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## Births, Marriages, Deaths

MARRIED

BARR—CARROTHERS—At the Memorial Church this morning, by the Rev. C. C. Owen, Mr. David Barr, of Sarnia, was united in marriage to Miss Alice Carrothers, of this city.

## Amusements and Lectures

10c per line, or 2c per word, each insertion.

LONDON - OPERA - HOUSE.
TUESDAY, DEC. 18.
Return of last season's greatest success, the quaint rural drama, by Eleanor Merron,
"The Dairy Farm."
Entire original production. Indorsed by all leading clergymen as pure and wholesome. Prices, 25c, 50c, 75c, $1. Plan now open. 41k

PRINCESS ICE PALACE—CLOSED TONIGHT; watch the ball. Season books, ladies and children, $3; gentlemen, $3 50. b

TONIGHT—YEIGH'S DESCRIPTIVE TALK, Talbot Street Baptist Church. Great treat assured. b

JUBILEE RINK—MUSICAL SOCIETY Band this (Tuesday) evening. Ice hard. b

LECTURE—PROF. CLARK, CRONYN Hall, Thursday evening, December 20. Tickets, 25 cents. b

AUDITORIUM—THURSDAY—POPULAR Concert Course, number three. Plan now open. b

AUDITORIUM—PLAN FOR SCOTCH Concert by the Forty-eighth Highlanders band and pipers, opens tomorrow at 9 o'clock. 25c, 50c, 75c. b

SPECIAL FOR THE WINTER SEASON—Lake Superior, sailing from St. John to Liverpool, Friday, Jan. 11, use of first cabin stateroom and dining saloon at second cabin rate of $35 from St. John. F. B. Clarke, Richmond street, next Advertiser.

DANCING—NEW TERM FOR BEGINNERS opens week January 7th. Learn from competent and experienced teachers. Terms liberal. Dayton & McCormick.

PRIVATE LESSONS IN DANCING BY R. B. Millard, 345 Princess avenue. Special attention given to the waltz and two step. Rapid teaching. Low rates. Lessons any hour.

## Meetings.

ANNUAL MEETING—THE ANNUAL meeting of the shareholders and patrons of the Muncey Road Cheese Manufacturing Company of Caradoc will be held at 2 o'clock on Friday afternoon, Dec. 28, in S. S. No. 3 schoolhouse, Caradoc. Sam H. Nagle, president; Chas. F. Price, secretary. 44u

## Domestics Wanted.

WANTED—GENERAL SERVANT. NO washing. Apply Mrs. Depper, 239 Hamilton road. 42c

WANTED—GOOD GENERAL SERVANT—65 Byron avenue, London South. 42c

WANTED—GENERAL SERVANT OR one to assist. Mrs. Coleman, No. 22 The Ridgeway, South London. 42c

WANTED—50 GENERAL GIRLS AND cooks for London, St. Thomas and Woodstock; big wages. Mrs. Lockhart's Employment Office, European Hotel, Dundas street. Phone 964.

## Male Help Wanted.

1c per word first insertion, and ½c per word each subsequent insertion. No advt. less than 10 words.

WANTED—CHORE BOY FOR FARM near city. Box 1, Advertiser. 43u

## Agents Wanted.

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$3 A DAY SURE—SEND US YOUR ADDRESS and we will show you how to make $3 a day: absolutely sure; we furnish the work and teach you free; you work in the locality where you live. Send us your address and we will explain the business fully; remember we guarantee a clear profit of $3 for every day's work; absolutely sure; don't fail to write today. Imperial Silverware Company, Box A407, Windsor, Ont. ywt

CITY CANVASSER TO SOLICIT ORDERS for Roswell's tea and coffee, 748 Richmond street.

PATENT MEDICINE AGENTS—WE have a proposition to offer you; send postal; write quick. The Dr. Roberts Medicine Co., London Ont.

## Situations Wanted

1c per word first insertion, and ½c per word each subsequent insertion. No advt. less than 10 words.

WANTED—SITUATION BY BOOKKEEPER, employed at present, six years experience, $8 a week to start. First-class reference. Address Box 75, Advertiser. 39n

## Houses, Etc., To Let.

TO LET—TWO GOOD ROOMS, SUITABLE for light housekeeping; central; convenience modern. Apply 510 Dufferin avenue. 42c tyt

TO LET—SHOP, WITH VAULT, ALBION Building, next door Canadian Express. Apply T. H. Carling, "The Brewery," or Colerick Bros., Richmond street. 43n

MASONIC TEMPLE—A FEW OFFICES in the Masonic Temple, suitable for offices or sample rooms, to let with heat. Apply to Purdom & Purdom, Masonic Temple Building. 42n

TO LET—STORE AT PRESENT OCCUPIED by The Dominion Savings and Investment Society. Apply Thos. C. Knott. 31tf

TO LET—LARGE STORE, NO. 173 DUNDAS street. Possession Dec. 1. Apply, Fitzgerald, Scandrett & Co. 3tf

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

"QUALITY IS OUR KEYNOTE"

**Nordheimer Pianos...**

These superior and high-grade pianos are particularly adapted for Christmas presents, as they are gems of the piano maker's art in rich and melodious tone and mechanical perfection. For wife, sister or mother they are royal gifts and you can buy them on easy terms.

**The Nordheimer Piano & Music Co.,**
LIMITED,
188 Dundas Street.
60 YEARS ESTABLISHED.



**Santa Claus Coming.**

A pair of comfortable, well-fitting, stylish Shoes or Slippers cannot but be deemed a sensible Christmas gift. When you consider the dampness of the streets incident to inclement Winter weather, any sensible man or woman would deeply appreciate a pair of our genuine damp-proof

**RUBBER SOLE BOOTS.**

These are the ideal winter footwear—a sure protection against colds by keeping the feet warm and dry.

Have you seen our Men's, Women's and Children's Velvet and Felt Boots and Slippers? If not, you should do so at once. They are "selling like hot cakes," and are as comfortable and "warm as toast."

**Brown's Shoe Store**
(Near Smallman & Ingram's)
145 DUNDAS STREET.

## Help Wanted.

WANTED—D. B. NOTES, GERMANIA, Franklin and all others paid; return at once; needed here. Elysian. 44u yz

## Teachers Wanted.

WANTED—TEACHER—NO. 6, CARADOC; state salary and certificate. Wm. Blair, Roome. 42u ty

## Lost and Found.

NOTICE—PARTY WHO TOOK OVERCOAT from Jubilee Rink Saturday evening must return it to box office at once and save further trouble and get his coat and gloves. b

LOST—SUM OF MONEY, ON CLARENCE street, between G. T. R. and Dufferin avenue, or on Dufferin, between Clarence and Richmond. Reward if returned to Advertiser. 43c

LOST—ON G. T. R. TRACK, NEAR LONDON Junction, a pair of gold eyeglasses, gold chain attached. Finder rewarded by leaving at Tremain's store, London Junction. 43u

LOST—FRIDAY NIGHT LAST, ON WILLIAM street, small mosaic Brooch. Finder rewarded at this office. b

FOUND—NEAR COBBLE HILL, ONE robe. Samuel Patteison, Cobble Hill P. O. 42c

LOST—PAIR OF SPECTACLES IN BLACK case. Suitable reward for return to this office. 42c

## Articles For Sale.

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TURKEYS—
We are headquarters for all kinds of poultry at wholesale prices; turkeys, ducks, chickens and geese of best quality; sausage meat at 5c per lb; good butter at 18c and 20c per lb at the Murphy Provision Store. ywt

FOR CHRISTMAS—TO THOSE OUT OF work or earning less than $1 a day we will sell on Saturday, 22nd, one half ton any kind of coal for $2 50 or half cord good soft wood blocks for $1 50; all others the usual price. Green & Co., William street and Grand Trunk Railway. N. B.—Bring this and with you.

FOR SALE—BUFF WYANDOTTES, BRED from prize stock; also canaries, beautiful singers. Apply 724 Maitland street. 43c

$100 VIOLIN FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE, at a bargain; also square piano. Sanborn & Trebilcock, 183 Dundas street, London (Anderson's book store).

PORTRAITS BY ROLLSTON FOR Christmas presents. 366 Grosvenor street. 39ba

FOR SALE—CHEAP—WHITE LEGHORNS, canaries, linnets and thrushes, English birds. Inquire 29 Pipe Line. 43c

IF YOU ARE TROUBLED WITH OLD sores, piles, burns, skin disease, use New Century Magic Salve. No. 3 Market Square.

STORM SASH MUST BE PUT ON, EAVESTROUGHS cleaned, trees pruned. Now is the time to buy an extension ladder. Factory, 405 York street. Catalogue free. Address, The Waggoner Ladder Co., Limited, London, Ont.

BARGAINS AT PARISH'S STORE—Few more baseburners left with ovens; 1 Red Cross, 2 Royals, Parlor and Cookstoves for coal. Furniture, Bedroom Sets, Mattresses, Springs, all taken in exchange. Remember place, 357 Talbot street, south Market Square.

GOOD SALMON, 10c; FINE HONEY, 15c A comb; 7 bars good laundry soap, 25c; bread, 4c per loaf; new raisins, 10c lb; dates, 7c; currants, 2 lbs for 25c; first class potatoes, 35c bag; delivered to all parts of the city. R. A. Ross, corner York and Thames streets. ywt

ACCOUNT BOOKS FOR 1901 MADE TO PATTERN, ORDER TODAY. GOLD EMBOSSING DONE ON PURSES, BIBLES and LEATHER GOODS.
CHAPMAN'S BINDERY,
91 Dundas street.

HARD WOOD—BEECH AND MAPLE—Best quality; also soft wood. Prompt delivery. S. Gillies & Son. Phone, 1,312.

SIRLOIN AND PORTERHOUSE STEAK, 10c; rib roast, 9c; shoulder roast, 7c and 8c; boiling pieces, 5c and 6c, at Park's, corner Market Lane.

SKATES, AIR GUNS, POCKET KNIVES, at lowest prices. D. McKenzie & Co., 298 Richmond street, one door south G. T. R. station.

$2.75—A SOLID OAK DESK FOR $2 75. A fine present for husband or son. Keene Bros., 127 King street.

BUCHANAN'S COAL AND WOOD DELIVERED to any part of city Office 632 Colborne street. Phone. 1096.

A SNAP—ONE LARGE BURL WALNUT piano, 7⅓ octaves, fancy carved panels, 3 pedals, used only short time and as good as new. Guaranteed. Only $225, on easy terms. Heintzman & Co., corner Dundas and Clarence.

STOVES—NEW AND SECOND HAND—Very cheap at Keene's Stove and Furniture Store, 141 King street

**COME EARLY,**
Big and Little Ones.

The Christmas Spirit Prevails in the Big Store.

We are ready for the great holiday business with every line of seasonable Footwear. Large assortment and good values give this store a distinct leadership in the shoe trade.



Most useful gifts. Anything in Footwear, Trunks, Valises, Rubbers and Overshoes, Men's and Women's Skating Boots.

**Pocock Bros.**
140 Dundas Street.

## Wanted.

WANTED TO PURCHASE—HOUSE, with all modern conveniences, four bedrooms, double parlors, etc., neighborhood of Princess, Dufferin or Queen's avenue or King street, and near Victoria Park. Address, stating all particulars, location and price, to Box 4, this office. 44c

WANTED—TO RENT—SMALL PLACE near city. Address, Box 2, Advertiser. 44c

WANTED—WASHING TO DO AT HOME by respectable woman. References if required. 853 Queen's avenue. 42c

## Real Estate.

LOTS FOR SALE—NICE CORNER LOT, Princess avenue and Elizabeth street; one nice lot on Princess (cheap); one fine lot on King street (central); two on St. James (near St. John's Church); one on St. George (near St. James). J. F. Sangster, 403 Richmond street. 36tfy w

FOR SALE—BUILDING LOTS, NEAR new Normal School. Will sell cheap on easy terms. Apply 378 Hidout street. 16tfy w

TWO STORY NEW BRICK AND COTTAGE, Nos. 159 and 161 Bruce street, at a bargain. Must be sold immediately. $2,675 takes both. J. W. G. Winnett, barrister, etc., 420 Talbot street. ywt

## Business Cards.

FOREST CITY PARCEL DELIVERY—Nichols & Co. Orders received at office at Jenkins' Cigar Store, 133 Dundas street, two doors west Market Lane. Phone 170. ywt

## Palmistry.

MISS EVELYN PERRIN, SCIENTIFIC palmist, graduate Occult College in India. This wonderfully gifted young lady is recognized by press and public as the greatest genius of the age. Your fate and fortune is in your hand. Hours 9 to 8. Queen's Hotel 43k

## Business Chances.

BLACKSMITH SHOP AND TOOLS TO rent in country. Good stand. Man preferred to board with family. Address Box 3, Advertiser office. 44c

HARDWARE STORE AND TIN BUSINESS in the town of Seaforth the well known and established business of Johnson Bros. Stock, $8,000 to $10,000, in excellent condition, will be sold at rate on dollar. Elegant store; best stand in town, and can be had at reasonable rental. For further particulars apply to J. C. Smith, Box 433, Seaforth. 38tfy wt

PERSONS WISHING TO PLACE SOME money in sure, profitable investment will do well to address Box N, Advertiser. 29f

## Re McGillivray.

THE VALUABLE oil paintings belonging to the estate of G. A. McGillivray will be sold by auction on Friday evening, the 21st inst., 8 o'clock sharp, by J. W. Jones, at his rooms, 242 Dundas street, city.

Catalogues can be seen on application to the auctioneer, where the paintings will also be on view. As there are many very valuable paintings in this collection, the sale is well worth the attention of the public.
GIBBONS & HARPER,
43i Solicitors for estate.

LIQUOR LICENSE ACT NOTICE—APPLICATION has been made by P. B. Lewis, hotel-keeper, Sarnia road, London township, to have his tavern license transferred to Thomas Lewis, city of London. The board of commissioners for East Middlesex will meet on Thursday, the 27th of December, to consider the same. Alfred Baily, inspector East Middlesex. London, Dec. 13, 1900. 43u

WESTMINSTER TAX NOTICE.
I WILL be at the Fraser House the remaining Thursdays and Saturdays of December to receive the unpaid taxes. Be prompt and save costs. E. S. Hunt, collector. 43u

## Business Chance for Sale.

JOHN WALKER, BRICK MANUFACTURER, William street, having made an assignment for the general benefit of his creditors, there will be offered for sale by public auction, on Wednesday, the 19th day of December, at the hour of 1 p.m., at 910 William street, London, Ontario, the brick yard property, consisting of about 7 acres of land, situate in the city of London, upon which there are two frame dwelling houses, a good barn and stable.

The soil is of good clay and well adapted for the manufacture of brick. There will also be offered for sale at the said time and place the engine and boiler, and all of the machinery plant used in the manufacture of brick; also all the brick trucks, molds, wheelbarrows, spades, shovels, picks, 4 horses, 1 wagon, 1 single buggy, 1 open buggy, 1 set single harness, 1 set double harness, nearly new, several thousand feet of lumber, sawing machine, bobsleighs, several cords of wood and many other articles. A large quantity of manufactured brick will also be offered for sale. The entire property will be sold en bloc as a going concern and if the reserve bid is not reached the personal property will be sold separately. A list of the personal property can be seen on application to Robert Williamson, upon the premises, or to Messrs. Meredith & Fisher, solicitors for the assignee, 74 Dundas street, London, Ontario. 43u tf

# BOERS CROSS THE BORDER!

## Enemy Invade Cape Colony Near Aliwal North and Reach Kaapdaal.

### Capture of a Detachment of Brabant's Horse Confirmed—Reports of a Severe Battle in Which the Boers Were Defeated Reach England—No Details Given.

INVADED BY THE BOERS.

London, Dec. 18.—A Cape Town dispatch of the 17th says: Seven hundred Boers have crossed from Orange River Colony into Cape Colony near Aliwal North, and have reached Kaapdaal.

Cape Town, Dec. 18.—The Boers who crossed the Orange River into Cape Colony, west of Aliwal North, on Saturday, encountered the Cape Rifles and Brabant's force, who retired with loss.

Lord Kitchener, in a dispatch from Pretoria, dated Dec. 17, reports that all the British wounded in the engagement at Nooitgedacht have arrived there, and are doing well.

Gen. Kitchener, in a dispatch received by the war office, confirms the press dispatch from Aliwal North, Cape Colony, of last night, announcing the capture by the Boers of a detachment of Brabant's Horse, on Dec. 13, near Zastron, Orange River Colony, and says 107 men were made prisoners on that occasion.

BRITISH SUCCESS.

London, Dec. 17.—The report of another severe battle, resulting in a British victory, is current here. According to the story the fighting began at daybreak today, and lasted several hours. The Boers, who numbered from 1,500 to 2,000 men, were surrounded at the Orange River, and totally defeated with very heavy losses in killed and wounded. A number of Boers were captured.

London, Dec. 17.—The colonial office, in announcing that Sir Alfred Milner succeeds Lord Roberts as administrator of the conquered territory in South Africa, says his taking up his residence at Johannesburg on account of his health must not be regarded as a settlement of the capital question.

### The Canadians.

WILL CALL AT HALIFAX.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—A cablegram from Lord Strathcona says that the Lake Champlain will call at Halifax before going to St. John.

It is the intention of the Ottawa boys who went to the Transvaal war to try to do something in their quiet way for Pte. W. Mulloy, who has been so unfortunate as to lose his eyes in the service. They will meet shortly and make arrangements to carry their scheme to completion. Their idea is to commence a chain letter, calling for a moderate subscription. This, they think, will appeal to all classes, rich and poor.

ANOTHER DEATH.

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 17.—Pte. B. Cross, of B company, third R. C. R. I., died at the station hospital here this afternoon. He belonged to Aultsville, Ont.

RELIEF FOR INVALIDED SOLDIERS.

[Special to The Advertiser per C.P.R.]

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the Canadian Patriotic Associaton, a general scheme of relief, adapted as far as possible to the varying needs of dependents, was approved of for temporary action. Arrangements were also made for the temporary relief of invalided soldiers.

On account of the valuable services rendered in sending and fitting out Canadian contingents to South Africa, Lieut.-Col. Pinault, deputy minister of Militia, and Lieut.-Col. MacDonald, director of stores, are to be raised to the rank of colonel.

PRIVATE DANDY.

Pte. R. C. Dandy, of Strathcona's Horse, whose death on the 11th inst., was announced by cable, was a son of John Dandy, of Sarnia. He had been a resident in the Northwest for nearly twenty years past, and when the South African war broke out, was a member of the Northwest Mounted Police. He enlisted last February in Strathcona's Horse. He was about 35 years old.

NOTES.

M. Manzoni, who introduced in the Swiss National Council the resolution demanding that Great Britain accept arbitration with the Transvaal, announces that the council declined to act thereon.

Mr. Kruger, at The Hague, received Wm. T. Stead, who urged him to continue his tour of Europe and to go to America. The Boer statesman listened attentively, but declined to commit himself by any definite statement.

