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The City of Rochester in Peril of Fire; Flames Sweep Through Business Section

Many Big Buildings Completely Destroyed—Firemen Check Flames by Dynamiting Whole Blocks —Help Hurried From Buffalo and Syracuse—Residental Quarter of the City Threatened—Loss Will Approach Six Millions.

Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 26. — A great fire is raging here. Main street east in the heart of the business district is in flames. Buffalo and Syracuse have been appealed to for help. Dynamite is being used to check the spread of the flames. Among the buildings already gone are the Granite building, a high office structure; Sibley, Lindsay, Curr & Co., Beadle, Sherburn & Co., and many others.

The chief of the fire department at 8:45 said he believed the fire could be kept within the block extending from St. Paul to North streets unless the wind should change and set fire to the buildings on the south side of Main street. In this event a large part of the residential section would have to go. The fire is reported to have started in the basement of the Rochester Drygoods Company. A fuse connected with the electrical motor that runs the elevator blew out, and the next moment the flames were rushing up the elevator well. In a few moments thereafter the building was wrapped in flames.

LATER.

The great fire that started in the heart of the business district of this city this morning, is still raging fiercely. The weather is ideal for fighting fire, as there is scarcely any wind blowing. Had there been even a moderately high wind, the firemen say, nothing could have prevented a repetition of the Baltimore fire. As it is, the firemen are battling under extreme difficulties, as water mains are not working as they should. The extreme cold this winter has frozen up many of the mains, and for the past two weeks the firemen have been engaged in thawing out the pipes. On account of the lack of proper apparatus this work has been slow.

At 7 o'clock Chief Little and Commissioner of Public Safety Gilman telegraphed to Buffalo and Syracuse for assistance.

At 9 o'clock the fire was burning fiercely, although the fire department are sanguine that they can prevent it spreading.

The fire started before many people were on the street, but the news soon spread, and by 6 o'clock there were thousands crowding the scene of the disaster. The explosions of dynamite that the firemen used to check the spread of the flames could be heard in all sections of the city, and this noise was supplemented by the thunder of crashing walls. Life lines rope in the fire district, and the entire night squad of policemen is on duty.

Commissioner of Public Safety Gilman estimates the loss at this hour (9 o'clock) at between $5,000,000 and $6,000,000.

FIRE CHIEF INJURED.

The Granite building, at the corner of Main and St. Paul streets, will be a total loss. The building occupied by the Rochester Drygoods Company, just east of the Granite building, is totally destroyed, and the walls have fallen. The fire spread to the Walkover Shoe Company, just east of the Rochester Drygoods Company, and this building is entirely gutted.

At 9:15 Assistant Chief Jaques was severely injured by a fall. His head was cut open. He was removed to the hospital.

So far there has been no loss of life, although there have been several miraculous escapes from falling walls and flying debris.

SOME OF THE LOSSES.

The loss is estimated between four and five million dollars, most of which will fall on the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company, the Beadle & Sherburne Company, the Rochester Drygoods Company, and the Walkover Shoe Company. The loss to the business offices in the Granite building cannot be estimated at this writing. The plans and estimates for the mammoth new block that the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company contemplate building in the spring are destroyed. The plans and estimates were in the architect's office in the tenth floor. The original plans and specifications for the new high school were also in this office, and were destroyed. There are no duplicates of these plans and specifications. Almost the entire tenth floor of the Granite building is occupied by the Vacuum Oil Company, a branch of the Standard Oil Company. The Bradstreet mercantile agency also has offices in this building. Several engines from the Buffalo fire department arrived at 11 o'clock. At this hour the fire was burning fiercely, but Chief Little believes that the flames can be kept under control, as there is no wind blowing.



ADMIRAL ITO,
Japanese Minister of War.

THE WAR SITUATION.

By way of Tokio it is learned that Admiral Togo's attempt to block the entrance to Port Arthur was successful. A second attack is supposed to have been made on Port Arthur, and this too failed according to the Russians. Russian troops have commenced operations in Manchuria, and are reported within seventy miles of Vladivostock. There is no other definite information as to the movements of troops on either side. Russia will ignore Japan's protectorate of Korea, and Japan will ignore Russia's protest against the protectorate. By way of Paris it is learned that Russia made desperate attempts to drag Great Britain and France into the conflict. That the attempt failed is due largely to the good feeling at present existent between the two countries. Intense hatred of Britain prevails throughout the empire and the press is clamoring for revenge on Albion, whom they blame for the war. Russians are again accused of prosecuting Japanese refugees, and are said to have murdered several civilians.

Tokio Hears the Japanese Succeeded in Blocking Entrance to Port Arthur

St. Petersburg Press Hits at United States for Unfriendliness and for Refusal of Vicksburg's Captain to Rescue Russians at Chemulpo—All Sections of Mikado's Subjects Contributing to War Fund—Details of the Night Fight at Port Arthur.

London, Feb. 26. — The Japanese legation today gave out the following official dispatch from Tokio, dated Feb. 26:

"Early in the morning of Feb. 24 four old vessels, escorted by some torpedo boats, were run into the entrance of Port Arthur for the purpose of blocking the mouth of the harbor. The object of sinking these vessels was attained and the officers and crews returned safely. Although there is no report regarding our fleet direct from Admiral Togo, no doubt can be entertained as to its safety."

TOGO'S DARING RUSE.

How the Russians Foiled Attack of the Mikado's Fleet.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 26. — The Russ this morning publishes the following from Port Arthur, under date of Feb. 25:

On the night of Feb. 24 the Japanese attempted to blockade the exit from Port Arthur bay in order to inclose our fleet concentrated within. Under convoy of torpedo boats and transports the enemy advanced four freighters, in ballast, at full speed, to the gateway, where it was intended to sink the latter vessels; but the maneuver was immediately observed on the battleship Retvizan, which was standing in the bay before the entrance. The Retvizan at once opened fire and, after it, the batteries on the peak and those on the promontory took part. As a result the ships with which it was designed to blockade the port were destroyed and their mission rendered unsuccessful. According to a wholly unsupported report, one Japanese torpedo boat was sunk. The cannonade began before 3 o'clock in the morning and continued until 7 o'clock. From 5 a.m., however, there were merely single discharges. The Japanese fleet, at long distance, answered our fire ineffectively. This evidently was done merely to cover the retreat of their torpedo flotilla.

The enemy's squadron consisted of ten large vessels and 17 torpedo boat destroyers, which appeared yesterday about 9 o'clock in the morning, manœuvered in sight of Port Arthur until noon, and then began to withdraw and disappeared from the horizon in the morning. The cruisers Novik, Askold and Bayan put to sea and after an inconsiderable cross fire return unharmed.

HITS AT UNCLE SAM.

St. Petersburg Press Sore Over Unfriendliness of United States.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 26.—The Novoe Vremya this morning publishes a long leading article regarding the relations existing between the United States and Russia. In considering the unfriendly manifestations against the latter in the United States, the Novoe Vremya argues, distinction must be made between the people and the Government, and it attributes the agitation in the press to a campaign engineered by the Jews, who, it has been said, even talk of building a battleship for the Mikado. The paper insists, however, that the traditional friendship for Russia occupies a firm position in the American mind and heart, and that the people cannot really prefer the Japanese to the Russians, who never have harmed them. The Novoe Vrmya, on the other hand, contends that without reason the Washington Government has been unfriendly to Russia, and compares the feat of the state department—the telegraphic ratification of the Chinese open port treaty—to telegraphic marriages, which, it says, sometimes are practiced in America.

But it is idle, the article goes on, to talk now of sending United States consuls to Manchuria. Unsatisfied with his success, Secretary of State Hay undertook to secure the neutralization, the inviolability of the administration, and the entity of China. Diplomatists, lexicographers and publicists being in doubt as to what all this meant, Secretary Hay kindly announced that he did not care to have his proposal defined in detail. The article concludes: "The American Government has taken a position which ill accords with the former good relations with Russia, and we are convinced that the conduct of the United States gunboat Vicksburg, in refusing to protect and receive drowning Russians will not meet with wide sympathy in America."

WILL FIGHT TO A FINISH.

Japan Will Spend Her Last Man and Last Dollar to Win.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 26. — Baron Suyematsu, of Japan, has arrived here on the Iyo Maru, being en route to London on an important diplomatic mission. In his discussing the war he said:

"It is for us a gigantic struggle, and one which we tried to avoid. But Japan will spend her last man and will spend her last dollar in order to win.

"We have no aspirations for aggrandizement, but, at the same time, we must look to maintain our existence as a nation.

"We have large political and commercial interests as well as a sacred historical connection with the Korean Peninsula. If Korea falls into the hands of any other nation it will be a death blow to the existence of our empire. We respect the integrity and sovereignty of Korea; we fought China ten years ago solely for the independence of the Korean Kingdom. Now we are fighting Russia for the same principle, and more, for the integrity of China as well. If Manchuria falls to Russia the question of the existence or Korea would be one of but a few days. Russia would take Korea and that would be a constant menace to our empire."

JAPAN HAS THE MONEY.

All Classes Contributing Millions Towards National Fund.

New York, Feb. 26. — Japan, according to a cable to the World from Tokio, is already taking precautions to insure the strength of her war chest in the event of war being prolonged.

Her far-sighted financial policy is to be seen in the announcement that negotiations are to be opened simultaneously in London and New York for loans.

The Japanese people are ready to sacrifice their blood and treasure with an eagerness which finds but few parallels in history. To the national war fund nearly every one contributes to the amount great or small.

Feudal families are unearthing ancestral hoards of gold and jewelry which they have been accumulating through centuries and which were sacredly guarded by their owners for use in times of national stress and strife. It is impossible to tell the worth of these dedicated treasures, probably their value exceeds $500,000,000.

Every woman is sacrificing her jewelry and other costly adornments to swell the national fund, which is growing beyond all anticipation. Measures are being discussed by which it is hoped that the fund will be raised to $5,000,000,000 without borrowing.

FRANCE AND KOREA.

Paris Feb. 26. — The French foreign office categorically denies the report published in a London paper that Korea, having become the ally of Japan, under the new Japanese-Korean treaty, France is thereby required to become the active ally of Russia. The officials says the situation does not warrant such a conclusion and add that the new treaty does not make the slightest change in the position of France.

JAP SHIPS UNDER REPAIRS.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 26. — The Birshewja Viedomosti says a telegram has been received from Baron Guesburg, who has a contract for supplying coal to the Russian navy (but whose present address is not stated)asserting that twelve armored Japanese ships are now in dock undergoing repairs for the injuries inflicted upon them in their battles with the Russians.

WAR NOTES.

