. Ling, or Dutton, has soid his road horse, Reuben Byfield, sire Grand Sentinel, to Dr. Routledge, of Lambeth, for

Mrs. John Evans, of the sixth con-cession of North Dorchester, died at the family residence on Sunday night, at the advanced age of 86 years. Mr. H. Brodie, of Delaware, lost a

valuable setter recently. She was entered in the international field trials at Chatham, but took distemper a few days before the trials and died Mrs. Cameron, mother of Mr. Alex. Cameron, of Mosa, was taken suddenly ill with paralysis in the Presbyterian Church, Glencoe, on Sunday morning.

There has been a slight improvement

in her condition since. As Osgoode Hall, in Dickson vs. Cole, Mr. Folinsbee (Strathroy), for plaintiff, moved for an injunction to restrain defendant from selling a stock of goods seized under a chattel mortgage, pending an appeal by the defendant from a judgment dismissing the action which was brought to restrain defendant from proceeding under his mortgage. Motion dismissed with

costs.

The death is announced of Mrs. D. Mckellar, nee Miss Emma Marsh, of Coldstream, daughter of Jacob Marsh, township treasurer of Lobo. Deceased was born at Coldstream on July 27, 1863, was married to Dr. James Mc-Kellar, on May 14, 1804, and has since resided at Hazelton, Pa. Early last week she suffered a severe fall, from the effects of which she died, leaving, besides her husband, two children, Emily, aged 3 years and 19 months, and George, aged 1 year and 6 months. Mr. Charles Demary, con. 2, S. E. R., Adelaide, met with an accident the other day. He had been in Strathroy, and was returning home with a load of cedar posts, when the load slipped, throwing Mr. Demary to one ground, the posts falling on him and adding to his injuries. He was taken home, and Dr. A. S. Thompson summoned. The injuries proved to be of a somewhat serious nature, but a speedy re-

covery is hoped for. A pleasant event took place at the residence of Mrs. P. Brown, Metcalfe, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 21, it being the marriage of her grand-daughter, Miss Louiss Mortimer, to Mr. Charles H. Clarke, of the same neighborhood. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. Barltrop, of Appin, after which the large company partock of a splendid spread. Mr. B. A. Mortimer, brother of the bride, assisted the groom, while Miss Carrie Clark, sister of the groom, aesisted the bride. The happy couple left for Michigan later on for a wed-

A very interesting Sunday school anniversary was held in Wesley Church on Sunday and Monday evenings, Dec. 18 and 19. All the Sunday services were conducted by the Rev. Samuel Salton, of Centralia. On Monday evening recitations by the children were followed by a very interesting address by Rev. Mr. Salton. The musical part was also very interesting, consisting of a solo by Miss Kennedy, with several pieces by the small children and also by fourteen young men of the school. Mr. W. H. Odell, of Belmont, has purchased two farms recently, one containing 50 acres, southeast quarter of lot 10, con. 13, Yarmouth, from the Rev. Lewis Thomas Fowler, of St. Thomas, No. 391, Canadian Order of Foresters, for \$1,215. The other is Mr. William Fawcett's farm, lot 5, con. 2, Westminster, containing 65 acres. Consideration \$3,050. The latter is a beautiful farm and is well situated, being about six miles from London, while the Yarmouth farm is more adapted for grazing purposes and will be used by Mr. Odell for a stock farm.

CAUGHT BY THE CLICKER

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Mr. Arthur Ridley and Miss Ida Grant, both of St. Thomas, were married at the manse on Thursday night by Rev. R. McIntyre. Hobson kissed two hundred women

and girls at Topeka, Kansas, yesterday. Some of the girls came back a second and a third time. Hugh Brown has been sentenced at

Belleville to four months in jail for stealing \$1,200 from the body of Wm. Lunness at the Murray Hill wreck. A Colchester dispatch says the change in the weather seems to have stiffened up the ice, so that it is doubt-

ful if the imprisoned steam barges will Evidence has been secured from additional witnesses to show that the books and papers belonging to the Standard Oil Company had been destroyed on Nov. 19 and 21.

Rear Admiral Schley was on Thursday presented with a sword, scabbard, and belt, valued at \$4,200, on behalf of his admirers in Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey.

Passengers arriving at Victoria by the Rosalie contradict the statement regarding the avalanche of the White Pass Railroad. Trains will be running into Canadian territory by Jan. 1.

The bark J. H. Bowers, from Boston for Rosario, with hides valued at \$200,-000, long overdue, has reached Boston. For ten days the members of the crew had subsisted on a biscuit a day for each man.

John Murray, the operator on duty on the morning of the wreck at Murray Hill, has been committed for trial on a charge of manslaughter, preferred by Mrs. W. H. Brady, widow of the engineer of the passenger train.

Hugh Brown, who found the money lost from the body of William Lunness. of Toronto, at the Murray Hill wreck. was found guilty of fraudulently misappropriating the money, and sentenced to four months in the county jail.

P. F. Rollison, formerly city agent of the London Life Assurance Company for Ottawa, was arrested on Friday in Adrian, Mich., charged with forging the name of Mrs. Gebert, of Mantetick, and Dr. Chabot to a death certificate of the former for \$500.

Thomas Crosby, the 13-year-old son of Mrs Marguerite Crosby, a widow, living in Edgewater, a suburb of Chicago, shot and instantly killed Deputy Sheriff Nye on Friday, while Nye was attempting to serve aw rit or restitu-tion, based on a mortgage for \$20,000, which had been foreclosed. The boy said he had been instructed to shoot anyone who attempted to enter the

get through without more assistance. The new penny postage rate makes it possible for Detroit business men to save three cents on each letter sent to any place in the British domains other than Canada. Many Detroit

correspondence, and the saving to them in postage by taking their letters across the river to be mailed will amount to a considerable sum in a year.

As a result of an investigation by a government detective, it is the general belief that Donald Snell, the missing Brockville brakeman, was drowned in an arm of the Georgian Bay, which is crossed by a long trestle, and over which he would have to pass to reach Depot Harbor.

EVIDENCES OF FRIENDLINESS

Between Her Majesty's Canadian Subjects and Uncle Sam's Children-An Incident at Gibraltar.

New York, Dec. 24.—A toast to the health of her Majesty Queen Victoria was an unexpected feature at the annual dinner of the Society of New England, held at the Waldorf-Astoria last night. Judge Henry S. Howland, expresident of the society, was in the chair, and around the tables was gathered a large number of distinguished gentlemen. At the conclusion of the chairman's opening address a cableam was received from Sir Thomas J. Lipton, regretting ms inability to be present at the banquet, and adding: 'Upon the friendship of our race depend the permanent peace and prosperity of the whole world. May the friendship grow and increase; may no shadow ever fall upon it; may the Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack ever float together." "I think it is due to our great friend and ally on the other side of the water that we should drink the health of her Majesty the Queen," said Judge Howland. While the band played "God Save the Queen," the diners joined in singing the words of the song.

ANOTHER CASE. The Canadian Society of New York held its second annual Christmantide dinner at the Marlborough Hotel last night. About 200 Canadian residents of this city were present. After a general reception in one of the hotel parlors came a typical English Christmas dinner in the banquet hall. Percy Sanderson, consul-general for Great Britain, and Dr. William Henry Drummond, of Montreal, were the guests of honor. The toast. "The President," was drunk in the singing of "My Country, 'Tis of Thee." "The Queen" was also drunk in silence, standing, after which "God Save the Queen" was sung. "The Governor-General" was toasted. "He's a Johy Good Fellow" and "The Maple Leaf Forever" were sung with the toast to the Earl and Countess of Aberdeen. AT OLD "GIB."

Washington, Dec. 24.-Evidences of British friendliness toward the United States are being constantly reported to the government. The latest is told in the following letter from Commander T. Swinburne, of the gunboat Helena, dated Gibraltar, Dec. 8:
"The cordial hospitality extended to us by the British officers at this port, both afloat and ashore, has been most marked. As we entered the harbor on

Saturday last, while passing the line of battleships, the crews were drawn up and the bands played the American national airs. I had the pleasure of dining with the governor of Gibraltar, Gen. Sir Robert Biddulph and invitations for dinner were received from the colonel and officers of the Second Grenadier Guards and from the officers of the flagship Mag-nificent."

STRATHROY.

Advertiser Agent, J. D. Meekison. Strathroy, Dec. 24.-Mrs. Evan Begg and children, of Toronto, are the guests of Mr. D. H. Murray, Oxford street. The young bachelors of this town purpose holding another of their popular assemblies in the Lyceum on the evening of Monday, Jan. 2.

An entertainment will be held in Sucherland's school house on Tuesday evening, Dec. 27. A good programme, consisting of drills, readings, recitations, singing, dialogues, etc., will be presented during the evening. Rev. D. E. Martin will be chairman. Admission, 10 and 15 cents.

Appropriate services will be held in different churches tomorrow

(Christmas Day). The following are the officers of the Frank Street Epworth League for the ensuing term: President, Miss Frankie McKellar; first vice-president, Mr. J. S. Thompson; second vice-president, Miss Maggie Gott; secretary-treasurer, Miss Effie Wilkinson; organist. Miss

Grace Wilkinson; asistant organist, Miss Ada Banghart. The death occurred in Flint. Mich. on Sunday, Dec. 11, 1898, of Alice Bolton, relict of the late John Bolton, aged 81 years.

Miss Sarah Johnson and Mr. Hugh Downie, both of the township of East Williams, were united in marriage at the manse, Strathroy, on Wednesday, Dec. 21, by Rev. W. G. Jordan, B.A.

BRYANSTON. Bryanston, Dec. 24.-A very success-

ful entertainment and Christmas tree was held in the Bryanston public school on Thursday afternoon, under the management of Miss B. Wills, teacher. After an excellent programme, provided by the pupils, a Christmas tree was unloaded by E. Parkinson, as Santa Claus. Each scholar received a gife while several tokens of esteem were given to the teacher. The presence of such a goodly number of parents and friends testified to the growing interest in echool work. The following programme was carried out in a manner creditable to both teacher and pupils, Robert Nicholson, of the trustee board, ably filling the chair: Singing, "The Lord's Prayer," by the school; address of welcome, Mable Grant; chairman's speech; duet, "Hap-py Voices, by the Misses Deacon and Downham, with mandolin accompaniment; recitation, Ward Kimball; recitation, Lilie Beattie; christmas cantata, by the primary class; speech, Mr. C. White; recitation, Minnie Coleman; "The Snow Brigade," by four boys; essay. "Canada," Maggie Elliott; recitation, Mina Kimball; song, "The Sugar Maple," school; speech, Mr. G. Coleman; recitation, Ermie McRoberte; "We Are Four," by four little girls; recitation, Flossie Beattie; song, Betn Grant: recitation, Annie Perry; recitation, Walter Parkinson; speech, Mr. W. Dann: recitation, Rena Nicholson; "In the Morning," by four little girls; essay. Jennie Downham; recitation, Ida Powell; speech, Mr. J. Thomson; song, "For Queen, Flag and Country," school; "Each Hae a Book," by eight little girls; recitation, May Woods; recitation. Eliza Dickinson; song, "May God Preserve Thee, Canada," school; recitation, Willie Arbuckle; speech, Rev. J. Deacon; "Good Night," Lorna Beat-

Among the 700 residents of Weston, a town in Maine, there are but two persons of foreign birth, and these are naturalized Irishmen. Both are officeholders, one being mayor and the other business houses have a large foreign | constable of the town.

THE LADY LOSES

Verdict for Breach of Promise Could Not Be Collected.

Woodstock, Ont., Dec. 24 .- At the jury sittings before Chief Justice Sir Wm Meredith, the case of Vanbuskirk vs McFatiane was tried. Plaintiff, Miss Adma Vanbuskirk, of Ayimer, sued Henry C. McFarlane, of Tilsonburg, to set aside a deed as fraudulent, claiming \$250 judgment for breach of promise.

Miss Vanbuskirk, the good-looking complainant, assisted her counsel all through the case, by taking down notes of evidence, etc. The decision was against her, but she took it philosophi-

WITH THE SIRDAR

An English Officer's Description of the Battle-Justifiable Slaughter.

It has been said that the great battle on Sept. 2 was a wholesale slaughter, and no battle at all. It is true the dervish loss was prodigious; but that can not be wondered at considering the numbers of modern guns and rifles against which they hurled them-selves; but it must be remembered that in fighting against fanatical savages there is no such thing as sur-render; it is a case of kill or die. The comparatively small loss sustained by the Sirdar's force reflects the greater credit on his admirable conduct of the

Any one who has not served in the Soudan can not conceive the state of devastation and misery to which that unfortunate country has been brought under dervish rule. Miles and miles of formerly rich cultivated country Mes waste; villages are deserted; the population has disappeared. Thousands of women are without homes or families. Years must elapse before the Soudan can recover from the results of its abandonment to dervish tyranny; but it is to be hoped, and may be confidently expected, that in the course of time, under just and upright government, the Soudan may be restored to prosperity, and the great battle of September will be remembered as having established peace, without which prosperity would have been impossible; and from which thousands of misguided and wretched people will

reap the benefits of civilization. Lastly: let us trust that the governmen of the Soudan may be for many years under British direction, for that is a guarantee of justice: Arab sheikhs are unanimous in attributing the rebellion which assumed a religious form, to the oppression of a succession of Egyptian governors, whose object during their tenure of office was merely extortion; but with the feeling of right and justice which would be guaranteed by the greatest Mohammedan power in the world, the British Empire, which rules the greatest number of Mohammedans, a future of peace and prosperity is assured.—From "With the Sirdar," by Major Edward Stuart Wortley, C. M. G., in the January

CHILDREN AND NOISE

A Problem of Home Life as It Presents Itself to a Middle-Aged Man.

"Really, the one thing that makes me realize that my years are staking up." said the middle-aged man, "is moleve of quiet at home, and my disturb ance when the children are notey. The fact is that I have no greater test of my self-control than that to which I am subjected daily by the children. They are lively and jolly and full of fun, and, of course, they make more or less noise, and it's impossible to stop them any more than by asking if you could stop a brook from babbling; it

isn't in the nature of things. "The noise of the street is music to me just the same as ever. I love the tumult of the city, but I don't like tumuli at home. After dinner I like peace and a cigar. I can have the cigar, but no peace on account of the children. It is really a pity that I should let myself be disturbed by them-and I know it well enough-because thereby, besides being disturbed, I deprive myself of the enjoyment I might have in the chil-

dren's company. "Here is youth, and I might enjoy it, but I don't. The children and I are friends, of course, and I think they have a more than friendly sentiment for me; I'm sure they'd more than welcome any overture on my part toward the establishment of a closer fellow-

ship, but instead of that it makes me nervous when they are noisy. "This is too bad, because they are steadily and inevitably growing older; it won't be so very long before they will be children no longer, but grown-up men and women; a solemn thought. And then I shall say to myself, There were children in the house once-now they are gone; and they will never come back. Why didn't you make the most of them when you could?'

"Well, I am constituted that way, I suppose; I don't think it's all selfishness; not all of it."

SCHOOL CONCERT.

The annual school concert of school section No. 22, London township, was held on Thursday evening, the 22nd, and, despite the weather, the school house was well filled. The teachers. Mr. George Duncan and Miss Legate, deserve great praise for their untiring efforts in making the concert such a success. The "Scarf Drill," executed by twelve girls, under the direction of Mr. George Duncan, was a feature of the evening. Mr. R. Sanders filled the chair in a first-class manner, and materially assisted the concert by his pleasing remarks. The programme consisted of a number of recitations, dialogues and tableaux. Songs were rendered by Mr. Stratfold, Birdie Graham, Bennie Graham and the Messrs. Wistow. The following took part: Jean-Sanders, Mattie Homister, W. Homister, F. Duncan, C. Duncan, L. Kew, H. Edwards, F. Talbot, Violet Griffith, R. Ingles, Flora Farrar, Miss Wistow , and others.

Growth of the Trusts.

[Boston Post.] The absorption of industries by enormous aggregations of capital has been going on, with hardly a protest from the public, until at the present moment the American people are paying tribute to trusts on almost every article classed among the necessaries of life. The very bread the people eat must pay tax to the flour mill trust; the dinnerpail of the workman, to the plate trust; his tobacco, to the plug tobacco trust; his furniture, to the wood-working machine trust, and so on through the long list. There is no escape from

Time is caught by the tail more trequently than by the forelock

the exaction.

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London, Saturday, Dec. 24, 1898.

The Significance of Bethlehem. The invitation that sounds in our ears at the present season is that expressed in the words: "Come and let us go even unto Bethlehem." In our land we may say that this call is pretty generally accepted. The Christmas Festival is no small sectarian monopoly. Bethlehem has a broader sound and makes a larger appeal than Rome, Canterbury, or Geneva. This plightmage of thought to the cradle of the Holy Child revives sacred associations and quickens new aspirations.

It is the "Children's Hour," the festi-

wal of home, as well as a great day in

the calendar of the Church. As we think of the Prince of Peace, many of our bitter controversies and party strifes shrink into their real littleness. The union of the human and the divine, of the high and the lowly, calls to true worship and exerts a humane influence. This homage paid to the child, this recognition of the senctity of motherhood, and the beauty of infancy, is one of the sweetest, kindliest influences of the Christian faith. This will always be the central thought of this festive season, and should remind us that it is not an hour for coarse riotous indulgence, but for the unselfish satisfaction which comes from Christian service in the home, and to the poor and needy out-

There are also subordinate lessons which ought not to be forgotten, and one in particular, which has a special appropriateness to us. Bethlehem, in the eye of the prophet, was distinguished for its smallness. It was least among the thousands of Judah, yet out of it the King was to come. The greatest hero and king that Israel ever had came forth from a small village. He gathered the scattered tribes into a united kingdom and gave them a new center of religion and political life. The name Jerusalem now means more than material city which has so recently been honored by the visit of the German Emperor. A Jersualem under the control of the Turk may be a wretched place, but the real Jerusalem is the ideal city of God, which must still cope with the Babylons of worldly splendor and selfish lust. But before Jerusalem there was Bethlehem, the birthplace of the man of heroic mold who first gave to Jerusalem its real significence.

We are thus reminded that bigness and greatness are not necessarily the same thing, that size is not the ultimate test of influence. It is true that there is something inspiring about a great stretch of country, and something sublime about a magnificent mountain which lifts its snow-covered peaks to the sky, and we do well to rejoice in the breadth and grandness of this land in which we live. But in compiling the "reasons for thanksgiving," It is possible to dwell too exclusively on the material side of life. The greatness of a nation is not in its wide stretch of territory, in the number of its soldiers, or the wealth of its citizens. Greatness is a matter of life and character. "Great Britain" is one of the smallest countries so far as mere size is concerned, and as a matter of fact, the most powerful influences have gone forth from the lands that were small, but that had the power of

sending out strong men. The stamp upon our letters which comes unto us this day reminds us that there is a "Greater Britain" of which we form a part? That Britain, small in herself, has laid a strong pand upon the world, and is the center of rich manifold influences.

But we do well to remember that the power which created this great empire was not in the first place immense size or overwhelming numbers, but a free independent spirit, a courage to do and dare unto death, a strong sense of justice, and a realization of the fact that with increase of power goes increase of responsibility. If these are lost and forgotten, the greatest Empire goes to pieces and another great movement must begin from another Bethlehem.

The lowly origin of the Christ rebukes our vulgar pride and mere material bigness, and this one lesson is worthy of being pondered, "Lest we forget, Lest we forget."

Ex-Queen Lil of Hawaii protests against the appropriation of her property by the United States, without process of law or compensation. Her majesty's untutored mind is unable to perceive that appropriation is "des-

Crushed by the Combines.

The Vienna correspondent of the London Times, in a recent dispatch,

"The strain imposed upon the Berlin money market by the forced develop- tectives flatly deny. ment of German trade is beginning to tell severely on German finance. For the satisfaction of seizing new markets, terms have been granted which German industrial enterprise is unable produced a situation which renders it advisable that the sympathies of the English and American money markets should not be estranged."

This is confirmatory of other information concerning the present monetary crisis in Germany. We hear much of the phenomenal industrial development of Germany, and the growth of German exports; but there is another side to the story. Light is thrown on it by the American consul-general at Frankfort, who, in a report to the department at Washington, says:

"As an incident and condition of Germany's perfect organization and rapid industrial growth, its leading productive interests have been syndicated to pertains to every branch of agriculan extent probably unknown in any ture. Special contributions from notother country. All great industries-the mining of coal, the manufacture of coke, pig iron, steel billets, machinery, seed oils, potash salts and many other -have been for years governed by ably organized and managed syndicates, which control production, fix prices, both for the home and export trades, declare dividends, and apportion contracts. The remarkable efficiency of these syndicates in promoting exports of manufactured products has been largely due to the power which they exercise in maintaining the home price of any given class of merchandise at such profitable figures as to enable the same manufacturer to sell for export at whatever discount may be necessary to secure the contract. In this way, as English exporters bitterly complain, German manufacturers, secure in their organization and their protected home market, have been able to sell structural iron and steel and railway supplies in London and Liverpool, and to flood the British colonies with Lerman-made goods at prices with which their British rivals, already in possession of the colonial markets, have found it difficult

In other words, by means of a high protective tariff, Germany's industrial system has become one of trusts and combines. The great monopolies which control production can fleece domestic consumers at will. "Industry" flourishes by legalized robbery of the German people. It plunders at home in order that it may sell abroad. The combines wax fat; but what of their victims? A section of the German population, in the midst of this so-called progress, has been reduced to eating cats and dogs, because protected interests keep out foreign meat. The agricultural, as well as the manufacturing interests, are monopolizers.

The commercial expansion of Germany is, therefore, largely abnormal. It is a case of bloat, not healthy growth. The present stringency is a symptom of this. The manufacturers have borrowed foreign money beyond their means. They are finding it hard to meet their financial obligations, and are draining the German banks of their

The conditions in Germany are being rapidly reproduced in the United States. Under the Dingley bill, trusts, combines, syndicates, and other forms of monopoly, are springing up all over the country. The smaller concerns are either absorbed by these combinations, or are pushed to the wall. Like the German, the American syndicates are quoting prices abroad lower than those filch what they please from the people of the United States, and they are doing it right along.

The British people, who are secure against the pillage of combines, have tered by such artificial means. Their industrial fabric is reared on the solid ing sands of protection.

The weather has caught the Christmas spirit.

The last of the election trials is over. and Mr. Whitney is not sorry,

London's Christmas market today was magnificent. Who would like to see it abolished?

Bolivia's Christmas box is a revolution. Few things are more popular in a South American republic.

Uncle Sam's colonial Christmas presents are very substantial, but Spain makes a sorry Santa Claus.