Prince of Wales and Lord Rosebery, as follows: "Woe to any country in which the heirs to the throne and prime ministers favor the racecourse, as exists among us today. If princes are guilty, it is a poor consolation for us to rebuke peasants. If the premier can blaspheme, he has no right to rebuke ribaldry upon the street. I would rather have as premier a man of solid character, than one of brilliant mind, addicted to habits that may have the effect of a pestilence upon the rising generation.

# FROZEN TO DEATH

### Sufferings of a Capsized Lighthouse Party.

### Three Perished and Two Will Lose Their Legs—Death on the Prairie.

Manitowac, Wis., Dec. 18.—W. H. Shields and Wm. McCauly, both almost frozen to death, and the dead bodies of Mrs. Shields and her niece, Mrs. Mary Davis, was brought to Manitowoc on the steamer Manhattan, Sunday. The party had attempted to reach shore in a small sail boat from the lighthouse. Last Friday they set out for the mainland, seven miles distant, when a heavy wind struck the sail and capsized the boat. After great difficulty the party, with the exception of Lucien Morden, of Montague, Mich., got upon the upturned boat. Morden sank without an attempt to save himself. The others drifted about the lake for 24 hours, when Mrs. Shields succumbed, and some hours afterwards Mrs. Davis died from the exposure. The Manhattan picked up the men in the north channel about 1 p.m. Saturday.

The two rescued men are so badly frozen that it will be necessary to amputate their lower limbs.

Winnipeg, Dec. 18.—On Saturday, while returning with wood from Assiniboine valley, near Elkhorn, Willie Jones, aged 15 years, was frozen to death, and his brother Albert, aged 15, had his feet frozen badly. The lads were sons of James Jones, Rosebank, a farm near here.

# MANY ELECTION PROTESTS FILED

### Five Additional in Ontario, Chiefly by Liberals—All Seats in P. E. I. Protested—Several in Quebec.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—There were [illegible] five election protests entered at Osgoode Hall yesterday, making seven all from Ontario, in addition to the [illegible] technical petitions by the Conservatives in West Durham and in [illegible]sing, claiming those seats, where there is a dispute over the procedure. Yesterday was the last day for filing petitions. Of the five filed yesterday were against Conservatives and against a Liberal.

Among the petitions against Conservatives are: Messrs. Birke[illegible] Ottawa; McNeill, in North Bruce[illegible]ton, in North Wellington; Pring[illegible] Cornwall and Stormont, and Tho[illegible] in West Durham.

The Conservative petitions against Mr. Ross, Liberal, in [illegible] Ontario; Mr. Belcourt, in Ottawa one claiming Nipissing for Mr. [illegible]

Eleven petitions against members elect were filed in Ontario after Dominion elections in 1896.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Election petitions were filed against Sir Louis Davies, Messrs. McKinnon, Hughes, Hackett and Lefurgy.

QUEBEC.

Protests have been entered at St. Scholastique against the election of Mr. R. Prefontaine for Terrebonne county, and against the return of Mr. J. A. C. Ethier for Two Mountains.

Protests have also been entered against the return of Mr. Love, Liberal, in Beauharnois; Mr. Bazinet, Liberal, in Joliette, and Mr. Dugas, Liberal, in Montcalm.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Protests were entered against Hon. A. G. Blair and Col. Tucker in St. John; Hon. H. E. Emerson, Westmorland; Dr. Lewis, Albert county; Mr. James Reid, Restigouche; Mr. A. Gibson, York county, all Liberals; Messrs. Hale, Carleton county; Wilmot, Queens and Sunbury county; Fowler, Kings county, and Ganong, Charlotte county, Conservatives.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Petitions have been filed against the return of ten members of the Federal Parliament in Nova Scotia. All the seats held by the Conservatives in the province have been protested, and an equal number of protests stand against Liberal members. The petitions filed were: C. E. Kaulbach, Lunenburg; S. E. Gourley, Colchester; A. G. Bell, Pictou; R. L. Borden, Halifax; Joseph Matheson, Richmond; Wm. Roche, Halifax; F. B. Wade, Annapolis; H. J. Logan, Cumberland; Sir C. H. Tupper, Pictou; Hon. W. S. Fielding, Queens-Shelburne. The petitions were filed by J. A. Chisholm on behalf of the Conservatives and E. T. Congdon, on behalf of the Liberals. The usual grounds of bribery are stated.

WESTERN CONSTITUENCIES.

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—Mr. A. C. La Riviere filed objections to the protests filed against his election in Provencher.

The Tribune intimates that a protest will probably be made against the return of Mr. Richardson in Lisgar.

A protest was entered against the election of Mr. Walter Scott as Liberal member for West Assiniboia.

Protests were filed against the return of the following opposition candidates:

Macdonald—Against Mr. Nathaniel Boyd. Marquette—Against William James Roche. Lisgar—Against Robt. Lorne Richardson.

NOMINATION FOR GASPE.

Perce, Quebec, Dec. 17.—Horatio Leboutillier, Gaspe Basin, Liberal; D. N. Labrie, of Perce, Liberal, and Xavier Kennedy, Independent, of Douglastown were nominated for Gaspe county today.

# REGARDING THE FAR EAST

### Britain Urges a Change in the Powers' Joint Note.

### A Growl From Washington—The Situation is Said to Show No Improvement.

London, Dec. 18.—"Great Britain has instructed Sir Ernest Satow, I understand," says the Pekin correspondent of the Daily Mail, wiring Sunday, "to urge the retention in the joint note of the word 'irrevocable,' and the inclusion in the preamble of a declaration that 'until the Chinese Government has fulfilled the demands of the powers, Pekin and the Province of Chi Li will not be evacuated by the allied troops.' It is rumored that Germany is warmly supporting the British proposal, and I believe a majority of the powers, and possibly all of them, will eventually accept the proposal, which is hailed here with delight."

With the exception of one, says a Pekin dispatch, all the foreign envoys believe that the government will agree on the part of the preliminary joint note. England is disputing a point with Japan.

A WASHINGTON VIEW.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—Such reports as the state department has had from Mr. Conger up to the present, fail to develop a satisfactory reason for the resistance of the British Government upon amending the Pekin agreement on the one hand, or for the hesitation of the foreign ministers in accordance to the amendment on the other. A close perusal of the British suggestion still fails to show that it is in any sense material.

SITUATION UNIMPROVED.

London, Dec. 18.—A Pekin dispatch to the Pall Mall Gazette dated Dec. 17 says: The situation has not improved by the reports of the powers having reached an agreement, as the scope of the negotiations is limited, and the effect is neutralized. The allies have neglected to close the arsenals and factories at Hankow and Shanghai, and have failed to check the transmission of supplies of ammunition of the Chinest. Tung Fuh Siang thus has every opportunity of rallying and equipping his army. He has secured the position of dictator, terrorizes the empress and controls the whole movements of troops. It will be necessary to give the military operations of the allies a wider area.

BITS OF CHINA.

A dispatch received at Berlin from Pekin, dated Dec. 16, says Li Hung Chang is suffering from influenza. The dispatch also denies that the dowager empress is going to Cheng Tu, Province of Sze Chun.

A Pekin dispatch says: While a number of German officers were dining on Monday they narrowly escaped death by asphyxiation in the fumes from a Chinese stove. Four out of the seven were partly insensible for more than half an hour.

A dispatch from Paris says: The Cross of the Legion of Honor has been conferred on Madame Berosthorn, wife of the Austrian charge d'affaires in Pekin, for her heroic conduct and assistance to the French during the siege of the legations.

# TOTAL WAR LOSSES

### Absolute Loss to the British Army Up to the End of November is 14,178.

London, Dec. 18.—Total reduction of the field force, South Africa, due to casualties, to end of November:

| | Officers. | Men. |
|---|---|---|
| Killed in action | 311 | 3,118 |
| Died of wounds | 93 | 952 |
| Died in captivity | 4 | 92 |
| Died of disease | 163 | 6,566 |
| Accidental deaths | 4 | 176 |
| Missing and prisoners (excluding those who who have recovered or have died in captivity) | 14 | 1,230 |
| Sent home as invalids | 1551 | 35,588 |
| Sent home as invalids | 1,551 | 35,588 |
| Total | 2,140 | 47,588 |
| | | 49,728. |

ABSOLUTE LOSS TO THE ARMY.

| | Officers. | Men. |
|---|---|---|
| Deaths in South Africa. | 575 | 10,804 |
| Missing and prisoners | 14 | 1,236 |
| Invalids sent home who have died | 4 | 231 |
| Left the service as unfit | .. | 1,314 |
| Total | 593 | 13,585 |
| | | 14,178 |

LOSS LESS THAN FIRST STATED.

Madrid, Dec. 18.—An official dispatch from the prefect of Malaga shows the loss of life by the foundering on Sunday of the German training frigate Gneisenau off Malaga to have been less than reported. According to this dispatch 35 fatalities resulted from the accident and 100 persons were injured.

HOT SHOT FOR ARISTOCRATIC BETTORS.

London, Dec. 12. — Rev. Dr. Joseph Parker, pastor of the City Temple, who has assumed for a week the editorship of the London Sun, in today's issue of the paper, under the heading, "Betting and Gambling Forecasts," tilts at the

## Why Not Give Military Brushes?

We have a choice line in solid ebony to select from.

Our assortment of Fine Hair Brushes is the most complete in the city. No one shows so large a variety, or asks such small prices.

Fine Military Brushes in handsome woods, including fine ebony, from $3 20 to $5 00 a pair.

Also Ebony Mirrors, Hair Brushes, Atomizers, etc., at the very lowest prices.

Manicure Sets — A choice assortment.

CAIRNCROSS & LAWRENCE,
Chemists and Druggists,
216 Dundas street, London.

## The Mayorality.

In the past London has had many good mayors. It is safe to say, however, that this city never had a mayor who secured the good-will of the citizens generally and of those immediately associated with him to a greater extent than has Mayor Rumball during the past year.

Mayor Rumball does not appear in any way to have striven for popularity, but by his straightforward, manly course to have secured it. He has not aimed at display; but apparently as each question came up for consideration, has given it his best judgment; and by his genial treatment of those around him has had his views well supported.

His good work is well begun, but not finished, one of the most important things he has on hand being the securing, by means of the belt line, or the spur line, of switching privileges over all the railroads, so as to make London even more desirable than it is as a place for the location of factories.

We were pleased to notice that at last night's meeting he was able to announce that a manufactory from Chicago would be here to begin operations in January.

It was also a good omen for the future when aldermen of both political sides favored the return of Mayor Rumball by acclamation. London in the past has been soaked in small politics to such an extent that even private friendships have been interfered with; and the name of London spread abroad as a political fiery furnace, had anything but a good effect. We are pleased with the change in sentiment. In municipal matters there should be no politics, but both parties should be only too ready to retain the services of so good a man as Mayor Rumball until the good he can do for his city has been accomplished.

We join cheerfully in the sentiment last night expressed that Mayor Rumball should be re-elected by acclamation. The city will flourish all the better for it.

It is particularly appropriate that the closing year of the nineteenth century, and the opening year of the twentieth, should be bridged over by such an evidence of good-will. It is our hope that many years of the twentieth century will be spent before we shall see again a return to the bitter political animosities that marked and marred this city during the last twenty years of the nineteenth century. This closing year of the century should shut out all ill-feeling, and open the way to a better understanding, and to united effort in making our city all it may and ought to be in the important cycle about to begin.

ANNUAL MEETING TONIGHT.

The annual meeting of the Children's Aid Society will be held in one of the city hall committee rooms at 8 o'clock tonight.

NO PROTEST.

It was rumored around the city yesterday that the election of Mr. Hyman, M. P., had been protested by the Conservatives. The time limit for entering a protest was reached at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and no protest was filed for London.

Within a few days more than 1,000 sick soldiers will be on their way home from the Philippines.

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Ironing boards, 10c; grandmother rockers, 10c; extension tables, 10c; round post cradles, 10c; pastry sets, 10c; dolls, 10c and 15c; carpet sweepers, 20c; pocket folding cups, 20c; dolls, 20c; typewriters, $1; pianos (15 keys) $1; furniture sets, 25c; china tea sets, 12½c; doll swings, 25c; toilet sets (5 pieces) 20c and 35c; folding cots, 25c; kitchen sets, 25c; tea sets (7 pieces) 20c; kid dolls, 25c; blackboards, 15c, 25c, 35c and 50c; tricycles, 35c; decorated tea sets (7 pieces) 35c; folding cups (in watch cases) 35c; dolls' carriages, 30c, 35c, 85c and $1; child's wood rockers, 50c; decorated tea sets (15 pieces) 35c; 50c and 75c; dolls' wood rockers, 25c; decorated china sets (15 pieces), $1.25 and $1.50; folding chairs (plush seats) 50c; decorated china sets (20 pieces) $1.25.

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## TOYS FOR BOYS.

Bugles, 5c; frogs that go, 5c; tops, 5c; autotops, 10c; climbing monkeys, 10c; whips, 10c; trumpets, 10c; pacing bobs, 15c; nickel pistols 15c; paint boxes, 20c; 27th Fusiliers, 20c; tin tops, 20c; fur monkeys, 20c; laughing cameras, 20c; pocket folding cups, 20c; fascination game, 25c; gunboats, 25c and 50c; Noah's arks, 25c; artist, 25c; barking dogs, 25c; tops, 25c; globes (educational), 25c; climbing monkeys, 25c; hot air toys, 25c; donkey party, 25c; trumpets, 25c; kid dolls, 25c; tool chests, 25c; magic boxes, 35c; 7th Fusiliers, 35c; khaki soldiers, 35c; tricycles, 35c; motocycles, 35c; express, 35c; folding cups (in watch cases), 35c; 13th Hussars, 35c; tenpins, 35c; reversible engines, 25c; brass engines, 35c; mule truck wagons, 50c; hook and ladder brigades, 75c; fire engines, 10c and 25c; cabs, with driver, 75c; locomotives, 10c; passenger trains, 45c; artillery, $1; fire chief, 50c; fire engines, 65c; patrol wagon, 65c; banks, $1 and $2; brass drums (6-inch) 35c; brass drums (8-inch) 50c; brass drums (11-inch) 75c; blackboards, 15c, 25c, 35c and $1; combination secretary and blackboard, $2; parchesi boards, $1; typewriters, $1; electric batteries, $1; tool chests, 75c.

And the result of months of planning and buying is ready for your viewing and choosing. It's Christmas all over the store. From our Toy Department alone have we picked this half-page of pointers for Christmas buyers. They are only hints to help those who are puzzled. We could comfortably take care of the entire shopping population of the city if we could have them distributed over the entire day instead of having one-fourth in the afternoon. That's why we urge you to come early—as early as convenient.

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### FISTIC.

RUHLIN HAD THE BEST OF IT.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 17.—Gus Ruhlin tonight, at the Pennsylvania Art Club, bested Peter Maher in two of the fastest fights between heavyweights that has been seen here for some time. The bout was limited to six rounds, and under the local law forbidding any decision being announced by the referee, the judgment as to the outcome was left to the audience. Ruhlin did most of the leading, and several times during the fight had Maher very tired. The bout was witnessed by 4,000 people.

A TWENTY-ROUND "GO."

Youngstown, Ohio., Dec. 17.—The 20-round contest between Eddie Lenny and Jack Hamilton tonight before the Youngstown A. C. went the limit, and was the hottest ever witnessed in any ring contest here. Though there was not a knock-down they mixed in every round. Referee Mike Flinn decided it a draw, and was very unsatisfactory, as Lenny clearly outpointed Hamilton. From start to finish Lenny showed himself to be much the better ring general.

### HOCKEY

PERMITS WILL BE GRANTED.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 17.—At a meeting of the Ontario hockey executive tonight the London Hockey Club applied for permission for players to take part in the London City League games. Permits will be granted in individual cases. Players cannot return to the City League after performing with the O. H. A., but must remain in O. H. A. ranks. The Lindsay club, expelled last year for using ineligible players, made an explanation and apology, and was reinstated. Midland applied for permission to play James Lazenby, Walter Rainbird, E. F. Albouse and Ed. Nicholson, of Coldwater, where there is no club, and this was granted. Very little change was made in the club grouping. Belleville Victorias were placed with Cobourg. Port Hope and Peterboro in the intermediate series, and Varsity II. with St. George's, Excelsior and Wellington II.

### BASEBALL.

FLYS.

Franklin, of Buffalo, has offered Jennings, of Brooklyn, $4,000 to manage and play first base for the Bisons next year.

The Players' Protective Association has issued a statement decrying baseball war. They say they will respect all existing contracts.

The release of Amos Rusie by the New York club to the Cincinnati club has not caused much of a sensation among baseball enthusiasts. Rusie is believed to have seen his best days. He has not pitched for two years, and his habits are thought to be against him.

The Eastern League will be greatly strengthened next year by the new rule in the National League limiting the number of players to sixteen after May 15. Brooklyn and Philadelphia have the must players, each having 25 men on the pay roll. The eastern clubs will go after some of the star players who will be crowded out of the National League by the new rule.

### YACHTING.

THE CANADA CUP.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 17.—The Chicago Yacht Club have advised the R. C. Y. C. that the first of the races off Chicago for the Canada cup next summer will be held on Aug. 10, if that date is satisfactory to the Canadians.

### WHEEL.

WHAT THE RACERS GOT.

New York, Dec. 17.—The six-day bicycle racers were paid off this afternoon. Eakes and McFarland received $1,500; Pierce and McEachern, $1,000; Simar and Gougoltz, $750; Kaser and Ryser, $500; Waller and Stinson, $250, and Babcock and Aaronson, $250. Something was given to Turville and Glimm, but how much is not known. After receiving this money Waller said that he and his partner, Stinson, were over $300 losers, their expenses having amounted to much more than they had expected.

### THE TURF.

AT NEW ORLEANS.

New Orleans, Dec. 17.—Fair weather favored the day's racing, but the track was slow. Bloomfield finished first in the first race, but was disqualified for bearing in and interfering with Bell Simpson and Domage, and L. Kane, who rode him, was fined $25 and set down until Jan. 1. The stewards substituted Mitchell for Weber on Locust Blossom in the fifth race.

First race, 1 mile—Bloomfield finished first, but was disqualified; Bell Simpson 2, Domage 3. Time, 1:45½.

Second race, selling, 5 furlongs—Animosity 1, Divonne 2, Gracious 3. Time, 1:02.

Third race, 1 mile, selling—Admetus 1, Silver Coin 2, Hood's Brigade 3. Time, 2:12.

Fourth race, 1 mile, handicap—Frangible 1, Ida Ledford 2, Mint Sauce 3. Time, 1:43.

Fifth race, 7 furlongs—Locust Blossom 1, Judge Magee 2, Heroics 3. Time, 1:31.

Sixth race, 6 furlongs, selling—Sir Christopher 1, Deggs 2, Douster Swivel 3. Time, 1:16½.


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## JOTTINGS FROM NEAR-BY PLACES

Mr. G. W. Hanshaw and Mr. D. Hanshaw, of Evelyn, had a splendid fox hunt on Monday, the 10th inst. After a long chase they succeeded in killing Reynard at Cobble Hill, East Nissouri. They also bagged seven rabbits the same day.