A Russian torpedo boat destroyer stopped and boarded the British India Company's steamer Mombassa in the Red Sea on Feb. 22. The destroyer fired a gun, which the Mombassa disregarded, but a second shot caused the liner to stop. A Russian officer boarded the Mombassa and examined her papers, after which she was allowed to proceed.

A strong contingent of French colonial troops is being organized for service in Indo-China.

TERRIBLE WORK OF JAP SHELLS

How Mikado's Guns Hammered the Variag and Korietz.

FORMER COMPLETELY RIDDLED

Within Four Minutes Ten Missiles Had Hit Her—Ghastly Slaughter of the Crew.

London, Friday, Feb. 26.—A Chemulpo dispatch to the Daily Telegrapa gives a long description of the action of Feb. 8, according to which the Russian gunboat Korietz fired the first shot, but it was accidental, having been fired while she was clearing for action. The correspondent says that he has been unable to learn why the captain of the American warship Vicksburg did not attend the meeting at which the captains of the warships Talbot, Elba and Pascal drew a strong protest to Admiral Uriu for attacking in a neutral port. Subsequently, when the Talbot, Elba and Pascal sent boats to embark the Russian crews, the Vicksburg also sent a boat, but the Russians refused to use it, as the captain refused to receive Russians aboard the Vicksburg. The correspondent describes the terrible bombardment of the Variag after she sailed out towards certain destruction with her band playing the Russian National Anthem, and, amid the cheers of the British, French, and Italian sailors. The Variag reached Round Island, some 3,000 meters from the Japanese ships, when the battleship Mikasa fired the first shot at her. The projectile struck the Variag amidships. Within four minutes ten similar missiles hit her, doing terrible damage. The Variag circled in a small radius, using all her guns, and endeavoring to effect an opening in the ring of Japanese fire through which to use her great speed to escape. The Korietz performed the same movements, but she was too old, and did no damage, so the Japanese left her alone. The terrible cannonade continued for twenty-five minutes. After thirty minutes the Variag was on fire fore and aft, and many of her guns were disabled. Nevertheless she fought gallantly on. Finally she turned and steamed slowly back to her moorings, followed by the Korietz, which was not touched. Before the Variag was scuttled the correspondent visited her. He says that the damage done by the Japanese shells was terrible. The bridge was shot away, and the vessel's sides were riddled. Everywhere were ghastly indications of the slaughter. The dead were left on board to receive a sailor's grave.

A SNAP DIVISION

Narrow Escape of the British Government From Defeat.

London, Feb. 26. — Referring to the small Government majority of 14 on a snap division in the House of Commons yesterday, the Standard describes the dangerous condition to the setting in of a process of demoralization and apathy to parliamentary duties and beginning the sittings too soon after dinner.

THE NEW SPEAKER?

Mr. N. A. Belcourt Likely to Succeed Mr. Brodeur.

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—The Prime Minister has not yet indicated who is to be the Government choice for Speaker, but there is little doubt that the honor is in store for Mr. N. A. Belcourt. The Liberal member for Ottawa will make a worthy successor to Mr. Brodeur, who was undoubtedly one of the best Speakers Canada has had since confederation. Mr. Belcourt has now been several years in Parliament, and is thoroughly familiar with the rules of procedure and the work of the House. He has a charming personality, and speaks French and English fluently. Mrs. Belcourt will give her husband excellent support in the social duties attached to the office.

A CRYSTAL ELEPHANT

How a Scoress Pacified a Parisian Mother-in-Law.

Paris, Feb. 25. — There is a hint for the New Yorker in difficulties at home in the experience of Senor de Tal, a Spanish nobleman resident in Paris. He got into his mother-in-law's bad graces. In despair he went to Mme. de Thebes, a celebrated seeress.

She gave him a charm to be worn as a watch ornament. It was a small elephant in crystal with an amethyst set in his back.

"The crystal denotes a clearing-up of things," she said. "The elephant, as all know, is noted for his wisdom and prudence. The amethyst is a sign of moderation in all things. That is the occult reason why bishops wear them.

"If your mother-in-law wears this charm her mind will take on the large tolerance of the elephant toward your peccadilloes. She will have the clearness of vision to see that it will turn out badly if she tries to estrange your wife from out, and she will indulge in nagging only in moderation. That is the habit of mothers-in-law."

Senor de Tal gave his wife's mamma the pretty trinket.

She was pleased with it as a propitiatory gift. The family life of the de Tals now is "one grand sweet song."

So Mme. de Thebes herself relates in one of the women's journals, which devotes a column to the occult.

THIRSTING FOR BRITAIN'S BLOOD

Intense Hatred of Britishers Prevalent in Russia.

NATION CLAMORS FOR REVENGE

How the Attempt of Russia to Bring Britain and France Into the Conflict Failed.

London, Friday, Feb. 26. — The English correspondents in Russia call attention to the intense and growing feeling against the British, which, they say, is already so serious as to threaten a momentous effect in the future. They attribute this feeling to the compaign of misrepresentation carried on by Berlin and other agencies, as well as the local press, in which accusation against the British for helping the Japanese appear daily, notwithstanding the official denials. Indeed, these denials are completely ignored, and the original accusations are iterated and reiterated as facts not admitting of doubt. The following brief extracts from the Grashdanin, a high-class journal, indicates the state of feeling. This paper says:

"There is not one Russian of any age or condition who does not grasp the fact that we have not to do with the Japanese, who are unworthy of Russian blood or Russian hatred, but we have to deal with England. All the hatred, all the force of the Russian spirit thirsting for blood, is directed against England. Clamoring for revenge, the people are crying, 'We are giving millions for war against the Japanese, but we will give milliards for war against England if the Czar will only say the word.'"

The Paris correspondent of the Daily Mail claims to have the highest authority for stating that a serious international crisis was narrowly averted at the end of last week. Russia, he says, formally notified the powers that in view of the happenings in Korea, she would no longer regard the latter country as neutral. This might have been interpreted as meaning that Russia was warring with two nations, thereby causing to become active the Franco-Russo alliance. The French Government was anxious that this should not affect the understanding with Great Britain regarding the far east, and it sent a special messenger to London, whence a prompt and cordial reply was returned. The correspondent adds that Japan replied to the Russian notification by issuing a declaration that was tantamount to establishing a protectorate over Korea.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Niagara Falls, Ont., Feb. 26. — At the Jenckes machine works this morning, while several men were working on a derrick, swinging a large piece of steel sheeting in position in the Ontario Power Company's conduit, something went wrong with the boom, causing it to give way. Falling with its load to the ground the boom caught one of the men, Wm. Flynn, from St. Phillipe, Que., crushing his head and killing him instantly.

DEATH OF MRS. W. R. WOOLLATT

Walkerville, Ont., Feb. 26. — Mrs. W. R. Woollatt, one of the most esteemed young society ladies of Walkerville, died at the residence of her father-in-law, Wm. Woollatt, superintendent of the Lake Erie and Detroit River division of the Pere Marquette Railway, last night of tuberculosis.

Mrs. Woollatt was formerly Miss Pyton, of Brantford. She had been married two and a half years. The remains will be taken to Brantford for burial.

PIONEER PREACHER DEAD.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 26. — Rev. Mr. Sanderson is dead at Coral, Mich., of apoplexy, at the age of 73 years. He was one of the pioneer preachers of Canada, having for 40 years occupied pulpits in the vicinity of Kingston. Ten years ago he was placed on the superannuated list. Since which time his home had been with a son on a farm near Coral.



LIEUT.-GEN. TERAUCHI,
Chief of Staff of the Japanese Navy.

DEATHS AT BURLINGTON.

Burlington, Ont., Feb. 26. — Peter Kurtz, of the east end, is dead of la gripps. He was aged 80 and had resided in this village for over fifty years.

John Christopher Richardson, M. D., only surviving son of Wm. Richardson, M. D., of Burlington, died at his father's residence last night in his 39th year. He leaves a widow and four small children.

WEATHER BULLETIN

TOMORROW—MILDER, WITH SNOW

London, Friday, Feb. 26.

Sun rises..7:00 a.m. Moon rises..1:09 p.m.
Sun sets...6:09 p.m. Moon sets...3:10 a.m.

Toronto, Feb. 25—8 p.m.

Cold weather has been general in Canada today, and light snowfalls have occurred in the Maritime Provinces, while in other districts it has been fair. High winds have been very general from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 34 below—10 below; Victoria, 38—48; Kamloops, 22—32; Calgary, 8 below—4; Qu'Appelle, 16 below—6; Winnipeg, 26 below—2; Port Arthur, 14 below—12; Parry Sound, 8 below—8; Toronto, zero—12; Ottawa, 2 below—14; Montreal, 2—16; Quebec, 8—20; Halifax, 12—20.

FORECASTS.

Friday, Feb. 26—8 a.m.

Today—Easterly winds; a light snowfall, with rising temperatures.

Saturday—Easterly winds; cloudy and milder, with occasional snow or sleet.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	— 6	—10	Fair
Winnipeg	— 8	— 8	Clear
Parry Sound	—14	—16	Cloudy
Toronto	2	— 2	Cloudy
Ottawa	— 4	— 6	Fair
Montreal	2	0	Clear
Quebec	— 2	— 2	Fair
Father Point	0	— 2	Clear

The sign — indicates "below zero."

WEATHER NOTES.

The weather continues extremely cold in all parts of the Dominion, with no indication of any decided change. A small disturbance now over the Southwest States is likely to move to the great lakes, bringing a temporary rise of temperature and sleet.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Thursday were: Highest, 11.5° above; lowest, 3° below.

SCAFFOLD FELL; 15 MEN KILLED

Terrible Accident at the New Postoffice Building in Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 26. — A triple four scaffold dome in the new postoffice building suddenly collapsed today carrying fifteen men into the first floor of the building, killing them all. Scores of policemen and firemen were quickly summoned and cleared away the debris, permitting the recovery of the bodies.

A TRAIN IN PRISON

A G. T. R. Express Plunges Through Jail Gates at Toronto.

Toronto, Feb. 26. — A peculiar accident happened at the Central Prison this morning. A switch runs into the yards from the G. T. R. tracks leading through heavy wooden gates. These were closed, but by some mistake the switch was open, and the G. T. R. train from North Bay was coming in it turned into the switch ran through the gates and brought up in the Central Prison. No one was injured, but the prison authorities would now allow the withdrawal of the train till it had been searched for prisoners.

CORPSE STOOD UPRIGHT

Wish of Minister Followed—Hysterics in Congregation.

Evansville, Ind. Feb. 25.—With the coffin and corpse upright before the congregation, and the face of the body uncovered, funeral services for Rev. James Hart, pastor of the General Baptist Church at Folsomville, were held in his church, where he had been minister for 55 years. He had requested just before his death that the coffin be stood on end, so that he could look out on the congregation he had served so long. Three ministers occupied the platform with the corpse.