They always say of a man's downfall that there is a woman in the case, but in Hobson's there is an average of over 300 a day.

The primate of Ireland has the unenviable distinction of being the only Episcopal bishop to oppose the Czar's peace policy. His grace has missed his

Manager Hays and the G. T. R. telegraphers have agreed to arbitrate their differences. This is sensible and businesslike. It reflects credit on both

The Advertiser wishes its numerous family of readers a merry Christmas. The family has grown a great deal since last Christmas, and expansion is still the rule.

Hobson is making such a fool of himself that the navy department has ordered him to Manila. It is thought his kissing mania will be cured when he has only the dusky belles of the Philippines to practice on,

The Teronto News is hard up for an argument against the Government

when it drags in the case of Peg-Leg Brown to serve that purpose. It alleges that officers with an itch for no toriety kidnapped Brown, and it blames the Canadian authorities for not interfering. This is a charge which the de-

The public debt of Russia is \$4,000,-000,000 or over \$30 per head of the popto afford. The abnormal condition has ulation. This is a crushing burden for a country like Russia, where a great mass of the people is always on the verge of starvation. No wonder the Czar wants to lighten the load by reducing his military establishment. The nation must have money for productive entenprises.

> The Christmas number of the Farmers' Advocate is very handsome and complete. It contains many fine illustrations of great farms in the various provinces of the Dominion. The frontispiece is devoted to the Ontario Agricultural College and Farm at Guelph. The reading matter is abundant, and ed pens add to the distinction of the number, which in every respect is an ideal publication for farmers.

Madrid is grief-stricken over the death of an elephant which was expected to fight two bulls on Christmas Day. The information would be amusing if it did not reveal such a mixture of frivolity and brutality in Spanish character. The people of Spain ought to be sobered by recent crises, but the national mind is incapable of reflection or intelligent ideals. It is not even serious when it is most dejected. The Don is a creature of moods and impulses. He will weep and rave over the misfortunes of his country, and then rush off to a bull fight before his eyes are dry.

The Globe boasts that a baking powder factory is removing from London to Toronto, but inquiry here fails to verify the statement. The Globe as also astray in speaking of Toronto's advantages over this and other cities. London has more railway connections and better transportation facilities than Toronto. It is a cheaper place to live in. It is located in a richer farming district. The only inducements which Toronto offers are those which come dangerously near violating the law of the land in respect to bonusing industries. Hamilton can testify to

Archbishop Bruchesi's denunciation of sensational journalism has the right ring. It is addressed to the press of Quebec, but the offenders are not confined to that province. "Those daily recitals of crime and pictures that illustrate them, finally make upon the mind a terribly deleterious impression," says the archbishop in his open letter. He admits that readers like and ask for such reports and such pictures, but says this is a reason more why they should be absolutely refused. It is to be hoped his advice will not be thrown away. Newspapers have an educative mission, and should cater to the highest, not the lowest, class of

The London Free Press records, with apparent satisfaction, the failure of municipal ownership in Hamilton, they quote at home. Having absolute Ohio, a city that has become practiccontrol of the domestic markets, they can ally bankrupt. This is no argument against the principle of municipal ownership. The Ohio city failed to make a success even of its waterworks system, but who, in this city, would advocate a return to private ownerlittle reason to fear a competition fos- ship of the waterworks? In Glasgow taxes have almost disappeared since the conporation took over the street rock of free trade and not on the shift- railway, gas, lighting, and other such franchises. Municipal control is right in theory, but municipal business ability is another thing. In this city a radical change in the system of government must take place before civic socialism can be carried to the desired

SHED SKIN 20 TIMES

Little Boy's Terrible Eczema. Mass Running Sores From Head to Foot.

Not an Inch of Body Unaffected. Skin Came off With The Bandages.

Screams Were Heart-Breaking. Four Doctors and Medical Institute No Avail.

Improvement After the Second Application of Cuticura. Now Completely Cured.

My little son, a boy of five, broke out with an itching rash. Three doctors prescribed for him, but he kept getting worse, until we could not dress him any more. They finally advised me to try a certain medical college, but its treatment did not do any good. At the time I was induced to try CUTICURA REMEDIES, he was so bad that I had to cut his hair all off, and put the Curicuna (cintment) on him on bandages, as it was impossible to touch him with the bare hand. There was not one square inch of skin on his whole body that was not affected. He was one mass of sores, and the stench from him was frightful. The bandages used to stick to his skin, and in removing them it used to take the skin off with them, and the screams from the poor child were heart-breaking. I began to think that he would never get well, but after the second application of Curicura (cintment) I began to see signs of improvement, and with the third and fourth applications the sores commenced to dry up. His skin peeled off twenty times, but it finally yielded to the treatment. I used the Cuticura Resolvent for his blood, and now I can say that he is entirely cured, and a stronger and healthier boy you never saw than

You can use this testimonial in whatever way you please, and if any proof outside of my word is needed I will refer to any of our neighbors. ROBERT WATTAM, Dec. 13, 1897.

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WHAT OTHERS SAY.

The Tobacco Knight. [Hamilton Spectator.] Sir Macdonald is none of your common plugs.

How Cruel.

Boston Globe.] Professor Garnier is going back to Africa to study monkey talk-and yet

Canvassing Candidates

the society season in New York is just

beginning!

[Hamilton Herald.] The London Advertiser says that Mr. Teetzel's plan of conducting a campaign without canvassing is excellent in theory but isn't practicable. Well, it is being put in practice by Mr. Teetzel. Whether it will be successful or not is another question.

Haliax's Bright Outlook.

[Halifax Chronicle.] With the terminal facilities at Deep Water completed, the I. C. R. furnished with modern locomotives and freight cars, the canals deepened to fourteen feet, and I. C. R. western connections perfected, the future of Halifax will be very largely in the hands of her own people. It is steady, persevering enterprise that tells.

> A Tender-Hearted Officer. [New York Sun.]

The death in Michigan of the cat captured from the Cristobal Colon by the crew of the Oregon recalls many striking instances of the attachment which sailors have for all sorts and ocnditions of animals. To illustrate how far the sentiment sometimes goes, we this from the London Times, where it appears in the column devoted to court and personal intelligence:

"As Commander Lewis Blackburn of the cruiser Blenheim was leaving the hulk Royal Adelaide in Chatham dock-yard on the night of Nov. 24 a gazelle which he had recently brought from abroad ran to meet him, and while affectionately rubbing against

him fell overboard. Commander Blackburn, who was in full uniform, promptly plunged into the basin, although the risk was great, the night being intensely dark and there being chains between the Adelaide and other ships. Shouting for lights to be brought, he kept himself and the gazelle afloat until both were rescued.' He prayeth well who loveth well both man and bird and beast.

The Doge's Palace. [Montreal Witness.]

The reported subsidence of the walls of the Doge's palace at Venice reminds us of Byron's lines:

'O Venice, Venice, when thy marble halls Are leveled with the waters, there shall be A loud fament across the weeping sea."

To others, perhaps, of a later school, will recur Ruskin's "Stones of Venice," but to all lovers of the romantic the possibility of the sinking of those historic buildings will bring a pang of regret. It is pleasing to learn that the condition of the famous buildings is not as bad as at first reported.

A Canadian and the Pipes. [London Outlook.]

A Canadian patriot was in the Empire Music Hall, Glasgow, recently, cheering Piper Findlater like mad. Someone dared to hiss. The Canadian angrily protested. "Why do they hiss him?" he exclaimed. "Because we don't want him." "But he is a hero." "What did he ever do?" "Why," exclaimed the ardent Canadian, "he was shot through both legs, and then sat down," "Couldna help it," came the answer pat. "But he went on playing the pipes." "Second nature," said the dour Scot; "I'll fust tell ye. This man did nothing unusual! Take the first ten Highland pipers you meet with. Start them playing; shoot them through both legs; down they'll sit and keep on playing." Thus does the practical Scot shiver in a few words Francis—Oh, mamma: can't Ethel the glamor surrounding the hero of please go on? I can hear her just /s

LIGHT AND SHADE.

Worried.

"Henry, I wish you would let me give you your Christmas present now.' 'Why, Clara?" "I'm worn out changing my mind about it."-Chicago Record.

Smithson-You can always judge a

His Bad Company.

man by the company he keeps.

Johnson—That's pretty tough on the jailer of a prison, isn't it?-Tit-Bits.

Somewhere

Somewhere, in some secluded spot, 'As yet fresh painted and unknown, which I seek awaiteth me, While I perspire and fret and groan, Somewhere my labor and my pain Will end, and end with joyful shout, Somewhere-its rent extremely low-I'll find a flat without an out.

I'll find the best of plumbing there; I'll find the rooms just what I need; I'll find the landlord prompt to see That tenants are not made to bleed, I'll find the neighbors fond of peace; No cats or dogs, no things that jar; The house not on the busy street, But from the street cars not too far.

There'll be no girls who murder "Palms." Or tear their hair o'er "Ostler Joe," No small boy plays a martial drum

A lawn, green vines, and things like The rent? Ah, that will trifling be, For somewhere, in a favored spot, Steam heated heaven waits for me.

—Boston Globe.

Within a mile of where I go,

A New Definition.

Little Mike-Feyther, phwot is an ctogenarian? McLubberty—An octogenarian, me b'y, is a mon that has eight toes on aich fut.

No Need to Wait.

Mamma (to Ethel, who is telling an original fairy story while being put to bed)—Now, dear, stop your story for a little while; Francis is going to say her prayers.

well while I'm praying?

"Demand it; no substitute is just as good."

A Penny Saved Is a Penny Gained

PERISHED IN

Hundreds of Montenegrin Peasants Frozen to Death.

More Trouble Looms Up in the Transvaal.

British Residents Shot by the Boer Police-The Spanish Premier a Very Sick Man-The Pope's View of the

London, Dec. 24.-The Vienna correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: Several hundred Montenegrin peasants, who were recently overtaken by a snowstorm in the Lara Pass were frozen to death. The expedition sent to their rescue found the snowdrifts so heavy that it was impossible to save them.

A NEW ROW.

A dispatch says a new row is brewing for President Kruger, because of alleged outrages on British residents in the Transvaal. In the recent disturbance the police opened fire and shot an Englishman named Edgar. No errorts to punish the police who did the shooting have been made, and a number of Udlanders have organized to push the case. A similar reform committee was formed before the time of the Jameson raid.

THE BARON'S BURIAL.

The funeral services over Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild, who died at his country seat, Waddesdon Manor, Aylesbury, last Saturday, was held in the Portland Street Synagogue, in London. The burial took place privately on Thursday, in the family vault of the cemetery at Westham. The floral offerings included a wreath from the Prince and Princess of Wales. The London 'bussmen, who were always remembered by the baron at Christmas time with presents of turkeys, appeared today wearing the Rothschild racing colors of blue and orange, bound

DANGEROUS EXPERIMENT. A bicycle drawn by a paper kite has just been manipulated with a certain amount of success by an enthusiastic wheelman, who lives near the Roman road, in Yorkshire. The kite, a very large and powerful one, was put up when a strong wind was blowing aimost straight along the road, and the bicycle was then connected with the loose end of the tow rope by means of a hook on a swivel. For nearly a dozen miles the machine was drawn at a terrific speed along the smooth and fairly level road; then, suddenly, it swerved or was pulled completely over, British Cabinet and People Favor the the rider, of course, sustaining a terrible fall. When picked up, about 15 minutes later the man was still insensible. He then quickly recovered consciousness, however, and in common with most enthusiasts, immediately declared that, far from being hurt, he would repeat the attempt on the foilowing morning.

HOW HE GOT HIS CROSS. It turns out that Lieutenant de Montmorency got his Victoria Cross not only for rescuing the body of comrade, Grenfell, in the charge of the Twenty-first Lancers, but battle into the enemy's lines disguised as an Arab hawker, and finding out all their plans. He went despite Lord Kitchener's warning that "you take your life in your hands." That day his charger was shot under him, and he went into action and into the charge of the Twenty-first Lancers mounted on a polo pony.

THE POPE PESSIMISTIC.

Rome, Dec. 24.—The pope, at the reception of the Christmas greetings of the cardinals and other prelates, appeared to be in excellent health. Replying to their congratulations, he referred to the sinister events of 1898, and said it was high time the governments of Europe united to stop "unheard-of outrages and savage exterminations." But the pontiff added: "That could not be expected until the fear of God, the basis of all morality, shall be revived in the conscience of the people and become the guiding principle of the organization of states." In regard to the present position of the church in Italy, the pope pointed out that the symptoms were not reassuring for the new year. He added that the conditions imposed upon the head of the church, in violation of his dignitary rights, "were not enough, for now it was sought to cast odium upon the press which openly espoused the defense of his interests and the interest of religion and morality." Continuing, the pontiff remarked: "Further rigors threaten the clergy, although they are the class furthest removed from seditious designs. The obedience of the clergy to the holy see, whose rights they defended and whose intentions they seconded, is now being construed as a political offense. Nevertheless, I am imbued with the sense of their high mission and duty. They clergy will not yield, either to flatteries or menaces, and their firmness is finding response in numerous laymen deeply imbued with the love for the papacy. It is thus by the co-operation of the clergy and laity that the salvation of coming generations is assured.'

THE CLAYTON-BULWER TREATY. The question of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty is freely discussed in the London morning papers. The Daily News and Daily Chronicle publish editorials, asserting that Lord Salisbury "ought to get some concession in return for consenting to abrogation." Chronicle points out that the canal would make the United States a great naval power in the far east, increase America's naval strength in the Atlantic, and alter to England's disadvantage the carrying trade to the far

A SOLEMN FUNCTION.

The life sentence passed upon Luccheni, the assassin of the Empress of Austria, is not the last act in the tragedy. A final and solemn function is yet to be performed. In the presence of the Austrian envoy at Geneva and his consular officials, the file with which the empress was murdered, as well as the surgical instruments used in the post-mortem examination, will shortly be destroyed with the greatest care, so that not a particle of them remains. This is not only to prevent them from falling into the hands of curiositymongers, but also because of a superstition among reigning houses that the existence of such implements is fraught with peril to descendants.

TEMPESTUOUS TIMES.

passengers owing to the heavy sea STARTLING STATEMENT.

Mr. Courtney, M.P., speaking as president of the Royal Statistical Society, on the Congo Free State, made a somewhat startling statement as to the collection of tribute from the natives by the Belgians. If the revenue brought in was considered insufficient raids were made, and, incidental to the raids, captures were effected of men, women and children. The extent to which the evil could run might be illustrated by the example of one Captain Rom, in command of a district, who orna-mented his flower-beds by marking out its border with the heads of wenty-one natives who have been killed in an expedition organized to punish a village which had revenged the state soldiery by killing and eating two of its tormentors.

A LIE. Concerning the Paris Matin's assertion that London capitalists have placed large sums at the disposal Don Carlos, Sir Samuel Montague, who is Spain's banker in England, declares that the statement is an absolute can-Sir Samuel says he has recently ard. made special inquiries, and has been unable to find the slightest idea or anybody having advanced money to the Carlists.

SPAIN'S PREMIER VERY ILL. Madrid, Dec. 24.-The condition of Premier Sagasta now causes great anxiety. Six physicians were in consultation yesterday regarding his case, and concurred that he is suffering from bronchial pneumonia, with high temperature and an unfavorable absence of expectoration. The newspapers ex-

press great sympathy. There is no doubt that Sagasta's illness is aggravated by the strain of recent events. The queen regent, twice during the day, telephoned inquiring as to his condition, and this evening sent her own physician to attend him. The list of callers at the premier's residence includes all the foreign diplomats and a host of other distinguished persons.

KAISER AND HIS CABINET. London, Dec. 24.-The Berlin correspondent of the Standard says: "De-Emperor William started for Postdam at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, it is asserted that he appeared suddenly at that hour at a meeting of the Prussian cabinet, which was being held at the residence of Dr. Von Miquel, Prussian Minister of Finance, and remained until after 7 o'clock."

The Clayton-Bulwer Agreement Likely To Be Canceled.

Proposition-Postal Card Campaign -A Bad Man Gone.

CLAYTON-BULWER TREATY. London, Dec. 23.—There seems to be

little doubt that Great Britain will agree to abrogate the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. The temper of the cabinet and though no definite understanding with navigation do not count for much in the United States has yet been reach- preventing wrecks. Great Britain desires that the Nicaragua Canal be constructed, and is willing that the United States should control it if the United States will guarantee its neutrality and safeguard British interests.

The reports from Washington that the British ambassador there, Sir Julian Pauncefote, has been instructed to negotiate the abrogation of the treaty are incorrect, though it is likely he will soon receive instructions to that ef-

The impression here is that the British foreign office and the United States charge d'affaires, Mr. Henry White, incidental to his visits to cabinet ministers, will arrange the basis of action. Mr. White spent part of the week with the Marquis of Salisbury at Hat-field House, and he goes today with his family to spend Christmas at Chatworth House, Derbyshire, the country seat of the duke, who is lord president of the council. There Mr. White will meet Lord George Hamilton, the secretary of State for India, Anglo-American questions will naturally be discussed. As a result of the visit of Mr. Henry White, American charge d'affaires to Lord Salisbury, several important dispatches have been exchanged to and fro

with Washington. POSTAL CARD CAMPAIGN. Rome, Dec. 23.—A unique postal card campaign on behalf of the Italian political prisoners is soon to be inaugurated here. Forty thousand postal cards will be mailed simultaneously to the king petitioning him for the release of the

prisoners.

A BAD MAN GONE. Constantinople, Dec. 23.—Ghani Bey, the sultan's aide-de-camp, was murder-ed yesterday by Hafuz Pacha in a quarrel, which took place in a pastry cook's place. Ghani became notorious owing to his lawless proceedings in Epirus. He also inspired terror here by extorting money under threats of death. The officials of the foreign embassies have frequently demanded the punishment of Ghani Bey, but always unsuccessfully.

NEVER SLEPT

Went to Theaters and Billiard-Halls To Get Cat Naps.

Kenosha, Wis., Dec. 24.-Millionaire Edward Bain, president of the Bain Wagon Company, whose death was lately announced, was familiarly known as "the man who never elept." For the last 16 years he did not sleep an hour in his bed. Constant devotion to business was the cause of his sleeplessness. He was known to remain in his factory up to 16 years ago as late as 4 and 5 o'clock in the morning, and when he would seek rest he found it impossible to sleep. At that time he practically relieved himself of business

For the greater part of the last ten years it was his custom to take daily trips to Chicago to pass the time away street car riding. At night the was always to be found either at a theater or billiard hall, which were the only places where he was able to get a short nap, the music of the theaters and the clicking of the billiard balls alone luliing him to sleep.

Queenstown, Dec. 24.—The steamer Umbria. New York, for Liverpool, arrived off this harbor at 2:25 this morning, but was unable to land the Irish Very choicest Perfumes and Fancy

Fifty-Eight Vessels Destroyed From Various Causes.

Loss Is Estimated To Be Over \$3,000, 000-Worst Season Ever Known

Chicago, Dec. 24.-Marine losses during the season of 1898 were materially tself on the robbery and violence of greater than during any previous season on the lakes. Up to the middle of July insurance men were congratulat-ing themselves that they were doing very well. The losses had been few and there was a large margin of premiums to cover the latter half of the season. Along in September the trouble began, and it never ceased until the last boat was in port yesterday. The trouble was not confined to any one cause of disaster. Fire contributed an unusual number of big losses, but strandings were pre-eminent. The collision item was very much smaller than in previous years.

ENORMOUS TOTAL.

As to the grand total of losses from all causes, no two underwriters will make an estimate within \$500,000 of one another. One insurance man, whose firm has kept as accurate a list as possible, claims that the total is not far from \$3,100,000. The members of the syndicate which has done most of the business are not telling what their losses are. A general average of statements made by people who are in touch with the business places the aggregate loss at about \$2,600,000. Vesselmen, who are fearful of high rates next season, protest that these figures are too high, and claim that the insurance companies have not lost any large sums of money the past season. Who is right will not be clear until it is seen what companies are in the field for business next spring, and what rates they offer. Just now it is said spite the official announcement that that lake risks are very unpopular in England. One broker, who attempted to place a large fleet, found that the Lake Superior strandings had advanced lake rates on London Lloyds 1 per cent. However, the entire insurance proposition is so mixed up that no one, not even the members of the syndicates, know what they are to do.

LAKE MICHIGAN STORMS.

In a list of 569 losses, the causes asgned were as follows; Ashore, 123; aground, in protected channels, 126; fire, 40; collisions, 90; ice, 16; stormbeaten, 96; foundered, 8; miscellaneous causes, 116. Lake Michlgan has been the scene of the greatest number of serious losses, with Lake Superior as second. Lake Huron was remarkably free from disasters, and Lake Erie also did not contribute its usual quota. In fact, Lake Ontario produced a larger number of serious losses than Lake Erie, notwithstanding the limited traffic on the former.

Last winter, a wrecker complained that the government had established barbed wire courses through the lakes, and that captains could not longer get into trouble. He felt an injury had been done him in thus ruining his business. The same wrecker the past fall has had his hands full, with three or four ships at a time calling upon him for assistance. All of which goes to public opinion points to such action. continuous gales, government aids to show that when winds are blowing

> LIST OF LOSSES. The number of boats which have passed out of existence is 58. Their aggregate tonnage was 29,194 tons.

THE HOME OF THE COMBINE

Trusts Running Everything in the Neighboring Republic.

New York, Dec. 24. - Three rival associations of canners are to trust meet in Detroit in February, with the object of forming a gigantic trust. They are the Atlantic States' Canners' Association, the Western Canned Goods Packers' Association and the Canners' Machinery and Supply Association.

The corset manufacturers of the country are also forming a trust. The formation of the spool silk trust has taken the trade by the ears. It includes the biggest manufacturers, who control the market.

The Independent Straw Board trust is about ready to complete its organization in Chicago.
Out in Seattle will be the headquarters of the new cedar shingle trust, in which all the Washington manufactur-

ers have combined. The flint bottle manufacturers are now in session at Pittsburg, Pa., and 27 firms are about to enter the combination All the lead companies in Missouri

are being consolidated, and one large corporation will be organized. A member of the pottery combine at East Liverpool, O., says that by Saturday not more than six general ware potteries will be outside the combine. It is announced that the consolidation of all the local gas light and heating companies of Pittsburg, Pa., has been successfully accomplished. combination was managed by Brown Bros., bankers, of New York. The capital invested is \$26,000,000.

OPIUM SHIPPED

Female Sleuth Says Monroe, Mich., Is a Rendezvous for Smugglers.