### STRATHROY.

[Advertiser Agent, J. D. Meekison.]

Strathroy, Dec. 18.—The death took place in Caradoc on Wednesday, Dec. 12, of Helena Bairns, wife of Thomas Bairns, aged 34 years. The funeral took place on Saturday morning from the family residence, lot 4, con. 7, Caradoc, to the Roman Catholic cemetery.

J. J. Tilley, inspector of model schools, visited the Strathroy class last week.

The Collegiate Institute cadet corps was formed last week, with 45 members.

Dr. Willmott has been elected worshipful master of Beaver Masonic Lodge. F. W. Tanner and R. Cornyn are wardens; Rev. W. T. Cluff and J. P. Whitehead are treasurer and secretary respectively. Installation will take place on the 27th inst.

Harry Butler has purchased F. Irwin's dray business.

The Young Men's Conservative Club of Strathroy has elected the following officers: President, H. C. Pope; vice-presidents, Wm. Stevenson and Alex. Diggins; secretary, J. Argue; treasurer, M. Donaldson; executive committee, H. Owens, A. Remely, R. J. Avery, R. F. Richardson, Dr. Berdan and Charles Beckett. The first regular meeting will be held Wednesday evening in the rooms over the Dispatch.

This (Tuesday) evening a meeting of the electors of Strathroy will be held in the Firemen's Hall to discuss the provisions of the Cameron-Dunn bonus bylaw. The gentlemen with whom the town is dealing will be present to explain the nature and probable scope of their business enterprise. At this meeting will also be presented a report of what the reception committee purposes to do for Pte. McBeth.

C. H. McDougall, of Strathroy, has passed the primary examination of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario.

The bachelors and benedicts of Strathroy will give a ball on New Year's Eve.

Rev. Dr. Henderson will preach at the missionary anniversary service in the Front Street Church on Sunday, Dec. 23.

The nominations for county councillors for district No. 8 will be made in the Firemen's Hall, Strathroy, on Monday, Dec. 24. Proceedings will be in charge of J. H. McIntosh, of Strathroy, nominating officer.

Mr. E. E. Hilton, formerly of Strathroy, has become the mechanical superintendent of the Clinton New Era.

### KOMOKA

Komoka, Dec. 18.—The Presbyterian Sabbath school will hold their Christmas tree and entertainment on Tuesday (Christmas) evening, Dec. 25. A programme of recitation, dialogue, drill, song and chorus will be given. Artists from London will also assist.

The Methodist Sabbath school will hold their Christmas tree and entertainment on Wednesday evening, Dec. 26. A varied programme has been provided.

Miss Lea Pender, who has been in Adrian, Mich., for some time past, visited her many friends here, en route to her new home in Palmerston.

Mr. Albert Wernham, who has been in Perry, N. Y., for about two years, is visiting friends here.

Miss Maggie Stewart is spending the week in London.

Miss Rachel McIntyre has been on the sick list.

Mr. Dan Cushing has returned from Strathroy.

Mr. Yeo, of London, occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church on Sunday afternoon.

Professor Russell, of the Woodstock College, conducted services in the Baptist Church Sunday morning and evening.

The funeral of the late Donald McFarlane, who died suddenly on Saturday last, took place on Monday afternoon, from Mr. T. G. Turnbull's residence.

Mr. McPherson, principal of the school here, spent Sunday in Strathroy.

A number of the young people of this village spent a very pleasant time at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Stoddart, London township, one evening last week.

Mr. Cameron, of Woodstock College, occupied the pulpit of the Baptist Church Sunday morning and evening. His subject for evening was "Salvation is of the Lord," on which he delivered a very impressive address. Both sermons were much appreciated.

The G. T. R. section men have been working in Strathroy.

Last Tuesday evening being the Royal Templars' rally night, a number of the village people and a load from London Council, gathered at their hall, where they spent a very enjoyable evening. After tea, games and other amusements were indulged in, and at a late hour the crowd left for home.

## HOW DONEGAN FELL

*Private Trolley, Who Was His Chum, Tells About Paardeberg.*

[Chatham Planet.]

Pte. F. H. Trolley, a member of the first Canadian contingent, and South African veteran, was in the city today. Mr. Trolley is a well-built, manly fellow, comely in features and pleasant in conversation. Mr. Trolley made it a point to see Edward Donegan, of the C. P. R. offices here. At Paardeberg, Trolley and Donegan were side by side, and the former was not more than a few yards from the brave Maple City soldier who stained with his life's blood the sun-burned veldt at Paardeberg.

Speaking of the late Pte. Donegan, Mr. Trolley said: "We crossed the Modder River together. During the march to the river, Jack had been suffering with sore feet, but he pluckily held out. After the further bank of the river had been reached, B company spread out in extended order. Jack Donegan, Al Rae, of Glencoe (formerly bartender at the Rankin here) and myself were together. We were supposed to be five paces apart, but I suppose Donegan and I were scarcely more than five feet away all day. One of the boys had some cigarettes, and we helped him to smoke them. All day long we lay on the field of Paardeberg singing to each other and doing other little things to cheer each other up. Towards evening came the order to fix bayonets and charge. Donegan was one of the first to rush forward. He seemed exceptionally light-heated, even for him, and he was singing 'Just Behind the Times.' He hadn't gone very far, however, before he fell. I could tell he was hit hard from the way he dropped. In the evening I wanted to go back for Jack, but our officers wouldn't let us leave the tent, and the companies that had been in reserve were sent.

"Henry Burrell has Donegan's jackknife and some other keepsakes, which Burrell has promised to bring home."


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ELECTRIC SEAL COLLARETTES, with large cluster of Sable Tails, regular price $8 00, ours $5 00.

LADIES' SABLE BOAS, $5 00 each.

LADIES' ELECTRIC SEAL BOAS, $3 89 each.

Large Blue Opossum Boas, cheap at $8 00, our price $5 97 each.

Ladies' Black Opossum Boas, $2 39 each.

Ladies' Mink Boas at $1 89 and $3 50 each.

Ladies' Mink Muffs, worth $6 00, for $2 75 each.

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### Art Embroidery Specials

Your friend or relative would have a smiling welcome for one of our beautiful Battenburg Center Pieces.

Battenburg Squares, linen center, 59c, $1 19, $1 25 each.

Battenburg Squares, 10c, 12½c, 15c, 19c, 25c each.

10 dozen of Stamped Pillow Shams, 20c each.

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White Linen Hemstitched, bib and skirt, 40c each.

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Ladies' Fine Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 10c, 12½c, 15c, 20c, 25c each.

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### Expenses All Met—Parting Shot at the Engineer—That Official Ably Defended—Concessions to Tobacco Factory—Complimentary Resolution Passed.

The municipal council of 1900 has held its last regular meeting, and more than usual thoughtfulness pervaded the session. The worthy city fathers were apparently impressed with the fact that they were component parts of the dying council for the final year of a great century. It must be acknowledged, however, that they forgot all romantic associations in one or two instances, and were very much occupied with the burning present. They had the satisfaction of learning that the expenses of the year have been met, and that no legacy of deficits will be left to burden the new council. By the exercise of prudence and economy, the council has lived within its income. The sporadic outburst of individual dissatisfaction with the city engineer, that crops out, once in a while, was once more in evidence. It was shown, however, that while certain aldermen will occasionally say harsh things about this department, when it comes right down to hard-pan, they will not express themselves disfavorably to the engineer. An opportunity to express an opinion of downright disapproval of the engineer was given by Ald. Winder's motion to discharge him, and the absolute silence that greeted his, 'If I can find a seconder," was in itself a volume of argument on the engineer's behalf.

COMMUNICATIONS.

No. 1 committee will deal with a letter from J. A. Nelles, notifying the council of the appointment of a committee of the board of trade to meet the council re spur line railway.

No. 2 committee will consider communications from George J. Kettle, re cost of opening and examining drain; S. R. Armstrong, for legislation to reduce liability of cities re injuries on sidewalks; and the Real Estate Owners' Protective Association, against a bylaw to force citizens to shovel the snow from the sidewalks.

To No. 3 committee was referred a petition for an electric light on Wilson avenue between Blackfriars and Leslie streets, and the chairman and engineer were given power to deal with a letter from the latter re the east veranda of the market house.

The mayor and inspector were given power in regard to an application from F. Phipps, Mrs. Saunders and William Hodson for admission to the Aged People's Home.

The Real Estate Owners' Protective Association asked for the use of the city hall and East End hall each and every night during the election week, for the purpose of publicly discussing municipal affairs.

Several of the aldermen were of the opinion that this was a rather selfish request, as other bodies might want the hall. After some discussion it was decided to allow the association the use of one of the halls on each alternate night.

A LAST DEBAITE.

Engineer Graydon submitted a statement showing that the expenditure on the public works, under his charge, had amounted to $16,845. The estimate was $18,000, thus leaving a gratifying surplus.

Ald. Cooper wanted to know where he got the surplus. "What," he asked, had become of the $4,000 of sewer money? Where is it gone to?"

Ald. Winnett — We didn't touch a cent of it.

"Well, we haven't had a cent of money spent on the streets of No. 4 ward," said Ald. Cooper. "The money was left for work in No. 4 ward, and it's been spent in the others."

Ald. Gerry called Ald. Cooper's attention to the fact that in No. 6 ward no money had been spent on sewers since they were laid two years ago. In his opinion, No. 4 ward had the lion's share and had no cause for complaint.

Ald. Douglass said that he had asked for the statement in order to educate the incoming aldermen. He just wanted to show that if they only gave the engineer rope enough he'd hang himself. He was only sorry that Ald. Winder's motion made two weeks ago had not come up sooner, so that something could be done on it. The report simply showed how poor the engineer's judgment was. If the engineer didn't look after his business better than at present, there should be a radical change.

Ald. Brener said that the engineer had done his best after being given power over all the work, and that it was done well. Every two weeks a report had been sent in and the aldermen knew how all the money was spent. In the statement submitted he had given all the data he had at his command.

Ald. Winnett contended that some of the aldermen were making this cry for political capital, to bolster up themselves with the electors. He had instructed the engineer to prepare this statement showing where all the work was done and where the money had been spent. He had done this and showed how every cent was spent in the different wards. The speaker was surprised to hear Ald. Douglass, who had supported the original motion, now crying out against the engineer's use of the power left in his hands. "I am in close touch with the engineer's department," added Ald. Winnett, "and I'll say this, that a more efficient man there is not in this city." He had attended to his work efficiently and regularly, never being away from his office except through illness. He (the speaker) considered Ald. Douglass' remarks ridiculous and silly, and made only to gain support for 'Ald. Douglass, the great I Am.' Ald. Douglass had been chairman of No. 2 committee for two years, and all knew that there had been an overdraft of $10,000. Now he was berating a committee that had a surplus. There have been no pay sheets stuffed this year," said Ald. Winnett, "and no crooked work has been done." Continuing, he referred to the expenditure on the breakwater, arguing that as much work has been done this year for $500 as had been done for $1,500 last year. "Put that in your pipe and smoke it," he said to Ald. Douglass. The whole trouble, he thought, was because some of the aldermen had not been put on No. 2 committee, "and," he said, "it's a fortunate thing for the city that some of them didn't get on it, otherwise we wouldn't have had the surplus we now have."

Ald. Cooper maintained that he and other aldermen did not require any puffing up. No one, he said, had wanted to be the great "I Am" more than Ald. Winnett.

Ald. Dougless—I'd just like to say that I defy this chairman here, or any alderman or any official in the city hall to prove that there was ever any dishonest work done.

Ald. Stevenson thought that the council should be thankful there was a surplus instead of an overdraft. It was something that had not happened for years.

It was finally decided to ask for a supply of reports similar to that prepared by Mr. Graydon, with detailed costs, to be given by the treasurer.

COMMITTEES.

By the adoption of No. 3 committee's report Fireman Brazier was appointed to do all the line work for the fire department.

No. 3 committee's financial statement showed receipt sof $59,285, and expenditure of $59,775 45, an overdraft of $490 45.

The financial statement submitted by No. 2 committee showed receipts of $31,700, and expenditures of $33,497, leaving a balance of $1,202 30.

No objections were made to the clauses contained in the report.

Among the recommendations made by No. 1 committee, and also adopted, was one by which Horatio Wigle was granted free water for his tobacco factory for a term of five years.

The petition for an extension of the street railway on South street was referred to next year's council.

The committee proposed to distribute 500 copies of "Illustrated London" as follows: Members of council, 3 each, 57; city hall officials, 1 each, 20; board of trade, 1; city clerk's office retains 72; high commissioner, England, 300; public libraries, 1 each; cities and towns of the Dominion, 50; total, 500.

By the adoption of the reception committee's report, the purchase of gold watches for the returning soldiers was autherized, the chairman was empowered to have carriages in which members may attend the parade, and was also given permission to purchase a badge for each member of the committee.

INQUIRIES AND MOTIONS.

Ald. Ross desired to know what had been done in regard to his motion re protection at railway crossings, and was informed that a committee was arranging for a conference between representatives of the council and the railway companies.

Ald. Cooper did not press his motion to have a committee examine the cement walks.

"I move," said Ald. Winder, "that this city discharge City Engineer Graydon—if I can get a seconder."

He couldn't, so the matter dropped.

FINIS.

It was rumored by Ald. Pritchard: "That whereas this is the last regular meeting that this council will hold during the present century, be it therefore resolved that our congratulations are due to his worship the mayor and to each other on the efficiency and economy with which the affairs of the municipality have been managed during our terms of office, though we are aware that some of the acts of our predecessors during a former portion of the century are now being rather severely criticised; and be it further resolved, that we place on record our high appreciation of the services rendered the empire by the distinguished patriotism and valor of our brave Canadian boys who have so nobly upheld the honor and fair fame of our Dominion during this last year of the nineteenth century, on the veldts and kopjes of South Africa." Carried.

BYLAWS.

A number of bylaws were passed before adjournment.

RETROSPECTIVE.

Each committee presented a report of the number of meetings held during the year, and the attendance of the members.

No. 1 committee held 23 meetings during the year. Mayor Rumball attended 17, Ald. Winder 20, Ald. Jolly 22, Ald. Stevenson 23, Ald. Cooper 16, Ald. Dreaney 21 and Ald. Barned 16.

No. 2 committee held 50 meetings, which were attended as follows: Ald. Brener 44, Ald. Douglass 36, Ald. Jolly (substituted) 7, Ald. Winnett 46, Ald. Malloch 29, Ald. Bartlett 38, Ald. Dreaney (substituted) 10, Ald. Gerry 47, Mayor Rumball 22.

No. 3 committee held 24 meetings, Ald. Pritchard being present at 2, Ald. Jenkins at 20, Ald. Ross 18, Ald. Garratt 18, Ald. Cooper (substituted) 1, Ald. Plant 15, Ald. Dreaney (substituted) 7, Ald. Wray 22, Mayor Rumball 15.

Ald. Pritchard protested that the chairman had no right to parade his name for being absent 22 times. "I positively refused to act on that committee," he declared.

Ald. Winder—Why were you present three times?"

Ald. Pritchard—I was only present once, and that was as the representative of his worship.

Ald. Cooper—It's all right when he can be the "Great I Am." He asked why Ald. Pritchard couldn't resign if he did not want to act, and let some other man do his duty.

Before adjourning the aldermen joined heartily in singing "God Save the Queen," followed with three rousing cheers.


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# SPEAKING OUT IN MEETIN'

## Layman Causes a Stir in a Toronto Church.

### Minister Makes Pretty Plain Charges of Municipal Corruption.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—Rev. J. T. Morris, pastor of McCaul Street Methodist Church, declares that he has put his shoulder to the wheel, and that there will be no turning back. On Sunday evening last he stated from his pulpit that there had been corruption in connection with the letting of the city contract for dog tags, and after one week of reflection and investigation, he reiterated the charges Sunday night, and announced that he had nothing to retract.

There was a very large congregation in attendance at the services, attracted, no doubt, by the promise of some sensational developments. The preacher, who is extremely youthful in appearance, was engaged in reading the evening lesson, and commenting on it in his own incisive manner, when the denouement came.

"Last Sunday evening," he said, "while speaking of personal honesty in business, I took occasion to reflect on the conduct of civic officials, who had prostituted their offices for gain, and of contractors who had stooped to bribery in order to secure contracts. My words were called into question, but after investigating the matter I say here that I will not retract one word. I will not suppress the truth."

There was a disposition on the part of the congregation to applaud the pastor, but at this juncture Mr. W. H. Bonfield, who holds the contract to supply the city with dog tags, rose in his seat.

"I am a member of the Methodist Church," he cried, "and I demand a hearing. I say that the words just uttered are untrue."

This caused a commotion, and a number of men jumped to their feet uttering cries of dissent.

Rev. Mr. Morris endeavored to throw oil upon the troubled waters. He craved a hearing for the brother, believing that it would be in the interests of truth and justice.

After the hubbub had in a measure subsided, Mr. Bonfield said:

"I know you are the pastor of this church, but when you make a false statement, I contradict you."

"Has the brother anything further to say?" queried the pastor.

"No. I have had my say," was the curt retort. "Your statements are untrue."

"Well, then," cried the Rev. Mr. Morris in an impassioned voice, "as my veracity has been called into question, I demand an investigation. I don't want a church inquiry, but an investigation that will lay bare the corruption with which this city is inundated. If your eyes had seen what my eyes have seen you would not call my words in question in a manner like this. Last week a gentleman of high standing informed me of a matter in connection with the furnishing of the new city hall which should be inquired into. He told me that he had been approached by an ex-alderman of the city, who said: 'I'll get you that contract if you will pay me for it.' I was told not later than yesterday of a city inspector who went to a merchant, whose place he was supposed to inspect, and, throwing down some poetry of his own composition, said: 'Will you give me 50 cents for it?' The merchant accepted the poem without looking at it.

"Some people," continued Mr. Morris, "will say that it is a minister's business to preach the Gospel. I want to tell you that this is the Gospel. So long as preachers deal in generalities they are never questioned. Christ did not deal in generalities. He dealt in details. I intend to deal in details, even if it leads to my undoing. I am speaking tonight more particularly for the benefit of the young men before me. How can we expect our young men to develop into honest, useful citizens if corruption such as I have hinted at tonight is passed over lightly?"

This closed the incident, and the congregation settled back in their seats to listen to an excellent sermon on "Am I My Brother's Keeper?"

After the services a reporter waited upon the Rev. Mr. Morris in the vestry. He stated that he was not seeking notoriety, but the revelations he had disclosed, were, in a sense, forced from him by the stand Mr. Bonfield had taken. Mr. Bonfield, he said, was a member of the Metropolitan Church, and had evidently come to the service with the avowed intention of calling his words into question. Mr. Morris further stated that he had statutory declarations from reputable citizens regarding this dog tag business and other matters. He fully recognized the seriousness of the task he had undertaken, but had no intention of turning back.




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## A Scotch Criticism of Lord Rosebery.