During the services many in the congregation became hysterical, shouting frantically to the dead minister to return to life. Rev. Mr. Hart was 76 years old, and a veteran of the civil war.

GERMAN PRINCE DEAD

Youngest Son of Prince Henry of Prussia Passes Away.

Kiel, Germany, Feb. 26. — Prince Henry, the youngest son of Prince Henry of Prussia, died today. He was 4 years of age, and had been ill for some time. He had been injured in a fall while playing.

A LOAN MATURING

Dominion Five Per Cent Loan Falls Due in a Month.

Ottawa, Feb. 26. — The deputy minister of finance, Mr. J. M. Courtney, is on his way to England to arrange for meeting Dominion 4 per cent loans that are falling due on April 1 and May 1. The aggregate amount of these loans is in round numbers, $20,000,000. Against this there are sinking funds to the amount of $6,000,000, leaving $15,000,000 as the amount to be provided for. A sum of $1,400,000 is payable on April 1. This is the amount raised in 1874 with an imperial guarantee on interest, for the purchase of the Northwest Territories, or Rupert's Land, as it was then known. This loan will be liquidated out of sinking funds. It is quite possible that the sum of $15,000,000 may be covered by a temporary loan. This would perhaps be the best course to take, in view of the present state of the money market. It would be better to effect a temporary loan at 4 per cent than a loan for a lengthened period at such a rate of interest.

WAR CLOUD LOOMS OVER BALKANS

Austria Preparing to Intervene to Preserve the Peace—Will Work With Russia.

New York, Feb. 26.—According to a cable to the Herald from its Berlin correspondent, Austria expects to have to intervene in the Balkans in co-operation with Russia.

Orders have been issued to prepare for the mobilization of the army. Commanders of the army corps have been told to grant no leave to officers, and horses liable to requisition have been called in and military, railway and transport officers have already been appointed. Telegrams received in Berlin today from Belgrade announce that there is no truth in the Constantinople dispatches announcing that the Albanian revolt has been crushed. On the contrary it is spreading daily. The Albanians are threatening to attack the Servian monastery of the Holy Patriarch and the town of Ipek.

The news that the Turkish Government is again concentrating large masses of troops on the Servian frontier has caused great excitement in Belgrade.

Well Known Buffalo Man Kills Friend and Suicides

Buffalo, Feb. 26.—Henry L. Schwartz, of the law firm of Baker & Schwartz, was shot and probably killed in his office on the third floor of the Marine Bank building, about 1:30 o'clock today by H. A. Knowles, a well-known business man of Buffalo, who, ten miutes later, shot himself dead in the presence of Chief of Detectives Taylor and Detective Sergeant O'Connor.

The shooting is said to have been the culmination of business troubles. Mr. Schwartz was the attorney for the firm of Knowles & Gardner, of which the dead man was a member.

A few minutes before Mr. Schwartz and his partner, Mr. Baker, and Attorney Roland Crangle were in conference in Mr. Schwartz's private office.

As Mr. Crangle and Mr. Baker stepped from the room into the main office, Knowles entered.

Almost instantly several shots rang out. Those in the outer office turned in time to see Mr. Schwartz fall.

Knowles started from the private office, with the revolver still smoking in his hand.

Mr. Crangle, Mr. Baker, a stenographer and a clerk left the office and notified the police.

Chief of Detectives Taylor and Detective O'Connor were the first to arrive. They opened the door to the office and faced Knowles, with the revolver in his hand.

"Drop your gun," said Captain Taylor, who also had a weapon in his hand. Knowles backed away into Mr. Baker's private office, still pointing the revolver at the officers.

As he reached the door and stepped inside, quick as a flash he turned the weapon to his own head and fired. He dropped and died almost immediately.

Sam Thompson Tells How He Plugged the Ballots

Toronto, Feb. 26. — Sam Thompson, D. R. O., at whose poll 25 bogus votes were plugged after hours, was the chief witness at the civic investigation today. He said he was 26 years old, was first appointed a D. R. O. six or seven years ago by City Clerk Blevins through Ald. Crane.

He said he first committed election frauds last year, prompted by an insane desire to return kindness. Witness said that in November Frank Drake, barrister, asked him to work for Richardson this year. Drake acted for Richard Lane the other day in bringing the action to get an injunction restraining further proceedings in this election. Thompson said he did not know W. H. Moore, of the street railway.

He agreed to work for Richardson without any sum being mentioned. When he went to Richardson's office to make arrangements several others were there. Richardson agreed to pay him $2 50 a day. Thompson said he was not paid by Stephen Burns, nor had S. Alfred Jones promised him anything. Witness said he did not tell Richardson he was a D. R. O.

Thompson explained how he stuffed the ballot-box last year. He wrote a list of names and had it ready. During the day he occasionally slipped a bogus ballot in with a good one. At the end of the day he told his brother, who had been his poll clerk, that these people had voted while he (the poll clerk) was out, and his brother wrote the names in the book.

Finding he had not given his brother enough, he himself added five names to the list. He had received nothing for last year's crooked work, but had marked ballots for C. C. Robinson for mayor, for Ald. S. W. Burns and Hubbard. Coming again to this year's operations, witness talked about the "crazy notion" to plug ballots which came into his head. He plugged the 25 votes this year all through the day, beginning with one about 10:30. He denied having told Durance this had to be done every year.

THE BUSY STORES — Whiskard's — 228-230 DUNDAS STREET.

Twelve Good Bargains

for Saturday.

All day—from 8 in the morning until 10 o'clock at night. Come and share this money-saving opportunity.

Fine Hemstitched Handkerchief Centers, in 2 sizes. Special for Saturday Sale, **2c Each.**	Five O'Clock Tea Covers. Regular 35c line, to clear at only **15c Each.**	One Line Twilled Unbleached Sheeting, 8-4 width, regular 20c, for **15c Yard.**
One Line Plain Bleached Sheeting, 8-4 width. Regular 25c. Saturday Sale, **19c Yard.**	Swiss Pillow Shams, fine embroidered patterns, worth 45c each. Saturday Sale, **25c Each.**	Children's Fine Black Wool Hose, sizes 5½ to 8½. Regular 25c, for **15c Pair.**
3 only Battenburg Table Covers, worth $3.50. Special price for Saturday, only **$1.50 Each.**	Black Toilet Combs, worth 12½c, Saturday Sale, only **5c Each.**	Black Ribbon Velvet, satin back, 2½ inches wide. Regular 25c, Saturday Sale **15c Yard.**
Black Ribbon Velvet, satin back, 2 inches wide, regular 20c, for **12½c Yard.**	Children's Fancy Handkerchiefs, white and colored. Special for Saturday, only **25c Dozen.**	Plain Cardinal Felt, 2 yards wide. Regular 75c yard. Saturday Sale **50c Yard.**

FRENCH SHORE QUESTION

The Imperial and Colonial Ministries Are Settling the Dispute.

St. Johns, Nfld., Feb. 26. — The Colonial Legislature met yesterday. Governor Boyle, in the speech from the throne, urged the renewal of the French shore modus vivendi. He said that negotiations were now pending between the colonial and Imperial ministries for a settlement of the entire French shore problem which would render a renewal of present measures needless after this year.

AND YET ANOTHER.

Mary Malcolm Had Bright's Disease and Hope Was Abandoned—Dodd's Kidney Pills Again.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 22. — Following the cures of Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Philip of Bright's Disease comes another yet more remarkable cure of the same terrible disease by the same old reliable Dodd's Kidney Pills. Miss Mary Malcolm, who lives with her parents at 199 Marborough avenue, this city, was ill with Bright's Disease from May till September. She was so swollen with Dropsy as to be almost unrecognizable. Her death was expected to be a matter of days, if not hours. Preparations for the funeral were already commenced when it was resolved to try Dodd's Kidney Pills. Within a week the young girl was able to be out. Today she is as healthy as any one could wish to be. Dodd's Kidney Pills did it.

Electricity secured from the mountain streams of France is poetically referred to as "white coal."

"BY MEDICINE LIFE MAY BE PROLONGED."—So wrote Shakespeare nearly three hundred years ago. It is so today. Medicine will prolong life, but be sure of the qualities of the medicine. Life is prolonged by keeping the body free from disease. Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil, used internally, will cure coughs and colds, eradicate asthma, overcome croup, and give strength to the respiratory organs. Give it a trial, sure and effectual.

The sewing machine is making great advances in Japan.

Monkey Brand Soap makes copper like gold, tin like silver, crockery like marble, and windows like crystal. 14

Only 5 Cents a Copy.

The Four Track News for March. On sale all news-stands. 39-u

Good roads advocates want New York State to spend $6,000,000 on highways.

BICKLE'S Anti-Consumptive Syrup stands at the head of the list for all diseases of the throat and lungs. It acts like magic in breaking up a cold. A cough is soon subdued, tightness of the chest is relieved, even the worst case of consumption is relieved, while in recent cases it may be said never to fail. It is a medicine prepared from the active principles or virtues of several medicinal herbs, and can be depended upon for all pulmonary complaints.

Ammonal is a new explosive consisting largely of powdered aluminum.

In the matter of book publications Russia is at the foot of the list of nations.

Easy to Take
Easy to Operate

Because purely vegetable—yet thorough, prompt, healthful, satisfactory—

Hood's Pills

TELEPHONE COMPANY WON

Suit Begun by a Hamilton Ratepayer Was Dismissed.

Toronto, Feb. 26. — The action against the Bell Telephone Company, Hamilton, has been dismissed with costs. Hamilton's five years' exclusive Bell Telephone franchise bylaw was the subject of a lively argument before Mr. Justice Britton at Osgoode Hall yesterday. A ratepayer of Hamilton claimed the agreement should be set aside upon two grounds. First, that the act of the Legislature of 1891, giving municipalities power to pass such a bylaw is ultra vires Second, that aldermen were corruptly influenced in the passing of the bylaw. The judge remarked that he had gone through the paper on file, and could find no foundation for the charge of corruptly influencing the aldermen. His lordship failed to see any foundation at all for attacking the bylaw on the ground that improper means had been used in securing it. On the ground that the city had been only authorized to pass a bylaw which was subject to the higher power of the Dominion Parliament, the motion was dismissed with costs.

THE KISHENEFF EUTCHERS

Russian Court Sentences One to a Year and Another to Two Years.

Kishineff, Russia, Feb. 26. — The case of Goutsou, Getsiu and Korkhovlo, accused of murder of a Jew named Ulman, were tried Wednesday. Goutsou and Getsiu were found guilty of inflicting mortal injuries, and the first was sentenced to imprisonment for one year, and the second to imprisonment for two years and a half. Korkhovlo was acquitted. Damages to the amount of $2,500 were awarded to the widow of Ulman.

THE ASSESSMENT BILL.