A female detective has caused a small ripple of excitement in the Maumee City by the startling announcement that she has discovered a gang of opium smugglers that, so she declares, have been working through some small towns along the Detroit River. The story is given for all it is worth in the following special dispatch to the De-

troit Free Press from Toledo: Mrs. Eva McNeal, who has been working for some time on a case in this city, for a New York firm, today informed the United States marshal that she had solved the puzzle of the epium smugglers. She stated that the con-traband was brought over to Monroe from Amherstburg in fishing smacks, and then shipped to this city in coffins and other receptacles. She claims that it will take but a short time to locate all the members of the gang, and that

she is already in possession of the names of some of them." When Special Treasury Agent Burton Parker was shown this dispatch last there were anything in it, the federal officers at Toledo would not give out any information until they had landed game, especially as she claims to have the names of some members of the gang. But perhaps they could not caten any of those intrepid fishermen now when Lake Erie is so full of ice and the fishing smacks are all high and dry on shore. Although Toledo is not in my district, the officers there would have notified me at once if they had reason to believe that any opium or other smuggling was going on along the Detroit River. I have not heard anything of it, official or otherwise."

AN AWFUL DEATH

Railway Watchman Cremated in His Little Shanty.

Reported To Have Been Drinking Hard | Simple Explanation of a Somewhat and Probably Set Fire to the House.

Detroit, Dec. 24.-John Galvin, aged about 50 years, a crippled watchman in the employ of the Detroit and Lima Northern road at the Eureka avenue crossing in Wyandotte, was suffocated and afterward cremated on Thursday. Galvin, who came from Dundee in July last, had been so badly hurt in a railroad accident that he moved about with the aid of crutches with the utmost difficulty. He lived in his shanty, a board affair about eight by six feet, cooking his meals on a large round stove. Galvin, according to report, drank heavily on Thursday. It is re-ported that he consumed two quarts of cider, two bottles of whisky and followed this with 25 cents worth of beer. The shanty was discovered to be on fire by the engineer of a passing locomotive. When aid arrived the shanty was a mass of flames. Jack Cleary attempted to force the door, but the platform on which the old man slept barred it. Cleary heard moans, and it is thought the old man had just awakened from his drunken stupor and realized his condition. When the door was opened the body of the man was seen to be lying with his head to the stove, and Deputy Sheriff Clark, by means of a long plank, scraped the burning embers away from the body. A rumor was in circulation that the old man had been murdered for money, and that the shanty had been afterwards set on fire to hide the crime. John Teeling, a hotel man, says Galvin had no money, with the exception of 43 cents that Teeling loaned him. Justice DeLisle's theory is that Galvin put a larger quantity of coal in the

NINE YEARS

Johnson Brothers, Notorious Counterfeiters, Receive a Steep Sentence.

stove than usual, and that the stove

becoming too hot, the sides of the shan-

Detroit, Dec. 23.-Nine years at hard labor in the Detroit House of Correction is the sentence which Judge Swan imposed upon Edmond and Johnson, the notorious counterfeiters, in the United States district court yesterday. The Johnsons have been counterfeiting all their lives, operating previously in Canada. Their father was sentenced in Toronto, and one brother is now in Kingston penitentiary.

THE RAILWAYS

The Increase in Construction During 1898-New Schemes.

Grand runk earnings, 8th to the 14th December, 1898: 1898\$426,503 1897 491,483

Decrease \$62,920 The directors of the Hamilton, Chedoke and Ancaster Railway will apply for an amended charter to build a line to Brantford, to change the name to the Hamilton, Ancaster and Brantford Electric Railway Company, and to increase the capital stock from \$100,000 to \$200,000

Estimates made by the Railrand Gazette show an increase of 2,867 miles during 1898 in the railroad mileage of the United States. This is the largest increase since 1892, when 4,419 miles were added. Ten roads in Canada have built 448 miles, which is more by 53 miles than that reported last year.

Power will be asked from the Ontario Legislature next session to construct a railway between Pembroke and Bancroft, giving Pembroke direct connection with Toronto. The proposed railway will connect with the Irondale, Eancroft and Ottawa Railway, and with the Miciand division of the Grand Trunk at Irondale Junction, gaining access to Toronto over the Midland line. The road will be known as the Toronto, Lindsay and Pembroke Railway.

Milwaukee merchants and shippers are in receipt of a prospectus issued by the Michigan Central Railway Company and the Michigan and Ohio Belt Line Railroad Company, which propose to furnish Milwaukee new rail road companies with the cost The road connections with the east. The object is to maintain a continuous line of rail and waterway from Milwaukee by way of Grand Haven, Battle Creek, Coldwater and Camden, Mich., Napoleon, Bowling Green, Fremont and Cleveland, Ohio. This line, with car ferry connections between Milwaukee Grand Haven, would carry and through freight to the Atlantic seaports, including Newport News, while freight north bound could be sent all over the northwest from Milwaukee. An issue of \$7,000,000 five per cent first mortgage gold bonds has been executed.

CONDUCTORS' PAY RAISLO. The management of the Missouri, Pacific and Iron Mountain Rallway says the company has sent out a circular stating that "on and after Jan. 1, 1899, the salaries of passenger train conductors will be, when the train mileage is 4,000 miles, and not over 5,000 miles, 21/2 cents per train mile; when less than 4,000 miles, rates of pay will remain as at present; when it exceeds 5,000 miles, \$125 per month." At present the maximum compensation for conductors is \$100 per month.

LIFE SAVED.-Mr. James Bryson Cameron writes: "I was confined to my bed with inflammation of the lungs and was given up by physicians. A neighbor advised me to try Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil, stating that his wife had used it for a throat trouble with the best results. Acting on this advice, I procured the medicine, and less than half a bottle cured me; I certainly believe it saved my life. It was with reluctance that I consented Parker was shown this dispatch last to a trial, as I was reduced to such a night he smiled and said: "That smells state that I doubted the power of any decidedly fishy. In the first place, it remedy to do me good

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Sensational Story.

The Advertiser is asked to publish the following letter, this paper having, with others, printed the item to which the communication refers: Editor Lucknow Sentinel, Lucknow.

Our attention was caled to a local in your paper some weeks ago by our Lucknow manager, Mr. D. Sheriff, in reference to a car of oats that

shipped by the Lucknow Elevator Company, to Portland, Maine. Your local that auger holes had been bored in the car, and temporary plugs placed therein, the perpetrator's intentions being that the pluge would tall out, and lose the whole car of grain before it reached its destination, but only a portion of the plugs having fallen out, the loss was about 123 bushels. From the strain of this argument, and from public sentiment, our man at

Lucknow seemed to feel that the weight of blame for committing this cowards act must rest with the opposition dearers, and he, being one of the competing buyers on your market, asked us to thoroughly investigate, and get the facts of the case. We therefore wrote the railway people for information, and they (the railway) sent one of their detectives to Lucknow to investigate the matter, with the result that we are today informed that the grain was never loaded in the car at Lucknow, and that the car, when loaded by the Lucknow Elevator Company, contained 885 bushels, but was billed out by them to the destination at 1,000 bushels-clearly an error on their part in billing the car. This was just about as we expected, and we felt confident that no auger holes had been made in the car for the purpose of committing wrong against anybody. As this story has gone the rounds

of the weekly press pretty thoroughly, we would feel obliged to you, in justice to your community, if you would give much publicity to the particulars, which must now be known to the shippers, so that no injustice can be done anybody. Yours truly, HAY BROS. Listowel, Ont., Dec. 22, 1898.

TO KEEP DRY

This Man Had on Five Ladies' Mack intoshes as Underwear.

Windsor, Dec. 23.-J. W. Yearsley, customs officer at the ferry dock, on Wednesday made the seizure of five ladies' mackintoshes from John Albert, inputed street, Windsor, Yearsley noticed that Albert looked rather corpulent, and he was requested to step inside the office when he came off the boat. He objected at first, but when threatened with arrest, followed the officer into one of the private rooms, where he was searched. Three of the garments were found under his overcoat, and he had one strapped around each of his legs under his trousers. He was told that he would have to pay the value of the goods in addition to the duty before he could recover them.

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What Christmas Means to the World.

ninds back to the period immediately ing we are rich, in his service we are preceding the birth of Christ. We cannot but be conscious that there is a sense of expectancy in the very air. Everyone is sure that something is about to happen that will have a powerful effect upon the conduct and destiny of mankind. A curious feeling is that which precedes a great change. The old course has worked itself out; a desire of change has sprung up in the mind; perhaps the desire is all the more pathetic that the heart cannot explain its urgency, or its dumb as-pirations; some such feeling may take possession of the mind in the hour of death. Paul had a "desire to depart." What is the meaning of such desire? What is its range? How is it enlarged and strengthened by unknown spiritual ministries? These questions can only be answered by men who have passed through the gate which on one side is blacker than night, and on the other is brighter than all the glory of opening day. Placing ourselves mentally amongst those who lived in the days of the birth of Christ, we cannot but find their completest expression share the common expectation. What going to happen? Who is coming?
With what pomp and chromstance will be come? How will the old heavens be really the control of the pauline epistles cannot be properly with a scrupic to find all things in Jesus Christ. The great expressions of the Pauline epistles cannot be properly construed without investing Christ with rolled together like a scroll? How will the old earth be covered with a new mantle of loveliness? Imagination has its answer ready, but the answer of imagination is always conjectural and speculative, and is often not only reversed, but confounded by historical fact. It was pre-eminently so in the case of Jesus Christ. The world was to be changed by the birth of a babe! Thus we may put it in a literal sense, forgetting the high significance of such a birth, meaning as it does spiritually that man is the gift of God, and that the moment the babe enters the world the world itself is handed over to a new and perfect redemption. In asking ourselves what Christmas means to the world, we shall lose nothing by getting rid of certain accessories and superstitions which had nothing to do with the original intent and purpose of the incarnation. Looking at the incarnation as the birth of the man, may be the best way of finding our way back and up to original and exhaustive meanings. Christmas now means to us Christ's Birthday. But why this ado about the birthday of a child? Countless millions of children have been born into the world, thousands are born into it every hour; why should this child have a pre-eminence so overshadowing in majesty and influence? Why should all other children be baptized in his name? Why should he represent ideal and even celestial childhood? These questions are founded upon the commonest matters of fact. Whoever Jesus Christ was, his name today is the most potent name in history. For two thousand years no name has had so deep an effect upon human thinking and upon the spread of civilization. Is the splendor of Christ's majesty fading? Is the energy of Christ's influence declining? Who celebrates the birth of or Abraham, of Solomon or Paul? Yet for centuries courts and governments, wealth and poverty, destitution and orphanhood, have dated their letters from Bethlehem, and calculated the calendar from the sorrow of the Virgin. There must be some meaning in all this, and thoughtful men are bound to inquire what that meaning is. John Milton says, "One day there will be a resurrection of great names." England is about to celebrate the millenary of Alfred the Great-to put up visible memorial of his rulership and large-mindedness. The record is crowded with great names, and yet |

venticles, scattered over the face of the whole earth, are so many tributes to this supreme child of the world. (1) Is not Christ the highest interpretation and expression of that greatest of mysteries, personality? It is by personality that the world is governed. If we really look into the matter, we shall find that it is the lawgiver, rather than the law itself, which rules our civilization and directs our progress. So far as human laws are concerned, society may be personified as the lawgiver. No law can live that does not represent the current sentiment of the age. Judges tell us that they cannot administer any law which has become a dead letter; that is to say, any law that does not express the current and active sentiment of the time. Thus society energises its own laws, and gives them all the impressiveness and magnetism of living personality. This is one of the most interesting features in the study of Christianity. In quite the largest sense of the words Jesus List is still saying to his church, 1. I am with you alway, even unto mune most deeply and continuously with Christ are most assured of his actual presence and personal influence. To them Christ is not set back as a dim figure in the fading centuries; he is the most active and dominating presence of the immediate moment. This is not to be explained in words or made clear to the common reason, but it is not the less a ruling fact in experience, and an inspiring consciousness in the whole development of life. There is more of Christ than in any other manof him, more in him, more done by him, more therefore done for him. The supremest motive still is: love of Christ constraineth us." We know Christ no longer after the flesh, but for that very reason we may know him more intimately by spiritual perception and appreciation. The Bethle-

towering above all is the name of the

Bethlehem Child, the Only Begotten of

the Father! Not only is this the case

as a matter of common fact, but the

very greatest men in history take off

their crowns and with rapturous admi-

ration cast them at the feet of Mary's

child! What is the meaning of this? It is not superstition; it is not sen-

timent; it is not transient emotion;

the temples, the ministers, the abbeys,

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[By the Rev. Joseph Parker, D.D.] hem babe is now the Christ of the whole world. In his name we pray, in his priesthood we confide, in his blesshave wrought the wonders which are daily accomplished by his realized personality. He is near the soul, he is in the soul, he rules the soul, he thrills and sanctifies the soul. If we do not realize this happy experience we have not yet come into our full inheritance

of grace and truth. (2) Every day the message of Christmas to the world is, that in Christ only do we realize all that is meant by spiritual completeness. "In him dwelt all the fullness of the Godhead bodily." We are complete in Christ, because in Christ all completeness is fulfilled. The believing soul never goes out of Christ for anything essential to growth, culture, inspiration, hope and vital energy. We have all things in Christ. All things are Christ's; therefore, in having Christ we have God. Many illustrious teachers and leaders have been efficient and sufficient at various useful points, but Jesus Christ is equally strong along the whole line of his personality and kingship. Nature, as well as grace, culminates in the adorable Savior. Science and philosophy construed without investing Christ with everything essential to completeness of life and character and service. him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created by him and for him." To whom, therefore, can we go to make up the deficiencies of Christ? What other teacher or leader must be called in to make up that which is lacking in the Son ofGod? "Of him and through him, and to him are all things." It is impossible to construe such words in a way which leaves the faintest trace of deficiency or incompleteness in the personality or priesthood of Jesus. "He is the head of the body, the church: Who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the "For it pleased the pre-eminence." Father that in him should all fullness This is the view which the true Christian takes of the completeness of Jesus Christ. To the Christian Jesus is chiefest among ten thousand, and altogether lovely. He believes that Jesus Christ upholds all things by the word of his power, and that he is the one personality which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Al-This fullness illustrates and

confirms the essential doctrine of the ever-enduring personality and presence of Jesus Christ. (3) Christmas sets before us, as it were, pictorially, the very highest and sublimest of moral character. Human nature needs such exemplifications. Christianity is a grand appeal to the senses, as well as to the spiritual understanding. We are to behold the Lamb of God, look upon him, watch him, take special note of the whole expression of his life. Jesus Christ himself said, "I have given you an example." In the very largest meaning of the terms he says to all men today, llow Me." He embodies his own beatitudes. If we want to know what human nature is at its best, we must look at the Son of God. Although there are points at which he stands infinitely above the reach of our ability, although he is nothing less than God, manifest in the flesh, yet there are other points which are imitable, and which indeed, we are called upon expressly to reproduce, in our own degree, in our personal character.
"Learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart." "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love." The message of Christmas is, Represent Christ. As he was, so are we to be in the world. Some would so learn Christ as to make a mere image of him, a spectacle to be admired rather

than to be copied with disciplinary sternness. "But ye have not so learnt sternness. "But ye have not so learnt Christ. If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus; that ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind." Such passages enable us to testify that Jesus Christ has had the most powerful and gracious effect upon human experience. Every Christian is a miracle of grace. "If any man be in Christ, he is a new, creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." Such mir-acles Jesus Christ is working today as certainly as he worked them when he was visible amongst us. "Our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve in sin." He does not make his followers better externally and mechanically, so as to present a good appearance to the world. His cleansing is internal, spiritual, compiete. We are renewed in the spirit of our mind. A clean heart trobs within us, a right spirit inspires our ways. A great voice is continually sounding in our ears: "Be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." Jesus Christ is reincarnated in the experience of all who truly love and follow him. "Put on, therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering, forbearing on another, and forgiving one another. If any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye." These are not ancient virtues, outworn moralities, temporary laws that have been superseded by higher legislation. These are today's virtues, to-day's crown of glory. "Be ye, therefore, followers of God, as dear children, and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself

for us, an offering and a sacrifice to

"Have no fellowship with the unfruit-

ful works of darkness, but rather re-

prove them." What wonder if a man

whose personality was so intense, and

whose character was so glorious, should

continue to be the supreme mind of the civilized world? Jesus Christ is

not a suppliant for his life. He does

not beg us to continue to respect him. He works so profoundly that all other

workers are ashamed to compare their

service with his, and he works so

beneficently that the world cannot do

without him. No orchard bears fruit like his; no river is so full of water as the river of Mfe; no smile is so be-

nignant as the light of his counten-

ance. The message of Christmas to the world is a message of good-will,

neighborliness, brotherhood, fellow-

God for a sweet-smelling savor.

ship, noble and sweet and helpful. The danger is that men should consider that the message of Christmas is merely ethical. For my own part, I have growing distrust for the word "ethical," because I see it is separated, in many instances, from the spiritual and priestly work which Jesus Christ came into the world to complete and estab-

lish. Men are trying to invent a mor-We are now too much governed by programme and schedule and experiment; we do not get back to the foundation truths of redemption by blood, and sanctification by the Holy Spirit. Believe me, the morality which is invented or carved or painted is a very poor respectability, a calculation that works itself out, because it does not go back to eternal counsels and everlasting purposes. The only morality that can endure is the profoundly theological morality that draws its motive, its inspiration, and its sustenance from the Cross of Christ.

Christmas is Coming. *0000000000000000000000

Ah, the jingle of the bells! Christmas bells! What a pouring out of shekels Their melody foretells As they fall out bright and clear At this season of the year. Playing Frosty old Kris Kringle With a jingle, jingle, jingle, Like the bells, bells, bells, Like the joyful Christmas bells-Acting happy o'd Kris Kringle, How the blood is set a-tingle, As you listen to the jingle Of the bells, bells, bells, bells,

bells, bells, To the jingle of the joyful Christmas

-Philadelphia North American

QUEEN VICTORIA'S CHRISTMAS. GIFTS

Simplicity does not always dwell in the cottage, nor its opposite in the palace. Household Words some time ago give an interesting picture of Queen Victoria's observance of Christmas. Since the death of the Prince Consort the holiday has always been spent at Osborne, in the Isle of Wight. There the Queen makes arrangements for her Christmas gifts and greetings; and a long list she has, for no member of her large family is forgotten, and all her friends and ministers re-

ceive greetings from her.
She invariably writes to the ex-Empress Eugenie and ex-Queen Isabella Spain. The late Lord Beaconsfield often received a present from her, and Lord Salisbury is honored in the same Christmas presents go to all ladies and gentlemen-in-waiting, and the more humble servitors are not forgotten. Every royal servant receives a gift from the Queen at Christmas. She sends cards to her former maids of henor, her favorite clergymen, doctors, singers and musicians.

The Queen's taste in cards is not governed by fashion. She does not care for the private cards bearing a printed greeting, now so fashionable, but prefers to select a suitable card for each recipient. For her immediate relations she chooses a simple card, on which, for a specially favored one, she paints a rose, lily, or some unpre-tentious design, with a Christmas greeting in her own flowing handwriting. Her actual gifts are on as simple

scale as the cards. She does not favor expensive presents, but prefers to give and receive tokens slight in themselves, but expressive of the good wishes and

affection of the donor. Her Majesty is very fond of knitting, straw-plaiting and crocheting with large ivory hook and soft Shetland wool, and the quilts, mufflers, mittens and hats made by the royal hands are greatly prized by the members of her Flower epergnes, dainty bonbon dishes, photograph frames and beautifully bound books figure largely in the Queen's list of presents.

Tradesmen who, by royal warrant, are "purveyors to Her Majesty" forward to the Queen large consignments of articles suitable for Christmas presents, and from these she can select all she requires. It often happens, however, that a pretty advertisement in one of the weekly journals will bring a command for a selection of the goods to be sent to the Queen, followed by a substantial order, even when

the firm is not a warrant-holder. To her younger nephews and grandsons the Queen gives handsome tips, and to the girls dress lengths of fine stuff, with the directions that the dress is to be made up as the recipient pleases, and the bill forwarded to her Majesty.

To a favorite grandchild the Queen will semetimes send a fine uncut jewel, with the message that it is to be set as the receiver chooses, as "grandmamma does not know the latest fashion in jewelry, but will be pleased to pay the bill for the setting."

Whoever else is forgotten, the Queen always remembers her old servants at Christmas. Those who were in her service before the death of the Prince Consort are specially favored. They are allowed to choose for themselves some article of silver plate, and on Christmas day they receive their present, accompanied by a large blackbordered card bearing the touching inscription: "With good wishes from her Majesty and Prince Consort."

LATE LITERARY NOTES. "What do I fear?" is a question worth asking by each man and woman. Perhaps without recognizing it, the reader of this paragraph is being influenced in his or her daily life by groundless fears that are ruinous to The Cosmopolitan Magazine has taken up this subject, and is obtaining the views of a great many prominent people, where they are willing to open their minds frankly. A great many other prominent people have refused the Cosmopolitan's request, being afraid to tell the public what they fear-perhaps even afraid to confess to themselves what they fear. The December issue includes statements from William Dean Howells, Richard Croker, Admiral Gherardi, Chauncey M. Depew, Viola Allen, Mme. Janauschek, and Ella Wheeler Wilcox. The second series will, it is promised,

be even more interesting. Julian Ralph, who has been for some years in England, writes for the December Cosmopolitan a very clever analysis of what seems to him the English ideas of a gentleman; and Mr. John Brisben Walker attempts to consider the American ideals. We are in the formative stage of American manners, and too much stress can soarcely be given to the dangers of introducing those ideas, which are least admirable in the character of our English

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insured. The gold yield of Victoria during the first seven months of the present year amounted to 447,139 ounces, showing an increase of 6,610 ounces, as compared with the same period of 1897.

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West Wind and the East Wind. The West Wind is the baby's wind, The country wind that's warm and kind. That bids the babies troop together To taste the West Wind weather.

The West Wind blows from hills and And russet woodland coppices, Where violets purple in the bracken Call the slow Spring to waken,

The East Wind he puts out the sun, And hides the silver stans in dun. And wraps the world in foulest Of fog and ragged dresses.

Thou, Lord, who holdest in Thy hand, The four great winds at Thy command, Now bid the East Wind wander mourn-In deserts vast and burning.

But bid Thy West Wind blow again, Thou, Lord that rulest earth and main, And all the little flower sweet faces Shine in the sunny places.

O, Lord, Thou Lord of night and day, Now give the children heart to play, And bid Thy sweetheart Sun be risen To let them out of prison.
Pall Mall Gazette.