The Dundee Advertiser gives a somewhat severe and searching criticism to Lord Rosebery's recent rectorial address. It admits that "no one excels him in oratory, uniting the finish, persuasion and grace of literature, with the suppleness and force of the spoken address," and that by his choice of a subject, "Questions of Empire," he reminds us all that he keeps in touch, intellectually at least, with the gravest matters of public concern. But this Scotch journal then goes on to deal at considerable length with the statements of the noble lord. The pith of this criticism, which strikingly resembles that of the English Spectator, is contained in the following remark: "He is, or has been a statesman, he is always a thinker. The impression formed upon a survey of the whole address is that he is not quite enough either of the one or the other." This is a penetrating criticism, and it will be better for the Liberal party and the nation if there were not so much truth in it. Of what Lord Rosebery says about the duty of making the best of ourselves for the sake of the empire, the journalist remarks: "The inevitable comment, however, is that Lord Rosebery has said those things already. A thousand feebler voices have said them before him, with him, or after him. They are almost common-place. They are in danger of being final. What the age demands is that men acknowledging a sense of the actualities, shall begin moulding these actualities; shall translate precept into example; shall abandon the role of the homilist and take up that of the man of affairs."

This certainly expresses a feeling that is very widespread, a feeling of disappointment that a man of Lord Rosebery's gifts, graces and position is not doing more practical work for the empire of which he speaks so brilliantly. The Scotch journal further finds the statement of imperialism somewhat narrow, and wants to know if, as the noble lord said, "Do we not hail in this (the growth of the empire) less the energy and fortune of a race than the supreme direction of the Almighty?" how it is that his great dream of a united empire of Britain and America was not accomplished. There is, according to this writer, a possibility of forgetting the larger life of humanity and the fundamental part played by other great nations. This is what Mr. Kruger did with such fatal results.

The criticism is a piece of good writing and careful reasoning. It shows us that in the land where Lord Rosebery is so well known and admired, men look upon his political life as not being what it might have been. It may be a good way of spending his time to write the life of Napoleon, and to prepare brilliant academic addresses, but there is other work which he might do and which others with equal literary gifts cannot do as well. Let us hope that he will yet devote himself more fully to statesmanship and apply the lessons he has learned from history to the politics of his own time.

## The Medical School.

"Man raises, but time weighs," is a Greek proverb, and the large numbers of students and graduates who attended the medical dinner at the Tecumseh House the other evening must have been well pleased with the progress of the school up to the present time. It is not long since a few of the leading doctors of London established the Medical School. They gave their time and money not knowing whether the school could be made a success or not, but it has long since passed the doubtful stage, and is now recognized to be as efficient a school as any in Canada.

The advantage to the city as well as to the medical profession is very great. The medical men become more perfect in their profession, and the people reap the benefit. It has made London a medical center, and brought the medical men of London to the notice of the whole province, and at the present time there is no class of operation performed in Toronto that is not also performed in London.

The banquet at the Tecumseh House the other evening was an undoubted success. Speeches and musical collaterals were of a high order. The honors of the evening were carried off by Dr. Sampson, of Windsor, who is an exceptionally good after-dinner speaker. His humor and eloquence had throughout the sound ring of common sense, and his advice to the students was of a character worth remembering.

There are two points in connection with the Medical School which it would be worth the while of the faculty and of the medical profession as a whole to consider. First, the establishment of a medical library. The arrangement with the Public Library does not answer the purpose. It is not many years ago since the legal profession established a law library at the Court House, and today they have a complete library worth many thousand of dollars. The cost of procuring a first-class library is too much for any one man, but by combination every one can have the benefit of the books, while to the students of the Medical School it would be of immense advantage. Carlyle says, "The best university of these days is a collection of books." The second point to which we wish to call the attention of the faculty is along the line suggested by Dr. Sampson's speech, that of investigation. There is no reason why the medical men should not have some prizes similar to those for which legal men may fairly strive, such as a judgeship. In Germany, we believe, good men are employed by the government to make medical researches. The Government would no doubt grant assistance to each college for the purpose of making such investigation. It is as true of medicine as of anything else that "The Inquiry, Knowledge and Belief of Truth is the sovereign good of human nature."

## The Destruction of Timber.

Both the Government of the Dominion and the Administration of Ontario have for some years been devoting special attention to forestry, with the object of maintaining in the country that constant supply of timber which is of so much importance to its welfare. Precautions have been taken to preserve the wood from destruction by fire, the ravages of which, especially in the newer portions of the Dominion, have been very great, no doubt owing to the carelessness of settlers who, seeing plenty of wood around them, do not value its safety. But there is another menace to timber about which little has been said, but which is causing alarm in the New England States. We beg to direct the attention of our forestry authorities, as well as of owners of timber everywhere, to this evil—the timber-destroying fungi. The extent of the fungi has been investigated by the United States Agricultural Department, and it is found that in the New England States so great is the evil arising from the growth of fungi on dead wood that radical changes in lumbering methods will be necessary before any betterment can be hoped for. The lumbermen cut the logs on the stumpage plan, and in order to obtain as high a scale as possible, cut the tree high up on the trunk and low on the top, leaving almost half the top in the woods. This is not only wasted, but the fungi spores spread from the dead trunks and limbs to standing trees which might otherwise remain sound, and insects similarly spread about. As trees grow older the chances of attack from fungi and insects are increased. In the Maine forests, particularly in the Rangely Lake region, trees have reached an age where it appears that the rate of annual secretion, and consequently the annual increase in value is very small, while the danger of infection is increasing every year. Such trees, the report of the United States Department of Agriculture recommends, should be cut immediately where practicable. The principle should be established that it will prove more profitable in the long run to cut trees after they have reached a certain age to prevent depreciation due to the attack of fungi or insects. Future investigation will have to determine what the exact age is at which it will be most profitable to do this cutting.

Several fungi attack trees after they have been killed by insects or other agents. This is of great practical significance, for it may often be possible to harvest such dead trees before the fungus in question has had time to begin work. Emphasis is laid on the statement that a dead tree is as valuable as a live tree, provided its wood is sound, and it ought to be cut immediately. Large forests in Maine have been made worthless by failure to cut immediately, when killed by bark beetles or other insects, or blown down by strong winds. Of the fungi found growing on the wood of the coniferous trees only a small number bring about changes which completely destroy the wood. All the fungi described in the report belong to the polyporei. Their sporophores form in the summer, discharge their spores into the air in great numbers, and these are carried to great distances by the wind. They germinate under favorable conditions in wounds or roots in trees, and the mycellium makes its way into the inner parts of the tree, where it flourishes until the fruiting organ is again formed.

No doubt our forestry authorities and owners of wood everywhere will profit by the revelations thus made, and use every effort to save the timber everywhere.

## ELECTION PROTESTS

*Five Seats in Nova Scotia, One in South Ontario and One in Ottawa.*

The return of Messrs. Joseph Matheson, of Richmond, N. S., F. B. Wade, of Annapolis, C. E. Kaulbach, of Lunenburg, H. J. Logan, of Cumberland, and W. S. Fielding, of Queen's-Shelburne, are being protested.

Wm. Smith, the defeated Conservative candidate in South Ontario, petitions against the return of Wm. Ross, and makes many allegations of corruption.

A petition has been lodged against Thomas Birkett, the successful Conservative candidate in Ottawa. In this case also personal charges are made.

Senator Power has signified his intention of accepting the speakership of the Senate.

Protests have been entered against the election of Mayor Prefontaine in Terrebonne, and Mr. Ethier in Two Mountains, Que., both Liberals.

## TO STIR UP DREYFUS SCANDAL.

*Amendment to French Amnesty Bill Proposed.*

*Rev. Joseph Parker's London Sun Gives Texts Instead of Betting Odds—The Queen Breaks Her Rule.*

Paris, Dec. 18.—In the Chamber of Deputies, during the debate on the amnesty bill, M. Vazeille moved an amendment excluding foreigners and false witnesses from its provisions. The premier, M. Waldeck-Rousseau, replied that the effect of the amendment would be to stir up the whole Dreyfus affair again, and the Republican party would find itself confronted by perils it has already overcome, and which it would be unpardonable to resuscitate.

The chamber then voted confidence in the premier by the rejection of the amendment—341 to 90.

REV. MR. PARKER'S PAPER.

London, Dec. 18.—The first issue of the London Sun under the editorship of Rev. Dr. Joseph Parker, pastor of the City Temple, appeared yesterday afternoon. The column where the day's betting is usually published contained under the caption "Latest News," "The wages of sin is death," and other familiar texts, followed up by a vigorous protest against gambling. The article declares: "If a paper cannot live six days without pandering to the gambler, the drunkard and the sensationalist, let it wither away."

Otherwise the paper is much the same as usual, the advertising columns being filled with company prospectuses and the news columns announcing "Another ghastly east end tragedy."

TRAINING SHIP DISASTER.

Malaga, Dec. 18.—Of the 314 survivors of the German training ship Geneisenace disaster, 39, who were injured, were transported to the local hospital, 125 sheltered in the barracks and 150 lodged in the town hall. The municipality is providing food for all. The flags over all the consulates are at half-mast.

LADY MANNERS SUICIDES.

London, Dec. 18.—The body of Lady Katherine Manners, eldest daughter of the Duke of Rutland, who had been missing since Friday, was found in a fishpond in the grounds of Belvoir Castle.

QUEEN BROKE HER RULE.

London, Dec. 18.—The Irish Industries Exhibition has been a very great success for every point of view. Quite a large sum of money has been raised. This function will long be remembered from the fact that the Queen made it the object of a private visit—a thing she has not done in similar instances for over 40 years. She made a close inspection of all the stalls, and bought quite a number of things.

TRADE FOR THE TREATY.

London, Dec. 18.—Discussing the attitude of the United States Senate relative to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, the Westminster Gazette says that it is perfectly natural the United States should desire to exact guarantees against the use of the Nicaragua Canal by an enemy in the event of war, and suggests that "a way out of the difficulty is to settle the vexatious Alaskan boundary against the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty."

SPANISH SUCCESSION INVOLVED.

Madrid, Dec. 18.—Gen. Azcarraga, the premier, read yesterday in the Chamber of Deputies a royal message announcing the projected marriage of the Princess of the Asturias to Prince Charles, second son of the Count of Caseria, head of the Sicilain branch of the Bourbon family. A committee is drawing up a reply to the message, unanimously favoring the alliance. It is reported, however, that at a private meeting, Senor Sagasta, former Liberal premier, decided to vote against the marriage. An exciting debate is expected on account of the bearing this union may have on the succession. In June last it was reported that the young princess was to be betrothed to Prince Albert of Belgium, but, contrary to all expectations, she fell in love with Don Carlos, and said she would marry no one else. On account of his belonging to a family of distinct Carlist tendencies, and unimportant so far as royalty is concerned, state reasons are very much against the union.

CANADA AT PARIS EXPOSITION.

Hon. John Dryden has received a letter from J. George Jardine, Canadian commissioner to the Paris Exposition, stating that the final jury had given an additional five grand prix, 25 gold, 15 silver and 5 bronze medals to Canadian fruit. The Canadian, Ontario and Quebec ministers of agriculture being among the prize winners. Canada, he says, must have 200 awards for agriculture alone, beating all foreign countries, including the United States, while in other groups, including manufactures, Canada has more than held her own.

CABLE NOTES.

Britain is pressing the sultan to pay the British Armenian claims.

By order of the French Government a number of cases filled with Chinese loot, sent to President Loubet and others, by Gen. Frey will be embargoed at Marseilles.

Count Joseph Zakrewski, a Russian, became involved a few days ago in a quarrel with Count Orloff, the Russian military attache at Munich. The men fought a duel with pistols. The Count Zakrewski fired two shots into the ground, but was himself fatally wounded. Orloff is said to have killed eight men in duels.


## CONSULT A SPECIALIST."

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The specialist in one department of a profession is sought after and patronized, not only by the public at large but by his professional brethren.

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TEACHERS' AND STUDENTS' tickets will be issued Dec. 8 to 31, good to return Jan. 20, 1901, at one fare and one-third, on presentation of certificate from principal of school.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS will be issued tickets at single one-way regular fare, Dec. 21 to 25, inclusive, good for return until Jan. 7, 1901.

Call at the City Ticket Office, 395 Richmond street, Phone 205. JOHN PAUL, City Passenger Agent. O. W. RUGGLES, General Passenger and Ticket Agent.

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SPECIAL NOTICE.

CHANGE OF TIME—MIDDLE DIVISION.

On and after Dec. 16, 1900.

No. 15 International Limited, due to leave Toronto 4:35 p.m., will leave at 4:50 p.m.; due to leave Hamilton 5:55 p.m., will leave at 6:45 p.m.; due to leave London 7:25 p.m., will leave at 7:32 p.m.

No. 16 Eastern Flyer, due to leave London at 5:20 p.m., will leave at 5:15 p.m.

No. 5 Pacific Express, west-bound, due to leave London 6:35 p.m., will leave at 7:38 p.m.

No. 29 Accommodation for Sarnia tunnel and intermediate stations, due to leave London 2:20 p.m., will leave at 2:15 p.m.

No. 30 Accommodation for London and intermediate stations, due to leave Sarnia Tunnel at 5:55 p.m., will leave at 5:31 p.m.

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Winter Rates Now in Force.

*S.S. MAJESTIC.....Dec 19, noon
*S.S. TEUTONIC.....Jan. 2, noon
S.S. CYMRIC.....Jan. 9, 8:30a. m.
S.S. GERMANIC...Jan. 16, 12 noon
*S.S. MAJESTIC.....Jan. 23, 12 noon

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For the nervous, run-down condition which so many women experience, as a result of overstrain in household cares, there is no medicine can equal Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It strengthens the weak stomach by curing diseases of the organs of digestion and nutrition. It purifies the blood of poisons which cause rheumatism and other painful diseases. It nourishes the nerves, and builds up the body with sound, healthy flesh.

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Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser is sent *free* on receipt of stamps to pay expense of customs and mailing *only*. Send 31 one-cent stamps for the book in paper covers, or 50 stamps for cloth binding. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.



New Idea Patterns, 10c. The Runians, Gray, Carrie Co. Groceries in the Basement

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Unbreakable Dolls, made out of wool, handsome colors, from...7c up to 75c
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Jointed Dolls with natural hair, sleeping or waking, regular price $1 75. Special for Christmas.....$1 25
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## Handkerchiefs for Christmas

See our Ladies' Fine Handkerchiefs, with lace edges and corners, for..5c
See our Ladies' Fine Handkerchiefs, hemstitched edges and lace corners, for.....7c
See our Ladies' Fine Handkerchiefs, embroidered and hemstitched, for 10c
See our Ladies' Fine Handkerchiefs, hemstitched and tucked edges, for.....12½c
See our Ladies' Fine Handkerchiefs, lace edges, embroidery corners, for.....15c
See our Ladies' Fine Handkerchiefs, silk embroidery and deep lace edge 25c

## Blouse Flannels for Christmas Gifts.

Special line Fancy French Flannels, in every wanted shades, stripes, dots, Persian effects and checks. Special value at..... 50c

## FUR SPECIALS.

See our Black and Brown Coney Ruffs at.....$1 75
See our Sable Ruffs, 8 tails, at..$6 75
See our Electric Seal Ruffs, 8 tails, at.....$6 50
See our Caperines in Electric Seal, Sable tails at.....$10 00
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On and after Monday, Nov. 26, 1900, the train leaving Union Station Toronto (via Grand Trunk Railway) at 10:00 p.m., connects with the Maritime Express and Local Express at Bonaventure depot, Montreal, as follows;

The Maritime Express will leave Montreal daily, except on Saturday, at 12 noon for Halifax, N. S., St. John, N. B., the Sydneys, and points in the Maritime Provinces.

The Maritime Express from Halifax, St. John, the Sydneys and other points east will arrive at Montreal daily, except on Monday, at 5:30 p.m.

The Local Express will leave Montreal daily, except Sunday, at 7:40 a.m., due to arrive at Levis at 1:05 p.m.

The Local Express will leave Levis at 5:20 p.m., daily, except Sunday, due to arrive at Montreal at 11:00 p.m.

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TEACHERS AND STUDENTS at lowest one-way first-class fare and one-third from Dec. 8 to 31, 1900, inclusive, good returning until Jan. 20, 1901. Between all stations in Canada, Port Arthur, Sault Ste. Marie, Windsor and East; to and from S. S. Marie, Mich., and Detroit, Mich., and to but Not From Suspension Bridge and Buffalo, N. Y.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS (on presentation of commercial travelers railway certificate) at lowest one-way first-class fare, going Dec. 21 to 25, 1900, inclusive, good returning until Jan. 7, 1901. Between all stations in Canada, Port Arthur, Sault Ste. Marie, Windsor and East.

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A large Waiter, 30 inches, No. 56, beautifully chased, a handsome gift; former price $37.50, retiring sale price $22.50.

A large Coffee Urn, 24 inches high, richly chased, full quadruple plate; former price $30.00, retiring sale price $18.00.



A large Tankard Jug, full quadruple plate, richly chased, former price $25.00, retiring sale price, $15.00.

A large Tankard Jug, full quadruple plate, handsome, artistic and stylish; former price $15.00, retiring sale price $10.00.

An oblong Waiter, beautiful Xmas gift, 15 inches; former price $15.00, retiring sale price $10.00.

Another one, round, finished in best style, full quadruple plate; former price $5.00, retiring sale price $3.00.

A Tea Set, quadruple plate, latest and newest shape coffee pot, tea pot, sugar bowl, cream and spoon holder, gold lined; former price $40.00, retiring sale price $24.00.

Another, a beauty, handsome raised work, full quadruple plate, a handsome article; coffee pot, tea pot, sugar bowl, cream, slop and spoon holder; former price $42.50, retiring sale price $25.50.

A Chocolate Set, quadruple plate; $15.00, now $9.00.

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# THE MARKETS.

## Local Market

A. M. HAMILTON & SON'S REPORT.

London, Tuesday, Dec. 18.

Wheat, white, per bu.....62c to 63c
Wheat, red, per bu.....62c to 63c
Oats, per bu .....26c to 27c
Peas, per bu.....49c to 57c
Barley, per bu.....33½c to 41c
Rye, per bu.....42c to 45c
Buckwheat, per bu.....41c to 43c
Beans, per bu .....90c to $1 10

Grain—Prices were steady and unchanged in all lines, with the exception of oats, which were easier, 76c to 78c being the range.

Live hogs were quoted at $5 40 here and $5 25 west.

Hay sold at $8 per ton, and straw at $3 50 to $4.