Toronto, Feb. 26. — A number of prominent manufacturers appeared before the municipal taxation committee of the Legislature yesterday morning to complain of what they call double assessment of incorporated companies by taxing the company and also the dividends received from the stock. Attorney - General Gibson explained that the committee had already removed the grievance by amending the bill some time ago.

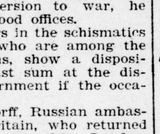
THE SAME OLD STORM.

Toronto, Feb. 26. — The railroads are again in a state of semi-blockade. Wednesday the storm in the north developed into a regular blizzard, with the result that the cuttings, which are now several feet deep, were quickly filled with snow, and traffic on many sections is at a standstill. Snowplows have been out in full force, battling with the storm, but the situation yesterday morning was not relieved, most of the northern branches being closed, while operations on the main lines were also seriously crippled.

A FATAL EXPLOSION.

Belaire, Ohio, Feb. 26. — Mrs. Michael Tondovitch was killed and three miners were fatally injured in a powder explosion near here yesterday. Michael Tondovitch, a miner, had a keg of powder in the kitchen and was stooping over it to fill his can preparatory to entering the Empire mine. A drop of burning oil from his miner's lamp fell into the powder, and a terrific explosion followed, destroying the house and blowing the occupants into the street. Mrs. Tondovitch was instantly killed and her husband and two miners were fatally hurt.

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS.



CURE

Sick Headache and relieve all the troubles incident to a bilious state of the system, such as Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Distress after eating, Pain in the Side, &c. While their most remarkable success has been shown in curing

SICK

Headache, yet Carter's Little Liver Pills are equally valuable in Constipation, curing and preventing this annoying complaint, while they also correct all disorders of the stomach, stimulate the liver and regulate the bowels. Even if they only cured

HEAD

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

ACHE

Is the bane of so many lives that here is where we make our great boast. Our pills cure it while others do not.

Carter's Little Liver Pills are very small and very easy to take. One or two pills makes a dose. They are strictly vegetable and do not gripe or purge, but by their gentle action please all who use them. In vials at 25 cents; five for $1. Sold by druggists everywhere, or sent by mail.

CARTER MEDICINE CO., New York.

Small Pill. Small Dose. Small Price.

WAR MAY CAUSE GENERAL MIX-UP

Understanding Exists Between Russia and Germany.

WHICH MAY DRAG OTHERS IN

Czar's Government Angry at Lansdowne's Reply in Regard to Tibet—France May Also Be Involved.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—There is a growing belief here that an understanding exists between Russia and Germany relative to the developments of the war, and the diplomats are giving more attention to the likelihood of other powers becoming involved.

France's investments in Russian securities and enterprises are estimated at close to $2,000,000,000, and it is feared that in case of Russian reverses, which might threaten the empire, France may be compelled to go to the support of her ally.

There are suspicions of motives of Great Britain of a character to cause complications in that direction. It is strongly intimated that the return of the Russian ambassador to Great Britain, Count Benchendorff, to St. Petersburg, was to consult with the Russian foreign office relative to the British expedition to Tibet. The Russian Government is angry at the language used by Foreign Minister Lansdowne on the subject of Tibet, and Ambassador Benchendorff may receive instructions to reply in kind, if exchanges on the subject continue.

The condition in the Balkans are also considered extremely critical, and, altogether, the diplomats feel that if the danger of a general conflagration is to be avoided, every energy should be directed, not only to limiting the spheres of operations, but toward an attempt at mediation. They are discussing the subject with great seriousness. It is not believed that Russia will be disposed, while smarting under the humiliation of defeat, to accept intervention, but once a decisive victory is achieved, the diplomats are inclined to believe that owing to the Czar's sincere aversion to war, he will welcime the good offices.

Some old believers in the schismatics of 300 years ago, who are among the wealthiest Russians, show a disposition to place a vast sum at the disposal of the Government if the occasion requires it.

Count Benchendorff, Russian ambassador to Great Britain, who returned here a few days ago frim London, had an audience with the Czar today.

MORE POLLING FRAUDS.

Toronto, Feb. 26. — Further irregularities have been discovered in the polling subdivision of which W. E. Powers was D. R. O., at the municipal election. Hy. Switzell, Geo. C. Davis and J. H. Cameron say they were personated. Four others recorded as voting cannot be found. Powers is a civic official.

SHOCHED TO DEATH.

Montreal, Feb. 26.—Father Bouchard, a well-known Jesuit priest, was killed yesterday afternoon by an electric shock at St. Mary's College.

Father Bouchard, who was an electrician, was fixing some wires under the library platform. Smoke was seen coming from under the platform, and when the people, thinking it was a fire, rang in an alarm, the firemen responded, and on investigation the body of the priest was found. Death has evidently been instantaneous.

AGAINST RETALIATION.

London, Feb. 26. — At the Bradford Chamber of Commerce, voting on five resolutions to be proposed at the next meeting of the Association of Chambers of Commerce on the fiscal question, four of which resclutions are for some measure of retaliation, there were majorities against all. For the resolution in favor of the inquiry by royal commission there was a majority of seven.

FOUR MEN KILLED.

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 26. — The front section of a fast stock and freight train ran into the rear end of another stock and freight train on the Chicago and Great Western road near Dyersville last night. Fireman E. W. Greismold, of the rear train, was killed. Three stockmen on the front section were killed, and their bodies cremated. Their names are not known.

FOR CANADIANS ONLY.

London, Feb. 26.—American business houses apparently fully realize the value of the facilities accorded by Lord Strathcona's office in introducing new business. Recently applications have been received asking the intervention of the London office in their behalf. Their firms have been informed that the office is being run for the benefit of Canadians only, consequently their request cannot be complied with.

Abbey's Effervescent Salt

Taken every day means bright eyes, clear complexion, sweet breath and perfect digestion.

At all Druggists. Price, 25 cts. and 60 cts.

KENNEDY MURDER TRIAL

Evidence All In and Addresses Are About to Commence.

Brantford, Ont., Feb. 26.—As far as the receiving of evidence is concerned, the Kennedy murder case was concluded late yesterday afternoon. This morning, counsel will address the jury, and after Justice Street has concluded his address, the jurors will retire. A verdict is not expected before late in the afternoon.

The defense yesterday brought in a good deal of evidence, tracing the movements of the prisoner on the afternoon of the murder, but Kennedy did not testify himself. Frank Fowler, an Eagle Place resident, stated that he was on the dyke a little after 1 o'clock, the theory of the defense being that he may have been mistaken for Kennedy. The caretaker of the Y. M. C. A. stated that the prisoner was in the reading room from half-past 12 until 3 o'clock, but two other witnesses for the defense stated they saw him on the street about half-past one. The proprietor of the Park Hotel stated that Kennedy was in the bar room of his hotel a few minutes after 12, and several witnessed stated that he was in the American Hotel bar room at 4 o'clock. The evidence for the defense was a direct contradiction of a good deal that was offered by the crown with reference to Kennedy's movements. No attempt was made to explain the chicken story, the presence of blood on Kennedy's clothing or the fact that parts of Kennedy's body had been washed. The defense started in to prove something about Jennings, a tramp, who was released from the police station a day or so before the crime, having bought a box of biscuits, the box being found in the "willows," but Justice Street ruled out this evidence.

As An Act of Humanity

I ask you to tell me a friend who needs help. That is all—just the cost of a penny. Tell me today the name of some sick one.

Tell Me the Book to Send.

Then I will do this—I will arrange with a druggist near him so that he may take six bottles Dr. Shoop's Restorative. He may take it a month to prove what it can do. If it succeeds, the cost is $5 50. If it fails, I will pay the druggist myself. And the sick one's mere word shall decide it.

It is but a trifle I ask of you—just a minute's time—a penny postal. And I ask it to aid a sick friend.

It is a remarkable thing that I do in return—something that no other physician ever offered. And I do it for a stranger.

Won't you do that little—and today—if I will do the rest?

You ask what good it will do.

That month's test will tell. It is true that my Restorative may fail. There is sometimes a cause—like cancer—which medicine cannot cure. But the very fact of my offer must prove that failures are rare, for if they were common the offer would ruin me.

In the past twelve years I have supplied my Restorative to hundreds of thousands on just those terms, and 39 out of 40 have paid gladly, because they got well. I have found that the cured ones are fair—and not a penny is wanted from the rest.

A sick one who neglects such an offer is unkind to himself, for success means health, and 39 out of each 40 secure it. Failure means nothing lost.

My boundless faith in this remedy is born of a lifetime's experience. I have tested it in hundreds of the most difficult cases that physicians ever meet. I have watched it succeed—countless times—when the best of other treatments failed.

I know what it will do.

My success comes from strengthening the inside nerves. I bring back the nerve power, which alone operates all the vital organs.

I don't doctor the organs, for the best results of that method are only temporary. I give those weak organs strength to do their duty by restoring the only power that makes them act.

There is no other way. You cannot restore a weak engine by doctoring the machine. You must give it more steam—and inside nerve power is the steam of the body.

Tell me a friend who needs this help. The test will harm no one under any condition. And it may be that the sick one can otherwise never get well.

Simply state which book you want and address Dr. Shoop, Box 41, Racine, Wis.

Book 1 on Dyspepsia.
Book 2 on the Heart.
Book 3 on the Kidneys.
Book 4 for Women.
Book 5 for Men (sealed).
Book 6 on Rheumatism.

Mild cases, not chronic are often cured with one or two bottles. At druggists.

INSURGENT VICTORY

San Domingan Government Forces Repulsed With Loss.

San Domingo, Feb. 26. — Government forces attacked San Pedro de Macoris last Saturday. They went in small boats with the intention of landing, but were received with a fusillade from the insurgents, which resulted in many being killed or wounded. The gunboat Presidente then bombarded the town and inflicted much damage. The attack and the bombardment were renewed on Sunday. The rebels fired on the Presidente and damaged her about the water line. This obliged the gunboat to return here. The Government gunboat Independencia arrived yesterday morning. The United States training ship Hartford arrived here Wednesday to relieve the cruiser Columbia, which left for St. Thomas, D. W. I. This city is quiet.

ROBBERS AT BRANTFORD.

Brantford, Ont., Feb. 26. — Fair & Co.'s cigar factory, Colborne street, east end, and Hunter's hotel, just across the road from the factory, were entered by burglars Wednesday night. At Fairs' factory the burglars got no money, but took a few cigars. At the hotel they forced the till open and got $5 or $6. No clue left. Police are working on the case.

THE QUALITY OF BUTTER.

London, Feb. 26. — The Birmingham Daily Post says: Professor Robertson's suggestions for improvements by Canadian butter-makers, if followed, would help Canadian butter greatly on the English market, where, for one reason or another, it does not reach the same high average and quality as that of Denmark and other countries supplying the kingdom.