All.Saints Eve.

Oh, when the ghosts go by, Under the empty trees, Here in my house I sit and cry, My head upon my knees!

Innumerable, white, Like mist they fill the square The bolt is drawn, the latch made tight, The shutter barred there.

New to the churchyard clod; My little lad, my little lad A single year with God!

There walks one small and glad,

I sit and hide my head Until they all are past, Under the empty trees the dead They go full soft and for

Up to my chamber dim, Back to my bed I plod; Oh, would I were a ghost with him, And faring back to God! -Lizette W. Reese.

Bulwer's Last Poem.

There is no death! The stars go down To rise upon some fairer shore, And bright in heaven's jeweled crown They shine forevermore.

There is no sin! The dust we tread Shall change beneath the summer shower, To golden grain, or mellow fruit,

Or rainbow-tinted flower.

The granite rocks disorganize To feed the hanging moss they bear The forest trees drink daily life From out the viewless air.

There is no death! The leaves may fail, The flowers may fade and pass away; They only wait through wintry hours For coming of the May.

There is no death! An angel form Walks o'er the earth with silent tread: He bears our best lowed things away, And then-we call them dead.

He leaves our hearts all desolate: He plucks our fairest, sweetest flow-

ers; Transported into bliss they now Adorn immortal bowers.

And ever near us, though unseen, The dear immortal spirits tread, For all the boundless universe Is life—there are no dead!

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The czar is a man of moral courage. His peace manifesto convinced a few persons of that, but, to quote Cyrano, he has done better since. Popular fads are no respecter of persons. Even royalty cannot escape them; and the recent fad for papering 'or decorating rooms in white and black sketches appealed to the czar and czarina. According to St. Petersburg gossip the imperial couple had one of the palace rooms done over in black and white, and were mightly pleased with the result. Then the czar had a brilliant idea. He would have a den papered entirely with caricatures of himself. He gave orders that a collection of all caricatures of his royal self that had appeared in foreign journals should be procured; and he is delighted with his scheme.

Few great men could stand such a test; and only a phenomenal sense of humor and a sturdy self-respect, liberally flavored with genial tolerance for other men's views, could enable a man to be happy in a room papered with caricatures of himself. doubtful whether another sovereign in Europe would enjoy following the czar's example; and imagination fails when one tries to conceive of the state of mind into which such a room would plunge the Hohenzollern palmer. But if that same Emperor William would mortify his vanity to the extent of ordering a caricature room for himself, what an inexhaustible fund he would have to draw from, and what a spicy character his decorations might assume. He has supplied the caricaturists of two continents with bread ever since he appeared on the public stage.

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Mr. E. F. Clarke, M.P., said that "as the compromise of a vexed question the

settlement is a reasonable one, and will so commend itself to the judgment of

the people of Ontario. Mr. Laurier has

certainly kept faith with the people of

emphatic approval of the settlement,

and the most emphatic denial of the

Mail's charge, came from Brandon. Here was a Manitoba constituency

Brandon elected Mr. Sifton by accla-

jority of 225 was concreted into a Lib-

eral majority of 592. On the same day

a Liberal was elected in Saskatchewan

On Feb. 5, 1897, bye-elections were

held in South Brant, North Ontario

and East Simcoe. Mr. Paterson hav-

ing been member for South Brant for

22 years, had been defeated at the gen-

eral election by Mr. Henry, whose majority was 91. Brant, like West Lamb

ton, is a home of the "old Liberalism," which the Mail is always invoking.

After a temporary lapse from its old

traditions it came back to Liberalism, returning Mr. Heyd by a majority of 381 over Mr. Henry. On the same day North Ontario was won from the Con-

servatives by a small majority. Mr. Bennett succeeded in retaining his

seat in East Simcoe, a remarkable

feat for a Conservative in these days.

On March 17 an election in Bona-

venture resulted in the return of the

ing been 313. On March 23 a Liberal

was elected in Wright, by 775. On

April 7 a Conservative was re-elected

in Champlain by a much-reduced ma-

jority. On April 20, Mr. McClure was

elected in Colchester, a Liberal gain. The settlement of the Manitoba ques-

tion had now been submitted to con-

stituencies in Manitoba, in the Terri-

tories, in Ontario, in Quebec and in

Nova Scotia, and the government had

By the time the next elections took

new tariff was submitted on April 22.

Five days afterwards there were elec-

tions in Winnipeg and in West Prince,

P. E. I. Winnipeg had been carried

in the general election by Hon. Hugh

John Macdonald by a majority of 126.

In the bye-election Mr. Jameson, Lib-

eral, was elected by a majority of 1,117, obtaining aimost twice as many

votes as his opponent. On the same

day Mr. Perry was elected in West Prince, another Liberal gain. In No-

vember Liberals were elected in Temis-

couata and Rimouski by acclamation,

and in Drummond and Athabaska by

a majority of 1,648. Then came the election in Center Toronto. By this

had been made-in the newspapers-

in the previous winter, but when the

able for several reasons. The Conser-

vative candidate, Mr. Howland, was

extremely popular, and had carried

South Toronto for the Legislature by

a majority of more than 2,000. The

constituency had been steadily Con-

servative for eighteen years; it was

supposed that the defeat of Mr. Cock-

burn was due to the Manitoba school

question, and that this question being

settled the electors would return to their old allegiance. This election, as

Mr. Bertram pointed out the other

night, had a remarkable sequel. The

Drummond County Railway was in-

vestigated by parliament, and at the

close of the investigation two Con-

servative members of the committee, Mr. Powell and Mr. Haggart, said that they had made no charges of corru-

was no more justification for the cry of corruption than there has been for

the cry of coercion. On Dec. 21, 1897,

the Liberals made a gain of the con-

stituency of Nicolet, on Jan. 1 they re-

stories that had floated down from the Yukon, and asking that the govern-

ment be condemned in advance of any

pointed Mr. Ogilvie to investigate the

inquiry, while the government had an-

place a new issue had arisen.

won all along the line.

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A RECORD

Two Years and a Half of Liberal Rule at Ottawa.

this province in reaching the desired end by conciliatory means, by concilia-Review of the Government's Victories in That Period.

Race and Religious Cries Rebuked on Every Occasion—The Administration Stronger Than Ever.

[From the Toronto Globe.]

It is now about two years and a half since the Tupper government was defeated at the polls, so that about half the statutory life of a parliament has elapsed under Liberal administration. The time is therefore opportune to review the results of the bye-elections in which public opin in has been tested since the change, Jut of the first event the re-election of ten Ministers by acclamation, we are not disposed to make political capital. It may be taken as an evidence of a disposition on the part of the new Opposition to accept the situation, and not to offer a factious obstruction to a result which was inevitable But this lucid interval was of brief duration. On the death of the Liberal member for North Grey, Mr. Paterson, the Controller of Inland Revenue, was nominated by the Liberal party. A furious no-Popery and French domination campaign was opened against him, the pretext being that the new Government intended to coerce Manitoba into the restoration of the Separate School system. To fatilitate the campaign it was given out that Sir Charles Tupper, the doughty champion of the remedial legislation, had declared that this was no longer the policy of the Conservative party, and Mr. George Taylor, the whip of the party, who had done yeoman's work in drumming the party into voting for the bill, went into the constatuency and joined in the fight against "Laurier and coercion."

It is needless to say that the Mail was shouting French domination, Tarte coercion, etc., with the loudest of them. "Should Mr. Paterson win in North Grey," it said on August 20th, the result will be cited by the masters of the Administration as an indorsement of Tarte, and a declaration by Ontario in favor of Geoffrionism and coercion." On August 22 it said Mr. Laurier had pledged himself to coerce. On August 24: "Israel Tarte has announced that Mr. Laurier's policy is going to prevail." Mr. Paterson's position in North Grey was described as especially unhappy. "The colleague of Messrs. Geoffrion and Tarte, he has made a complete right-about face, and stands before the people, not as a representative of conciliation, or of triendship to the Province, but of corruption to the Ministers, plus coercion.' The Mail was then engaged, as it is engaged today, in an attempt to arouse race and religious prejudice against the Government. The pretext then was that Mr. Laurier had adopted a policy of coercion; the pretext today is story that somebody in Quebec has made a sectarian appeal for Sir Wilfrid Laurier; the pretext tomorrow may be that a French-Canadian journal is indulging in a foolish dream of French domination. The pretext varies, but the object is always the same. The electors of North Grey listened to these appeals, and then quietly registered their votes for the new Minister. Mr. Paterson's majority was 424, while the Liberal majority in the general election was only 32. On the same day Mr. Blair was elected in Sunbury and Queen's, N. B., by a majority of 624, being 445 more than the majority obtained in the general election.

The next test was in Brandon, which Mr. Dalton McCarthy had carried in the general election. Mr. McCarthy elected to sit for North Simcoe, Brandon was vacated, and Mr. Sifton, the new minister of the interior, was nominated for the constituency. About this time the Mail's theory was that Mr. Sifton had betrayed his province to coercion. and that his seat in the cabinet was the price of his treachery. The charge was "corruption or coercion." In November it was known that the echool question had been settled, and on the 21st the settlement was formally an-

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were de ated for the first time since confederation. In East Prince they were defeated again. In West Lambton they were buried under a majority the "old Liberals" having been answered in this historic ground of Liberalsm in a most emphatic way. The cry of coercion has failed. The cry of corruption has failed. The cry of French domination has failed. The more the policy and proport of the row. of nearly 1,000, their trantic appeals to might be well for the opposition to take a new departure and discuss publie questions in a broad and rational way. If this course does not improve the fortunes of the party, it can scarcely make them worse than they

CANADA PLAYS

American Footballers Advised to Take Pointers From Us.

Arthur Stringer Argues for an International Understanding-Present Superiority of Canadians.

Mr. Arthur J. Stringer, formerly of London, now of New York, writes for the American Press Association as fol-

American football has come to be looked upon as a national institution to be honored as we honor our constitution. Although it has been played only a quarter of a century in the new world colleges, it has broken through the line of opposition and firmly established itself as a national game.

which had elected Mr. McCarthy on a It was in the year 1871 that a number definite, clear-cut policy of no coer-cion. If Manitoba had been betrayed of Yale under-graduates sent over to England for the first Rugby ball to be by Mr. Sifton it had a golden opportunplayed with in America, at least in the United States, for in Canada a number ity of punishing him and aiming a blow at Laurier, Tarte, Geoffrion, and the rest of the Mail's "coercionists." of the schools had already adopted Rugby as a collegiate sport, English officers first introducing it into the Soon afterwards an Ontario constitu-Dominion. But the American players ency had an opportunity of pronounc-ing on the settlement. Cornwall and soon modified the English rules to suit themseives, and the result was an al-Stormont, which had elected a Consertogether new game of football, no more like the English Rugby than like battle-dor and shuttlecock. In Canada, too, vative by 325 in 1896, became vacant by the death of Dr. Bergin. As this constituency contains a considerable proportion of Catholics, the North which is a country of sportsmen, players modified and changed old rules, so that the result today is that our repub-Grey campaign was reversed, and the government charged with persecuting lic and the Dominion are playing the Catholic uninority of Manitoba. The tinctively different games, though both result was that a Conservative maare of a common parentage.

The recent match, however, of a representative Canadian and American team, and, incidentally, the victory of the Canadian team, has caused to be suggested the adoption of some uniform system of play to permit of international matches. While this would be no easy task, the idea is well worth considering, in view of prospective changes which will sooner or later have to be made in the character of the American game. The first great obstacle in the way of the establishment of a common system of football playing is the change that would be necessary in the personnel of the team itself. While we play with eleven men only, the Canadians play with fifteen. Beginning in 1876, after the introduction of Rugby at Harvard, annual matches were played between McGill College, of Montreal, and Harvard. These were continued until 1883, when the present great divergence of rules made it impossible to departed very far from the English customs, although, of course, it now exhibits a number of characterists peculiarly Canadian. The Canucks have their own systems of trick plays, combinations and signs, but, on the whole, their game is a much more open one, and, from the spectators' point of view, undoubtedly more interesting. Each year they send down a deputation to watch the more important American intercollegiate matches and to report thereon. This has led them to affirm that they regard their own game as the superior sport, protesting that the American system of play does not permit of the fine punting, the precise and complicated passing, fleet running and clear headwork allowed by the Canadian game. The Canuck protests that we have his game in a brutalized form, degraded by a system of unathletic mass plays, which demand neither great skill nor great training. Anyone who has carefully studied the Canadian game, as he may see it played at the University of Toronto, at Ottawa or at McGill, will be forced to confess that the Canadians are much better both at punting and catching than are our American players. That a Canadian time the opposition had dropped the team would be no mean opponent for cry of coercion, hated to near the name Princeton, Yale or Harvard anyone of keereion or Manitoba, and were who has seen a representative Canadian making their fight on charges of cormatch will be forced to confess. Canruption. The Crow's Nest Pass charges ada is a nation of athletes, and while her colleges are neither so numerous nor so large as our own, she turns out each session of parliament arrived there was year an amazingly extensive army of nobody found ready to demand an infootball players. Ontario and Quebec quiry or even to challenge a division, each season put at least a dozen comand the contract was adopted by parpeting teams in the Rugby union, any liament with no other protest than a few speeches. But it was intimated one of which might be said to stand, from an athletic standpoint, in the same that a terrible state of affairs was to class as the American college teams. be revealed in connection with the Drummond County Railway. The Libportunities for amiable and healthful eral candidate won by a majority rivalry, that the two different systems slightly larger than that of his predecessor. But the result was remark-

It seems regrettable, with such opof play will not permit of an international series of games. The Canadians seem to be hungering after a football conquest of the United States, since they have signified their willingness to meet us half way and reduce their fifteen men to thirteen. Their success in yachting, lacrosse and hockey seems to have given the Canucks confidence in their ability to down us at football. However that may be, such international contests would provide sport beside which mere intercollegiate matches would be tame and sober things. It might, too, in time lead to matches with representative English teams, and before many years we might see Ox-

ford coming over to America to play off a final with Yale or Princeton. In view of any prospective unifica tion of systems, it will be interesting to know the Canadian method of play. ption and had heard of none. There As I have already said, the Canadian team comprises fifteen men, made up of the scrimmage, the wings and the The three center men of a team constitute the scrimmage. This is still distinctively English, for while tained Quebec Center, and on April 13 they retained West Prince, which had been again vacated by the death fairly shouldering their opponents, one of them must "heel" out the ball, which has been placed "dead," between This brings us down to the five elec-tions held the other day. By this time the Conservative press had been inthe two trios of scrimmagers. quarter back plays directly behind his scrimmage, and upon him devolves the most important part of the game. When dustriously circulating all the vagrant the ball is free of the scrimmage, he seizes it and has the option of bucking the line or passing it out to his half backs. It is in this long passing that the Canuck excels. He practices it for months and becomes able to pass charges, and to administer the coun-months and becomes able to pass a try. In North Simcoe no Conservative ball that can fly like a rifle bullet half way across the field with unerring dexcandidate was put in the field, and the terity. So it goes from half back to constituency elected a nephew of Mr. McCarthy on the platform of the emin- half back, three or four lightning long

an appearance, and the contest was Interference is not permitted, but the between we Liberals. In Baget they seven "wings" line up across the field, the fundamental play of each being to watch and check every play of his opponent. In a way they correspond to our guards, tackles and ends, with an odd man thrown in for luck. As the more the policy and record of the government are discussed the stronger it becomes. Merely as an experiment, it back to back as each is tackled, or, if advantageous, being punted up the field into touch. This open play undoubtedly adds to the spectacular side of the game, and, it is claimed, to its athletic excellence, the Canadian claiming that the American "mass" playing is neither sportsmanlike nor scientific, its purpose being simply to desire to injure men. This refers, of course, to cases where a dozen men deliberately jump or fall on a man after a tackle, seen perhaps too often in our game.

The Canadian system of scoring is somewhat different from ours. A touchdown is termed a "try" and counts four points, with two more for a goal kicked. A safety touch counts two, while a "rouge," which is a touchdown by the fullback behind his own goal line, counts one and a tackle in goal two

ARTHUR J. STRINGER, New York

THE TRADE OF BRITAIN

Her Seaborne Commerce Leaves Other Nations Nowhere.

The Tonnage of the Empire-Secret of

Great Britain's Success. The Navy League Journal recently

published an article showing that the annual value of the seaborne commerce of the British empire, expressed in pounds sterling is £1,132,000,000; Germany is second, with £334,000,000; France, £264,000,000; Russia, £72,000,-000; Italy, £54,000,000. The mercantile marine tonnage is unus stated; British empire, 10,325,000 tons; Germany, 1,502,-000; France, 887,000; United States, 845,000 tons. British ships carry al-most all the commerce of the British empire, and the value of the foreign commerce carried in British ships is believed to be \$350,000,000. It is always to be remembered that the British artisan is almost wholly employed in making up raw materials into manufactured goods. But he makes the greater part of his machinery from his own raw material, and he mines the coal which is such an important factor in manufacturing. It is cheaper to carry the raw material to the coal than the coal to the raw material. Then the Englishman makes the machine, the snips by which he transports his manufactures to all parts of the world, and he carries the goods which he makes himself, acting as coalheaver, fireman, engineer, sailor and master. The one great thing which he needs quite as much as the raw material for his manufactures is food. He raises 7,220,000 quarters of wheat, but imports over 16,000,000 of wheat, and 4,780,000 of flour. In fact, he grows about one-fourth of the bread which he eats, and about two-fifths of the meat. His commercial supremacy is due to his policy of cheap food. The continue the contests. In its evolution in Canada the game of Rugby has never would raise the cost of manufacture and subject him in the markets of the world to keener competition than he now meets from the producers of other nations. He is able to undersell them all-or he has been-because he has his raw material and his food free of duty, because he has his fuel cheap, and because he commands the seas by his naval supremacy. There are England 4,721,550 people employed in manufactures who depend upon the freedom of the sea for their daily wages; that is to say, upon the freedom with which England can sail the seas, and upon the fact that her ports are free to all the products of lands which lie beyond the sea. In 1896 the United Kingdom sent out £69,300,000 worth of cotton goods; £45,000,000 of iron and machinery, and £39,000,000 worth of woollen manufactures; but she brought in £76,000,000 of raw materials for making textiles, and of other raw materials £40,000,000. She also imported grain and flour to the value of £52,800,000; meat to the value of £24,-700,000; sugar, £18,300,000; butter, £17,-800,000; and animals, £10,400,000. She alone imported £10,600,000-£5,700,000 of fruit and hops, and £4,900,000 of It is most unlikely that a nation which imports so largely of food will ever put a tax upon it, even to give her colonies an advantage in the

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CHRISTMAS.

An old song preserved in the Harleian manuscripts, in the British museum, asserts that it is peculiarly lucky when Christmas falls on a Sun-"That wynter shall be good," it says; "the somer shall be faire and drye," and the year that follows Christmas will be a "good tyme all thyngs to

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Sure enough, it was Mr. Chamberlain. The dark hair, the acute features and the monocle proclaimed the colonial secretary among a thousand. But what was he doing in a straw hat on an October night? The music ended, and the people shifted about. I looked again at the eyegiass, and saw beneath it, to my amazement, not Mr. Chamberlain's trousers, but a lady's black skirt. It had come at last! Having robbed

as of our collars and hats and neckties and waistcoats, woman was assailing its in our last stronghold but one. She had her eye on the monocle, sacred heretofore to Mr. Chamberlain and his son Austen, the Dean of Manchester and the Volunteer Lieutenant. The only consolation was that the lady appeared to be fond of music. Musicians to not, as a rule, set fashions, except in hairdressing.

I put the eyeglass down to genius, and dismissed it as a rule.

and dismissed it from my mind-until yesterday, when my concern returned with a shock. I saw another lady with a monocle, and this was a fifty times worse case than the other, for the lady was fashionably dressed, and it was in the Strand. She was young and come-ly, and looked sensible. Her costume was tailor-made, and her bootst were Faultless. Had she been "greenery-yallery" it would not have mattered, any more than it mattered about the musician. But she was not. She look-ed es if she might set fashions. Worse than that. Judging by her familiarity with the ways of the monstrosity, it looked as if she had done it.

In matters of female progress I consult a maiden aunt, who regards theaters as unladylike, and bicycles as inventions of the devil. I suggested that the female monocle was the latest manifestation of the forward movement. "Forward?" she said; "I should think it is!" Her emphasis was as deadly as Mrs. Gilfillan's, when her daughter said she preferred a hansom, because it was quicker. said Mrs. Gundan; Really, however, if the two monocles are anything more than a coincidence,

it is time for us to assent our common

Christmas Festivities.

The latest decoration for the diningroom on Christmas day is the evergreen garland, festooned on the wall from the picture-molding, each loop caught with a cluster of holly. Over doors and window-casings the festoons droop low to mingle with boughs and bunches of mistletoe and holly. For table decoration flowers rather than holly seem the preference, although the latter is always effectively arranged in a large silver or crystal bowl as centerpiece, or in wreath as frame for the table mirror. The Mexican Christmas flower, the Poinsettia, is a present favorite for holiday table decoration. "What is it?" A small blossom the same red as the holly-berry, with long, beautiful, sword-like foliage leaves, also red. The Meteor Rose, and a new red carnation are in shade not to condict with holly, and can therefore, be used with pleasing effect.

It has been truthfully remarked that the presentation has quite as much to do with making a gift acceptable as the article itself. Christmas packages are sent (to be in correct form), and therefore should be dainty in appearance to serve as favorable introduction to the recipient. If boxed, then ribbon-tied with a spray of holly through the knot of the bow-if wrapped let it be in German motto style. For this use white silk tissue paper, the ends fringed and twisted to hold the gift, and for greater safety tied over with "berry-ribbon," which is nothing more than featheredged, in all widths, and the red of the bolly-berry.

Breakfast Jackets Pecoming.

For women who make it a practice to go out very soon after breakfast there are matinees or breakfast jackets innumerable, and they are especially becoming with the long and flourced skirt of the day, or even with the seamless model, for their long skirts give a

Doctors now agree that consumption is curable.

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gay morning air to an otherwise severe costume. Pale blue or pink nun's veiling, with a box-plaited front and back, a lace jabot and a Medici collar, brighten any breakfast room. They are inexpensive and very easy to make, and if lined with a warm material, or worn with a flannel under-waist, are most comfortable. Many matinees this winter will follow along the line of bodices— that is, they will have a vest which is moderate tight-fitting, and a material of a different color will form the rest of the jacket, hanging loose in front and trimmed with lace and ribbon. Matinees, with zouave jackets over them, are too numerous to need mention, and are far smarter than any others. Or the mlatinee itself may be a little silk jacket, shaped like a zouave, and coming below the waist line. One was seen lately which was finished with a fichu, which crossed and tied in a bow

Mince Meat Without Liquor.