These were the only changes. The following prices are based on the latest transactions:

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| **GRAIN.** | | | |
| Wheat, white, fall, per 100 lbs. | 1 03 | @ | 1 05 |
| Wheat, red, fall, per 100 lbs.. | 1 03 | @ | 1 05 |
| Wheat, spring, per 100 lbs.... | ... | @ | ... |
| Oats, per 100 lbs..... | 78 | @ | 80 |
| Peas per 100 lbs..... | 80 | @ | 90 |
| Corn per 100 lbs..... | 80 | @ | 80 |
| Barley, per 100 lbs..... | 70 | @ | 80 |
| Rye per 100 lbs..... | 75 | @ | 85 |
| Buckwheat, per 100 lbs ..... | 85 | @ | 95 |
| Beans..... | 90 | | 1 10 |
| **HOGS.** | | | |
| Hogs, light, per 100 lbs..... | 5 40 | @ | 5 40 |
| Logs, singers ..... | 5 25 | @ | 5 50 |
| Hogs, heavy, per 100 lbs..... | 4 00 | @ | 4 00 |
| Pigs, young, per pair..... | 3 50 | @ | 6 00 |
| Sows, per 100 lbs..... | ... | @ | ... |
| Dressed hogs, 100 lbs, selects | 7 25 | @ | 7 50 |
| Dressed hogs, 100 lbs, heavy . | 6 50 | @ | 7 00 |
| **HAY AND SEEDS.** | | | |
| Hay, per load..... | 7 75 | @ | 8 50 |
| Straw, per load..... | 2 75 | @ | 3 25 |
| Straw, per ton..... | 6 00 | @ | 6 00 |
| Cloverseed, red, per bu ..... | 0 00 | @ | 0 00 |
| Cloverseed, alsike, per bu .... | 0 00 | @ | 0 00 |
| Timothy seed, per bu..... | 0 00 | @ | 0 00 |
| **For Housekeepers.** | | | |
| **PROVISIONS.** | | | |
| Cheese, per lb ..... | 12 | @ | 12 |
| Eggs, single dozen..... | 20 | @ | 22 |
| Butter, lb, large rolls or crocks | 19 | @ | 23 |
| Butter, pound rolls, retail.... | 21 | @ | 21 |
| Butter, creamery..... | 24 | @ | 25 |
| Lard, per lb..... | 10½ | @ | 12 |
| **WHOLESALE DEALERS' PRICES.** | | | |
| Eggs, store lots, doz..... | 18 | @ | 18 |
| Butter, pound rolls, baskets.. | 19 | @ | 20 |
| Butter, crock..... | 18 | @ | 20 |
| Butter, store lots..... | 17 | @ | 18 |
| Butter, creamery, per lb..... | 23 | | 24 |

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| **POULTRY.** | | | |
| Turkeys, per lb ..... | 8 | @ | 8½ |
| Geese, per lb..... | 5 | @ | 6 |
| Ducks, per pair ..... | 50 | @ | 75 |
| Chickens, per pair..... | 40 | @ | 60 |
| Hens, per pair..... | 40 | @ | 50 |
| **FRUIT.** | | | |
| Apples, per bag..... | 50 | @ | 75 |
| Apples, per bbl..... | 1 50 | @ | 2 00 |
| **VEGETABLES.** | | | |
| Potatoes per bag ..... | 30 | @ | 35 |
| Turnips, new, per bag..... | 25 | @ | ... |
| Celery, dozen..... | 30 | @ | 40 |
| Cabbage, per doz. ..... | 40 | @ | 50 |
| Beets, per bag..... | 35 | @ | 40 |
| Onions, per bag..... | 60 | @ | 75 |
| Carrots..... | 30 | @ | 40 |
| Parsnips..... | 40 | @ | 50 |
| Savory and Sage, per doz..... | 15 | @ | 24 |
| Parsley, per doz..... | 35 | @ | 01 |
| Artichokes, per bag..... | 75 | @ | 75 |
| Vegetable oysters, doz ..... | 25 | @ | 25 |
| **MEAT, HIDES, ETC.** | | | |
| Beef, per lb..... | 5 | @ | 6 |
| Mutton, quarters, per lb..... | 6 | @ | 7 |
| Lamb, quarter..... | 8 | @ | 9 |
| Hides, No. 1, per lb ..... | 7 | @ | 7 |
| Hides, No. 2, per lb..... | 6 | @ | 6 |
| Hides, No. 3, per lb..... | 5 | @ | 5 |
| Calfskins, green..... | 5 | @ | 7 |
| Lambskins..... | 25 | @ | 85 |
| Wool, washed, per lb..... | 14 | @ | 19½ |
| Wool, unwashed, per lb ..... | 8 | @ | 0 |
| Tallow, rendered, per lb..... | 4½ | @ | 4 |
| Tallow, rough..... | 3 | @ | 3 |

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## American Markets.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Corn again took precedence on the board of trade today. Anxious shorts forced the price of December up to 39¾c in their efforts to cover, and it closed at 39½c, an advance of 2⅜c. May also advances ½c. Wheat weakened by its own governing influences, was steadied by corn, and closed unchanged. Oats closed a shade higher, and provisions closed unchanged to 10c lower. Corn was strong and higher from the start. Estimated receipts Tuesday—Wheat, 175 cars; corn, 775 cars; oats, 280 cars; hogs, 39,000 head.

The leading futures closed as follows: Wheat 37 Dec., 70c to 70¼c; Jan., 70½c to 70⅝c; May, —¼c. Corn—No. 2 Dec., 39¼c; Jan., 36⅞c to 36¼c; May, 36¼c. Oats—No. 2 Dec., 21½c; May, 23⅜c to 23¼c. Mess Pork—Jan., $12 15; May, $12 07½. Lard—Dec., $7 07½; Jan., $6 85; May, $6 90. Short ribs—Jan., $6 25; May, $6 32½. Cash quotations—Flour, dull; No. 3 spring wheat, 65c to 70½c; No. 2 red, 72c to 74c. No. 2 corn, 39c; No. 2 yellow corn, 39c. No. 2 oats, 22¼c to 22¾c; No. 2 white, 25¼c to 26c; No. 3 white, 25¼c to 26½c. No. 2 rye, 48c to 49c. Good feeding barley, 49c to 56c; fair to choice malting barley, 51c to 59c. No. 1 flaxseed, $1 09½. Mess pork, $11 12½ to $11 25. Lard, $7 05 to $7 10. Short rib sides, $6 25 to $6 50. Dry salted shoulders, 5¾c to 6¼c. Short clear sides, $6 60 to $6 70. Sugar, cut loaf, $6 22; granulated, $5 70; confectioners' A, $5 55; offered A, $5 40. Clover, contract grade, $10 10 to $10 25. Eggs, dull; fresh, 23½c.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 21,000 barrels; wheat, 162,000 bushels; corn, 150,000 bushels; oats, 279,000 bushels; rye, 9,600 bushels; barley, 46,000 bushels.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 15,000 barrels; wheat, 121,000 bushels; corn, 92,000 bushels; oats, 107,000 bushels; rye, 2,000 bushels; barley, 8,000 bushels.

## The Dairy Markets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Butter unsettled and weak; creamery, 17c to 25c; factory, 11½c to 16c; June creamery, 17c to 23c; imitation creamery, 14½c to 19c; state dairy, 16c to 23c. Cheese strong; fancy large, fall made, 11¼c to 11½c; fancy small, fall made, 11¾c to 12c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Butter dull; creameries, 15c to 24c; dairies, 13c to 20c. Cheese dull, 10¼c to 11¾c.

CANTON, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Twin cheese, 10½c; butter, 22¾c, ruling, 22¾c.

## Live Stock Markets.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Cattle—Receipts, 21,000, including 700 Texans; good to prime steers, $5 20 to $5 60; poor to medium, $3 65 to $5 10; selected feeders, $3 60 to $4 25; mixed stockers, $2 40 to $3 75; cows, $2 50 to $4 25; heifers, $2 60 to $4 60; canners, $1 75 to $2 40; bulls, $2 50 to $4 50; calves, $4 to $5 50; Texas fed steers, $4 to $4 80; do, grass steers, $3 25 to $4; do, bulls, $2 40 to $3 15. Hogs—Receipts today, 41,000; tomorrow, 35,000; estimated left over, 6,000; top, $4 97½; mixed and butchers, $4 65 to $4 97½; good to choice heavy, $4 75 to $4 95; rough heavy, $4 60 to $4 70; light, $4 65 to $4 92½; bulk of sales, $4 75 to $4 90. Sheep—Receipts, 25,000; good to choice wethers, $3 90 to $4 60; fair to choice, $3 90 to $4 60; fair to choice mixed, $3 60 to $3 60; western sheep, $3 90 to $4 50; Texas sheep, $2 25 to $3 50; native lambs, $4 to $5 65; western lambs, $4 75 to $5 60.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Beeves—Receipts, 5,717; steers slow and generally 10c to 15c lower; common do, steady to strong; bulls and thin cows firm; good cows slow; steers, $4 15 to $5 30; oxen and stags, $3 75 to $4 75; bulls, $2 50 to $3 90; choice and export, $4 to $4 40; cows, $1 50 to $3 90; fat heifers, $4. Cables steady. Shipments none. Calves—Receipts, 1,452; prime veals firmer; medium and common do, slow; grassers higher; veals, $4 to $8 50; little calves, $3 50 to $4; grassers, $2 50 to $3; culls, $2. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 19,256; slow for both sheep and lambs; opening prices 15c to 35c lower; closed 25c to 40c off; sheep, $2 25 to $4; culls, $1 75 to $2; lambs, $4 65 to $5 85; few choice, $5 90; Canada lambs, $5 75 to $5 80. Hogs—Receipts, 14,757; weak at $5 20 to $5 35; choice state pigs, $5 40.

EAST BUFFALO, Dec. 17.—Cattle—Market was generally demoralized, lower, and irregular, with over 300 loads on sale. The offerings were too large the best hours of the day, and constantly arriving, putting the buyers in an indifferent, uncertain mood that caused great weakness. All grades lost heavily from the basis of last Monday. Christmas steers, $5 50 to $5 65; good to best smooth export cattlet of desirable quality, $5 25 to $5 40; good to best, $4 75 to $5 10; shipping steers, $4 40 to $4 65; export bulls, choice to extra,, $4 to $4 25; good to choice butcher steers, $4 25 to $4 60; good to best butcher steers, $4 to $4 25; good to best fat bulls, $3 25 to $3 95; fair to good fat bulls, $3 to $3 75; feeder bulls, $2 25 to $3 25; bologna bulls, choice to extra, $3 to $3 25; good to choice, $2 50 to $3; canners, good to best, $1 75 to $2; yearling steers, good to choice, $2 75 to $3; fat heifers, choice to extra, $4 to $4 50; good to choice do, $3 85 to $4 50; common and stock heifers, $2 75 to $3; stock steers, good to best, $2 75 to $3; common to good do, $2 to $2 75; feeding steers, choice to extra, $3 75 to $4; good to choice, $3 25 to $3 55; Canada feeders, good to choice, $3 40 to $3 75; Canada stockers, common to good, $2 to $3 25; Michigan stockers, common to good, $2 to $3 50; Michigan feeders, $3 25 to $3 50; Jersey stockers, $2 50 to $3; milkers and calves, choice to extra, $50 to $55; good to choice, $40 to $50; springers, choice to extra, $43 to $48; calves, choice to extra, $7 50 to $7 75; good to choice, $7 to $7 50; heavy calves, $4 to $4 50. Sheep and lambs—Market opened with 108 loads on sale and several loads on track, the total sale being about 125 loads, including 22 loads of Canada lambs; the market opened with a fair demand for choice lambs, but no demand for sheep; the basis was $5 25 to $5 35 on the bulk of the sales; lambs, choice to extra, $5 25 to $5 50; good to choice, $5 to $5 25; fair to good, $4 50 to $4 75; sheep, choice to extra, $4 to $4 25; good to choice, $3 75 to $4; Canada lambs sold $5 40 to $5 50. Hogs opened fairly active on the basis of $5 05 to $5 10; but after the rush the basis declined, closing as follows: Heavy, $5 05 to $5 10, mostly inside figures; Yorkers, $5 to $5 02½; mostly $5; pigs sold $5 05 to $5 10, mostly $5 10, but there was a fancy deck early at $5 15; roughs, $4 50 to $4 70; stags, $3 75 to $4 25; on the close the basis was $5 on Yorkers.

OLD COUNTRY PRICES.

London, Dec. 17.—Here and at Liverpool cattle are steady and unchanged at 11½c to 12½c; extra choice, 13c per lb; sheep are steady at 12c to 13c per lb; lambs are steady at 13½c to 14c per lb; refrigerator beef is 9½c to 10c per lb.

## The Oil Market

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 17.—Oil opened at $1 07.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 17.—Oil closed at $1 07.

OIL CITY, Dec. 17.—Oil—Credit balances, $1 07; certificates, no bid.

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# ALDERMEN DINED BY THE MAYOR

### *Pleasant Gathering at Close of Council Meeting.*

### *His Worship Announces That He Will Run Again.*

### *Aldermen State Their Positions—Happy Speeches Made by City Fathers and Others—A Jolly Company.*

The members of the city council, several school trustees, the staff of civic officials, and a number of personal friends, were Mayor Rumball's guests last night at a banquet served in the Grand Trunk dining-room. It would have been difficult indeed, if not impossible, to have gathered about one table a jollier company. Probably the excellent spread provided by Host Butler had an exhilarating effect; possibly it may have been the relaxation of the tense cords of worry about municipal works; whatever the reason, the little personal antagonisms that were born during a year of close association were forgotten in an all-embracing optimism, and the path of the future seemed strewn with rose sand olives. This, remember, was after the almonds.

The diners set themselves to the task that his worship had imposed upon them with the evident intention of transacting the business of the evening in a thorough manner, and they amply justified their reputation. Having thus proven their abilities satisfactorily, they turned to song and speech-making. Many kind words were said for the gentleman whose guests they were; the desire that he would run again was often expressed, and finally, the company had the satisfaction of applauding his announcement that he would again be a candidate for the mayoralty.

The toast to "Her Majesty" having been honored loyally, all drank to the "Army, Navy and Volunteers," and so the two military members of the council, Ald. Dreaney and Ald. Stevenson, were given a chance to tell of their martial ardor and the good stuff of which Canadian soldiers are made.

The municipal council of the city of London proved to a man that it is not averse to drinking his own health or of telling of the glory of its deeds.

"We have had our little scraps in council," said Ald. Jolly, "but we always drop them outside. I believe every member has tried to do his duty by his fellow-citizens."

Ald. Winnett—We are all working for the best good of the city. I have never sat under a fairer chief magistrate. I would like to see him there again. He is entitled to it. I trust that the new mode of electing the aldermen will advance the city's interests.

Ald. Wray—I have used all the knowledge and talent God has given me to grasp the questions arising. I am glad I went into the council. I have enjoyed myself thoroughly. I trust that my influence has tended towards an upward grade. As I have so thoroughly enjoyed myself this year, I am determined to get back next year.

Ald. Brener—Mayor Rumball has been fair and courteous to all. I like the council well, and I will try again.

Ald. Pritchard—I have never sat with as much pleasure under a mayor as this year. As big a Tory as I am supposed to be, I hope his worship will be there next year. I hope we will both be members of next year's council. I've always had an ambition to sit in the council the first year of the century.

Ald. Douglass—I'm glad to feel that all the council is going out as one man.

Ald. Cooper—I hope that the electors will see fit to place his worship in the chair again. I am in the field again. We aldermen are chided not only by our council friends, but at home also. Each morning after a council meeting, as we sit down to breakfast, my good wife takes up the paper and says: "Well, you've tried to disgrace us again."

Ald. Bartlett—I have done what I thought was best in the council. I hope to see the mayor in the same position next year.

Ald. Gerry—I am proud to have belonged to the council the two years I have—the jubilee year and the last year of the century. If I run, I'll do my best to lick Cooper.

Ald. Barned—I came in green, but I've learned much.

Ald. Malloch—I tried to beat Cooper by getting on No. 2. I got there. I won't say I'll run. But if I do I'll beat Cooper.

Ald. Winder—I won't say yet whether I'll run or not.

The toast to the educationalists brought a ready response from Trustee Macpherson, who defended the kindergarten system from the attacks of "that already discredited organization, the L. R. E. O. P. A."

The "City Officials" were represented by City Clerk Kingston, Assessment Commissioner Grant, Assessors Toll and Andrus, and Sergeant-at-Arms Merritt.

Capital speeches were given by ex-Ald. Parnell and Bennet, in reply to the toast, "The Ex-Aldermen."

"The Mercantile Interests" were upheld by R. W. Bennet, Walter Bartlett and John Stevely.

Ald. Stevenson replied for "The Ladies," and "The Press" was honored also.

Ald. Jolly proposed the health of his worship the mayor. The company drank it with great enthusiasm, singing his praise as a jolly good fellow.

His worship, in reply, thanked the council for the kindness shown him during the past year. He mentioned the council's act of reducing the number of aldermen according to the desires of the people. He hoped that this great reform would work well. The council was going out of the year with a surplus instead of a deficit. He did not take a gloomy view of the city's future. He was proud of London. He loved her dearly. Her interests were his interests. In announcing that he would run again, he said that the city should be as careful in its selection of a mayor as its member of parliament. He hoped that if elected, he would have as good support in 1901 as in 1900. The watchword for the next ten years should be economy. If this were done, many manufacturers would come here. The mayor said that only a few days ago a manufacturer from Chicago had finally decided to locate here. In conclusion he referred to his desire to see the present switching difficulties overcome.

Cheers and the singing of the "National Anthem" broke up the gathering.



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## Scrutineers Appointed.

The following 38 scrutineers have been appointed to act in the balloting on the proposal to abolish the hospital trust. There will be 83 scrutineers, altogether, and the balance will be appointed tomorrow:

Division 2, ward 2—Wm. Peach, for.
Division 3, ward 4 — Wm. Coyne, for.
Division 6, ward 4 — J. S. Taggie, against.
Division 3, ward 3—J. W. Reynolds, for.
Division 9, ward 4—A. Jackson, for.
Division 7, ward 3—Walter Vincent, for.
Division 6, ward 4—John Isaac, for.
Division 4, ward 4—Wm. H. Doe, for.
Division 4, ward 4—George Leadbitter, against.
Division 7, ward 4—W. J. Stone, for.
Division 8, ward 4—W. A. Pring, for.
Division 2, ward 4—W. H. Chapman, against.
Division 10, ward 3—Geo. Abey, for.
Division 6, ward 3—William Bailey, against.
Division 5, ward 1—J. Corbin, for.
Division 2, ward 3—Jas. Whittaker, against.
Division 3, ward 1—J. T. Burrage, against.
Division 5, ward 3 — G. Clampitt, against.
Division 5, ward 2—W. V. Onslow, against.
Division 4, ward 4—John B. Beaumont, against.
Division 2, ward 4—Wm. Rhycard, against.
Division 6, ward 2—T. J. Morkin, for.
Division 10, ward 4—John Mills, against.
Division 9, ward 4—Wm. Nutkins, against.
Division 5, ward 2—Geo. Prescott, against.
Division 4, ward 3—Stephen Clark, against.
Division 7, ward 3—W. Woodward, against.
Division 10, ward 4—Thos. Wilkie, for.
Division 5, ward 2—Thos. Murphy, against.
Division 9, ward 3—W. Bennett, for.
Division 9, ward 3—J. Ardel, against.
Division 6, ward 1—John C. Williams, for.
Division 3, ward 2—Hy Turner, for.
Division 3, ward 2—Geo. Sampey, against.
Division 6, ward 3—E. J. Carty, for.
Division 8, ward 4—H. Colerick, for.
Division 5, ward 4—Alex. Woonton, against.
Division 1, ward 3—Ed. Taylor, against.