THE WEATHER TODAY—Snow; rising temperature.

...SWELL... HOUSEFURNISHINGS.

Never Put Off Till Tomorrow.

Now is the time—then, perhaps, it will be too late, for Nice, New, Handsome Furnishings like these sell quickly, are sometimes bought months ahead of time by those who are ever on the lookout for new things with which to make their beautiful homes more beautiful. It's just the same with Housefurnishings as with everything else we sell—the best is none too good for our customers—and we have such special facilities for buying these good things that we place them before our customers at most reasonable prices. Ere long you'll be wanting to tone up your home some, and if you only have a little to do you'll be better satisfied and money ahead if you do it right. Keep in touch with our New Housefurnishings. The following will give you some idea of the great range we carry.

Swiss Irish Point Curtains, Swiss Brussels Curtains,
Swiss Rococco Curtains, Swiss Applique Curtains,
Swiss Duchess Curtains, Arabian Curtains,
Real Swiss Marie Antoinette Curtains,
Real French Battenburg Curtains,
Swiss Linen and Silk Curtains, Fish Net Curtains,
Ruffled Bobbinet Curtains, Scotch Madras Curtains,
Nottingham Lace Curtains.
Real French Battenberg Bonne Femme,
Real Swiss Duchess Bonne Femme.

Also a complete range of Curtain Materials by the yard, in Brussels, Irish Point, Tambour, Duchess, Ruffled Bobbinet and Nottingham Lace.

A splendid assortment of New Door Panels in Nottingham, Irish Point, Duchess and Battenburg.

We Make a Specialty of Ruffled Lace Bed Sets.

SMALLMAN & INGRAM,

149, 151 AND 153 DUNDAS STREET.

GOOD ROADS

Western Ontario Association After Funds For the Work.

Toronto, Feb. 26. — The Western Ontario Good Roads Association yesterday passed a resolution asking an amendment to the municipal act as to bridges in order that where county and township councils agree they may be saved the expenses of calling in the county judge to determine the proportion of cost to be paid by each. Lieut.-Col. Farewell advocated an appeal to the Dominion Government for funds for the provinces, to be devoted to good roads. He asked for a good roads branch of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, and suggested that in Ontario the need for good roads should be emphasized through the farmers' institutes. The association is discussing a proposal to require sleighs to be of the same width as wagons. Wide tires will be insisted on.

FIRE IN SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 25. — An accident at the Richmond street Christian Church here tonight resulted in ten children being seriously burned, and others painfully injured. Seven of those burned are in the city hospital.

If a Japanese husband divorces his wife he makes no provision for her, and she has no dowry from her family, but divorced women in Japan nearly always marry again. She brings him nothing but a gentle and obedient slave, and takes nothing away with her but the same valuable commodity.

Lame Back for Four Months.

Was Unable to Turn in Bed Without Help.

Plasters and Liniments No Good.

This was the experience of Mr. Benjamin Stewart, Zionville, N.B.

TWO-THIRDS OF A BOX OF

Doan's Kidney Pills

CURED HIM.

He tells of his experience in the following words: "For four months I was troubled with a lame back and all this time was unable to turn in bed without help. I tried plasters and liniments of all kinds but with no effect. At last I was induced to try Doan's Kidney Pills, and by the time I had used two-thirds of a box my back was as well and as strong as ever and has kept so ever since."

Backache, Frequent Thirst, Scanty, Cloudy, Thick or Highly Colored Urine, Puffing under the Eyes, Swelling of the Feet and Ankles, are all symptoms of kidney trouble that Doan's Kidney Pills will cure.

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Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for over FIFTY YEARS by MILLIONS OF MOTHERS for their CHILDREN WHILE TEETHING, with PERFECT SUCCESS. IT SOOTHES the CHILD, SOFTENS the GUMS, ALLAYS all PAIN, CURES WIND COLIC and is the best remedy for DIARRHEA. Sold by Druggists in every part of the world. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's."

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OVER THE WABASH

To the great World's Fair, St. Louis, Mo., opens April 30, closes Dec. 1, covers 1,240 acres, cost more than $50,000,000. The most gigantic and colossal undertaking ever attempted by man.

The great Wabash Line is the only railroad that owns and controls its own rails from Canada direct to the World's Fair gates.

The new magnificent trains built especially for this traffic, places the Wabash in the front rank for this business. For other information, address any ticket agent of J. A. Richardson, District Passenger Agent, N. E. corner King and Yonge streets, Toronto.

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MAJESTIC.....MARCH 2, 10 A.M.
OCEANIC.....MARCH 9, NOON.
CELTIC.....MARCH 16, 4 P.M.
MAJESTIC.....MARCH 30, 10 A.M.

Saloon rates from $75 up. Second saloon from $45 up, according to steamer and accommodation. Third class rates to Liverpool, London, Glasgow and Derry, $28 and $29 50.

Accommodations for all classes of passengers unexcelled.

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CANADIAN PACIFIC

WORLD'S FAIR, ST. LOUIS, APRIL 30 TO DEC. 1, 1904.

Settlers' One-Way Excursion, 1904

To Manitoba and Canadian Northwest, will leave Toronto every TUESDAY during March and April if sufficient business offers. Passengers travelling without live stock should take the train leaving Toronto at 1:45 p.m. Passengers traveling with live stock should take the train leaving Toronto at 9 p.m. Colonist sleeper will be attached to each train. For full particulars and copy of "Settlers' Guide," "Western Canada" and "British Columbia," apply to any Canadian Pacific agent, or to W. FULTON, C. P. and T. A., 161 Dundas street, London. A. H. NOTMAN, assistant general passenger agent, 1 King street east, Toronto.

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Calendar for February says:

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THE courtesy experienced on Intercolonial trains meets with frequent and favorable comment. On the "Maritime Express," running between Montreal, Quebec, St. John, Halifax and the Sydneys, with its commodious sleeping cars and excellent dining car service, the passenger is brought into contact with the most courteous of railway employes.

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Playthings of late Queen Victoria when a child, shown in British Building.

Special Colonist One-Way Excursion Fares, From London to

Billings, Mont..... ..... $34.25
Denver, Helena, ... Butte, Ogden, ... Salt Lake City ..... } $39 25
Spokane, Wash..... Nelson, Rossland, B. C..... } $39 75
San Francisco and ..... Los Angeles, Cal..... } $42 25
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Proportionately low rates to other points. Tickets on sale daily until April 30, 1904.

For tickets and all information apply to city ticket office or depot ticket office. E. DE LA HOOKE, C. P. and T. A.; C. E. HORNING, depot ticket agent.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS.

MARRIED.

SPENCE—TAYLOR—At the parsonage at Thamesford, by the Rev. T. T. A. Wright, on Feb. 23, Elizabeth E., the youngest daughter of John Taylor, Crumlin, to Edgar E. C. Spence, of London Junction.

WARREN—WILSON—On Wednesday, Feb. 24, 1904, at the residence of the bride's father, 502 Hill street, Sadie, youngest daughter of William Wilson, Esq., to Charles Warren.

DIED.

KEAYS—In this city, on Feb. 25, 1904, at the family residence, 41 Oxford street, West London, William Keays, in his 77th year.

Funeral private, on Monday.

Transient Condensed Advertisements—No Advertisement Less Than Ten Cents.

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

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

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GRAND TONIGHT AND TOMMORROW MAT. AND NIGHT.
MR. HARRY BLAKEMORE
In the Big, Jolly Comedy,
HELLO-BILL!
15c, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c. Matinee, 15c and 25c. Seats now on sale.

TUESDAY NEXT.
RETURN OF AUGUSTIN DALY'S MUSICAL COMPANY IN
A Country Girl.
25c, 50c, 75c, $1, $1 50. Seats on sale tomorrow.

THE LONDON Vaudeville all this Week. Eve. 15c, 25c, 35c Bargain Matinee Saturday, any seat, 15c. The MILLMAN TRIO, Russell & Dunbar, Lew Palmer, Morgan & Crone, The GREAT MARINELLAS, Sadie Hart, The Marriott Twins, Eddie Martyn, Potter & Hartwell, Charles & Jennie Welsh. b

TWILIGHT ORGAN RECITAL
First Methodist Church, Saturday Next.
MISS LAURA SHELDRICK, Contralto.
MISS PRINGLE, Violinist.
MR. JORDAN, at the Organ. 38u

3,016 MILES
New York to Liverpool, via the Cunard Line. Etruria sails Saturday, March 5. F. B. Clarke, 416 Richmond street.

EXHIBITION HOCKEY, FRIDAY evening, at Jubilee Rink, Hortons vs. Ingersoll O. H. A. junior team. A fast game sure. Don't miss seeing it. 38u

WESTMINSTER RINK—LEAP YEAR Carnival and Fairyland, Monday. Musical matinee, Saturday afternoon. Cadet Band, Saturday night. b

PRINCESS—TESTIMONIAL TO MANAGER A. D. Holman, Tuesday, March 1. By permission of Lieut.-Col. Little and officers, Seventh Regiment Band. Admission, 10c and 15c. Coupons canceled. 39u

TONY CORTESE—THE ORIGINAL London Harpers. Music furnished for all occasions. 161 Maple street. Telephone 1,579.

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SPECIAL NOTICE—PALACE DANCING Academy. Gentlemen's class will meet Tuesday evening, 23rd inst., instead of Monday. Ladies' class will meet Saturday evening, the 27th, instead of Tuesday. Dayton & McCormick.

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

MALE HELP WANTED.

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WANTED—TWO GOOD TINSMITHS, accustomed to assorted work, to work on Cream Separator tinware. Apply to the Raymond Manufacturing Company, office 217 Dundas street, London, Ont. 39k

PORTER WANTED AT ONCE—MUST be neat and clean. Apply Wonderly's Barber Shop. 39c

WANTED—GOOD MAN TO SELL ACCIDENT insurance. Apply Room 21, Bank Toronto Chambers. 39c

ANY YOUNG MAN DISSATISFIED with his present wages can double it within a year by learning advertising or show card writing, as taught by the International Correspondence Schools. We will prove this to your own satisfaction if you address T. J. Sullivan, representative, 180 Dundas street, London. 39n

AGENTS WANTED—$20 A WEEK. Cooper, Drawer 531, London.

MESSENGER BOYS WANTED. APPLY D. Bowen, C. P. R. Telegraph Office. 39n

WANTED—SMART BOY, ANY AGE, to learn the business of auctioneer, valuer, assessor, etc.; splendid opportunity, with first-class auctioneer, etc.; small premium required. Address Box 46, London Advertiser. 37c

BARBER WANTED AT ONCE. APPLY Wonderly's Barber Shop, Richmond street. 39c

BOY WANTED TO FEED PRINTING press; one with knowledge of typesetting preferred. Apply Adam Beck, 175 Albert street. 39c

FARM HAND WANTED. APPLY George Jackson, butcher, 87 Wellington street. 37n

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ACTIVE YOUNG MAN WANTED FOR market garden. Apply to Thomas Ball, Crumlin, or at Gammage's store, between 2 and 3 p.m. on Saturday. 37k

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TO LET—ROOMS SUITABLE FOR warehouse or workshop, in rear of Rowland Hill's shoe store, Dundas street. 39u

MEETINGS.