Four pounds of lean beef boiled untill tender, or half beef and half fresh tongue; one pound of beef suet freed from membrane and chopped fine; five pounds of chopped sour apples, two pounds of seeded raisins, one pound of Sultanes, two pounds of cleaned ourrants, three-quarters of a pound of shredded citron, two tablespoonfuls of ground mace, one tablespoonful each of ground cinnamon, all spice and cloves, one heaping teaspoonful of east, three ounces of candied lemon peel chopped fine, the juice and grated rind of an orange, three pounds of brown sugar. Mix well, add one pint of syrup from sweet pickled fruit and one quart of sweet cider. Heat slowly, boil for 15 minutes, and take from the fire. Add more spices and seasonings if needed; then can and put away.

Candle Decoration.

Candle decoration is among the newest and most interesting fads of the day. No artificial light of modern creation equals the soft, mellow glow of a candle, and for decorative purposes no number of elaborately globed electric lights will produce the rich, delightful effects created by a few daintily

shaded candles. Like many another quaint custom of our forefathers, the candle is again coming into vogue. Not as an article of household necessity, but as a mean's of beautifying the home; drawing-room heing considered an almost indispensable factor of decoration her-"no wonder, Ruby." for the five o'clock tea, the dinner party or formal reception. Of course, the candle of modern make, with its rich veneer of color, is a far different product than the old tailow dip with its ill-smelling smoke that taxed the eyes ened. of our ancestors. The decorative candle of today is an accurately proportioned othek of pure paraffine, that burns with a light as clear and white as the gleam of the evening star. Clothed in a tinted shade of shimmering silk or even paper, it enhances the beauty of a room or table a hundredfold.

LITTLE WILHELMINA

How the Queen of Holland, When a Child, Saved a Servant From Punishment.

[Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.] Dr. Kuyper, of Holland, upon his recent visit to this city, related an interesting story connected with the early life of the young Queen Wilhelmina, which is significant as illustrating the character of the queen. It occurred when she was not more than 7 years

Her father, the late king, was presented with a beautiful and very choice set of cups and saucers, and so highly did he prize the gift that he solemnly impressed upon her servants and the members of his household that | wered. if the pieces were destroyed or injured in any way the unfortunate person responsible for the accident should be severely punished. It happened that ily. some time later a footman, in carrying the dishes from the room in which he had been serving, accidentally broke one of the cups. He was horrifled and filled with grief at the misfortune, which he knew would cost him his

position and his home. . Happening at that moment to meet the little princess, he said to her with sobs: "Good-bye, I have got to go; I have broken one of the cups." little lady expressed her regret and asked why, and the footman explained to her the decree of the king. The princess became thoughtful and finally

"I will help you out of this trouble, and I'll tell you what to do. You get some glue, and fasten the pieces to-gether, and tomorrow bring the cup to me filled with tea, but be sure it is cold tea, and I will see what I can do

The featman, much relieved, obeyed the little princess, and the following evening the footman handed her the eup of cold tea. In a moment she managed to let it fall. The cup, of course, broke into a thousand pieces. The king was furiously angry. Little Wilhelmina ran to him, and, throwing her arms around his neck, said: "Goodbye, father, I am going."
"What do you mean?" asked the

king, perplexed. Why, you said the first person that broke one of these cups was to be ban-

shed, so I am going." At this the king, who worshiped his little daughter, took her in his arms and forgave her, and he never knew the child had committed the act to save the

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OUR SHORT STORY

"Beloved of the Gods."

seat, and a cigarette, just removed from his lips, between his fingers. His eyes rested with affectionate admiration on the girl who had been manipulating the oars with considerable vig-or and skill for the past half hour.

A heat haze, pearly blue and dense, lay on the smooth waters of the bay, and the land appeared doubtful and indistinct. An occasional cry from the children playing on the shore indicated, however, that the sands were less distant than the eye might have been tempted to judge. It was a day for dreams, and if the man was already indulging himself, the girl was at least beginning to feel the spell of the August afternoon, for, although she continued rowing, the lids were drooping over her gray eyes and her lips parted slightly. Her companion continued to watch her, and presently, with a faint smile, pulled one of the rudder ropes toward him and turned the boat from the course across the

bay straight out to sea. The faint gurgle of the water at the prow was inexpressibly soothing, and the regular, monotonous dip of the oars, followed by the contact of their leathers with the rowlocks, was an The sounds from the beach song. grew less, but from somewhere in the unseen came the beating of paddles. for anything?"
The little craft glided on until, dis"No; and you, Steve?" The little craft glided on until, disturbed, perhaps by the noise of the distant steamer, the girl opened her

eyes with a cry of wonder. 'Goodness! Where are we, Stephen?" "Dunno, dear," was the lazy re-

'But we're out of sight"-a little doubtfully.
"I hope so," he said, raising himself and turning his head to look astern. "Yes!" with a satisfied grunt. "We'rs out of sight.'

"Oh, Stephen, how could you do it?" reproachfully. 'It's all right, Ruby. We're not very far from home. Come over and sit here. I want to talk to you."

"But I wish I knew where we were, Stephen." You're with me, and I'm with you. Isn't that good enough?"
"No!" with a contradictory little

"Come here, then, and tell me what more you want."

sleeves of her white blouse, and rose and stepped over to the low seat between them. He made room for her you! beside him, putting one cushion between her back and the hard-edged

"What more do you want, Ruby?" he asked again, taking her arm and laying it around his neck. She looked into his face for a moment. 'Nothing in the world, dear," half sobbed, meeting his kiss.
"Are you so happy, lassie?"

"Oh, far too happy, Steve." "Nonsense, my dear, wee girl," he said tenderly, and drew her closer. Then he broke into a laugh, merry and exultant. "I don't believe there are two other people in the world so much in love as we.

"I'm afraid, Steve, you're getting conceited," she said, joining his laugh. 'No wonder!"-looking intently at

"We've had some awful good times," whispered. Her delicate sunburn deep-

"What a memory for dates you have, Stephen," she remarked lightly, but "But do you know, I dreamt last

night that there was to be no wed-"You dreadful little Scotch lassie! You're always introducing something

"You terrible big Englishman," she returned, stroking his cheek, "you can't think what a relief it was-" she paused.

"Oh, Ruby!" "To waken up," she laughingly added, hiding her face on his shoulder. The swell from the distant steamer reached them now in great green, oily rollers, lifting the boat with grave and gentle dignity; then followed half a dozen quick narrow waves, swinging her jerkily from side to side. All was

"Sleepy?" asked her lover.
"No, just glad, dear." So there was ilence awhile. "Tell me something, silence awhile. Stephen," she said at last.

still again, and Ruby shut her eyes.

"That's nothing!" she retorted, with a flicker of her closed lashes and a stirring at the corners of her mouth. "I love you." "It's everything, darling," he ans-

"Oh, well, half of everything, then," she corrected, sweetly. He bent over her whispering unstead-

'Ruby, Ruby, sometimes it all seems too good to be true. Do you think God loves us better than other people?" "I don't know about other people, Minard's Liniment for Rheumatism.

"How energetic you are!" The speaker was lounging in the stern of the boat, his head on the cushioned "If I were to lose you, Ruby," he began passionately, but she laid her fingers on his lips.

"You won't do that Steve, you won't do that! Oh, laddie," she cried, giv-ing way to her heart, "you won't ever Later, Stephen said, "You love me best when you call me 'laddie.' She smiled and flushed. "I forgot," she said. "It's one of motrer's words."

"It's a dear word, lassie. You must not let it get lost when we're living in London town. I'll want to hear it often. "Will you laddie?" she signed tend-

erly.
"Yes, Ruby, both when things go wrong and when things come right."
The girl looked over the water medi-"It's wonderful how everytatively. thing of ours has come right so far, Steve. Never a trouble! Our true love

has run smooth, anyhow." "It has been a beautiful year, Ruby, darling. Why, we've never had a quarrel, have we?" 'No; we never had time for that." "Tell me," he said, "have you ever cried about anything this last year?"

"Only when you had to go back to London, and"-hesitating-"and when accompaniment half suggestive of a I heard you were coming to see me again.' "But you've never peen really sorry

> "Never once, dear, mank God."
> "Thank God," she echoed softly and shyly.

The afternoon waned, and the warm haze increased. "The tide is flowing now," remarked Stephen, looking at his watch, "so we must be drifting comfortably into shore." "Very slowly, I'm afraid," said the

"Are you in a hurry?"
She shook her head contentedly. "Stephen, will it be always like this?"

"Always, my dear, my dear."
"A sudden sharp sound behind them made Stephen leap up. "My God!" he exclaimed, "the oars, Ruby."

A large steam yacht, with her delicate black lines and smart yellow fun-

nel was almost on them. Her whistle screamed excitedly, and those on board were shouting; then came the sharp ring of the telegraph signaling "full speed astern." But the small boat was doomed. Even as the yacht shift-She pulled in the cars, smoothed the ed her helm, Stephen took two rapid strokes in the same direction. "Don't hold me, Ruby!" he cried. "I'll save

But she clung around his neck. "You won't lose me, Steve?"

There was no tremendous crash, for the yacht had been going at halfspeed on account of the haze, but she had sufficient way on, despite her reversed engines, to upset the frail craft. At the moment of the collision Stephen caught at a rope flung to him, but missed, and, with his sweetheart's arms about him, he fell against the steamer's side and into the sea.

"Stop the engines!" yelled the man in the bows, perceiving an awful danger. The captain had observed it, too, for again the telegraph rang, and the screw came to rest. But a girl who looked over the yacht's stern gave a pitiful cry, and slipped to the deck in a dead faint.

Almost immediately a boat was in the water, and two of the crew, the owner, a burly American millionshe said reflectively.

"Better to come, dearest. It's only three weeks and two days now," he people on the yacht saw the lovers pulled on board. It was then that the captain whispered to one of the men of the party: "Ask the ladies to go below at once, sir."

Very slowly the boat returned to the yacht, and when it neared the side the two sailors did not look up, and the American was bending down in the stern, sobbing like a child.-From Madame, in New York Times.

> A BOY'S OPINION BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

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For he's the finest chum I have, It doesn't matter what He does to me, I think he's best. Of all the friends I've got.

Why, even when he takes his thand And spanks me, and I cry, I cannot truly help but see A look in daddy's eyes,

Which shows me, though he doesn't spare

My feelings with his hand, He loves me more than anything That lives on sea or land.

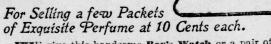
And so I see if sometimes I Have little boys like his, I hope that I'll be to them as To me my daddy is.

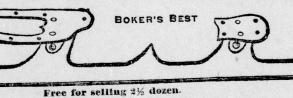
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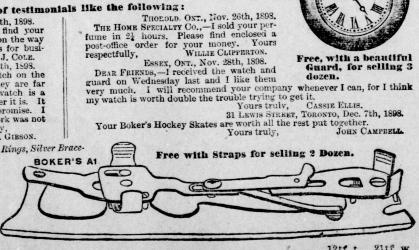
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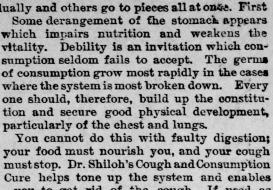
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English Markets.

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PETROLIA, Dec. 24.-Oil opened and closed

Dairy Markets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.-Butter firm;

western creamery, 15c to 21c; do factory, 12c to 14½c; Elgins, 21c; imitation creamery, 13c to 17c; state dairy, 15c to 18c; do creamery, 15c to 19½c.

Cheese steady; large white, 10½c; small white, 10%c to 11c; large colored, 10½c;

small colored, 10%c to 11c; light skims,

71/2c to 81/4c; part skims, 61/2c to 71/2c;

full skims, 3c to 4c.
MONTREAL, Dec. 23.—Cheese, 91/2c

to 101/2c. Butter-Townships, 19c to

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light today, the offerings of cattle being represented by about a dozen

of buyers, but none appeared anxious

to give the price asked. The best ex-

to \$4 40, and export bulls at \$3 25 to

\$3 50 per cwt. The best butchers' cat-

tle are quoted at about \$4 25 per cwt,

but good stock sold at \$4 per cwt. The

market for stockers was quiet, with dealers quoting from \$3 25 to \$3 40

per cwt. In the small meats market

business was quiet. Sheep are quoted

at from \$3 25 to \$3 50 per cwt, and tambs at from \$3 75 to \$4 25 per cwt.

Calves are quoted at from \$3 to \$7 per

head. The run of hogs was light, and

cwt, \$2.50 to \$3.50. Lambs, per

\$3 75 to \$4 25. Calves, per head, \$3 to \$7. Hogs—Best selections, \$4 25; light,

\$4; thick fat, per cwt, \$4; sows, per cwt, \$3 to \$3 25.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.-Prices for all

cattle were strong and in some in-

stances higher; common grades of beef

steers, \$3 90 to \$4 95; good to choice, \$5

\$2 to \$4 25; yearlings, \$4 to \$4 40; lambs, \$3 75 to \$5 30. Receipts—Cattle, 2,000;

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.-Beeves-Re-

ceipts, 2,263; 3 cars on sale; good cattle

fair, dull and barely steady; bulls and

cows active and a trifle firm; all sold;

steers, \$4 25 to \$5 40; tops, \$5 50; oxen

and stags, \$3 65 to \$4 40; bulls, \$2 75 to

\$4; cows, \$1 80 to \$3 75. Cables slow.

Exports, 811 cattle; tomorrow, 732 cat-

tle and 7,017 quarters of beef. Calves-

Receipts, 308; firm; veals, common to

yard, \$4; 1 car of southern do, \$3 50; a

few late arrivals unsold. Sheep and

lambs-Receipts, 3,619; 20 cars on sale;

sheep very dull and lower; lambs steady to 10c lower; 2½ cars of sheep unsold; common to prime sheep, \$3 to

\$4 25; fair to choice lambs, \$5 30 to \$5 80. Hogs—Receipts, 2,770; 5 cars on sale; market 10c lower, at \$3 40 to \$3 60.

EAST BUFFALO, Dec. 23.-Cattle-

There were 3 loads of fresh cattle, but

no demand. Calves were in fair supply,

moderate demand; lower; choice to ex-

tra were quotable at \$6 to \$6 50; good

-The market again presented a quiet

appearance with 31 loads on sale, and a

very light demand all round; there was

only a partial clearance: lambs, choice

to extra, were quotable at \$5 20 to \$5 35;

good to choice, \$5 to \$5 20; common to

fair, \$4 75 to \$5; sheep, choice to extra, \$4 25 to \$4 40; good to choice, \$4 to \$4 25;

common to fair, \$2 50 to \$3 50; holiday

lambs sold on the basis of \$5 35. Hogs

The offerings were fairly liberal, about 51 loads; the demand opened

fairly active, and continued so to the

close; Yorkers sold at \$3 40 to \$3 45, principally \$3 40; mixed and heavy, \$3 45

to \$3 50, with a few choice heavy at \$3 55; pigs, \$3 25; roughs, \$3 to \$3 10; stags, \$2 50.

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"I was all run down with complaints peculiar to my sex, and I broke out in sores on my body, head, limbs and hands, and my hair all came out. I was under the doctor's treatment a long time without benefit. They called my trouble eczema. Finally I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, and after I had used three or four bottles I found I was improving. I kept on until I had taken several more bottles and the sores and itching have dissppeared and my hair has grown out." MRS. J. G. BROWN, Brantford, Ontario.

"I was all run down and had no appetite. I had a tired feeling all the time. I was advised to try Hood's Sarsaparilla. I did so and it benefited me so much that I would not be without it." Mrs. G. I. BURNETT, Central Norton, N. B.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Is the best-in fact the One True Blood Purifier.

Hood's Pills act harmoniously with Hood's Sarsaparilla. 25c.

Mining Stocks. Toronto, Dec. 23. - Following are today's dosing quotations on the Toronto Mining and

Industrial Exchange:	Asked.	Bid.
Decca	25	22
Foley Harimond Reef	150	•••
Hammond Reef	18	
Superior G. and C. Co	10	81/2
Ohve	90	98
Rawbill	40	100
Cariboo	129	127
MinnehahaCaribeo Hydraulic	22	18
Caribeo Hydraulic	103	
Tin Horn		16
Smuggler		10
Winchester		8
Waterloo	105	95
Old Ironsides	51/2	4
		40
Athabasca	The second secon	27
Dardanelles		91/
Fern Gold M. & M. Co		481/2
Noble Five.		1514
Salmo Con	20	
Two Friends	9	51/2
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Alberta		
Van Anda	5	31/2
Big Three	161/2	15
Commander	121/2	11.
Deer Park	20%	1934
Evening Star	6	434
Gopher	31	
Giant		
Grand Prize		4
Homestake	10	91/4
Iron Colt	200 1 200 1	86
Iron Mask		CO
Juliet		
Jumbo		
Lily May		
Montreal Red Mountain		18
Monte Cristo Con		83/
Northern Belle		
Novelty		31/2
St. Paul		1
Silver Bell Con		53
St. Elmo		. 3
Virginia	5	
Victory-Triumph	9	51/
War Eagle Con	299	2981
White Rear		63
B. C. Gold Fields	5	45
Can. G. F. S		9%

SALES—Sup. G. and C. Co. 1.000, 1,000 at 8½:

Silver Bell Con., 500 at 6: Minnehaha, 500, 1,000
at 19; Sup. G. and C. Co. 500, 1,000, 200 at 8½:

Sinuggler, 250 at 17: Fern, 500 at 50; Deer Park,

\$000 at 20, 100, 200, 500 at 20½, 1,000 at 20½, 100 at

11: Montreal G. F., 500 at 18½: Monte Cristo,

\$00, 1,000 at 9; B. C. Gold Ff-bla, 10,000 at 4½;

White Bear, 10,000, 10,000, 500 at 8½: Command
or, 500 at 11½; Novelty, 500 at 4; Noble Five.

\$2,000 at 16; Cariboo, 10,000 at 129.

head. The run of hogs was light, and prices were steady. The best selections are quoted at from \$4 15 to \$4 25 per cwt. Milch cows, \$25 to \$4 5. Export cattle, per cwt, \$4 15 to \$4 20. Export bulls, per cwt, \$3 25 to \$3 50.

Export bulls, per cwt, \$3 25 to \$3 50.

to \$4 25; medium, \$3 50 to \$3 75; stockers, per cwt, \$3 25 to \$3 40. Sheep, per cwt, \$2 50 to \$3 50. Lambs, per cwt.

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Local	Market.

steh h	London,	Saturday,	Dec. 24.
Wheat,	white fall,	per bu6	8½c to 69
Wheat,	red fall, pe	er bu681	2c to 681/
		er but	
Oats, p	er bu	279	4c to 281/2
Peas, p	er bu		.54c to 6
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Wheat-Receipts were light: sales ranged from \$1.14 to \$1.15, the latter for white only.

Oats were steady, at 82c to 85c. Beans sold at 75c to 90c a bushel. Sales of other kinds of grain were few and made at much the same prices as

on Thursday. Strictly fresh eggs sold at 20c to 25c, according to quantity. Butter quiet and steady. Beef and lamb were steady.

Dressed hogs sold at \$5 25. Apples sold at \$2 to \$3 per barrel, and soc to \$1 a bag. Potatoes were very slow, at 60c to 70c.

The assortment of market gardeners' stuff was good, and prices reasonable and unchanged. Celery ran short to-

Turkeys, geese, etc., were steady and unchanged: the supply was only fair, and the demand smaller than for many

Hay was steady, at \$6 50 to \$7 50. Today's session has been about the dullest Christmas market in many years. The supply of everything was light, and the number of buyers small. Quotations:

GRAIN.

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Rye, per 100 lbs 85 @ 85
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Lard, per lb
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Potatoes, per bag 60 6 75
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IIVE STOCK
Voung pigs, per pair 200 @ 850
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Ducks, per pair
Chickens per pair 30 @ 40
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HAY AND SEEDS.
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More Work for Uncle Sam's Boys in Blue.

The Only Philippine Point Under Spanish Rule To Be Occupied by U. S. Troops.

Ruling prices for the past four market days— The following table shows the quotations per cental at Liverpoo for the three previous market days. In the case of wheat highest New York, Dec. 24.-A dispatch to the World from Washington says Sec-Dec. Dec. Dec. Dec. 22. 23. retary Alger has cabled Gen. Otis at Manila to take possession of Iloilo im-
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 mediately. Plans for doing so are left to the general. This step is taken in advance of formal relinquishment of sovereignty by Spain on account of the gravity of the situation there, it is supposed. Iloilo is the only point in the Philippines now under Spanish control. Admiral Dewey reported recently that the Spaniards were holding Iloifo with 800 soldiers, and that citizens had asked him for warships to protect them. Gen. Otis will probably send two regiments, and Admirai Dewey is expected to detail the Charleston and Con-The Oil Market. PITTSBURG, Dec. 23.—Oil closed at \$1 19. cord to aid the troops.

Madrid, Dec. 24.—Gen. Rios the Spanish commander at licilo, Island of Panay, cables that he is going to Manila in order to arrange for the repatriation of the Spanish troops. After the close of the bourse here today, Spanish interior securities feil to 53.75, owing to the untavorable bulletin regarding the condition of the premier, Senor Sagasta.

AGUINALDO'S INSUBORDINATE FORCES.

New York, Dec. 24.-A dispatch to the Herald from Manila, via Paris, says: "As the result of Aguinaldo, the insurgent leader, having relused to recognize the rank of the lower class of the rebel officers, the fatter have deserted with large numbers of armed soldiers, and have attacked various towns. Several of the native local authorities who have abused their positions, and were unpopular in the provinces, have been murdered, or their property has been sequestrated. The town of Casling, for instance, which was defended by 600 or Aguinaldo's troops, has been taken and looted by the malcontents. It is reported that the Spaniards in Cebu have capitu-

lated. EVACUATING CUBA.

Havana, Dec. 24.-The Spanish transport Darmstadt sailed yesterday for Cadiz with 2,724 officers and men. About 8,000 Spanish troops have embarked this week for Spain. About 8.000 others are left in Havana. It is estimated that there are 15,000 Spanish soldiers at Matanzas and 30,000 in

CANADA'S COLONISTS

The Doukhobors Sail for This Country.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.-Mr. Silton arrived from the west today. The interior department has been notified by cable that the Lake Huron of the Beaver Line sailed yesterday from Batoum, on the Black Sea, for Halifax and St. John, with the first detachment of the army of Doukhobor immigrants, who will settle in Manitoba and the Territories. Superintendent Pedley, of the immigration branch, is busy with the pre- land her Irish passengers owing to the parations for their reception upon their

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS

to \$5 65; fancy droves, \$4 40. Hogs, \$3 20 to \$3 55; pigs, \$3 to \$3 25. Sheep, The new Methodist Church at Thornton, costing \$6,000, was dedicated by Rev. H. S. Matthews.