## Caught on the Fly.

About 200 teamsters of the Shedden Company, Montreal, are out on strike.

Dominion Alien Labor Officer Williams is kept busy enforcing the law against aliens.

"Peter's pence" during the recent jubilee of the pope amounted to no less than $1,500,000.

The funeral of Mr. Joseph Rymal, ex-M.P., was one of the largest ever seen in Barton township.

It is reported that Rev. J. B. Farthing, M.A., and his family and a number of other missionaries were massacred in North China.

A robbery similar to that perpetrated a few days ago at the museum at Greenwich Hospital, in England, has been committed at the Toulon Muse-

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**The Success and Popularity of the New Catarrh Cure.**

The remarkable success and popularity of the new catarrh cure, Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, is largely because it not only cures catarrh, but catarrh sufferers who use these tablets know what they are taking into their system; no secret is made of what they contain. They are composed of hydrastin, blood root, guaiacol and red gum, are pleasant to the taste and being dissolved in the mouth they take immediate effect upon the mucous lining of the throat, nasal passages and the whole respiratory tract.

The cures that Stuart's Catarrh Tablets have accomplished in old chronic cases are little short of remarkable, and the advantage of knowing just what you are taking into your system is of paramount importance when it is remembered that the cocaine or morphine habit has been frequently contracted as the result of using secret catarrh remedies, as so many of them are well known to contain these injurious drugs

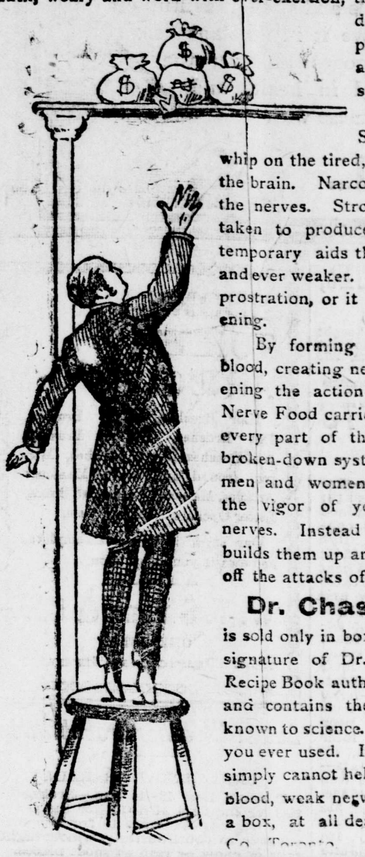
Stuart's Catarrh Tablets meet with the approval and cordial support of physicians because their antiseptic character renders them perfectly safe for the general public to use and their composition makes them a common sense cure for all forms of catarrhal trouble.

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This is one reason why Stuart's Catarrh Tablets have been so widely recommended, because they are not only pleasant and convenient to take, but the patient also knows he is not putting into his stomach anything of an injurious character.

These tablets are sold by druggists everywhere in the United States and Canada at 50 cents for complete treatment and probably there is no better remedy ever devised for the permanent cure of catarrh whether located in the head, throat, bronchial tubes or in the stomach.

# Riches Are Won At the Cost Of Health.



In the struggle for wealth and position, amid nerve-straining competition, business and professional men forget to care for their health until, weary and worn with over-exertion, the brain lags, the mind wanders, headaches and body pains tell of exhaustion and approaching collapse of the system.

But what is to be done? Stimulants have been used to whip on the tired, weak heart and to enliven the brain. Narcotics have been tried to soothe the nerves. Strong drugs have been freely taken to produce sleep. In spite of these temporary aids the system has grown weaker and ever weaker. Locomotor ataxia, paralysis, prostration, or it may be insanity, are threatening.

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## FEDERATION OF LABOR

### *Compers Re-Elected President—Scranton the Next Meeting Place.*

The twentieth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, held at Louisville, adjourned sine die on Friday night, after selecting Scranton, Pa., for next year's convention. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Samuel Gompers, New York, cigarmaker, re-elected; secretary, Frank Morrison, Washington, printer, re-elected; treasurer, John B. Lennon, Bloomington, Ill., tailor, re-elected; first vice-president, James Duncan, Boston, granite cutter; second vice-president, John Mitchell, Indianapolis, miner; third vice-president, James O'Connell, Washington, machinist; fourth vice-president, Max Morris, Denver, retail clerk; fifth vice-president, Thomas P. Kidd, Chicago, woodworker; sixth vice-president, Dennis A. Hayes, Philadelphia, glass bottle blower.

For fraternal delegates to the British Trades Council the convention elected Daniel J. Keefe, of Chicago, and Joseph Valentine, of San Francisco. John R. O'Brien, of Boston, was chosen fraternal delegate to Canada.

Detroit printers and brewery workers are elated at the action of the American Federation of Labor in rejecting a resolution calling for trade autonomy. The brewers have demanded that all painters, carpenters, engineers and other trades working in a brewery shall belong to the Brewery Workers' Union, and the printers have held that the machinists employed in printing offices where there are typesetting machines shall owe allegiance to the typesetters' organization. On the other hand, the machinists insist that a machinist's proper place in labor's ranks is in the organization of his craft, and nowhere else.

The action of the federation calls for the policy of non-interference, but the resolution passed contains a slap at the printers for their refusal to submit the difference to arbitration.

The Port Huron Machinists' Union held an important meeting on Saturday evening to act on the strained relations between itself and the Grand Trunk management over the dismissal of the five machinists from Port Huron who refused to take the strikers' places at Nicholas. It is understood that the trouble is practically adjusted, and that the probability of a strike there has been averted. It is said that an agreement has been reached whereby the dismissed men will be taken back within a few days.

**WORST ON RECORD**

**A. N. Wideman's Case Attracting Great Attention to Dodd's Kidney Pills.**

Duntroon, Dec. 17.—Mr. A. N. Wideman's case has been attracting a great deal of attention lately. Mr. Wideman is a resident of this place, and consequently well known here. His case was truly remarkable. For five months he lay in bed, bent, twisted, distorted by rheumatism. He was actually in agony, sometimes screaming with pain. Bed sores came out on his body, one of which was poulticed five hundred times before it healed. Until Mr. Wideman started to take Dodd's Kidney Pills it was thought that death was the only way out of his misery.

Mr. Wideman was treated by doctors to no avail.

They gave him medicine containing mercury, which made his teeth break off, but which absolutely failed to cure him. Mr. Wideman was cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills. His case is regarded as the most severe on record, and his cure by Dodd's Kidney Pills is the most successful cure of rheumatism known. Mr. Wideman gets letters from all over the country inquiring about Dodd's Kidney Pills.

THERE IS DANGER IN NEGLECTING A COLD. Many who have died of consumption dated their troubles from exposure, followed by a cold which settled on their lungs, and in a short time they were beyond the skill of the best physician. Had they used Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, before it was too late, their lives would have been spared. This medicine has no equal for curing coughs, colds and all affections of the throat and lungs.

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## TO-DAY'S MARKETS

### American Markets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Flour—Receipts, 23,040 bbls; sales, 2,900 pkgs; state and western market remained inactive as far as business was concerned, but held fairly steady. Rye flour—Quiet; fair to good, $2 80 to $3 05; choice to fancy, $3 20 to $3 45. Wheat—Receipts, 146,150 bu; sales, 1,210,000 bu; option market opened steady and advanced with corn, afterwards yielding to moderate sales for long account; March, 79½c to 79 9-16c; May, 79 1-16c to 79 3-16c. Rye—Steady; state, 52c to 53c, c.i.f., New York, car lots; No. 2 western, 56½c, f.o.b., afloat. Corn—Receipts, 95,500 bu; sales, 70,000 bu; options were very strong on near months, owing to bad weather, poor grading and a scarcity of shorts; later it eased off under realizing; Dec., 46c to 46½c; May, 42 3-16c to 42¼c. Oats—Receipts, 29,400 bu; option market was dull but steady; on track, white state, 31c to 35c; on track, white western, 31c to 35c. Butter—Receipts, 9,475 pkgs; market barely steady; state dairy, 16c to 23c; creamery, 17c to 25c; June creamery, 17c to 23c; factory, 11½c to 16c; imitation creamery, 14½c to 19c. Cheese—Receipts, 5,438 pkgs; strong; fancy large fall-made, 11¼c to 11½c; fancy small fall-made, 11¾c to 12c. Eggs—Receipts, 6,497 pkgs; market easier; state and Pennsylvania, 25c to 28c; western regular packing, at mark, 21c to 25c; western, loss off, 27c. Sugar—Raw barely steady; fair refining, 3⅞c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4⅜c; molasses sugar, 3⅜c; refined quiet. Coffee—Weak. Lead—Quiet. Wool—Dull. Hops—Steady.

BUFFALO, Dec. 18.—Spring wheat—No. 1 northern, old, 80¾c; No. 1 northern, new, 79¾c. Winter wheat—No. 2 red, 77c; No. 1 white, 75c. Corn—No. 2 yellow, 42¼c; No. 3 yellow, 41¾c; No. 2 corn, 41¼c; No. 3 corn, 41¼c, on track. Oats—No. 2 white, 29c; No. 3 white, 28c to 28¼c; No. 3 mixed, 25¼c.

DETROIT, Dec. 18.—Wheat—No. 1 white, cash, 77½c; No. 2 red, cash and Dec., 77½c; May, 79⅞c.

TOLEDO, Dec. 18.—Wheat—Cash and Dec., 76c; May, 79c. Corn—39½c; May, 37½c. Oats—Dec., 23½c; May, 25c.

### Live Stock Markets

MONTREAL, Dec. 17.—The receipts at the east end abattoir this morning were 800 head of cattle, 200 calves, 400 sheep and 300 lambs. The attendance of buyers was large, and prices were well maintained. Cattle, choice, sold at 4c to 4½c per lb; good, 3½c to 4c; lower grades, 2c to 3c. Calves, $2 to $10 each. Sheep, 2½c to 3c; lambs, 3½c to 4¼c. Hogs brought from 5½c to 6c.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 18.—Wheat—No change; red and white, 63½c, middle freights; goose, 60½c to 61c, middle freights; 60c north and west; spring, 66c to 66½c for No. 1, east; Manitoba, No. 1 hard, Toronto and west, 89½c; No. 2 hard, 84½c, and No. 3 hard 79c to 80c, and No. 1 hard, grinding, in transit, is quoted at 91½c; No. 1 hard, 86½c, and No. 3 hard at 82c. Flour—Quiet, cars of 90 per cent patents are quoted at $2 85 in barrels, middle freights; Manitoba flour steady, at $4 20 for Hungarian patents and $3 85 for strong bakers, in car lots, bags included, Toronto. Millfeed—Quiet, at $14 for shorts and $12 for bran, west. Barley—Steady, 39½c to 40c for No. 2, middle freights, and 37½c for No. 3 extra, north and west. Buckwheat—Steady, at 49c, middle freights. Rye—Unchanged, at 47c, middle freights; Corn—Steady; Canada yellow, 35c to 36c, west; No. 3 American yellow, at 44½c, Toronto. Oats—Unchanged—No. 2 white are quoted at 26c, middle freights. Peas—Unchanged, 60½c to 61c, middle freights, and 60c, north and west. Eggs—Receipts, new laid, small, firm, at 28c to 30c for case lots; choice held, fresh, 16c to 20c, according to quality; limed, 15c to 16c. Butter — Receipts, fair demand, good, best large rolls, 17c to 18½c; inferior rolls, tubs and pails, 13c to 14c; dairy pound rolls, 19c to 19½c; creamery, solid, 20c to 22c prints, 22c to 23c; Dressed hogs—Cars here, $6 80, but $7 asked. Live hogs—Receipts, today, 1,000; choice bacon ½c lower, 6⅞c; heavy and light fat ¼c lower, at 6½c.

### Chicago Exchange.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.

Following are the fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade furnished by F. H. Butler, broker, offices Masonic Temple. Phone 1278.

| | Open. | High | Low. | Close |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wheat—Jan..... | 70⅝ | 70⅝ | 69⅞ | 70 |
| May..... | 73⅜ | 73⅝ | 72⅜ | 73⅜ |
| Corn—Jan ..... | 36 | 36¼ | 36 | 36⅛ |
| May ..... | 36⅛ | 36¼ | 36⅛ | 36⅛ |
| Oats—Jan ..... | 23⅜ | .... | .... | .... |
| May ..... | 23⅜ | 23¾ | 23⅝ | 23¾ |
| Pork—Jan..... | 12 15 | 12 15 | 12 05 | 12 07 |
| May ..... | 12 00 | .... | .... | .... |
| Lard—Jan. .... | 6 85 | 6 85 | 6 82 | 6 82 |
| May ..... | 6 87 | .... | .... | .... |
| Ribs—Jan..... | 6 22 | .... | .... | .... |
| May ..... | 6 27 | .... | .... | .... |

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184 Dundas Street.

## Latest Weather Probabilities

LIGHT SNOW OR RAIN.

Toronto, Dec. 18—10 a.m.—Probabilities for the next 24 hours for the lower lakes region: Moderate to fresh southeasterly to southwesterly winds; light falls of snow or rain at most places.

Wednesday—Generally fair and continued mild.

## Notice to Advertisers.

It is imperative that advertisers hand us copy for changes by 4 p.m. the day previous to insertion. We will not undertake to make changes unless copy is handed in at that hour. The great rush of Christmas advertising necessitates this action, and we hope our advertisers will act accordingly.

## LATE LOCAL ITEMS

—Superintendent F. W. Egan, of Toronto, was in the city today.

—Mrs. Darch, treasurer, W. C. T. U., is recovering from her late severe illness.

—Mrs. Alex. Macdonald, of Toronto, is visiting at her brother's, A. C. Clark, 455 Waterloo street.

—The water commissioners met today and adjourned until tomorrow, when the annual statement will be submitted.

—The plan for the third of the concert course series opened at the Y. M. C. A. this morning. There was a rush for seats.

—Mr. F. Yeigh, of Toronto, gives his picture travel talk entitled the "Highways of Europe," in the Talbot Street Baptist Church tonight.

—Inspector Sanders begs to acknowledge, with thanks, the very generous gift of $25 to the Charity Organization, from C. S. Bayley, also $10 for the Children's Aid Society, and $20 for special purposes from W. E. Saunders.

—Many friends will regret to hear of the death of Mrs. Margaret McDonald, who was a resident of this city for over 50 years. Her death occurred last Tuesday at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. James Pope, Hamilton. Besides her daughter, the deceased leaves two sons, Dan, of Tennessee, and Robert, of this city. Deceased was in her 91st year. Interment took place at Hamilton.

WON SILVER CUPS.

High Constable McLoud won two silver cups for his barred Plymouth Rocks at the Guelph Poultry Show last week.

"THE DAIRY FARM" TONIGHT.

"The Dairy Farm" Company arrived in the city this morning. Mr. Rapley Holmes, the leading man, and Mr. Wm. McGowen, stage manager, lost no time in inspecting the stage of the London Opera House, and found, to their satisfaction, that it is quite large enough to produce all the scenic and other effects which have so enhanced the production in other cities of this meritorious and unique story of real everyday life. London playgoers may therefore be assured of witnessing tonight, in its entirety of star cast and complete scenic and stage accessories this most successful and elevating play.

DIED IN THE KLONDIKE.

Word has been received of the death of Willis Welbon, grandson of James Wilkins, city, at Sulphur Creek, Klondike. Mrs. Welbon and her sister, Miss Wilkins, are very ill.

JUVENILE COURT.

Five lads appeared in juvenile court this morning charged with the theft of various articles from the front of Eacrett's store. All were let go. Some of the articles taken have been restored.

POLICE COURT.

At the police court this morning, Samuel Burt, a drayman, was fined $1 and $1 85 costs for assaulting Alfred Hall, a fellow-drayman, at the G. T. R. station. The trouble arose out of the keenness of competition between the rival carriers. A sidewalk bicyclist contributed the customary $2, and a drunk from the country paid $5 to avoid the alternative of 21 days in jail.

ACCIDENT AT ST. GEORGE, ONT.

The G. T. R. bridge at St. George has been the scene of another railway accident, says the Galt Reporter. On Wednesday evening a freight train in charge of Conductor Eames and consisting of 25 cars, was coming down grade from the west, when an axle broke. Near the station the cars jumped the rails and rode on the ties, which spread the rails and ripped up the sleepers. When on the bridge the train parted and five cars were precipitated to the bottom of the steep embankment. The cars were smashed to splinters, and their contents of corn, lime, fertilizers and timber scattered broadcast.

DRUM MAJOR OF "THE KILTIES."

The drum major of the famous 48th Highlanders' Band, Roderick Donald MacLeay, is almost as celebrated throughout Canada as is Bandmaster Slatter himself. Mr. MacLeay is the finest specimen of manhood in all Canada, and it is doubtful if a more magnificently built man lives in the world today. He stands about seven feet, and (unlike almost every other extremely tall man) is built in perfect proportion to his great height. With his great busby towering two feet above his head, and wearing his handsome kilted regimentals, he makes a most striking figure as he walks ahead of the bandsmen. Bandmaster Slatter is over six feet in height himself, and his bandsmen are fine men physically, but they all look small indeed beside the tall Scottish-Canadian who carries the huge baton at the head of the regiment. All eyes will be on the big man in kilts when the band marches from the depot in this city. The band will appear at the Auditorium on Friday next. Make a note of the date, and see "The Kilties" on parade.

## THE LARGEST IN WESTERN ONTARIO

*Attractiveness of Grafton & Co.'s Window Equaled by Variety and Quality of Their Stock—Gents' Furnishings for Xmas Presents.*

Among the many windows on Dundas street decked out in their holiday dress none are more attractive than those of Grafton & Co.'s well-known clothing store. One represents a balcony with steps, while the other shows an artistically constructed canopy. Both are brilliantly lighted with incandescent lights, and contain neat figures, displaying sample suits of the high-grade clothing manufactured and sold by this firm. Inside the store is found a display of clothing that is striking alike in its extent, its variety, its up-to-dateness, and its excellence. The stock is the largest by probably $10,000 worth of any in Western Ontario. It comprises a full line of men's, youths', boys' and children's clothing, nearly one-third of the store, being devoted to the two latter lines. Manufacturing their own goods, this firm is enabled to sell at the same prices that other dealers have to pay for their goods. Added to this, the materials used in their clothing are the best, the construction and finish are equal to that on the finest tailor-made clothing, and every garment bears the union label, a guarantee of honest and efficient workmanship. Though the clothing made by Grafton & Co. is fully equal in every respect to the finest custom-made wearing apparel, it is sold at prices ranging from 40 to 50 per cent below those of tailor-made garments. Grafton & Co. have demonstrated the fact that it is possible to buy ready-to-wear clothing, and appear as well-dressed as the tailor-clad man, at half the cost. In addition to their immense stock of clothing, Grafton & Co. carry a full line of gents' furnishings, a visit to which will provide genuine inspiration for the Christmas shopper. Gloves, neckwear, linen and many other lines of gentlemen's wear are here in endless profusion, and all at prices fully 25 per cent below those of any other establishment in the city. There are few Christmas gifts more appreciated by a gentleman than an addition to his neckwear, and it is impossible for the buyers to make a mischoice, as every article shown is tasteful, artistic and up-to-date. The large, efficient and obliging staff of clerks, under the director of Mr. J. M. Hickey, the popular manager, will be found ready to meet the requirements of every customer, and it is safe to predict for Grafton & Co. a more than usually large and profitable holiday and winter trade. *b

28° BELOW ZERO.