REGULAR CONVOCATION OF ST. George's R. A. Chapter, No. 5, in Masonic Temple, this (Friday) evening, at 8. General business. Visitors welcome. C. C. Reed, Scribe E.; A. G. Stephens, Z. b

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ANGRY PRINCESS QUITS SWEDEN

A Serious Quarrel Between the Crown Prince and the Crown Princess.

Stockholm, Feb. 25. — It is reported from the entourage of the royal court that there has been a serious quarrel between Crown Prince Gustav and the Crown Princess Victoria, who has, as a result of the disagreement, left the Swedish capital for a long trip to Italy. Back of the quarrel is said to be a love affair of the Crown Prince.

Prince Gustav married Princess Victoria of Baden in 1881. The young princess—she was then 19 years old—inherited from her mother the proud Hohenzollern blood. It soon became evident that democratic Sweden did not suit the princess, and even in the first years of her married life she took frequent trips to the paternal home at Karlsruhe. There she appeared glad and happy, while in Sweden she was always serious and irritable. The Crown Prince, with his income of less than $160,000 a year, could not afford to maintain his household in the sumptuous manner the Crown Princess liked, and that restriction in expenses caused additional domestic trouble.

But there was no open breach in the royal household, and it was with astonishment that the people read the announcement in the official paper that the Crown Princess had been taken ill suddenly and must go away instantly. This was two days previous to the celebration of King Oscar's 75th birthday, and people began to inquire if there was not some other reason than that of sudden sickness to cause the Crown Princess to leave Stockholm at such a time. There inquiries brought out this story:

Some days before the announcement of the departure of the Crown Princess the Crown Prince gave a reception with concert at the castle, to which a certain member of the moneyed aristocracy and his handsome wife were invited. The Crown Princess asked for reasons; none satisfactory were given her; she investigated on her own behalf. A stormy scene between the Crown Princess and her husband followed, and she declared that she at once would go to Italy.

King Oscar interfered, but in vain. The Crown Princess was firm in her determination, and in face of the celebration of the King's jubilee she packed her trunks and hurried away from Stockholm.

New Books at the Library

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[Special Message by Trolley Wire.]

I stood on the street at midnight,
And over in St. Paul's tower
The musical chimes were chanting
The death of another hour.

How often, oh! how often,
In the sun and the slanting sleet,
In the snow and the blinding blizzard,
Have I stood in the same old street!

As the sun went down and the jewels
Were studding the azure dome,
I gazed on the shop-worn people,
All wearily walking home.

The moon rose over the city
And glided across the sky,
For I stood there from noon to midnight,
And never a car went by.

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SOME FREAKS IN NEW BRUNSWICK

Strange Natural Phenomena in the Province.

A RUMBLING MOUNTAIN FOUND

Salt Spring in Fresh Water, a Hot Spot on Mountainside a Poison Spring and Boulder Pyramid.

Bangor, Me., Feb. 24. — Sportsmen who have recently returned from New Brunswick report the existence in that province of a rumbling mountain, a salt spring flowing from the bottom of a fresh water lake, a heated spot on the side of a mountain where the snow melts as fast as it falls, a giant's pyramid of boulders and a spring whose waters poison fish in thousands. All of these phenomena have long been known to the natives, who pay little attention to them.

Prof. Ganong, of the New Brunswick Natural History Society, has investigated all of the phenomena. The so-called rumbling mountain is situated on the Tobique River, a famous salmon stream, and for many years, according to the stories of residents, it has given out loud rumbling sounds, like distant thunder. It is upon this mountain that the heated spot exists—a considerable area on the mountainside, where the earth is so warm that snow melts there as quickly as it falls, while vegetation will not live. Magnetic variations of varying degrees have been reported in the neighborhood, one surveyor saying that the magnet is attracted from four to ten degrees. This variation is supposed to be due to deposits or iron ore in the mountain.

At the source of Salmon River, in the same region, is a spring whose waters are poisonous to fishes, and guides say that half a ton or more of fishes have been found dead at the spring, where they have come from under the ice in midwinter. The salt spring referred to bubbles from a gravel bed on the bottom of Cold Creek, a tributary of one of the lakes of the Tobique region. It is said that moose from all the surrounding country come to drink from this spring, being fond of the salty taste of the water. No salt has ever been found in the neighborhood, but the existence of the spring would seem to indicate a deposit of salt near.

The most interesting of all these phenomena is the great pyramidal pile of boulders on the bank of Coy Brook, a tributary of Lake Stream. Here, on the top of a high ridge, is a heap of loose boulders, many of which would weigh 400 tons each, piled up like a pyramid, with no earth between. Some are split, the fragments lying ten feet apart. The pile is about 30 feet high, and its base covers the space of a quarter of an acre. A lot of loose stones have rolled down from the top of the pyramid, being scattered for the distance of 50 feet, and from the base of the pile runs a ravine, which evidently was once a brook, but which has for many years been dry. This rock structure has all the appearance of artificial construction, and powerful means must have been employed to lift the immense boulders into place.

KINDLY MIDINETTES

How Some Paris Shop Girls Helped Aged Flowerwomen.

Paris, Feb. 25. — The midinettes, the shop-girls who capture the streets at the noon hour, showed the goodness of their irresponsible little hearts on Mardi Gras. Two aged women, who had been arrested for selling flowers without their licenses, had been taken to a police station, in front of which their two push-carts, loaded with violets at 2 cents a bunch, had been left in charge of a policeman. The women had hurried home to get their permits, which they had neglected to take with them.

This happened just at noon, when crowds of little midinettes rushed out, happy to have a half-holiday. Grasping the situation at a glance, they surrounded the carts, each taking a tiny bouquet of violets. The policeman expostulated, saying the flowers were not for sale.

But a saucy midinette put 2 cents in his hand and kissed him on the cheek, saying "You can keep both." Soon not a flower remained. Then the girls hurried away, shouting merrily to the policeman, "What a nice flower girl you make."

When the women returned they found their carts covered with coins, the count showing that no midinette took a bouquette without paying for it. The women took the money, but didn't kiss the policeman.

PARADE FOR PRINCESS

Tiny Daughter of King of Italy Orders Out Guard.

Rome, Feb. 25. — Yolande, a baby princess of Italy not yet 3 years old, is as winning as she is imperious, and is already the idol of both court and people.

She was passing the bodyguard of the Quirinal with her nurse some days ago and wanted to make a call on the soldiers. Her request was granted and she passed in review all the fine plumes of the soldiers. She was received with the greatest ceremony by the guard, who treated her with the respect shown a commanding officer.

On being asked afterward at home with whom she would like to dine every day, she made out her dinner list thus:

"I would like to have papa there, mamma here, Mme. Loubet over there, and then, Guiseppe and Brusati." She meant General Brusati. Guiseppe is the servant who leads the donkeys when the little princess goes to drive.

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out of sheer mischief, caused a hitch in the solemnities by treading on the bride's train, and afterward announced the fact with great glee.

But he has learned since to conduct himself with the utmost decorum.

The little chap is a universal favorite. At the time of the coronation a grand entertainment was given to the Indian and colonial troops at Warwick Castle, and many of the Indian princes visiting England were guests.

The dignified and bejeweled rajahs at first struck awe into the breast of the Hon. Maynard.

But his boyish truthfulness and charming ways soon gained their hearts. The colonial troopers were equally captivated by the countess' little son, disputed the honor of carrying him on their shoulders, and made him the owner of a unique collection of their regimental badges.

Like his mother, he has a marked individuality, partly due, perhaps, to his isolation from brothers and sisters of his own age.

Lord Brooke, the eldest son, is fifteen years older than Maynard, and a promising young soldier, while his sister, formerly Lady Marjorie Greville, has worn the new dignity title of Viscountess Helmsley for a week or two past.

JOTTINGS FROM NEAR-BY PLACES

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PORT BURWELL.

Port Burwell, Feb. 6.—Miss Eliza Allen is on the sick list.

Fred Jobson, of Appin, Ont., is visiting here.

James Dean had a slight paralytic stroke on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Corkson have returned from a visit in Michigan.

Ed Moffet has bought the Bishop property on Shakespeare street from Mr. McRae, of Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Burns, of Tilsonburg, spent Sunday here.

Clarence Buchner returned home from Tilsonburg on Thursday.

Mr. J. McKay and wife, of South Middleton, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Moffet recently.

Mrs. W. Y. Emery is on the sick list.

Miss R. Hotchkiss is visiting friends in Cultus.

Mr. Marlatt received a dispatch from Buffalo on Tuesday, containing the sad intelligence of the sudden demise of his son, Milton. The deceased had lived here until a few years ago, and his unexpected death has shocked the whole community. Besides his parents, he leaves one sister and five brothers to mourn his loss. The body will be brought here for interment.

Orlo Seally died on Tuesday night at his home on the first concession. The deceased had been ill for some time, and his death was not unexpected. He leaves a wife to mourn his loss, who has the sympathy of all.

WEST LORNE.

West Lorne, Feb. 26.—The death occurred on Wednesday morning at the residence of Rev. P. Quinlan, Main street, of Mrs. Jane McCabe, at the age of 76 years, after a lingering illness with paralysis. She leaves three daughters, Mrs. Smith, of Detroit, Mrs. John Quigley, of Seattle, Wash., and Miss Maggie, of this place. The funeral service will be conducted in St. Mary's Church today (Friday) at 10 o'clock a.m., by Rev. P. Quinlan, after which interment will be made in the Roman Catholic Cemetery.

ST. MARYS.

St. Marys, Feb. 26.—The town council, at Monday night's meeting, at the request of the town bakers, changed the bread bylaw so as to permit the bakers to make 1½ and 3-pound loaves of bread, instead of 2 and 4 pounds, as formerly. The bakers thought it was much better to make a smalled loaf of bread, to sell at 5 cents, than to raise the price on the old-sized loaf.

A few carloads of hard coal have been brought in since last week, but not enough to fully relieve the situation.

The Canadian Order of Chosen Friends held an "at home" on Friday evening at their rooms over the Bank of Montreal. The programme was a musical and literary one, and refreshments were served.

Knox Presbyterian Church and the First Presbyterian Church each held a congregational meeting on Monday afternoon to discuss the matter of union of the congregations. A vote was taken, and each congregation decided against union.