> Capt. H. D. Barry has been appointed to the command of the British squadron in Newfoundland waters. It is said that there is no truth in the report that Germany has proposed to buy the Island of Fernando Po, the Spanish penal settlement, in the Bight

> of Biaffra, Western Africa. The Ontario Government will give the Hamilton Plebiscite Association delegates a hearing on Jan. 5 in regard to the desired appointment of a temperance license commissioner.

> J. C. McRae, chief of the Winnipeg police, is offering a reward of \$10,000 for the arrest of the party or parties and recovery of money stolen from the Winnipeg branch of the Molsons

> Rev. Dr. Carman, general superintendent of the Methodist Church, thinks the plans adopted yesterday to save Great St. James Church, of Montreal, to the connexion will be suc-

> Three masked men called at the residence of Mr. Wm. Horne, Mile End, near Montreal, representing themselves as detectives, and forcibly took Mr. Horne away with them. The police are unable to find him.

The old practice of allowing convicts at Kingston Penitentiary to receive Christmas presents from their friends has been stopped this year because of the many contraband articles concealed in the hampers.

Jockey Tod Sloan has arrived at Kokoma, Ind., to spend Christmas with his foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Blouser. This is Tod's first visit home since the beginning of his turf career, ten years ago. He was accompanied here by Eddie Bald, the bicycle rider, and a son of M. F. Dwyer, New York. Tod says he will return to England in April to ride two seasons for the Prince of Wales and Lord Beresford's stables.

Steamship Arrivals. Dec. 23. From. At. Manitoban Rotterdam Fleetwood. Halifax witzerland .Cepenhagen .Queenstown... .Philadelphia. .New York.... Nederland

Pain In the Eack.

Being troubled off and on with pains in my back, caused by constipation. I tried several kinds of pills I had seen advertised, and to put the truth in a nut shell, Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills are the only pills that have proved effectual in my case. I can heartily recommend them.

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THE PRESIDENT

Arch Jew-Baiter's Speech in the French Chamber.

Anti-Semitism an Ugly and Dangerous Malady, Which Belongs to a Past Age."

Friendly Tribes Compel the Mad Fakir to Leave the Swat Valley.

Paris, Dec. 24.-The Jew-baiters received a snub in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday afternoon. The government's recall of Mayor Regis, of Algiers, for countenancing anti-Semite excesses, and the appointment of his successor, led to interpellations on the subject. The arch Jew-baiter, Edouard Drumont, who represents Algeria in the chamber, expressed himself as scandalized by the recall of M. Regis, and wanted an explanation of the government's action. He warned France that another Cuba would spring up in Algeria, which would in a few years be lost to France, as Cuba and the Philippines had been lost to Spain, if the government's policy was followed.

After other speeches had been deivered on both sides of the question, Prime Minister Dupuy protested against M. Drumont's comparison of Algeria with Cuba. Mayor Regis, he said, had been an agent of disorder, and had sought to obtain the recall of Gov. Leferriere. The Jews, he added, had admittedly tried to obtain undue advantages in the colony, but the remedy for this was legislation. Anti-Semitism was an ugly and dangerous malady, which belonged to a past age. Its adherents had not proposed a single legislative measure. They displayed incapability for governing. M. Drumont was inciting the colony to civil

M. Dupuy was loudly applauded. The chamber agreed that his speech should be placaded throughout Algeria, and expressed confidence in the government by a vote of 406 to 10.

FIRED THE MAD FAKIR. Haibul Gram, Dec. 24.-A representative jirgah, comprising most of the lower and upper Swat tribes, was dispatched from here five days ago by Major Deane to put pressure on the Jinki-khels to expel the mad fakir from Swat. Intelligence has just been received that on its arrival in the Jinki-khel country on the 10th inst. the jirgan discovered that the fakir was being quietly harbored at Paital by some of his Jinki-khel adherents. Thereupon the jirgah informed the Jinki-khels that if they did not at once expel the fakir from Swat it would use force to compel the Jinki-khe's to do so, as the remaining Swat tribes had no intention of allowing the fakir to embroil them with the British Government. The jirgah is reported to have gone to Paital itself to ascertain personally that the fakir really does leave Swat. If this occurs the danger of serious disturbances may be considered at an end.

ARRIVAL OF THE UMBRIA. Queenstown, Dec. 24.—The Cunard Line steamship Umbria, from New York for Liverpool, arrived off this harbor at 2:55 this morning, but was unable to

heavy sea running. THE AUSTRIAN PREMIER'S WIFE DEAD.

Vienna, Dec. 24.-Countess Thun-Hohenstein, wife of the Austrian premier, is dead. RECOGNIZED THEIR BRAVERY.

Liverpool, Dec. 24.-The crew of the Vedamore, which rescued the crew of the Londonian in a heavy sea, and at great risk to themselves, were publicly thanked by the mayor.

Saved a Life.

Erysipelas and Impure Blood Were Doing Their Deadly Work.

Paine's Celery Compound Gives Mrs. Gallagher a New Lease of Life.

Exposure to cold, indigestion and dyspepsia, debility, impure blood, rundown system, living in badly ventilated rooms and poor surrounding hygienic conditions, are all causes of erysipelas. It will afford comfort to thousands to know that, with ordinary care and the use of Paine's Celery Compound, the many dangers of erysipelas can be entirely avoided. When any of the symptems above are noted, promptness in the use of Paine's Celery Compound will quickly banish all dangers.

If, unfortunately, you are subject to the disease and have not used Dr. Phelps' great prescription, we say, with a desire for your welfare, give Paine's Celery Compound an instant trial, so that you may be able to fully judge of its worth. Mrs. John Gallagher, Marbleton.

P.Q., one of the many saved from death by Paine's Celery Compound, writes as follows:

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Talk about Shoes being sold at close prices. We've satisfied ourselves that more people will be wearing our Shoes after Christmas than ever before.

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Trimmed Felt Hats, \$1 Each:

We have put out for Christmas a big table of Stylishly-Trimmed Felt Hats-all new goods-at the surprisingly low price of \$1 each. All our Trimmed Millinery is being cleared out at greatly reduced prices.

FURS FALL.

Large Astrachan Collarettes, regular price \$7, now \$5 50. Extra Large Astrachan Collarettes, with sable trimming, regular \$8 50,

now \$6 50. Astrachan Storm Collar, regular \$6, Special Astrachan Ruffs, with eight tails, regular \$4 75, now \$3 25.

A splendid lot of Astrachan Ruffs, with heads, only \$3 50. Special Sable Ruffs, with tails, regular \$1 65, now \$1 35.

Children's White Astrachan Muffs and Ruffs, regular \$1 50, now 75c. Special Greenland Seal Muffs, regular \$1 75, now 75c.

A nice size Black Muff, regular 85c.,

SILK WAISTS, TOO.

One Table of Silk Waists, in plaids, checks, stripes and plain, lined throughout and well made, regular \$4 75, now \$3 95.

Silk Waists in blue, green and tan, tucked front, sleeves and stock collar, lined throughout, special value at

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Montreal Star: Mr. Charles M. Hays, general manager of the Grand Trunk, has been presented with a beautiful illuminated address by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen of the G. T. R., in acknowledgment of courtesles received at his hands. Its dimensions are 24 by 30. The address is inclosed in al artistic gold frame, and reads as fol-

lows: "For the unstinted kindness and courtesies that have on many occasions served to show the friendly interest taken in the affairs of his employes and for the free use of a splendidly equipped special train for delegates to Toronto, Ontario, from Chicago, and from Toronto to Niagara Falls, September, 1898, generously arranged for by Charles M. Hays, general manager of the Grand Trunk Railway system, it was by a rising and unanimous voice agreed by the members of the Brothenhood of Locomotive Firemen that in evidence of their gratitude this engrossed mark of respect shall be presented to him, and that it is their wish that success shall be his portion at all times.

"T. P. SARGENT, Grand Master.

"F. W. ARNOLD, Grand Secretary-Treasurer.

Then follows the seal of the order. THE GROWING TIME

How the Dairy Industry Has Thrived in Ontario During a Decade.

Toronto, Dec. 24.-The Ontario Government has just gublished a report giving lists of the cheese and butter factories in the Province. There are altogether 1.123 cheese factories and 234 butter factories-1,357 in all. It may be noticed that the east is much more given to dairying, for of the 1,357 factories, about 75 per cent are situated

east of Toronto.

Ten years ago there were not 10 per cent of the present number of factories

Importance of a Business Education. Many have heard of men who have

carried on extensive businesses and kept their accounts in their head. These men do not live in the present day, in the midst of the competition that is found on all sides. The men who succeed are those who realize that as they enter business life they are about to meet and must solve problems which will require a trained mind, hence their period of preparation. Too often we find some person who has come into possession of some money engag-ing in a business of which they know Sometimes they take a nothing. partner into the concern, because "he understands the business." This partner handles all the cash and transacts the business generally, because of his superior knowledge, and we all know how the affair often ends in a reverse of conditions, the moneyed man getting the experience and the partner the money. And thus it has ever been and will be, that ignorance is the rock upon which many a business comes to grief. In this day of business schools, there is no legitimate excuse for a young man embarking in business without a fair knowledge of business principles. If any of our readers contemplate a commercial life, attention is directed to the work of the Forest City Business and Shorthand College of London. Catalogues of either department of this school may be had by addressing the principal, J. Westervelt. bd bw

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TRIUMPH OF SCULPTURE.

D'Epinay's Great Statue of Jean of Ar Superior to Any Equestrian Group

of Modern Times. It is said that M. Prosper d'Espinay's latest masterpiece, "Jeanne d'Arc," is genuine triumph of sculpture, superior te any equestrian group of modern times and comparable with the best known efforts of the ancients. This very fine group represents the labor and patience of 20 years on the part of the French master. It solves the problem of adequately fixing Joan of Are in sculpture, for here is the intense contrast between the horse, whose every line shows alarm, and the maid, who is the personification of perfect peace and calm just before the battle. The statue has had numerous



D'EPINAY'S GREAT STATUE OF JOAN OF ARG. admirers. Among the Parisians who paid a visit to d'Epinay's great work and paid their homage to the sculptor are the Comtesse de Benicourt, Duchesse de Chevreuse, Prince Odescalchi, the Bishop of Dijon, Mgr. Le Nordez; General Duchene, Grand Duke Alexia, Duke and Duchess of Leuchtenberg, M. Gerome, M. Froment-Meurice, M. Thuasne, Mms. Vve. Pasteur and her son (conseiller d'ambassade at Madrid), Mme. Vallery-Radot, Prince Henri d'Orleans, General de Waru, M. Hanotaux, M. Alfred Andra, Comte de Gontaut, M. Jules Lefebvre, M. Madrazo, M. Dorez (of the Bibliotheque Nationale), Prince du Lucinge, M. Errazu, Marquis de Riverseaux, Comte d'Elva and Marquis da

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TODAY'S MARKETS

Toronto Produce Market. TORONTO, Dec. 24.-Wheat is dearer at 681/20 to 690 for red and white west, and some holders are asking 70c; early morning Manitoba wheat firmer, at 61c for No. will be issued. 1 hard grinding in transit, and 75c to 76c Midland. Flour is dull, but firm, at \$3 25 for straight roller in barrels Millifeed is scarce and firm, at \$14 to \$16 for shorts, and \$12 to \$12 50 for bran west. Barley is steady, at 74% of No. 1 west. Buckwheat is firm, at 47c to 48c west. Rye steady, at 51c west. Corn, firmer, at 36½c for Canada yeilow wests, and 46c for American, Toronto. Oats are firm, at 28c for white west. Peas firmer, at 65c Eggs firm, at 20c to 22c for new laid, and 17c to 18c for held fresh, and 14c to 15c for limed. Butter is steady, at 14c to 15c for large rolls, and 10c to 131/2c for dairy tubs; creamery steady, at 20c to 21c for prints, and 19c to 20c for packed. Dressed hogs easier feeding, especially for light local packers, fetching \$5 10 for heavy.

American Markets.

CHICAGO. Dec. 23.—The leading futures closed as follows: Wheat—Dec., 66%c; May, 35%c; July, 67%c. Corn—Dec., 36%c; May, 37%c to 37%c. Oats—May, 27%c to 27%c; July, 25%c. Mess port—Jan., \$9 80; May, \$10 20. Lard—Jan., \$5 27%; May, \$5 52%. Short ribs—Jan., \$4 85; May, \$5 05. Cash quotations: Flour firm; winter patents, \$3 50 to \$3 60; straights. \$3 20 to \$3 30; apring specials. \$4; spring patents, \$3 20 to \$3 30; straights, \$2 80 to \$3 50; straights, \$2 80 to \$3 50; straights, \$2 80 to \$3 60; straights, \$2 80 to \$3 50; straights, \$3 30; short ribs, \$4 80 to \$5. Shoulders, \$4 to \$5 50; Sugar, 30 to \$3 50; straights, \$5 50; \$5 05 50 50. Sugar, 30 to \$3 50; straights, \$2 80 to \$3 50; straights, \$3 50; straights, \$4 to \$4 50; Short clear sides, \$5 to \$5 05. Sugar, 30 to \$3 50; straights, \$4 to \$4 50; straights, \$4 50; straights, \$4 to \$4 50; straights, \$5 50; straights American Markets.

fresh, 21c to 21/2c. RECEIPTS—Flour. 27,000 bushels; wheat, 125,000 bushels; corn. 343,000 bushels; oats, 381,000 bushels; rye. 32,000 bushels; barley, SHIPMENTS—Flour, 36,000 barrels: wheat, 6,000 bushels; corn, 114,000 bushels; oats, 283,030 bushels; rye, 5,000 bushels; barley,

The Apple Market.

The J. I. Libby Company, of Portland, received this cablegram from Messrs. tamilton & Pritchard on the Liverpool market: Eighteen thousand barrels selling; complete collapse. Inferior quality, 4s; good quality, 2s lower. Live Stock Markets.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.-Hogs-Receipts, 3.000; left over, 300; 50 to 10c higher; ght, \$3 25 to \$3 55; mixed, \$3 35 to \$3 60; eavy, \$3 30 to \$3 65; rough, \$3 30 to \$40; Yorkers, \$3 50. Cattle—Receipts, Sheep-Receipts, 1,000; native sheep, \$2 60 to \$4 25; estern, \$3 to \$4 15; lambs, \$3 75 to \$5 35.

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BACK FROM PARIS

Arrival of the American Peace Commission in New York.

New York, Dec. 24.-The American liner St. Louis arrived this morning from Southampton, having on board the members of the United States peace commission. All are well and enjoyed a fairly good winter voyage.

The members of the peace commission consider that the rules governing their diplomatic mission are still in force, and so decline to discuss their work abroad. They contented themby saying that they would go to Washington by the first train, taking with them the treaty of peace.

FROM THE U. S.

200 Families to Sattle in the Territories Next Spirng.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.-As a result of a visit to the Northwest during the past summer of four farmers from Minnesota and Wisconsin, the department of the interior, is advised that 200 familles from the states named will move to the territories next spring. They have decided to locate in four townships in the Beaver Lake country, which is east of Edmonton.

MAKING LUNATICS

County Penitentiary, New York.

New York, Dec. 24. - From the King's county penitentiary six convicts were taken and placed in asylums for the criminally insane. Enforced dleness was the cause. Warden Hayes has received no orders for work recently, and while the short term prisoners may be worked in the roads in the neighborhood, those with long sen-tences must be employed, if at all inside. A year or two ago the legislature passed a law forbidding the employment of convicts except on work fur-

mished by the state. Of the 600 convicts now in King's county penitentiary, Warden Hayes esys only a dozen are employed. The others sit in their cells, moody and listless. In the opinion of the warden and the keepers, scores of the convicts are hand in pushing forward those under on the verge of insanity.

LATEST "PROBS"

Toronto, Dec. 24—11 a.m.—Prob-abilities for the lower lakes region + for the next twenty-four hours: Westerly winds; fair and colder; + + local snow flurries. Sunday-Generally fair and quite + + cold, with some light local snow +

+ falls or flurries. **********

MONDAY'S

Monday being a holiday, only the early morning edition of The Advertiser

-Imperial penny postage takes effect tomorrow.

-Dr. and Mrs. A. Nugent, of Cleveland, Ohio, are spending the Christmas holidays in the city.

-Mr. and Mrs. F. Hooker, of Goldsmith, Ont., are visiting at E. R. Hooker's, Central avenue. -Mr. W. Donaldson, of Chicago, is

visiting Mr. John Pierce, Central avenue, city, for the holidays. -The prisoners in the county jail will provided with a breakfast by the

Christian Workers tomorrow. -Secretary Sanders, of the charities' erganization, wishes to acknowledge a donation of \$5 from Mr. Cox, of the postoffice department.

-G. T. R. Manager Hays and family went through here today, en route for Detroit, to spend the Christmas holidays across the border.

-William Benson, aged 51, fell on the icy sidewalk about 11:30 last night and broke his right leg. He was removed to the general hospital, where the fractured member was set. -The Michigan Central Railroad

teamsters desire to thank Measrs Rouinson, Little & Co., for their Christmas gift, which this firm has so generously given for several years past. -The Bishop of Huron is announc-

ed to preach in St. James' Church, South London, Sunday evening. Being Christmas day, and also the last Sunday in the year, the service and sermon will be appropriate.

-Special Christmas services will be held at Dundas Center Methodist Church tomorrow. The pastor, Rev. Dr. Saunders, will preach, and the choir, under the direction of Mr. W. H. Hewlett, will render appropriate music. assisted by Mr. Alfred D.Sturrock, who sings at the twilight organ recital this

Congregational Southern -The was crowded with schol-Church and friends on night at the annual Christmas tree. An excellent programme was given, and was heartly enjoyed. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Claris, was presented with a basket of beautiful roses by

-Mr. Ed. Wansborough, brakeman on the C. P. R., slipped on the sidewalk at Toronto Junction on Thursday walk at Toronto Junction in ight, and broke his leg above the ankle. He experienced great difficulty in getting back home to 31 Western Mr. Wansborough is well avenue. known here, and has enjoyed the reputation of being one of the best sprint-

ers on the road. -The entertainment at Powell's Corners, London township, on Thursday evening, was a decided success, although the weather was very unfavorable. An excellent programme of songs, recitations and dialogues was rendered; also a presentation made to the teacher, Miss Hodgins. The chair was filled to the satisfaction of everyone by Mr. Jos. Brown, auctioneer, London.

-Wm. Thomas, an elderly man was arrested by Detectives Rider and Nickel yesterday on the market, on the charge of stealing garden tools from Mr. C. J. Shanly, in August last. Evidence was submitted at the police court this morning to prove that Thomas had a mania for stealing garden tools. Many of the articles which disappeared from city residences last July were taken by Thomas, who sold them. Some of them have been recovered. Thomas was sent down for fifteen days. Charles Walker, a drunken vagrant, went down for ten days in default of a \$5 fine.

-At the annual meeting of St. George's Royal Arch Chapter, No. 5, held last night, officers for the ensuing year were chosen as follows: Ex-Comp. S. F. Lawrason, Z; ex-Comp. U. A. Buchner, H; Comp. W. A. Wilson, J; Comp. C. C. Reed, scribe E; Comp. R. W. Evans, scribe N; Comp. J. M. Mc-Whinney, Prin. Soj.; Comp. E. Paul, treasurer; ex-Comp. William Spittai, Comp. J. M. McWhinney, V. E. Comp. A. A. Campbell, representatives to finance; Comp. John Paul, Comp. R. W. Evans, auditors; Comp. John Robertson, janitor; R. ex-Comp. A. G. Mc-Whinney, ex-Comp. P. W. D. Brodrick and ex-Comp. John Gauld acted as

scrutineers. BROKE HER ARM. Mrs. Smart, a middle-aged lady from Ingersoll, who came to London today to do some shopping, fell on the icy sidewalk in front of Short. Bros'. confectionary, this afternoon and broke her right arm near the wrist. Dr. Kingsmill was called and had the injured lady removed to his office, where he reduced the fracture. Mrs. Smart left for Ingersoll immediately after having the arm set.

NO STRIKE. The Grand Trunk telegraphers and Grand Chief Powell, of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, have accepted Mr. Hays' offer to submit the differences to arbitration. Grand Chief Powell said last night: "There will be no strike. I had a conference with Mr. Besult of the Policy Pursued in K ng's Hays last evening, and we arrived at a satisfactory understanding regarding the terms of arbitration. One arbitrator will be appointed to represent the telegraphers, and one the Grand Trunk, and these two will select the third arbitrator. The three arbitrators will meet in Toronto, commencing Jan. 10, 1899, and whatever decision is reach-

ed by the board will be final." PRESENTATION TO MR. H. T.

COLDHAM. The employes of the Robert Greene Manufacturing Company, city, yesterday presented their popular foreman, Mr. Henry E. Coldham, with a handsome clock and a neatly worded address. During Mr. Coldham's term foreman he and the other employes foreman he and the other employes have pulled together well. He has alhave pulled together well. ways been ready to give a helping hand in pushing forward those under him in their work. The employes him in their work. The employes to have a few dollars in their work. The employes to have a few dollars with the ways taken from the had been since Nov. 3, on the charge of having attempted to him in their work. The employes the first wife,

the coldham a happy Christmas and the CRASHED INTO fullest measure of joy for the coming new year. Mr. coldham replied feelingly thanking the employes most heartily for their handsome gift, and for the friendly wishes so heartily ex-

AND STILL ANOTHER. About two weeks ago Mr. Jos. H.

Wilkins, 3541/2 Ridout street, found a Scotchman's purse, and failing to find an owner put an advertisement in last evening's Advertiser, with the result that Mrs. Lockhart called at this office this morning and claimed the lost article. Mrs. Lockhart had advertised her loss previously in other city papers. This is another proof that The Advertiser is the paper that is read by the majority of the people.

CHRISTMAS MARKET. The market presented a scene of bustle and stir at an early hour this morning, which was kept up continually during the day. The roads in nearly all sections are in pretty fair shape now, and this, accompanied by the bracing weather, had the effect of making the market a good one, although not as large as in some previous years at this season. It was largely attended, and buying was brisk. Turkeys and fowls of all kinds were in good supply and fair demand.