Saranac Lake, N. Y., Dec. 17.—The thermometer registered 28° below zero here early this morning, the lowest this season. Snow is now three to five feet deep in the woods.

The best that money can buy should be your aim in choosing a medicine, and this is Hood's Sarsaparilla. It cures when others fail.

Fire at Elk Point, S.D., today (Tuesday) did $150,000 damage.

The strike at Natalie colliery, near Shamokin, Pa., involving 1,200 employes, has ended with concessions to the men.

Burglars destroyed the vault in Kennedy's Bank, at Hope, Ind., today (Tuesday) and secured $15,000.

Wines For The Holidays.

The festive season now approaching calls for its accompanying wines, not only for the table, but for making the dainties. The best of them are here, as our stock of all kinds of liquors is selected.

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No. 8 Masonic Temple.
Rear Entrance from Market.

## A PRAYER MEETING FOLLOWED

*The Defeat of the British at Nooitgedacht.*

*Boer Plans Were Well Laid—Desperate Bravery of Col. Legge.*

Johannesburg, Monday, Dec. 17.—Details of the defeat of the British at Nooitgedacht indicate that Gen. Clements' entire force had a narrow escape from capture. The Boer plans were splendidly laid. If the main British column had tarried a little longer there would have been a complete success for the Boers, who exposed themselves undauntedly, yelling and waving their arms. Their rushes were only stemmed by artillery.

After the British retreat the Boers held a prayer meeting. Their hymns could be heard by the retiring soldiers.

All accounts indicate a heavy Boer loss. Col. Legge exhibited splendid bravery. He shot five Boers with his revolver before he fell with five bullets in his body.

## A WORTHLESS CHECK

*Passed by a Slick Stranger Yesterday in a Dundas Street Store.*

A smooth stranger worked an old game yesterday morning on a Dundas street grocery firm. He called, priced some poultry, and ordered it sent to the residence of Mr. R. C. Struthers. He offered in payment a check for $5, which was accepted, and he received $3 65 in change. The check purported to be drawn by R. C. Struthers & Co., payable to Robert Struthers or bearer. Examination of the handwriting leads to the belief that the entire check was the work of one man, but the body of the document was written with a fine-pointed pen, while the signature was made with a stub-point. The stranger was young, probably about 25 years old, 5 feet 9 inches in height, clean shaven, with dark hair, and wore a black stiff hat and stylish black overcoat, silk-lined. The police are working on the case, but so far have not made any arrest.

## LIKE CEMENT FLOORS

*County Committee Satisfied With New Bridge Flooring Adopted in Elgin County.*

The committee which went from Middlesex county council last week to inspect the cement floors adopted in the new iron bridge in Elgin county were very favorably impressed with the innovation. The floors consist of a corrugated steel bottom covered with a layer of cement, a center filling of grout and a top covering of cement, giving a solid, stone-like surface similar to the cement sidewalks laid down in the city. The committee will recommend to the council the experimental use of the flooring on the next iron bridge erected by the county, and it is probable the trial will be made. In view of the constantly increasing price of plank and the cost of frequently renewing plank floors, the experiment will doubtless be watched with interest, not only throughout the country, but in this city and other municipalities.

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Inspector Sanders begs to acknowl-

## Appreciate His Services.

The following letter, which explains itself, has been forwarded to Principal Radcliffe, of the Collegiate Institute:

"London, Dec. 17, 1900.

"S. J. Radcliffe, B.A.:

"Dear Sir,—I have been instructed to forward you a copy of the following resolution passed at the last meeting of the London Real Estate Owners' Association:

"That the members of the Real Estate Owners' Association of the city of London have been informed that Mr. S. J. Radcliffe, B.A., principal of the Collegiate Institute, while conducting the work of the institute with efficiency and success, has by the economical and proper administration of his charge, materially reduced the running expenses of the same.

"That this association conveys to him their appreciation of the services he has rendered the citizens of London.' Very respectfully yours,

"W. H. FERGUSON, Secretary."

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## Back in The Old Stand.

Mr. Ed Shea, the well-known and popular wine and liquor merchant, is once more established in his old quarters at No. 8 Masonic Temple, on the Richmond street side, where he hopes to greet all his old customers and many new ones. The new premises form one of the finest stores in Western Ontario, and are possessed of ever facility for carrying on a first-class wholesale and retail liquor business. There is an entrance at the back from the Market Square. Mr. Shea carries a full stock of the best wines, liquors and mineral waters. He has now on hand an especially fine line of old ales and porters for the Christmas trade. He has also a full line of fine old ports and sherries, one of the latter being forty years old. Mr. Shea is exclusive agent for London for the famous Old Mull Blend Scotch Whisky, as well as handling twenty well-known brands. He carries also a full line of bar glasses. Mr. Shea pays special attention to the supplying of families, and all household orders, whether by mail or telephone, are promptly and carefully attended to. Since his embarking in business in London Mr. Shea has built up a large and constantly increasing trade, and the excellence of his stock and his reliable business methods are sure to result in added patronage. *b

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## NECESSITY FOR GOOD FEELING

*Anglo-American Amity Should Not Be Disturbed*

*By the Nicaragua Canal Question—John and Jonathan May Have to Rely on Each Other—Lord Strathcona's Idea of Imperialism.*

GOOD FEELING NECESSARY.

London, Dec. 18.—The Standard, in referring to the Nicaragua Canal question, thinks it would be a pity if the good understanding between England and America should be weakened. Much has happened, of late, it says, to warn Americans as well as Englishmen that they may have to rely upon each other in future for mutual assistance, and to strengthen the bonds of race, language and common culture which link them to one another.

LORD STRATHCONA AS LORD RECTOR.

London, Dec. 18.—Lord Strathcona, the Canadian high commissioner, was installed today as lord rector of Aberdeen University. He met with a demonstratively cordial greeting from the students. In his rectorial address, Lord Strathcona dealt with the unity of the empire. He referred to the gratifying growth of the Dominion of Canada, the Federation of Australia, and the similar federation of South Africa, to follow the war. The speaker did not altogether favor an imperial parliament. He thought a consultative imperial council would meet all the needs.

At the close of his address Lord Strathcona announced he would give £25,000, provided £50,000 more was raised within a year, to wipe out the debt of the university.

## Amusements.

"DAIRY FARM" TONIGHT.

The great success of Eleanor Merron's charming play, "The Dairy Farm," which will be seen at the London Opera House tonight, is due to the pure and wholesome story that is told in connection with it, and of the beautiful manner in which it is staged and acted. During the run of fourteen weeks of the play in New York city, many letters of approval were received by the authoress from prominent clergymen in that city. One from the Rev. George R. Van de Water, pastor of the fashionable St. Andrew's Church, and also chaplain of Columbia College, who wrote: "My wife, my son and I enjoyed it, chiefly because it was chaste and charming from the first to the last." Rev. John R. Peters: "I was glad to have my children see it, as well as myself." The Rev. Charles H. Bers, Chapel of Augusta, Trinity Parish, New York, says: "A most wholesome play." With such indorsements can the marvelous success of "The Dairy Farm" be wondered at?

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FOR NINE YEARS.—Mr. Samuel Bryan, Thedford, writes: "For nine years I suffered with ulcerated sores on my leg; I expended over $100 to physicians, and tried every preparation I heard of or saw recommended for such disease, but could get no relief. I at last was recommended to give Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil a trial, which has resulted, after using eight bottles (using it internally and externally) in a complete cure. I believe it is the best medicine in the world, and I write this to let others know what it has done for me."

IT IS A LIVER PILL.—Many of the ailments that man has to contend with have their origin in a disordered liver, which is a delicate organ, peculiarly susceptible to the disturbances that come from irregular habits or lack of care in eating and drinking. This accounts for the great many liver regulators now pressed on the attention of sufferers. Of these there is none superior to Parmelee's Vegetable Pills. Their operation though gentle is effective, and the most delicate can use them.

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LOST—TUESDAY—$10 IN HILLS BETWEEN Market House and Bank of Toronto. One dollar reward on return to this office. b

ST. GEORGE'S CHRISTMAS CHEER—ALL deserving persons desirous of participating in the above will please apply to either of the following members of the relief committee by Friday next: H. T. Smith, 588 Dufferin avenue; S. Pannell, 98 William street; Wm. Skinner, 326 York street; J. H. Barons, 320 Talbot street, Hodgins House; S. A. Roberts, 41 Regina street; G. B. Nash, 638 Talbot street; R. Cadwallader, secretary. 440 yw

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BRADWIN—Suddenly, in Vancouver, B. C. on Thursday, Dec. 13, 1900, Charles Henry Bradwin, British Columbia representative for Robinson, Little & Co., wholesale dry-goods, London, Ont., third son of Joseph E. Bradwin, Esq., Wingham, Ont., aged 27 years.

Interment at Hanover, Ont., on Friday, Dec. 21.

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## The Queen's Veil.

The morning following the incidents just related, while Ernest, Lord Holborn, was sitting over his breakfast with his friend, Count Henri Beauharnais, a servant came to him, bringing a tiny package on a salver.

"What may this dainty thing be?" his lordship said, as he took it, a look half-surprise, half-curiosity upon his handsome face.

Then, as he instantly recognized that delicate tracery, upon the wrapper, as identical with that upon the card he had picked up in Monsieur La Fort's office the day before, the blood tingled to his very finger tips, and leaped to the roots of his dark hair.

He tore it open, wondering what it could contain, and lo! there lay his seal—a highly-prized gift from his mother. He had only that morning discovered his loss. He held it out to his friend with a smile of pleasure.

"I never thought to see it again," he said.

"Who has foupnd it. Who has returned it?" questioned the count.

"There is no message, no name—nothing to tell me who the finder was," Ernest Holborn replied, examining the wrapper with rising color; and yet in his own mind he was convinced that he was indebted to no other than the lovely girl in whom he had been so deeply interested the day before.

"Doubtless it dropped from my chain while we were at the lace manufactory yesterday," he added, "and some one has expressed it to me from there."

"But it is addressed in a lady's hand, and such a pretty hand, too, upon my word," returned his friend, reaching out and taking the paper from him.

"It was doubtless directed by monsieur's orders, by some one in his employ," said the young lord.

"But how could anyone know that you were the loser?" persisted Count Beauharnais, with a puzzled look.

"My initials and coat-of-arms are engraven on the seal," responded Lord Holborn, who was also puzzled by the same question.

"But I did not introduce you: how could they know you or where to send to."

"We will not trouble ourselves as to the how of the matter so long as I have the seal once more," Ernest replied, with more indifference than he really felt, while he refastened the trinket in its place upon the chain. But for several days the incident was not absent from his mind, while he, too, strove to solve the mystery of its having been sent to its proper destination.

Meanwhile, Tina was busily engaged upon her designs for the royal finery, and they grew and blossomed into such beauty that the lace manufacturer could scarcely contain his delight and exultation.

He decided that Tina should direct and control the operatives in the working of her own designs This plan virtually displeased Madame Fouchard, as far as Tina's designs were concerned, and of course, the older employe was highly indignant. She remonstrated with Monsieur La Fort, and threatened to give up her position. This threat, however, proved of no force whatever; therefore Madame Fouchard reconsidered her determination and concluded to remain. She solaced herself by vowing vengeance against the unsuspecting Tina.

CHAPTER VI.

In a luxurious room of one of the imperial palaces of Belgium, there sat one day before opening of our story, two maidens, engaged in an excited and bitter controversy.

Both were apparently of the same age, although there was really three years difference in the date of their birth—one being sixteen the other nineteen.

One was a bright, beautiful girl, whose every movement was full of grace and vivacity; although at this time her face was overcast with sadness and anxiety, while her eyes were suffused with tears.

Her companion, on the other hand, was rather plain, and, just now, with the expression of anger and jealousy upon her face, she was absolutely repulsive.

"I tell you," she cried to the fair girl opposite her, "you are just as treacherous as you can be. He never would have bestowed upon you that munificent gift if you had not worked upon his feelings, and artfully wound and insinuated yourself into his favor. Perhaps you are trying to supersede me in his regard—perhaps you even aspire to become his grace's bride—you!" and the scornful laugh which accompanied this bitter sentence brought the bright color in a sudden wave to the fair face of her listener.

"Marie, how can you wrong me so?" the elder girl retorted, gently, yet with dignity; "you well know that his grace feels only a friendly interest in me upon your account, and, perhaps for the slight favor which it befel me to render him. Indeed, I have given you the credit of having confided to him my orphanage and state of dependence, and had even suggested the nature of the gift."

"Not I: for I have long seen through your arts; you have seized every opportunity to put yourself in his way, and have practiced your airs and graces upon him, as you do upon everyone, until, if this thing goes on, he will soon give me—his betrothed—the cold shoulder. Are you not ashamed of yourself—you, who but for the generosity of others, would be an outcast and a beggar?" passionately retorted the enraged girl.

"I am a gentlewoman, your ladyship, and with some of the proudest blood in the land in my veins, as you well know," quietly returned the maiden who had been so abused.

"Ha, ha! granted on your mother's side; but what of your father, my would-be lady?" retorted the Princess Marie Charlotte, for the angry, bitter words which we have recorded, proceeded from no other than she; and it was in her boudoir—a charming room, all furnished in blue and silver, in King Leopold's summer palace—that this conversation occurred.

"It is true," she resumed, after pausing to take breath, for she was excited, "that you are the child of my mother's, the queen's, cousin—the most intimate and dearly beloved friend; but who, to her sorrow, disgraced herself, while residing in Florence, by eloping with an unknown artist. You have been told all the incidents of that disgraceful escapade, but I do not wish you to forget either them or yourself. Where is your gratitude for the past that you should turn against me and try to steal my lover from me?—where is your sense of honor that you wrong me thus?"

The elder girl, who was known at the court of Belgium as the Lady Althea Demaire—a distant relative and protege of the queen—arose at those last bitter words, and gliding to the side of the princess knelt upon an ottoman there.

Laying one white hand gently upon her shoulder, she said, pleadingly:

"Marie, you and I have loved each other too fondly during the years that we have lived together, to quarrel and be at enmity during this, the last one that we shall probably ever spend in each other's society. What has come over you?—You are not wont to be so unjust, so unkind! Never before have you taunted me with the unhappy mystery surrounding my birth. But you are excited, and I will not mind it, dear; only I pray you let nothing come between us now. I declare to you that I had no thought of wrong in my heart toward you—that I have never dreamed of striving to usurp your place in the favor of his grace, the archduke of Austria. How could you imagine such a thing?"

"I have not imagined it," interrupted the princess, sullenly.

"Hear me out, dear," please," returned the Lady Althea, gently. "I have rejoiced with you over your promising future, and that your hand had been solicited of the king by one so noble and worthy as the duke, and I have prayed—I do pray daily,—for your happiness. Dearest Marie, believe me, and let us be at peace."

"At peace," was the bitter reply; "you are trying to cheat me, even now, with your soft glances and your smoothly spoken words;" and the young princess shrugged that white hand rudely from her shoulder.

"I know you are false to me," she resumed, but avoiding these sweet, reproachful eyes—"yes, to me, but for whom, since your royal mother's death, you would have been homeless and alone in the world; and now your treachery——"

"Marie, I swear——"

"You need not swear; for I have the evidence of own eyes. I saw you engaged in earnest, private conversation with his grace, the duke, at the entrance to the witches' grotto, last night."

The Lady Althea colored, and a slight start betrayed the surprise that this information caused her.

"Yes, we did stop for a moment before the grotto last night, but only for a moment; we had been to see the illumination of the palm-house, with some of the royal guests, as you know, and on our way back we lingered to look at the fountain—"

"To look at the fountain!" interrupted the princess, with a scornful laugh.

"Yes, it was very pretty with the colored light from the palm-house shining on it," Lady Althea replied, quietly, although the deepening flush upon her cheek betrayed that she was not wholly at her ease.

"Do you suppose that I believe this absurd story, Althea Demaire? I was in the witches' grotto when you paused before it with your noble escort last night, said the young princess, bending toward her companion, her eyes ablaze with anger.

"You, Marie!" cried the girl at her side, with a startled look; "but you sent me word, when I sent a servant to ask you to accompany us, that you were unable to go out into the evening air."

"That is very true; but my recovery was very rapid when I saw you leave the palace accompanied by my lover—why does he always seek you when I am out of sight? I stole out—I followed you, and hid in the witches' grotto until your return. I heard his grace speak to you of his gift, asking you to accept it as a slight token of his appreciation of the great service you have rendered him and for the favor which you were yet to grant him. I heard him, too, charge you that it should remain a secret from me. Have I not a right to believe you false, treacherous, double-tongued, when you will meet my lover in secret, and connive against me? What is this secret between you two? I demand it of you now, and unless you are the cheat and coquette that I believe you, you will tell me what it means."