Miss Aggie Allen, dressmaker, left on Tuesday morning on a visit to Toronto, Rochester, N. Y., and New York city.

The local price for live hogs this week was $4 40 per 100 pounds. Wheat has taken a rapid rise in price, the local quotation being 90 to 93 cents per bushel.

The snow flurries and high winds have again had a bad effect on the railroads in the vicinity of St. Marys.

One of the drygoods concerns in town is to have the London Harpers play at the store on Saturday evening as a drawing card for business.

The St. Marys girls arranged to play a hockey match at the curling rink on Wednesday evening.

Mr. John Sanderson, an old resident of St. Marys, is at present very ill, and his medical attendant has slight hopes of his recovery.

Rev. R. E. Knowles, of Galt, delivered a lecture on "The Secret of Scottish Success" before a large audience in Knox Church on Tuesday evening.

—The funeral of Florence Edna Harris, daughter of Mr. John Harris, Chicago, who died Wednesday at Windsor, took place this morning upon arrival of 10:10 train, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

—Rev. W. T. Hill conducted the funeral of the late W. J. Smith, of St. Louis, which took place this morning to Woodland Cemetery.

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Crisis In the Oil Industry.

A dispatch from Sarnia says that the big refinery of the Imperial Oil Company there will close down. The refinery, ever since its erection, has been worked to the extent of only one-half its capacity, owing to the limited output of the Lambton oil fields, and the tariff on imported crude, amounting to nearly 100 per cent ad valorem. It is said that the local supply has been still further depleted by conditions of the weather, and that the Sarnia plant cannot be operated profitably unless it can handle larger quantities of crude oil. The situation is by no means a new one in the oil region. For many years the refiners have complained periodically of a shortage of crude and have occasionally petitioned Parliament for a reduction of the duty. The oil producers have opposed these representations, and have been, in the main, successful. It was the leading issue in the recent bye-election in East Lambton. The defeated candidate, Mr. Jenkins, favored reducing the duty on crude oil from 5 cents to 2 cents per gallon, claiming that this was necessary to the preservation of the refining industry, and therefore in the interests of the producers themselves. The voting showed that the sentiment of the oil region was opposed to this reduction, though the producers had agreed before the elections to a duty of 2½ cents per gallon.

The present state of affairs raises a difficult tariff question. Both the producing industry and the refining industry may justly claim consideration from the Government. It is not necessary that the producing interests shall be sacrificed to the refining interests, or the refining interests to the producing interests. They are interdependent, and some way should be found to strike a fair balance between them. The Government may be relied upon to do justice to both parties, having regard, of course, to the interests of the consumers.

Later.—It is learned from one of the directors of the Imperial Oil Company that there is no intention of closing the refinery, so long as Canadian crude oil can be supplied. The production of Canadian oil last year averaged 40,125 barrels per month. In December last the output was 38,000 barrels, in January 27,850, and this month it will be probably 20,000. Necessarily this diminution in the supply has crippled refining operations, and the company has been obliged to lay off a number of men. If the production of crude oil continues to fall off, the refining industry must contract automatically, unless American crude can be profitably imported.

A Great Patriotic Enterprise.

Sir Sandford Fleming, who was chief engineer of the construction of the C. P. R., makes a strong plea for a transcontinental railway by the northern route. Addressing the Canadian Club, Toronto, on Wednesday, he dwelt on the necessity of reclaiming the territory intervening between Eastern and Western Canada. He described this gap as a dangerous area of cleavage, the people of Canada being separated into two groups by an unpopulated wilderness, traversed by only a single line of railway. This area stretching from Manitoba to the Saguenay, and running 300 or 350 miles north of the C. P. R., was equal in extent to more than four provinces of Manitoba. It was practically without a white inhabitant. Moose Factory, on its northern side, and on the margin of Hudson Bay, has a winter and summer temperature the same as Winnipeg, and the average snowfall is less than half that of Montreal or Quebec. The worst that can be said of this great region is that it is a woodland wilderness. It is the natural home of pulpwood, and of this forest wealth we may look for an inexhaustible supply. It contains also an abundance of fertile agricultural land. Sir Sandford Fleming submitted five reasons why the new transcontinental railroad should take a northern route:

"(1) It is not in the public interests to have all the great lines of communication between the east and the west passing along the immediate shores of Lake Superior, or so near the frontier as Winnipeg. A large bulk of Manitoba grain now finds its way through the United States to be shipped from United States seaports.

"(2) There remains to be opened up by far the larger half of the productive Northwest.

"(3) A railway built on the northern route would be the shortest line between the two oceans, besides being the most direct for the products of the northern half of the prairie region to the nearest Canadian shipping ports.

"(4) By establishing on the northern route a modern first-class railway, devoid of gradients and every other hindrance to cheap transportation, we would possess the means of carrying these products to Canadian tidal ports at all seasons of the year at less cost than by any other route whatever.

"(5) Reliability at Quebec in summer, and at the open ports of the Maritime Provinces in winter; the ships transporting produce to Great Britain would, when necessary, be placed under the express protection of the British fleet."

The statement that grain could be carried to tide water more cheaply by an all-rail route than by lake and land will challenge contradiction in some quarters, but Sir Sandford Fleming is a high authority.

There is an attempt to make party capital out of the hitch in the arrangements between the Government and the Grand Trunk Pacific promoters. All the testimony that has accumulated and the facts that have come to light since the original bargain was made have confirmed the wisdom of the Government's policy. It is a far-sighted and patriotic conception which seeks to bind the east and west together by a new transcontinental line which will also develop the country in its weakest part, the center. The new road will put a backbone through the Dominion. This country has been likened to a dumbbell, the population and development being isolated at both ends. The handle requires to be strengthened. Until recent years this long unpeopled stretch between the eastern and western settlements, has been looked upon as a barrier rather than a connecting link. We are now discovering that it has great resources of soil, forest and mines capable of permanently sustaining a large population, but settlers must be preceded by the railroad. The Government has got hold of a great national idea and, if possible, means to effect its purpose. There will be difficulties in carrying out this stupendous enterprise; the history of the C. P. R. leads us to expect that. But Canada is now rich and powerful and in a better position than ever before to realize her ideals. The country will soon know the nature of the modifications asked for by the Grand Trunk Pacific, and if one set of men are not prepared to undertake the contract upon terms satisfactory to Parliament and the country, this great achievement will not necessarily fall to the ground.

The average person may doubt whether it is worth while when he reads about the diet of a centenarian.

Premier Balfour's majority dropped to 14 last night. He must envy the compact and reliable majority of the Ontario Government.

Russia is angry because of Lord Lansdowne's language in the negotiations over Tibet. It must be admitted that his lordship's communication did not read much like a love-letter.

Petroleum, like soft coal, is a raw material for Ontario manufacturers. The London Free Press wants the duty on soft coal removed and the duty on crude oil retained. The two cases are precisely the same, but the oil fields happen to be in this Province, and the coal mines in Nova Scotia. The F. P. wants a tariff for Ontario alone.

The Hamilton Spectator advises the Conservative party to drop the motto "adequate protection," because it is open to misinterpretation, and the Liberals are making capital out of it. The Spectator favors calling the Conservative policy "high protection." This is what it really is, and the Spectator's candor is to be commended.

Who says that oratory is declining? The Hon. Nathan Scott, of West Virginia, member of Congress, was up to the best Fourth of July standard when he launched this thunderbolt against the trusts:

"The sacred souvenirs of American liberty have been desecrated by the polluted and sacrilegious hand of lawless monopoly and individual liberty, clothed in the shoddy fabric of wage slavery, has been sentenced to death. For more than half a century the domain of human rights has been contracting under the arrogant and untrammeled sway of corporate might, and pirates on the sea of commercialism, drunk with the wine of opulence, have no vision for the flecks of foam that can be seen upon the rising billows of hungry desperation, threatening to engulf a world in an ocean of blood."

GRADED AFFECTION.

[Puck.]

Housekeeper—Do you love children?

Applicant—It all depends on th' wages, mum'.

OUR TIME TO LAUGH.

[Toronto Telegram.]

Russia must have had a whole lot of fun in the early stages of the Boer war if she enjoyed the discomfiture of the British in South Africa half as much as the British enjoy the discomfiture of the Russians in the Far East.

THE LION'S TEETH.

[N. Y. Mail and Express.]

The concurrence of the London press in calling attention to Great Britain's state of naval preparation, and especially to the equipment of sixty battleships with over $22,000,000 of new 12-inch wire steel guns, is to be taken as a timely showing of his teeth by the British lion. But no disturbance of peace is likely to result from a renewed calling of attention to the fact that Great Britain is more than a match at sea for Russia and Germany together, or, under present circumstances, for Russia, Germany and France together. Let England arm her 60 battleships with the most modern of guns. Let Downing street give the minatory "tip" to the press. Let the cabinets of Europe calculate the chances. And the nearer they bring the possibility of a general assault upon England's tremendous power at sea, backed by the sympathy of that modern Briareus of the hundred arms, the English-speaking world, the more likely they will be to shrink from the attack.

RELIANCE.

[Henry Van Dyke, in Atlantic.]

Not to the swift the race,
Not to the strong the fight,
Not to the righteous perfect grace,
Not to the wise the light.

But often faltering feet
Come surest to the goal,
And they who walk in darkness meet
The surprise of the soul.

A thousand times by night
The Syrian hosts have died;
A thousand times the vanquished right
Hath risen, glorified.

The truth the wise men sought
Was spoken by a child;
The alabaster box was brought
By trembling hands defiled.

Not from my torch the gleam,
But from the stars above;
Not from our hearts life's crystal stream,
But from the depths of love.

KIPLING AND RHODES.

[Christian Register.]

When Rudyard Kipling visited Cecil Rhodes on his South African fruit farm, Mr. Rhodes went around his farm before breakfast, and Mr. Kipling was good and hungry before he returned. When Mr. Rhodes came back he found his trees laden with placards inscribed in huge black letters with "Famine," "Pity the Starving," etc. On reaching the front door he read: "For the human race breakfast tones the mind, invigorates the body. It has sustained thousands; it will sustain you. See that you get it." "Why die when a little breakfast prolongs life?" In the breakfast room Kipling was found reading his paper, but the expression of innocence on his face was rather overdone.

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[John Greenleaf Whittier.]

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The careful ways of duty;
Our hard, stiff lines of life with her
Are flowing curves of beauty.

Our homes are cheering for her sake,
Our dooryards brighter blooming,
And all about the social air
Is sweeter for her coming.

Unspoken homilies of peace
Her daily life is preaching;
The still refreshment of the dew
Is her unconscious teaching.

And never tenderer hand than hers
Unknits the brow of ailing;
Her garments to the sick man's ear
Have music in their trailing.