BLACK-VINCENT. On Wednesday, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. James W. Vincent, 860 Maitland street, Miss Florence May Vincent was united in marriage to Mr. James Archibald Black, of the firm of Laidlaw, Watson & Co. bride was assisted by Miss Maggie Barry, and Mr. Wm. Graham supported the groom. Little Miss Hoskins was maid of honor. The ceremony was performed by Rev. George Jackson. A large array of handsome presents testified to the popularity of the bride and groom. About 75 guests sat down to the wedding breakfast. On their return from their honeymoon trip, Mr. and Mrs. Black will reside at 795 Colborne

street. THE HOSPITAL TRUST.

The hospital trust held a meeting at the city hospital yesterday afternoon at 3 p.m. There were present R. Lewis, r. H. Purdom and the superintendent, J. D. Balfour. Miss Tye applied for extended sick leave until the end of March. Granted. Miss Tye is now in California. Miss Lind will remain in the hospital as superintendent of nurses in the meantime. Miss A. Pardue, of South London, made application to be placed on the nursing staff. Listed. Miss Barker, of the nursing staff, is sick with diphtheria. Mr. Sage waited on the trust and explained that sometimes the old ambulance was called out and did not come to the hospital. He wanted payment for such trips Granted. Thirty-four patients were admitted and 26 discharged since the last meeting of the trust. There are now 56 patients under treatment.

TREAT THEIR EMPLOYES. A number of employers in the city have provided an excellent holiday treat for their employes, in the way of an evening with Ansbach, the clever magician, who will be at the Auditorium next week. Monday evening has been arranged for by Messrs. D. S. Perrin pality of London East. & Co., and Friday evening by Messrs. R. Greene & Co. Tuesday and Wednesday will be for the employes of the Hobbs Hardware Company, R. C. Struthers & Co., Robinson, Little & Co., Ellott & Marr, John Labatt, the Carling Brewing and Malting Company, W. E. rumor were true, said it was not. He Saunders & Co., Line & McDonald, Jas. Kennedy, London Drug Company, Thos. positively. Bryan, Gorman & Eckert, A. M. Smith, John Green & Co., Dominion Oatmeal Mills, C. S. Hyman, Dyment, Baker, & Co., London Machine Tool Company, E. S. Leonard & Co., Bowman Hardware Company and Tecumseh House.

SOMETHING NEW AND UNIQUE. The Christinas festivities at the Hill Street Methodist Church were decidedly unique and out of the ordinary thas year, and many poor persons will be made happy thereby on Christmas. Each scholar contributed some article to be given to the deserving poor of that section. When the time for counting up came, it was found there was some 225 pounds of groceries, besides chickens, turkeys, meat, clothing, books, toys, and other articles too numerous to mention, to the value of \$40. This was all presented to Mrs. R. Winnett, president of the King's Daughters, by Superintendent J. Dickson, for distribution. The proceeds of the evening also went for the same purpose. The scholars were then treated to limeligat views by Mr. Kershaw, of West London, while the classes of Misses Brun-ton and Miss Tagg rendered a number of pleasing choruses. Miss Harper, organist, was presented with a kindlyworded address and a jurse containing \$17. The presentation was made by Mr.

Wonderley, choir leader. PUBLIC SCHOOL CONCERT. The friends and residents of school

section No. 21, London, spent a very pleasant evening on Thursday at their school house, on the 3rd con., just east of Adelaide street the occasion being a concert and Christmas tree. which was a perfect success from start to finish, and reflected much credit on all concerned. The school room was decorated in a very artistic and original manner, suitable for the occasion. A number of pupils took part in the programme; they were aiso assisted by Mr. Chas. Percy, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Ardiel, Miss Dowell, Miss Poel, Miss Warwick, Messie. Smith brothers, Wm. Johnston, John Fleming Arthur Dowell and Master Dick Slater the clever whistler. A feature of the evening was a presentation by the pupils of a valuable gold ring to W. J. Taylor, their teacher, show-Mr. ing the high esteem in which he is held by them. Mr. John Ardiel acted as chairman in a very efficient man-

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BELTZ,

Brough's Bridge Near the Hellmuth Ladies College Down-An Old Landmark Removed.

The old bridge known all over the country as "Brough's bridge," spanning the river near the Hellmuth Ladies' College, which was condemned for traffic yesterday, broke through late last night or early this morning. The whole structure felt. This bridge stood the last bad flood in West London, but was supposed to have been considerably weakened by the heavy ice butting against it. The bridge is owned by the Proof Line Road Company. This is one of the oldest, if not the oldest bridge in this section of the country. Some of the farmers coming into the city had to go around a number of concessions to get in.

TRAVELERS

Mr. Wm. Gray Again Chosen as President-The Other Officers.

The result of the balloting for officers of the Commercial Travelers' Association was not made known last evening, as had been announced. Such a large number of ballots were cast that the scrutineers were unable to complete their work until two o'clock today. The result was as follows:

President—William Gray (re-elected). First Vice-President—W. L. Under-Second Vice-President-J. C. Hazard. Directors-G. A. F. Jackson, T. Blackwell, R. C. Eckert, C. W. Nicholls, Wm.
Turnbull and W. A. Cameron. Mr. Gray received 559 votes, and his

CITY HALL NOTES.

opponent, Mr. C. E. Perry, 225.

Ex-Mayor Taylor was given his release as security for Hospital Contractor Murray this morning. A slight hitch occurred, but Mayor Wilson exerted himself to have the matter settled and succeeded. Messrs. Samuel Wright, of Queen's avenue east, and Mr. George F. Morris became securities in Mr. Taylor's place.

Ald. Nutkins, who, for the past six years has been a worthy representative of the fifth ward on the city council, has positively refused to ac cede to the wishes of his many friends and again become a candidate. His friends regret his decision, because his experience in municipal matters and his practical knowledge as a contractor are qualities of much worth in an alderman. Before becoming a member of the city council Mr. Nutkins was a councilor of the munici-

A rumor was current this morning that Ald. Carrothers would be a mayoralty candidate in the coming election. Mr. Carrothers, when asked if the

Public interest in the municipal campaign is not yet great, probably because of the uncertainty as to who will be the candidates. The impression that a number of dark horses will come to the front on nomination day still prevails.

ROYAL COLLEGE DENTAL SURGEONS

New Members of the Board of Directors -Dr. H. R. Abbott Represents London District.

At the recent election of directors of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario, held in Toronto, Dr. H. R. London district, receiving 32 out of the 44 ballots cast. The other members of the board are: Dr. Hanna, Kemptville; Dr. J. A. Marshall, Belleville, Dr. J. F. Adams, Toronto; Dr. Klotz, St. Catharines; Dr. Clarke, Woodstock; and Dr. A. H. Allen, Paisley. These have all been elected for a term of two years.

LITTLE ONES MADE HAPPY

Charitable Work of the Children's Aid Society-Distributing the Cheer.

The Children's Aid Society sent out many Christmas gifts today. Parcels of clothing, toys, dolls, candies, etc., were sent to about 70 families, representing nearly 250 children. Seventy-five packages were sent by mail or express to be delivered this morning to various homes, and by 9 or 10 o'clock this evening two more drayloads of good things will be sent to the society's own wards in foster-homes, and the rest were distributed among the needy in the city. Two drayloads were placed where they will do a great deal of good. Many a little one's Christmas will be merrier for the charitable work done by the society. The names of the committee members who have been so energetic in the work will be published later.

STRATHROY.

Advertiser Agent, J. D. Meekison. The Woodmen of the World on Tuesday evening elected the following officers: J. R. Smith, consul commander; Henry Owens, advisor lieutenant; Charles Grist, banker; F. L. E. Evans, clerk; O. L. Berdan, M.D., physician; James Liddell, escort; W. Pike, watchman; Joseph Walker. sentry; W. H. Murray, R. J. Avery, F. P. Hughes, managers; Joseph Smith, delegate; Charles Grist, alternate.

Mrs. S. W. Kirkland is visiting her parents in Wiarton. Mr. W. H. Murray attended the funeral of his uncle, Donald Grant, of Woodville, who died on Sunday last.

LYNCHING IN INDIANA. Cottsburg, Ind., Dec.24.-Marion ray-

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COUNT THUN-HOHENSTEIN.

The Austrian Prime Minister Who Has Threatened Germany. Count Francis Anton Thun-Hohentein, the Austrian Prime Minister who has Savings and Investment Society threatened to retaliate on Germany for the expulsion of Austrians from Prussia, succeeded Count Badeni as the head of the Emperor's Government. Thun-Hohenstein, by his fiery remarks in the

Reichsrath, has dragged the Governments of Austria and Germany unpleasantly together, and it is expected that Franz Joseph will hear from Berlin in no equivocal terms. The Count is a statesman of marked ability and courage. He is one of the richest of the Bohemian aristoeracy. His father was one time Austrian

COUNT THUN-HOHENSTEIN. ambassador at Frankfort. The present Premier is 61 years old. In his youth he served in the army and retired in 1877 as a major of dragoons. Two years afterward he was elected to the Reichsrath Abbott was elected to represent the and subsequently to the Bohemion Diet. From 1889 to 1896 he was Governor of Bohemia, but he and Badeni could never agree. The Count failed to restore order in the province and retired owing to Badeni's pressure. Since his going into power Count Anton has had anything but a pleasant time with the Germans and the Socialists in the Austrian Parliament. It will be interesting to note how he will emerge from the remarkable situation he has precipitated by his threats to the Germans.

SEVERE REBUKE.

Constable, the famous painter, once gave a remarkable instance of the sweetness of his temper, which scarcely anything could ruffle. The story is told by Julian Charles Young, whose uncle had witnessed its incident.

He called on Constable one day, and was received by him in his front room. After half an hour's chat, the artist proposed to repair to the back room to show him a large picture on which

he was engaged. On walking up to his easel, he found that one of his little boys, in his absence, had dashed the handle of the hearth-broom through the canvas, and made so large a rent in it as to render its restoration impossible. He called the child up to him, and asked him gently if he had done it. When the boy admitted his act, Constable took him on his knee and rebuked him in these unmeasured terms:

"Oh, my dear pet! See what we have done! Dear, dear! What shall we do to mend it? I can't think, can you?"

A man's unreliability very often exceeds his assets. A dude often turns feminine headsbut in the wrong direction.

Every store sells candy; but at Bark-well's drug store Pure Chocolates and Creams are free to every \$1 pur-OST-A LIGHT WOOD CANE-WITH "Jerusalem" stamped on the head. Kindly return to Rev. W. J. Clarke, 307 Wolfe street.

THE of Canada.

Dividend No. 43.

Dividend No. 53.

NOTICE is hereby given that a dividend at NOTICE is hereby given that a dividend at the rate of 5 per cent per annum upon the paid-up capital stock of this society, has been declared for the current half year, and that the same will be payable at the offices of the society, Masonic Temple Building, Richmond street, London, on and after Tuesday, the 3rd day of January, 1899. The transfer books will be closed from the 15th inst. to Jan. 3, 1899, both days inclusive. London, Dec. 14, 1898.

NATHANIEL MILLS, Manager

Loan and Savings Co. Dividend No. 69.

NOTICE is hereby given that a dividend of 4½ per cent, for the current half year, upon the paid-up capital stock of this company, has been declared, and that the same will be payable at the company's office, in this city, on and after TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1899.

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time in his early career did he have to

sell a book, parting from which wrung

his heart to the core. But as years

went by, his financial condition was im-

proved, and his collection grew even

The second location of his "auld

book-store" was on Grand River ave-

nue, near Woodward, directly opposite

the Central Y. M. C. A. building. About

five years ago he moved to 57 Grand River avenue, near Park Place. There,

in his advanced age, he pored over his

treasures and received inspiration to

write many of his most charming verses and sketches, full of the very

essence of Scotch sentiment and humor.

Many of his later writings have first

appeared in the newspapers of this city.

But Mr. Wanless' admirers were num-

bered in cities far away from Detroit, and so wide became his fame among

his fellow-countrymen and their de-

scendants that he has been called the

"Stand Fast, Craig Roylston." Crock-

London, set the poem "Links o' Love'

Only a week ago he sent to a New

York publisher the manuscript for a

book that would be a second collection

whether the arrangements to publish it

Mr. Wanless was in his store on Sat-

urday. About a week ago he was at-

less ill all summer with stomach trou-

bles, having one attack that became al-

the residence of Mrs. Venner, 39 Henry

street, where he had lived since the death of his second wife, about two

years ago. His body was taken last

evening to the home of his daughter,

Mrs. George T. Gaston, 23 Lombard Terrace, where the funeral will be held

today (Saturday) at 2:30 p.m. Rev.

Marcus Scott will officiate.
Mr. Wanless leaves five children, all

daughters, as follows: Mrs. George T.

Gaston and Mrs. George Holbrook, Detroit; Mrs. James W. Field, Orange, N.

J.; Mrs. W. E. Cooper and Miss Jean Wanless, Brooklyn, N.Y. He also leaves

three brothers and four sisters, all residing in Canada. Mr. Wanless had

three grandchildren.

Mr. Wanless attended the old Scotch

Presbyterian Church, now known as the Central Presbyterian. He was once

a member of St. Andrew's Society, and

took great interest in their games and entertainments, always being, until

within recent years, a familiar figure

on such occasions.

A book entitled "Glimpses Into the

Past in Lammermur," by John Hutton Browne, contains a strong tribute to William Wanless, the father of the

Sam Parslow's Confession Goes as Evi-

dence-Crown's Case Closed.

St. Scholastique, Que., Dec. 24.—Detective McCaskill, of the Canadian se-

testify in the Polrier murder trial yes-

Mr. Desmairais, on behalf of the de-

fense, objected, arguing that the con-fession made by the prisoner to the de-

tective should not be admitted. He con-

tended that this confession was not made voluntarily.

that the evidence was quite admissi-

Judge Taschereau decided that the

confession should go in the evidence.

He could find no proof of improper in-

ducements having been held out to the

prisoner by the detective, and a con-fession being obtained by these meth-

Detective McCaskill then proceeded.

The principal point was the confession

time, said he was present when the

and corroborated what the two preced-

given him the knife, and he had rushed

in and struck the sleeping man. His mind was a blank after that. Coroner

Mignault also gave corroborative ev-

dence as to the fact of the confession

having been made. The crown finished

in the afternoon. The trial will probab-

ly be finished about Friday of next

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"If you persist in thinking so, I cannot help it," she responded, wincing, as

often did when he expressed such confidence in her. "Yet as I do no know my own mind, ought I to be reproached as an unfeeling coquette if eventually I wed someone else?

"By no means," was the tender-grave reply. "You will never hear a reproach from my lips, Vivien. If what I most crave—if what I believe to be the best boon heaven can bestow is denied me, I will not let my regrets shadow your young life, or blight your happiness."
For a few minutes Vivien's face was hidden in her hands; then she looked

up and forced a laugh. You are either too good for me, Sir Innis, or you are trying the effect of appeals to my feelings. Pray don't attempt any more experiments of that description, but return to your first opinions. The Vivien St. Orme whom you then decided to be a pert, selfsufficient damsel, not worth knowing, is the real Vivien after all."

"And the Innie Hatherfield whom you snubbed and scouted for fear Aymer's esteem should have puffed up his van-ity too much, is the same fellow who ed you all the better for not being willing to share a brother's affection with anyone."

Thank you for recalling those days,' said the young lady. "It reminds me that not very long since Sir Innis Hatherfield did not think Lady Vivien St. Orme's acquaintance worth cultivating at all; until he learned that she had inherited a handsome addition to her dower from an elderly cousin, he was

barely civil to her."

This insulting speech was no sooner uttered than Vivien was ashamed of it. Would the baronet resent it, and bid her farewell forever? Ah! why did he not speak? She could not summon courage to look up, although his silence was torturing her. At last she could bear it ho longer, and her eyes were slowly raised to meet such an amused smile gleaming in his, that she was se-

"You need not plead for forgiveness. he said tranquilly; "I'll spare you this once, and grant it unasked; only the next time some malicious imp prompte you to stab a defenseless wretch, don't your hands with a poisoned dart so foul, so loathsome, as that one

Vivien frowned, struggled to devise a haughty and careless retort, but much to her own vexation it ended in a burst of tears, and the arms of Sir Innis venderly enfolded her.
"You have humiliated me cruelly,

she exclaimed, suddenly releasing herself, and dashing away the large drops glistening on her eyelashes. "I may forgive, but I will never marry you, to be tormented with a stinging sense my own inferiority-no, never! Leave Sir Innis, and remember this is my decision, and must be regarded as

"But surely we part as friends, Vivien? Will you not shake hands before

you send me from you?" She could not refuse this, norhelp her anger evaporating as he drew her nearer, so near that his breath fanned her crimson cheek. Truly Vivien was coming off second-best in these encounters, after all.

'Am I to go away, dear Vivien?" Sir Innis whispered as she withdrew her fingers.

'You heard what I said," she answered in her iciest accents. That we are to be friends after all? Thanks, dearest. I knew my noble Vivien's nature would rise superior to a momentary fit of ill-humor, which I dareeay I was to blame for provoking. before she could protest against It a kies had been drouped on her forehead, and Sir Innis had vanished; making his escape ere some guests, who had just driven to the door, could be ushered in to witness the finish of this first

CHAPTER XXXIX.

loverlike quarrel.

At the first drawing-room of the season Vivien St. Orme bowed her stately head before royalty, and a buzz of admiration followed her wherever she went. Her beauty was so fresh, and her smiles so bewitching that at the ball that followed a noble duke ouch an inclination to enroll himself amongst her slaves, that Lady Esselyn centrived, through a friend, to summon Lord Mandeville to her side. He-poor, simple youth!-believed in

the countees as devoutly as Creseida, and never suspected that she had selected him as her son-in-law because she saw that she would have no difficulty in fixing herself upon him. Urged by her, he resolved to heeitate no inger. Vivien was the leveliest woman of her sex; but he had a tarenet and an ample income to offer her, and she had always smiled so sweetly on him, that there was really no reason why he

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should not draw her aside that very night and entreat her to be his.

Vivien, who had permitted him to mark his some on her tablets for the only value she thad left, saw the whispered conference with Lady Esselyn, and guessed its import. For a few minutes the vivacity that had distinguished her, and made her so charming to all who approached, threatened to desert her. She was beginning to feel sert her. She was beginning to feel sorry for Lord Mandeville. She had no desire to inflict pain on the kind, well-meaning lad, whom she really liked, in spite of the contempt she sometimes

felt for him. She looked round for Aymer; he was not in sight, but Sir Innis was. He had not danced himself, but he had been standing by watching her graceful movements; and a look brought him to her side.

"Are you not very remiss, sir?" she playfully demanded. "When Aymer inquires the names of my partners, am I to tell him that his friend did not pay me the compliment of asking me to dance with him?"

"You forget that you stopped me when I was about to request the honor of your hand, by showing me that your

list was filled up?" "There is one dance," she answered, hurriedly; "the valse that is about to commence."

He looked surprised but pleased, and was drawing her hand through his arm when the marquis came up.
"This is our valse, Lady Vivien,"
he cried, with a jealous glance at Sir

Her ladyship began to murmur some-

thing about being so sorry, and regretting that she should have forgotten a prior engagement, and then motioned to the baronet to lead her away; but the impetuosity of Lord Mandeville, who had screwed his courage to the sticking-place, prevented this.

"I am sure Sir Innis will resign his claims when I tell him that I have a particular reason for begging you, Lady Vivien, to valse with me. Will you not, Sir Innis?"

"I will do so if Lady Vivien herself wishes it," was the reply. Both you and I must agree to defer to her decision, and regard it as final."

"Pray don't do anything of the kind." cried the young lady, flirting her fan, and longing to end the discussion, for several of the dancers were gathering round to listen. "I am as fickle as the wind, and between two such partnersmy friend and my brother's-how can

"Then, you will, I hope, let me take the matter into my hands," said Sir Innis promptly, "and when I tell Lord Mandeville that my claims are not confined to half an hour's waltzing, he will, I hope, forgive me for insisting that they are greater than his."

He led Lady Vivien away, and the disappointed marquis went to pour his tale into the ear of Lady Esselvn; but pride came to his aid before he reached the sofa on which she was sitting, and he left the ball-room to wrestle with his regrets in a silence that was far

more manly.
"How could you say what you did?" asked Vivien, indignantly, as, after one turn, she complained of giddiness, and the baronet led her into the con-

"What words did I employ that either of us need wish unsaid?" he inquired, with uplifted eyebrows.

"You spoke, sir, as if I had sanc-tioned your pretensions." "And haven't you? You knew what confession was trembling on that poor boy's tongue, and you appealed to me to make him comprehend that, for his own sake, it must not be ut-

"How you turn all I say and do to your purposes! I merely wished to avoid waltzing with him." "And came to me for assistance."

"Because Aymer was not visible—that was my only reason, I assure

you," she protested. "I wish Esselyn had been in the way. I did not like having to mortify a rival," Sir Innis observed. "Perhans I shall atone to Lord Man-

deville for the slight put upon him this evening," seid Vivien waywardly.
"I hope you will; he has always deserved kindlier usage than you have meted to him."

"Mamma would never forgive me if I vere seriously unkind to her favorite," Vivien went on, with demure signifi-

"I have long known Lady Esselyn's wishes." Sir Innis told her very serious-"Have you ever given her to understand that they are not likely to be

Will it not be time enough when I agree with what you have just

"For you, perhaps, but not for me. I should have liked to obtain something more definite from you before I broached the subject to Aymer and the Countess; but it is time that both were made acquainted with my hope of some day ealling you mine."

'You had better wait a wee, Sir In-s," counseled the lady, maliciously; nis," counseled the Ruy, market or give "it is never worth one's while to give publicity to a doubtful affair. You pitied poor Lord Mandeville tonight; he may commisserate you tomorrow. "But he shall never be able to say

"You are incorrigible!" she pouted;

'your vanity blinds you to the truth. But if you knew how often I have protested that nothing shall ever induce me to accept you—"
"Then you have given the subject a

great deal of consideration?" he asked, slily. "As you have made this confession, I will give you one for it. If you knew how often I have protested that I would wed Vivien, or live unwedded for her sake--'

But here the entrance of a bevy of the tired waltzers interrupted them: and Vivien, exulting in the thought that she was hourly drawing the chains fighter that bound the nobest prize she had yet captured, forgot the Marquise till Lady Esselyn, as they were driving home, significantly inquired if she was to congratulate her.

"Not yet," was the careless reply. "I will not trammel myself with any bonds till the season is over." fTo be Continued.1

A WOMAN'S IDEA

Threw Cartridges Into the Stove to Avoid Danger.