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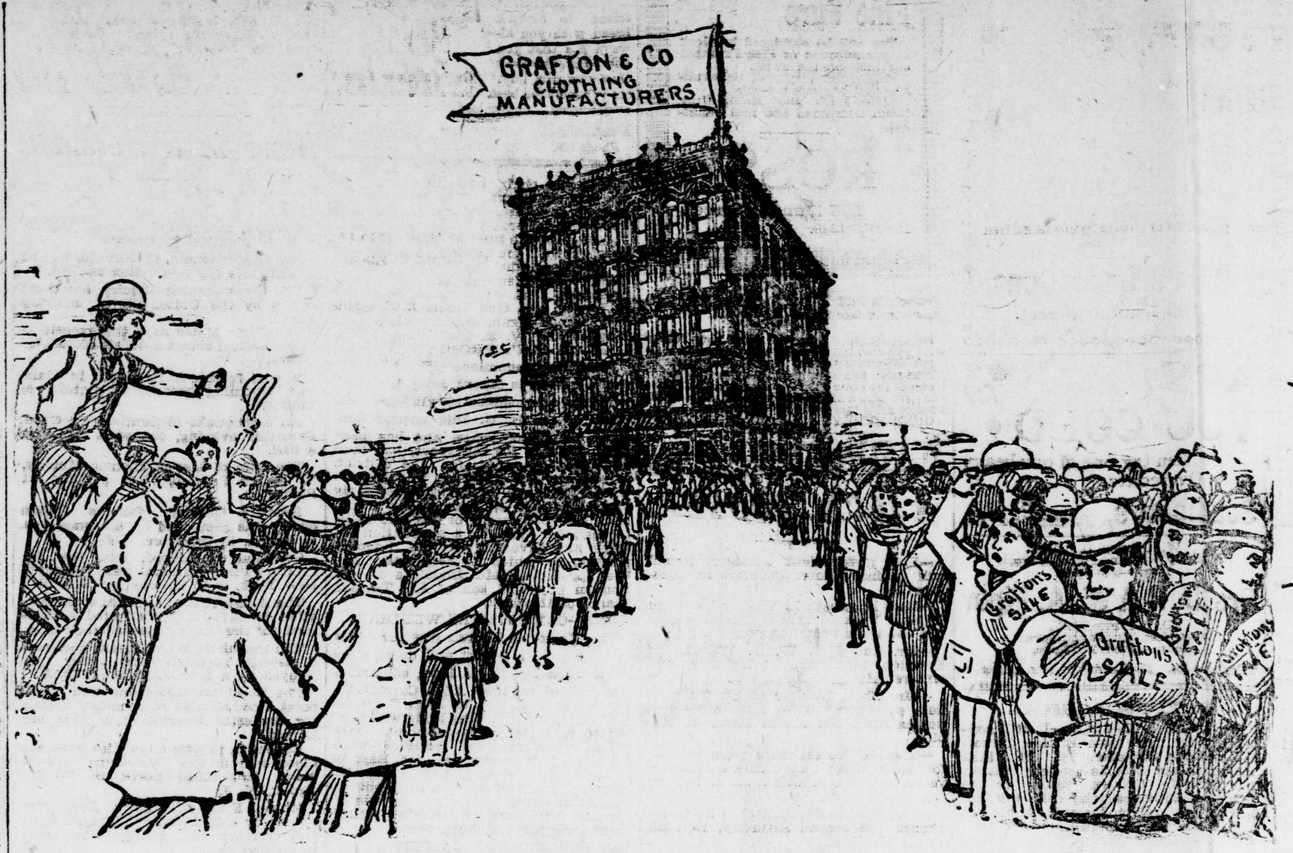

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### METEOROLOGICAL

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Local temperatures, Monday, Dec. 17.—Highest, 30.5 degrees; lowest, 6 degrees above.

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## A LOCAL BUDGET.

—The government steamer Petrel will go into winter quarters at Walkerville.

—Miss Elizabeth L. Walker has gone to New York to take a special teacher's course in voice culture.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Wilson, of Brandon, Man., are in the city, and will remain here for the winter.

—Mr. Thos. Donley, of St. Thomas, has purchased two fine high-class horses from Mr. Adam Beck, of this city.

—The city voters' lists were revised for the year by Judge Edward Elliott yesterday. There was a small list of changes.

—The London football club holds its annual banquet on Saturday, Dec. 22, at the Kennels.

—The concert in Knox Church this evening, under the auspices of the choir, should be largely attended. Several leading vocalists are on the programme.

—Judge Snider, of Hamilton, has quashed the conviction of the police magistrate of that city against the Globe Optical Company of Toronto and London, for doing business without securing a transient trader's license.

—Auctioneer J. W. Jones sold two bankrupt stocks yesterday. W. A. Duggan, of Oil Springs, bought the stock of Hewitt & Zimmerman, of the same town, at 66 cents. W. A. Kellett, of Paris, paid 50 cents for the stock of Kerby & Co., Sarnia.

—St. Thomas Times: Lieut.-Col. Stacey, of London, and Capt. Nesbit, of Sarnia, were in Forest the other day inspecting the arms and accoutrements of Company "B," 27th Regiment. They found everything in good shape, except the armory, which they condemned.

—Mrs. M. A. Redmond and daughter Louise returned home Saturday from North Dakota, after a pleasant visit of six months with Mrs. Redmond's two sons. Mr. M. J. Redmond accompanied his mother and sister home and intends to remain until after the Christmas holidays.

ANNUAL REUNION.

The fifth annual reunion of St. George's school will take place tonight. The reception is timed for 7 o'clock, the concert at 7:45 and refreshments at 9:45 p.m.

P. P. HARDING'S FUNERAL.

At the funeral of the late Philip P. Harding, of Denfield, a former county councilor, and at the time of his death a member of McGillivray township council, the pall-bearers were his four colleagues on the McGillivray council, and two ex-reeves of the township.

MAIL CLERK'S ACCIDENT.

The Hamilton Post says: On Saturday evening Mr. George Matthews, a railway mail clerk, residing on Hunter street, and running between London and Hamilton, fell while getting off a moving car near Sir John A. Macdonald's monument on King street. He sustained a cut over the left eye, which required six stitches, and also injured his leg.

FRAME HOUSE BURNED.

The frame house on Charles Mills' farm, east of Mount St. Joseph, 4th con., London township, was destroyed by fire on Sunday morning. A hired man had a narrow escape from suffocation by smoke. The barn and sheds and other outhouses were saved. A quantity of the contents of the house were also saved. The house was worth about $600, and was insured.

ST. GEORGE'S R. A. CHAPTER.

At an emergent convocation of St. George's R. A. Chapter, No. 5, held Saturday evening, the following companions were elected officers for the year 1901: R. W. Evans, Z.; J. D. Moe, H.; J. E. Keays, J.; C. C. Reed, scribe E., re-elected; W. J. G. Fraser, scribe N.; E. Paull, treasurer, re-elected; C. F. Neu, P. S.; John Robertson, janitor, re-elected; board of finance, Wm. Spittal, A. A. Campbell, A. G. McWhinney; auditors, J. D. Moe, J. E. Keays.

C. T. DOMINION ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Dominion Commercial Travelers' Association was held in Montreal Saturday evening, and was largely attended. The president, Mr. Max Murdoch, occupied the chair, and in presenting the annual report of the board of directors congratulated the association upon the favorable position which it occupied at the present time. The report showed the present membership of the association to be 3,430. Officers elected: President, T. L. Paton; vice-president, J. S. N. Dougall; directors, R. Booth, jun., Gus Tasse, A.W. Ramsay, W. J. Egan, A. R. Colin, John Hughes and W. E. Dickson.


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LONDON BOY'S PROMOTION.

From the Menominee (Mich.) Herald the following is taken: John A. Bland, who has been connected with the local office of the R. G. Dun agency here for a couple of years, and has been with the firm for ten years, has been appointed manager for the district, succeeding Mr. McCrone, who goes to Grand Rapids in the same capacity. By strict attention to business Mr. Bland has developed into a brainy and skilled manager and by a graduation of steps has advanced to the honored position to which he this week has been promoted. Mr. Bland is an old London boy, and son of Mr. Thomas Bland, of this city.

BARR—CARROTHERS WEDDING.

The Memorial Church was the scene yesterday of a pretty and quiet wedding, when Mr. David Barr, of Sarnia, was united to Miss Alice Carrothers, late head milliner with John C. Green & Co., of this city. The bride was supported by Miss Bertie Ashplant. Only immediate friends and relatives were present at the ceremony. Mr. Barr is a prominent business man of Sarnia, and has occupied several positions of municipal trust. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Barr will join in wishing them long life and happiness.

"AT HOME" AT ST. JAMES'.

The Literary Society of St. James' Presbyterian Sunday school gave an "At Home" last night, which proved a most enjoyable affair. The principal feature of the evening was a debate on the subject, "Resolved, that a republican form of government is more beneficial to its country than a limited monarchy." The affirmative was ably and successfully upheld by Misses Gahan and Hardy, while Messrs. Allister and Omond argued for the negative. A committee composed of Messrs. U. A. Buchner, Wm. Ellis and N. C. James decided in favor of the affirmative. The president of the society, Mr. S. Baker, gave a short address on "True Happiness." Miss Cannom gave a vocal solo, and the Messrs. Penny rendered several instrumental selections. The serving of refreshments and the singing of the National Anthem brought to a close a pleasurable evening.

THE COAL BUSINESS.

The Berlin News says: The freight and traffic agent of the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railroad, the Hiram Walker line, was in town Thursday, and waited on the president of the board of trade, Mr. S. J. Williams, and other gentlemen, gathering data regarding the amount of coal brought into Berlin, from where hauled, and the cost, etc. This company is running a car ferry from Conneaut, on the American side, to Port Stanley, and this water haul makes the freight bill lower than the long haul around by Detroit or Buffalo. The company is considering the advisability of competing with the Grand Trunk for the coal business in this district, hauling coal from off the ferry at Port Stanley and via London. This would make a probable reduction of from 10 to 15 cents per ton in the price of coal. In this connection it is interesting to note that in 1899 no less than 29,000 tons of coal passed through the Berlin customs port.

## *The Cosy "Iroquois."*

A very pleasant and cosy hotel is the Iroquois, of Toronto, corner of King and York streets. The Iroquois is fast becoming the popular hotel of Toronto, being more modern in many ways than the others. It is warm and comfortable, and electrically lighted throughout. The Iroquois has become quite noted for its cuisine. The host, Mr. James K. Paisley, is "a host in himself," through a certain refined, magnetic cordiality, reminding one of the poet Shenstone's lines concerning the traveler who found "his warmest welcome at an inn." The Iroquois is becoming quite a favorite with Londoners. Mr. Paisley is a member of the Patterson-Paisely Hotel Circuit, which includes "The Penetanguishene," Penetang; "The Belvidere," Parry Sound; "The Sans Souci," Georgian Bay, and "The New Royal," Hamilton, besides "The Iroquois." These gentlemen are past masters in the art of running a hotel, satisfying their guests and making them feel at home.

## *OFFICERS ELECTED*

*By the Royal Black Knights and Ahoghill Lodge of the Orange Association.*

The regular meeting of Covenant Preceptory, No. 346, Royal Black Knights of Ireland, was held on Dec. 6. The following officers were elected: Sir Kt. Jas. Murray, W. P.; Sir Knight S. Clare, D.P.; Sir Knight W. Griffith, chaplain; Sir Knight G. Geoghegan, registrar; Sir Knight Robert Aitkin, treasurer; first lecturer, Sir Knight George Fox; first lecturer, Sir Knight Jas. Long; first censor, Sir Knight R. Clare; first censor, Sir Knight J. Walker; first standard-bearer, Sir Knight W. Aikin; first standard-bearer, Sir Knight Jas. Long; pursuivant, Sir Knigrt John Mckenzie; tyler, Sir Knight H. Wilde. The committeemen are as follows: First Sir Knight, H. Wallace; second Sir Knight, S. Hueston; third Sir Knight, S. Longford; fourth Sir Knight, S. Woods; fifth Sir Knight, Jas. Wilson; sixth Sir Knight, T. Taylor; auditors, Sir Knights, J. Macdonald, G. Taylor. The officers were duly installed by Past County Preceptor J. Macdonald.

The retiring worshipful preceptor, Sir Knight P. J. Patterson, then gave his annual address, which was very gratifying.

AHOGHILL LODGE OFFICERS.

The regular meeting of Ahoghill, L. O. L., was held Wednesday evening, Dec. 12. The room was filled by members of the lodge and visiting brethren. The following officers were elected for the year 1901: Bro. George Geoghegan, W.M.; Robt. Aitkin, D.M.; W. Simpson, chaplain; H. King, recording secretary; Wm. Brett, financial secretary; J. Walker, treasurer; Wm. Aitkin, D. of C.; W. Hodgins and W. Griffith, lecturers; John McKenzie and W. Hueston, tylers. Committeemen as follows: Samuel Hueston, Frank Logan, W. Roberts, D. J. Patterson. The officers were duly installed by Past County Master Samuel Clare.

## *News in a Nutshell.*

Sir Wilfrid and Lady Laurier have gone to New York.

Caribou, moose and deer are reported very plentiful in Quebec.

Mayor Macdonald, of Toronto, will be a candidate for re-election on Jan. 7.

The Booz hazing inquiry has been begun by the United States military board.

The Paris Matin says the exposition balance sheet shows a deficit of 2,073,786 francs.

A coal famine is imminent in Idaho and Wyoming because of scarcity of miners.

An earthquake in Santiago de Cuba, Saturday evening, caused a panic at a ball.

The wife of Mayor Thomas Murray, M. P. for Pontiac, died Sunday at Pembroke.

Baptiste Garnier, famous Indian scout, was shot dead by Saloonist Jas. H. Wood, in Crawford, Neb.

Cornelius L. Alvord, jun., the defaulting First National Bank teller, of New York, is to be tried on Dec. 26.

The Allied Trades and Labor Association of Ottawa has adopted a platform for the coming municipal election.

The greenhouses at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Toronto, were totally destroyed by a fire. Loss about $2,000.

The Dominion Government may appoint a commission to formulate a plan for the establishment of a Canadian Lloyds.

Copper in paying quantities has been discovered in the Watchung Mountains, two miles north of Bounti, Brook, N. J.

Mr. A. King, of Tilbury East, was struck by a train on a Michigan Central crossing and killed. His team was killed also.

Prof. Frederick Starr, of the University of Chicago, has started a six months' trip among some of the unknown tribes of Mexico.

Justice Henry R. Beekman, of the supreme court, died in front of his residence at New York. He had just left his house to go to court.

The opening of bids in Havana for the raising of the battleship Maine shows that Schwartz Foundry Company offered to do it for $80,000.

The well-known Liverpool lumber firm of Pierce, Watts & Co. have failed. Messrs. Dobell, Beckett & Co., Ottawa, are affected, but not heavily.

Ebus Fryer was probably fatally injured at Winnipeg on Monday by a barrel falling on to his head and crushing his skull. He is 25 years old.

Corp. Herbert Chase, a Massachussetts volunteer, was killed recently in Catbalogan, Luzon, by Pte. Henderson, of his own regiment, in mistake for a Filipino.

Line Skinner, a former Southington, Conn., boy, has been sentenced to be shot in the Philippines on Christmas Day for sleeping at his post when on sentry duty.

Geo. Levacque, employed at Bryan's lumber camp, near Sturgeon Lake, Lake of the Woods, was killed by a broken branch falling on his head and piercing his skull.

The jury's verdict for $8,000 damages in the case of Mrs. Savage against the C. P. R. has been set aside by Sir William Meredith, presiding at the Rat Portage assizes.

The building occupied by the construction department at the Norfolk, Va., navy yard, was completely destroyed by fire. A lot of models and plans were burned.

The contract for a new $40,000 Methodist Church for Vancouver, B. C., has just been let. Church extension has been unusually active in Vancouver during the year.

Wesley Gerow, a lad of about 20 years, has given himself up as the wheelman who rode down Hugh Caldwell, in Toronto, on Thursday night, inflicting fatal injuries.

Rev. W. B. Caswell, B.A., of College avenue Methodist Church, Woodstock, has accepted the call to become pastor of the Hannah Street Church, Hamilton, for the next conference year.

The Woodstock town council on Monday formally took over the electric light plant from the company, the consideration being $14,000. The plant will hereafter be run under municipal ownership.

Rev. Dr. J. C. Antliff, at present professor in Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal, will probably accept the invitation to the pastorate of the Queen Street Methodist Church, Kingston.

Moses Niblock and Harvey (Harry) Young, the young men found guilty of two counts of housebreaking and theft, were each given three years in Kingston penitentiary, on Saturday, at Hamilton.

Miss Gertie Nixon, the girl shot at Orangeville last Dominion Day by a jealous lover, who afterwards killed himself, still lies at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, with her lower limbs paralyzed.

Manitoba flour exports are very large this fall, over 1,000,000 bags having already left the country, and the Lake of the Woods Milling Company is now shipping from 300 to 500 tons a month to Australia.

Oswald Ottendorffer, editor of the Staats Zeitung, died at his home, New York, Saturday. He was largely instrumental (though a strong Democrat), in defeating Tammany Hall and the Tweed ring.

An official dispatch received from Malaga accounts for 314 survivors out of the 450 persons who were on board the German training frigate Gneisenau, which foundered at the entrance to the port of Malaga.

Gladys Esmond, aged 28, lay down in a Cincinnati rooming house, with a chloroform cone over her face, a gas pipe in her mouth, and a sharp knife in her hand. She died without being obliged to use the knife.

Two of the Dominion Bank $10 bills, which were stolen at the time of the famous Napanee Bank robbery, turned up in Toronto on Saturday, at the Traders' Bank, in a package sent from the Union Bank, Buffalo.

Spotters have been at work for some time on the western sections of the Toronto street railway, and have discovered a rather extensive system of stealing from the fare boxes. Five conductors have been arrested.

Nine applications for the land grant offered by the Ontario Government have been received at the crown lands department from South African veterans, while several other classes of veterans are filing claims daily for land.

It is expected that the Dominion will be able to work up a good trade with South Africa. At present almost nothing is done in that connection. On the other hand, the United States does a business of about $10,000,000 with South Africa.

A Detroit dispatch says that a huge fly-wheel burst in the Dwight Lumber Company's mill on the River Rouge, killing Duncan Campbell, engineer, and injuring Joseph Lezotte, Albert Moberly, Dewitt Chapman and Oliver Manassau.

Typhoid is said to be raging in Michipicoten, and some 125 patients are reported to have been taken from the place, while other cases exist there now. Several deaths are reported. The Ontario board of health state that they have received no reports from Michipicoten.

The minister of justice has ordered the release of W. H. Davis, steward of Lemen Bros.' circus, who was recently sentenced at Napance to nine months in prison on a charge of having stolen $14. Davis gave information which led to the circus people being mulcted in a heavy sum for evading the customs.


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The pope on Monday appointed a number of bishops, including Monsignor Keane, formerly rector of the Catholic University at Washington, to the diocese of Dubuque.


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## *The C. P. R. Telegraph.*

The office of the Canadian Pacific Telegraph Company is a new-century establishment in every detail. In it is represented the products of years of brainy research upon the part of unnumbered electrical experts. The company is prepared to begin the new century with the achievements of the mechanical masters of the old century literally at their fingers' ends. In the past decade the business of the C. P. R. has increased two hundred per cent, and this with appliances that used to be considered the marvels of the age, but are now superseded by devices that not only do twice the amount of work, but quadruplicate messages, increasing the powers of one wire fourfold. This is mentioned only as an example of many equally wonderful methods employed in the fin de siecle rush towards the elimination of time and space. In preparing for the resumption of work in their new quarters, the C. P. R. company paid to the public a delicate tribute by enhancing the beauty of their surroundings. Elaborate counters, handsome tile floors and elegant woodwork combine to make it attractive. Precautions also have been taken to assure not only dispatch but absolute accuracy and privacy. A sound proof cabinet in which to receive telephonic messages has been built and another apartment has been portioned off for the use of messenger boys, who will have nothing to do with the receiving and sending department. The company's new place of business is simply a modern combination of the newest modern combination of the newest schemes for rapid and secret transmissions of messages.

Riches without charity are nothing worth. They are blessings only to him who makes them a blessing to others.—Fielding.

Rogues are always found out in some way. Whoever is a wolf will act as a wolf; that is the most certain of all things.—Fontaine.