Humber Bay, Dec. 24. - Mr. William Rurgess, J.P., of Humber Bay, had occasion on Wednesday night to empty an old drawer in which were a number of revolver cartridges. Throwing the shells upon the table, he remarked to his wife:

"These will be nice things for our grandchild to play with."

Mrs. Burgess thought he was serious in the matter, and replied: "No, they won't," picked them up and cast them

into the stove. There was an immediate explosion.
The coals and bullets flew in all directions, and when it was all over Mrs. Burgess was picked up by her husband with blood streaming from her face. Medical aid was summened and although there were helf a dozen. and although there were half a dozen wounds, all were slight and not dan-

MR. A. WANLESS

Detroit's Good Gray Poet Gone to His Rest.

A Brother of Mr. Wm. Wankess of This City-His Literary Fame-Interesting Carper.

Mr. Angrew Wanless, of Detroit, the noted poet, who died on Thursday, was a brother of Mr. Wm. Wanless, sen., of Dundas street, this city. The deceased had many warm friends in London. He was a very amiable, whole-souled Scotchman, and in Detroit, where he lived so long, he enjoyed the greatest popularity. The following sympathetic tribute appeared in yesterday o Detroit Free Press.

"Our Good Gray Poet," as Andrew Wanless had been called for many years by the old residents of Detroit, died at 4:30 yesterday afternoon. He leaves behind him the record of a long life devoted to the study of literature, and, in addition to this, a large collection of original writings in prose and poetry of which any man might well feel proud. He had also amassed a library of 22,600 volumes, and his books vied even with his warmest friends in holding the affections of the honest old Scotch bookman. Many of the voiumes are exceedingly rare. During his thirty-eight years of residence in Detroit, Mr. Wanless gained a circle of friends that, once they knew him, were friends that, once they knew him, were ett's "Minstrelsy of the Merse" exhis forever. His fame in literature, too, presses high praise for Mr. Wanless' was by no means limited to his friends or to this state. For years he had been a familiar fig-

ure to Detroiters. His book store, successively located on Woodward avenue and at two places on Grand River avenue, has been the rendezvous for book lovers for many years. Never was Mr. Wanless too tired or too busy to stop and admire a rare book belonging to a friend, or to discuss the tomes he had treasured away on his own shelves. Nor was Mr. Wanless known only to the older citizens. Year after year the school children of Detroit have sought his store, and in their visits they enade the acquaintance and learned to love one of the most rugged and yet lovable characters that Detroit business circles

have ever possessed. His apparently gruff manner was merely a protection for the warm, acfectionate heart that throbbed most sympathetically. He was a great lover of children, and, big-hearted as he was, their little troubles found a willing ear and a tender heart, and in Mr. Wanless the children knew they had a warm friend that could and would comfort them.

Born in 1824 in the little village of Longfarmacus, Berwickshire, in the heart of the Lammermoor hills, Scotland, Mr. Wanless had good educa-tional advantages. His father, William Wanless, was a graduate of the University of Edinburgh, and for 50 years was a village schoolmaster. The nother of Andrew Wanless was extremely charitable, and always kindhearted, and, doubtless, from be Andrew Wan-less derived his own similar characterletics. The father was closely related to the very well-known Douglas clan. while the mother was a lineal descendant of the Grahams, famed in the north country. With such parents it is no wonder

that Andrew Wanless' mind was early lamented Detroit poet. inclined in the direction that proved congenial to him in after years, While very young, his father placed Andrew in the village school. He progressed well in the ordinary studies and spent some time with Latin. But, mixed with his love for learning was a strong affection for nature. He delighted, as he says, in his own words:

'To wander by the murm'ring stream, To pull the roses fresh and fair, And learn to dream life's idle dream And build the castle in the air."

But the seriousness of life was impressed upon Andrew Wanless at an early age. When only 12 he was bound out for seven years in the bookbinding rade as an apprentice, an occupation that the sign on his late place of business bears witness to today. It was at Dune a small town, seven miles from his birthplace, that he began to learn his life's occupation.

At this time, too, he began to show signs of his future devotion to literature. He wrote poems for the country papers and poined a literary society. At the end of his apprenticeship he went to Edinburgh as foreman in a

The large city gave Andrew Wanless larger opportunities, the value of which he was not slow to appreciate. A school of arts numbered him among its students, and he learned the French lanthat I was achamed to confess to the guage. His residence in Edinburgh did whole world how dearly I love Vivien still more. Mr. Wanless soon enjoyed St. Orme, and how earnestly I yearn among his acquaintances such leaders confession was made to Detective Mcto make her my bride." Henry Cockburn, Robert Chambers, Hugh Miller and Dr. Moir. He paid a visit to Robert Burns' birthplace, and he was called upon to bind the manuscript copies of a number of Sir Walter Scott's novels

It was in 1851 that Andrew Wanless come to America. First Toronto, then Brantford, Ont., and finally Detroit became his home in 1860. From this year the life of Mr. Wanless is inseparably

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interwoven with the history and development of Detroit. His first place of business was an WESTERN ONTARIO His first place of business was an Woodward avenue, on the site now occupied by Goldberg Bros.' stores. It was a little one-story frame structure, what one would call an "old stand-by of a place," but it just suited Andrew Wanless who was never a man that

Sad Death of an Ayr Young Lady by Drowning. Wanless, who was never a man that liked show or pretense. In a modest

Tenders Let for an \$18,000 Church in Petrolia-Golden Wedding Celebration at Chatham-Two St. Thomas Residents Meet With Bad Acci-

Windle S. Wigle, Kingsville, is dead. He was 33 years of age.

The Walker tobacco farms, Windsor produced 260,000 pounds this year. Pinkie Brown, a colored damsel, of Wanasor, roused the mag.strate out of bed the other night to pay an old fine

Cntario sportsmen will petition the legislature to make the open season for qualitwo weeks snorter than it is at bresent.

A narn at Sarnia, owned by Messrs. McGisson and rented by Mr. Wilson, was burned down Wednesday. Mr. Wester Mills, of Ridgetown, has

resigned his position as leader of the Bapust enour there to accept the leadership of the Prespyteman choir. L. A. Hastings, M. C. R. yard brakeman, St. 'momas, nad his left hand

caught while coupling cars Wednes-

In 1872 he published a volume called day morning. 'The maex inger was so "Poems and Songs." He sent a copy to Queen Victoria, who acknowledged baciy crushed that a doctor found it necessary to amputate it. its receipt in a letter that the family Wm. Folick, employed in Garrow's still possesses. William Black, the mill, St. Thomas, while at work, got his right hand caught in a circular English novelist, quoted Mr. Wanless' poem, "The Robin," in his book entitled saw. As a result the thumb and two

fingers were taken off, and the rest of the nand was badly lacerated. John Morvett, hving near Sparta, work. The famous composer, Lohr, of met with a painful accident a few days ago. He and his brother Charles to music. Mr. Wanless' poems number were telling a tree, when it slipped off the stump, and ralling on his foot,

broke several bones and three toes. The Standard Gas Company, which ran its line beneath the Lake Erie of prose and poetry. It is not known track at Ruthven and Oldcastle without obtaining permission, maintains watchmen at both points day and night to see that its pipes are not disurbed. tacked with the grip, which developed into pneumonia. He had been more or (Wm. Ling, a farmer, who lives in the township of Westminster, was charged at the St. Thomas police court Wednesday morning with indecently asmost serious in character. He died at saulting Mary E. Turner, a married

> urday, Dec. 10. The contract for the erection of the new Methodist Church at Petrolia has been let to George Proctor, of Sarnia, price \$15,600. This does not include the seating equipment and several other items, which will probably bring the total cost up to about \$18,000.

> woman, in a West End hotel, on Sat-

Miss Kate Hope, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hope, of Ayr, was at noon Thursday found drowned in the village dam. The deceased left home about half-past ten in the morning and was never again seen alive by the family, the sad discovery being made two hours later. She was in her 43rd

Chatham Planet: The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Andrew was celebrated Tuesday night at his residence, on Queen street, in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew were married 50 years ago on Dec. 20. The Rev. James Dolson performed the ceremony. At that time both resided on the banks of the Thames, about four miles below Chatham.

was presented on Tuesday night with a very handsome gold watch by the members of the Presbyterian Church. Miss Hamilton, during her stay in Petrolia, has taken a leading part in the affairs of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. T. H. Noxon, who for many years

past has been the honored superintendent of the Noxon Bros.' Manufacturing Company, Limited, Ingersoll, but who, along with the other Noxons, has withdrawn from the business, will leave for the Western States in a few days to reside. It is expected that he will go to California, accompanied by cret service, Montreal, was called to his wife and son.

On Sunday evening last Wm. Parker walked into James Hood's livery stable, Woodstock, and asked for a horse and cutter to drive to Ingersoil, saying that he would be back that night, but he never came back. Wednesday Mr. Hood started after Parker with a team of horses. The county of Oxford offers a reward of \$100 for the capture of a horse thief, so Parker should be caught soon.

which the prisoner Parslow had made to him. Jos. Grattan, jailer at that In Favor of Doan's Kidney Pills Sweeping Over Halifax! ing witnesses had said. He had heard Parslow say that Cordelia Viau had

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—Walter Scott

Again at Christmas did we weave The holly round the Christmas hearth; The sident snow possessed the earth

-Tennyson. Lo! now is come our joyful'st feast! Let every man be jolly. Each room with ivy leaves is drest And every post with holly.

For little children everywhere A joyous season still we make: We bring our precious gifts to them Even for the dear child Jesus' sake.

-Phoebe Cary At Christmastide the open hand Scatters its bounty o'er sea and land. And none are left to grieve alone, For love is heaven and claims its

own. -Margaret Sangster. At Christmas play and make good

For Christmas comes but once a year.

—Tuseer. Blow, bugles of battle the marches of peace;

long quarrel cease; Sing the song of great joy that the angels began, Sing of glory to God and of goodwill to man. -Whittier.

East, west, north and south, let the

LONDON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

London township council met on Dec 15. All the members were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed. The communication from the Union Advertising Company, re claim of W. C. Gowan, was referred to the reeve. Orders for the following amount were issued: D. McNair, \$340, percentage allowed on taxes paid Dec. 14, 1897, and \$6 22, tax remitted indigent; D. Robson, \$30, for filling at approaches to bridge, lot 15, con. 13; Lawson, \$400 on account for building bridge, lot 15, con. 8; J. Elliott, \$1, for spreading gravel; R. Clare, \$79 30, for gravel put on approaches to bride, lots 8 and 9, con. 1, and eight days overseeing same, C. P. R., to refund two-thirds; J. Stanley, \$1, for valuing sheep killed by dogs; P. Imlay, \$3 33, for one sheep killed by dogs; Allan Routledge, \$1, for valuing sheep killed by dogs; E. D. Blake, \$11 20, for tile for ditch at Bryanston; A. Cummings, \$4 50, serving notices in appeal on Smith and Abray award, \$15 28 for wood for town hall and services as janitor, and \$4 10 for stationery and postage; F. H. Pulham, 25 cents, for ditching; T. Henry, \$10, for road work; treasurer of London, \$21 38, one-half cost of 25 cords of gravel put on con. 3, and 3½ days spreading some; C. McRoberts, \$8 93, one-half cost of gravel put on north townline; W. C. Curtis, \$3 25, for one cord of wood for C. Smith, indigent; P. Steel, \$4, for one sheep killed by dogs; G. Edwards, \$1, for valuing same; C. Needham, \$12, for two days at Collver drain, one at McIntyre's, one at Jones', one day at bridge, lot 27, con. 7, and one at bridge on lot 27, con. 8: Wm. Gough, \$1, for use of jacks to raise bridge; J. H. Hodgins, \$10, to purchase provisions for John Bell and family, in poor circumstances; Henry, \$2, for graveling; Dr. McNeill. \$5, expenses to Toronto in connection with board of health; T. J. Clatworthy Miss Hamilton, head stenographer in the Imperial Oil Company's office, Petrolia, who is leaving for New York, Clark, \$2, for one day inspecting bridge, and \$2 for one day settling Second claim; J. H. Hodgins, \$2. for same, and \$10 for overseeing the filling of approaches to bridge; J. H. Hodgins. C. Needham and J. McLeod, \$2 each, for inspecting several bridges with F. B. Talbot, county commissioner. The members of the council were paid their salaries and fees to date. Bylaw ios, appointing deputy returning officer and fixing polling places for the election of 1899, was passed. Council adjourned. James Grant, clerk.

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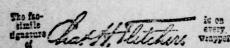
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38; Quebec, 84-38; Halifax, 34-48. Toronto, Dec. 24-1 a.m.-Probabilities-Lower lakes: Fresh to strong westerly winds; fair; local snow flur-

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-Rev. Thomas Wilson completes his interesting course to young people in King Street Church comorrow evening. -Christmas cheer was yesterday distributed to over thirty families by the King's Daughters of Dundas Center

Methodist Church. -Two searlet fever cards were put up by the health inspector yesterday. one on Waterloo street north and the other on Lorne avenue.

-At a meeting of Socialists, held at Trebilcock's Hall last night, speeches were delivered by Messrs. A. B. Barter, Darch, Ashplant and Mr. and Mrs.

-Dr. Seaborn, of East London, has presented a medal to Miss Edith Thornat the recent examination.

-Mr. J. A. Robinson was in London us a post card, writing your name and yesterday attending an examination for discovery in the case of Lewis vs. London Street Railway, an action for damages for injuries.—St. Thomas

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—Just come here today or tonight for his Christmas Box, and all have

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

BOUGHNER,

-Mr. George C. Griffin, son of Mr. George J. Griffin, of this city, formerly with A. McInnis, seed merchant, and latterly bookkeeper with Laidlaw, Watson & Co., has left for St. Paul,

-The old weather saw that "as the days lengthen the cold strengthens," can be depended upon, and as the shortest day of the year is past the verification of the adage may be looked for. Today (Saturday) the sun crossed the meridian line at exactly

-The first hockey match of the season takes place at the Jubilee rink Monday morning at 11 o'clock, between Ingersoll and the City League Jubilee Team. The Ingersoll team is a strong one, and the Jubilees have four new men, so the game promises to be fast and exciting.

-The Ontario Government has not yet been officially notified of any demand by the Washington authorities for the surrender of Brown, the peg-leg held here, charged with the murder or Policeman Toohey, on the ground that the prisoner was kidnapped in United States territory.

-The services in the First Congregational Church tomorrow will be appropriate for Christmas Day. Mr. Pedley, in the evening, will conclude the present series of sermons, and announce another one for the new year. A special offering will be taken to close the year free of debt.

-Mr. Ernest Hastings, B.A., LL.D. of Parkhill, the Canadian actor playing in San Francisco, has received \$100,000, bequeathed him by an unknown benefactress in Lancashire, England. The story of the romantic bequest was told six weeks ago. The lucky man in a letter to his brother, a student at Trinity University, Toronto, rejoices in the receipt of the cash.

-Late yesterday afternoon ice about four feet thick began to ride over the waterworks dam. The sunken steamer Thames was carried within twenty feet of the dam, where the great weight of song, the school; recitation, Daisy Rusarea which was central over Lake of the dam, where the great weight of Huron yesterday is now passing over ice piled into the old craft and again sunk her. Efforts will be made to have the boat removed, in order to prevent her going over the dam, and doing seri-

The choir of St. Andrew's Church will render special Christmas music on Sunday. The choir will be assisted by Birthday of a King"; anthem, solo by Miss E. Hartson; chorus, "Sing, O Heavens"; organ preludes, "Pastorale in E," by Lemare; "Pilgrims" Chorus," from Tannhauser, and "Hallelujan Chorus," from Messiah.

-The annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of King Street Presbyterian Church was held yesterday, the president, Mrs. (Rev.) Thomas Wilson in the chair. The secretary's and treasgie Wade; first vice-president, Mrs. S. Clare; second vice-president, Mrs. D. H. Dobbin; secretary, Mrs. Thomas Link; financial secretary, Mrs. George Ewen;

-The following list of patents recently granted to inventors residing in Canada is reported for The Advertiser by P. J. Edmunds, international patent solicitor, London: United States patents -R. Burger, Toronto, refracting globe or chimney for lamps; F. Carveth, Toronto, hook and eye; L. Cockburn,

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Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Jennings, of the Western Hotel, which place had been the home of the late R. E. Van Horne for several years, were yesterday surprised by the recept of the following letter, accompanied by a magnificent gold-plated banquet lamp:
"To Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Jennings,

Western Hotel: "We beg of you to accept the accompanying lamp as a small token of esteem, and especially of our appreciation and acknowledgment of kindness shown by you toward our late friend and comrade, Russell E. Van Horne. Wishing you the compliments of the

season, we remain, "JOHN RICH,
"CHARLIE MASON, "ROBERT LISTER,
"GEO. McDONALD."
The letter and gift speak volumes
of the popularity of Mr. and Mrs. Jen-

THE CHRISTMAS TEA The annual Christmas entertainment and tea of the Elizabeth Street Christian Church Sunday school, in the East End, was held on Thursday evening. There was a large attendance of scholars, all of whom enjoyed themselves immensely. Mr. George Johnston, assistant superintendent, occupied the chair, and introduced the following programme: Song, "Joy Bells," infant class; reading, Nellie Boldick; song, the school; address of welcome, Lily Hutson; song, infant class; recitation, Pearl Baker; dialogue, by fourteen scholars; recitation, Mattie Rogers; song, the school; recitation, Emma Jean; recitation, Ethel Russel; song, the school; recitation, Roy Hickson; song, Lizzie sell; song, infant class; recitation, Lily Hill; recitation, Ethel Dagger; song, the school. Miss Jennie Kilgour act-

ed as accompanist. EAST NISSOURI WEDDING.

A very pleasant event occurred at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. D. Mc-Mrs. Lute, who will sing "The Christ Millan, on Wednesday evening, Dec. Child." The services will include "The 21, when their eldest daughter Jessie Mr. J. W. McIntosh; carol, "Christmas E., was united in marriage to Mr. H. Bells Are Ringing"; solo, "O Thou M. Ramsay, a prosperous young farm-That Tellest Good Tidings" (Messiah), er of West Nissouri. The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. H. Smith, M.A., B.D., of Thamesford. The bride, who was given away by her father, was handsomely attired in a costume of cream cashmere trimmed with pearl ornaments, Brussels net and lace. She was assisted by her sister, Miss Sadie, who wore cream serge trimmed with pearls and cream lace. The groom was supported by his brother, Mr. James er's reports showed the society to be in Ramsay. At the conclusion of the cerea good condition. The following offi-cers were elected: President, Miss Mag-ing-room, where a tempting repast, mony the guests repaired to the dinwas served and congratulations shed upon the newly-wedded couple. The numerous valuable wedding presents testify to the high esteem in which treasurer, Mrs. Taylor; supply committee, Mrs. Maitland, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. many friends. The evening was most delightfully spent. Excellent music was furnished by the Currie Bros., of Belmont, and the young people danced till daylight, after which Mr. and Mrs. Ramsay departed amid showers of rice and good wishes for their new home on the 5th con.

MONDAY NIGHT, DANIEL R. RYAN Daniel R. Ryan and his clever company, including Miss Ethel Fuller, will be at the Grand Opera House all next week in a repertorie or standard plays. Seats are now on sale for the entire engagement, and the prices are 10, 20, 30 and 50 cents. A pleasing feature of every performance is a number of bright and up-to-date singing and dancing specialties between the acts. Matinees will be given on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. Plays to be presented Monday Matinee, John L. Steven's sensational comedy-drama, "Wife for Wife." Monday (Christmas) night "The Fatal Wedding," Tuesday, Charles Frohman's great New York success, "The Lost Paradise," with special scenery and effects. 'Wednesday night, the famous play, "Ingomar." Thursday, Sir Charles Young's masterpiece, "Jim, the Penman." Friday, the London and Paris success, "After Twenty Years." Saturday matinee, "The Lady of Lyons," and Saturday night, "From Sire to Son." CONCERT AND ASSEMBLY.

An enjoyable concert and assembly was given in Germania Hall, Richmond street, last night, by the clgarmakers' local union, No. 278. The attendance was large and the programme was an excellent one. Mr. James Donnelly, president of the union, made a few happy remarks in opening the concert. The chair was occupied by Mr. Jos. Kelly. The members of the company who were burned out at the Music Hall on Monday night took a prominent part in the programme, and were warmly applaud-Local talent also participated, among the latter being Meesre. F. Gruber and E. Ardell, instru-mentals; Messrs. J. O'Neil, J. Birmingham, J. Williams, James Clark and M. Keough; comic sketches, Messre. Walsh and Allen; dancing, Miss Florence Small, and a banjo and guitar duet, Mr. and Miss Lillimann. The

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music for the assembly was furnished by Ensign's orchestra, and Messrs. F. McGeary and S. Taylor were the floor managers. The committee in charge of the affair consisted of Mesers. J. Kelly, chairman; A. W. Jones, secretary, and Frank McGeary, treasurer.

AT THE GRAND.

"Under Sealed Orders," in many respects one of the strongest plays seen here this season, was put on at the Grand again last night before as good an audience as could be expected at this time of depleted purses. Maurice Freeman, as Andre Sanson, a human flend, hideous and full of hate, a cunning madman, crazed by the desire for revenge and thirsting for the blood of his enemies, won storms of applause from the pit, and hisses from the gallery. Nadine Winston made a beautiful Julie, and she not only looked the part the passionately devoted child of

the desert, but she interpreted a wide range of emotions with admirable feeting and expression. Raymond Whittaker, as Tom Mulville, gives some prom-ise. Neither Joseph Damery, as the Arab chief, nor George Fulton, as an eccentric French scientist, are quite

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GREETING!

The Christmas Pastoral of the Bishop of Huron.

To the laity of the Diocese of Huron, greeting: Dear brethren,-At no time in the past history of the diocese has there ever arisen an occasion which so loudly demanded the earnest loyalty and substantial sympathy of the laity as the present moment. You are aware how many of your clergy, for whom I know you entertain the most profound respect, have suffered severely throughout the past year by the serious dimi-nution of their at all times scanty incomes. It is needless for me to say that this reduction, which has been owing to the depressed condition of the mission fund, must have sorely distressed not only the clergy themselves, but also their wives and families. And now, when soon the merry bells from our belfry towers will be ringing out the advent of another Christmastide, the whole in fairly capable hands. The staging is une ceptionable. the advent of another Christmastide, and when God's goodness in the late abundant harvest has placed vast resources in your hands, may I ask your kindly assistance and sympathetic remembrance of those noble and devoted men who so faithfully labor among you, and endeavor, by every effort, to lead you onward in the heavenly way. Trusting you will do even more abundantly than I ask, I remain, your broth-

er in the Lord. MAURICE S. HURON.