Her presence lends its warmth and health
To all who come before it.
If woman lost us Eden, such
As she alone restores it.

JOHN BURNS AND HIS PAL.

[Exhange.]

Not long ago John Burns, member of Parliament, was seen by a Battersea elector walking arm in arm with a shabbily dressed man, whom the Battersea resident took to be a tramp. Drawing Burns aside, he said to him: "Look 'ere, John, deemocracy's all very fine, but don't you reckernize what's doo to your position as a member of the 'ouse? Fancy—walkin' about harm in harm, in broad daylight, with a workin' man." "S-sh," whispered Burns, "that's the Duke of Norfolk." And so it was.

HOW IT ALL HAPPENED

[James Whitcomb Riley.]

I got to thinking of her, and a-wundern what she done,
That all her sisters kep' a-getting married one by one,
And her without no chances—and the best of the pack—
An old maid with her hands, you might say, tied behind her back!

And mother, too, afore she died, she ust to jes' take on,
When none of 'em was left, you know, but Evaline and John,
And jes' declare to goodness 'at the young men must be blind
To not see what a wife they'd git if they'd got Evaline!

I got to thinkin' of her, as I say, and more and more
I'd think of her dependence, and the burdens 'at she bore,
Her parents both a-bein' dead, and all her sisters gone
And married off, and her a-livin' there alone with John—

You might say jes' a-toilin' and a-slavin' out her life
For a man 'at hadn't pride enough to git hisself a wife—
Less some one married Evaline, and packed her off some day—
So I got to thinkin' of her—and it happened that away.

MADE HER MAD.

[Toronto Star.]

The cable liar killed the Dowager Empress Tsi Ann yesterday, but she'd show him is she could get her motherly hands into his whiskers.

GOT BURNED BEFORE.

[Toronto World.]

Emperor Bill sympathizes with Russia, but, remembering a certain memorable communication to Oom Paul Kruger, he has asked the Czar to be excused from putting his sympathy in writing.

THE ONES WHO LOSE.

[Sam Kiser.]

O, it doesn't matter how the wind may blow,
If you are glad,
And it doesn't matter where the dollars went,
If you've had
All the honest joy they'd buy;
Only they have lost who sigh
As the precious moments fly,
And are sad
When they might, if they would try,
Help to hoist Hope's banners high,
Help to teach him who is nursing foolish care to let it die,
And be glad.

DOUBLE ASSESSMENT.

Toronto, Feb. 25. — A number of prominent manufacturers appeared before the municipal taxation committee of the Legislature this morning to complain of what they call double assessment of incorporated companies by taxing the company, and also the dividends received from the stock. Attorney-General Gibson explained that the committee had already removed the grievance by amending the bill some time ago.

THE TITLES OF PEERS

Have No Connection With the Places Associated With Them.

London, Feb. 25. — Curious as it is that the Duke of Devonshire should derive his title from a county with which neither he nor his ancestors have ever had the remotest connection, he is far from singular in this respect among his brother peers. Taking the dukes of England alone, a full half of them—it is sufficient to mention Manchester, Richmond, Newcastle, Marlborough and Fife—have no connection at all, either territorial or residential, with the place titularly associated with them.

More singular still, there are Scottish peers, even representative peers from Scotland in Parliament—for example, Vicount Falkland — who are purely English descent, and own not a single acre north of the Tweed; while there are Irish peers, such as Viscount Valentia, quite unconnected with Ireland, and sitting in the House of Commons for English constituencies.

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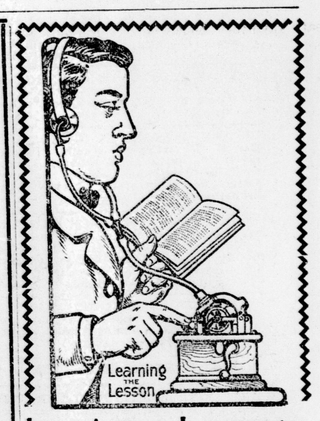
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"A COUNTRY GIRL."

The return of that delightful musical comedy, "A Country Girl," to the Grand for one night on Tuesday next, will be welcomed with pleasure by the lovers of refined, sparkling music. The same clever artists who delighted a large audience at the Grand a short time ago will be here again. The production will be given in the same scale of sumptous magnificence as on the first visit to this city. There are 20 principals and a beautiful chorus of 60 voices. No one should miss this rare musical treat. The sale of seats opens at the box office on Saturday morning.

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Damascus now contains about the same number of Jews that it had in the time of St. Paul. In the middle of the first century of our era some 1,000 Jews lived in Damascus and were governed by an Ethnarch. The present Jewish community is computed at about 11,000.

A DIVISION IN THE LEGISLATURE

Budget Debate Closed—Government Sustained 47 to 44.

VOTE WAS ON SOO PAYMENTS

Lease of Old Parliament Buildings to the Grand Trunk Criticised—No Grafts in Temiskaming.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Feb. 25. — The long-drawn budget debate in the Legislature came to an end this evening, the division taking place at 7 o'clock. The Government's majority was 3, the vote standing 47 to 44.

The speakers of the day were Hon. Mr. Gibson and Milton Carr for the Government, and Messrs. Whitney and Foy for the Opposition.

GRAFTLESS TEMISKAMING.

Mr. Milton Carr (Parry Sound) resuming the debate on the budget, said that the Temiskaming Railway would open up an exceedingly rich country, and would contribute more than anything else to the development of the natural resources of New Ontario. The greatly increased prices received at the recent sale of timber limits was a result of the building of the road.

"And I want to tell you this," concluded Mr. Carr, amid laughter, "there is no room for grafts in the country through which the Temiskaming Railway runs. If there are any grafts I want to get in on them, because I need money and never had any that I did not have to work for."

Mr. Foy in opening dealt with the financial statement, which he regarded as very unsatisfactory, probably because the Premier was too much engrossed with other matters to pay proper attention to the finances of the Province.

OLD PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS.

The habits of exaggeration indulged in by the Government were well exhibited in the lease of the old Parliament Buildings to the Grand Trunk Railway Company with an option of sale at $180,000 within ten years, and at $200,000 during the balance of the 21-year lease. In 1895 Hon. Mr. Harcourt, as Provincial Treasurer, had in his usual estimates of the Province's assets valued this property at $500,000. Yet for nine years the property had lain idle, involving a loss of $180,000 in interest, and then an option for sale given for that very sum. It was not for him to show whether the Minister of Public Works had made the mistake in value, or Mr. Harcourt in 1895. Either one must have gone grossly wrong.

Hon. Mr. Harcourt said he had estimated the value of the old Parliament Buildings on the authority of the assessment commissioner of Toronto, and several eminent real estate dealers of the city.

THE SOO PAYMENT.

Mr. Foy said he proposed to present an amendment referring to the payments made to some of the rich men at the Soo, owing to its remarkable generosity at election times. He, therefore, presented an amendment approving those payments under authorization of the Government to "foremen, workmen, mechanics, clerks, and other workingmen," to prevent distress and riot, but strongly disapproving of the payments to the high-salaried officials, who could not need such aid. The amendment also contained a list of the men whose payments were objected to.

Attorney-General Gibson followed, and justified the sale of Government property on Front street to the Grand Trunk Railway. There was nothing so difficult as arriving at an agreement as to the value of a piece of land, but at any rate the price paid by the G. T. R. was a fair one.

As for the wages paid at the Soo, Mr. Gibson said that the Government had gained nothing as a result of anything they might have done. The wages had simply been guaranteed, and the Government had ample protection. The unearned land grants would more than recoup the Government in the event of the loan not being repaid.

The Opposition seemed to have concentrated all their objections to the payment of the high salaried officials. "But," Mr. Gibson said, "in this connection I think there might be just as much distress among the officials of the company as among the laborers, and I will say that the Government throughout the whole affair were actuated by most proper principles."

He understood negotiations were now under way for the resumption of work at the Soo industries, which would, of course, if successful, still further insure the Government's security for the payments made. The Government had been concerned in these negotiations, and if they proved successful might consider it their duty to bring down a measure in regard to the matter.

MR. WHITNEY CONCLUDES.

Mr. Whitney, who concluded the debate, said, in closing: "The Government may try to avoid the people, and make the last cast of the dice with their license bill, but they themselves admit that the popular majority is against them, and recent events, particularly the East Lambton and East Bruce elections, prove that public opinion in Ontario is entirely inimical to anything called by the name of the present Liberal party. With these evidences fresh in my mind I have no hesitation in declaring that the time will come soon when even this Government must bow to the will of the people."

The House then went into committee of supply and passed an item of $3,340 for the Government House estimates, after which, at 7:30, the welcome adjournment came, and the hungry legislators trooped off in search of dinner.

NO CHANGE IN THE G. T. P. ROUTE

Modification Sought by Promoters Is Deposit of Securities Instead of Cash.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 26.—The first official statement of the modifications sought in the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway contract with the Canadian Government will be made to the shareholders of the G. T. R. in London the week after next. It is learned, however, from a reliable source that there is no change that alters the route of the proposed highway. The project is still for a highway from Moncton across the continent to the Pacific coast, with grades and curves and construction to permit of goods being carried at a cost much less than the existing routes can afford.

Under the agreement which was ratified by Parliament last fall the Grand Trunk, the parent company, was to acquire and to hold the $25,000,000 common stock of the Grand Trunk Pacific. The promoters have since argued that this would tie the securities up in such a way that no use could be made of them. One of the modifications to be recommended to Parliament this season will probably permit the G. T. R. to pledge or sell a portion of this paper in order that the proceeds may be applied towards the carrying through of the trans-continental railway project. The Grand Trunk will still be held to its sponsorship by other features of the agreement.

The contract called for a deposit of $5,000,000 either in cash or Government securities. This will likely be changed so as to permit the deposit being made in any prime securities that meet with the approval of the Governor-in-Council.

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JAPS CLOSE TO VLADIVOSTOCK

Mikado's Armies Begin Operations in Manchuria.

BRITISH HELP RUSS PRISONERS

Japan Will Ignore Russia's Protest Against Forming a Protectorate Over Korea.

Paris, Feb. 25. — In a dispatch from St. Petersburg a correspondent of the Echo de Paris says the last or second Japanese attack at Port Arthur was repulsed brilliantly. He says the Japanese were again obliged to quit the roadstead. It is presumed that the entire squadron joined in the second attack, hoping to avenge the repulse of the preceding day. The Japanese are supposed to have incurred further losses during this long fight. Admiral Stark has telegraphed that he expects a third attack. Continuing the correspondent says, that General Kuropatkin has started for his home to take leave of his mother before going to the east, and he quotes the general as saying this war may last eighteen months, but every arrangement has been made that no Japanese, after having landed, shall return to this country.

JAPO-COREAN ALLIANCE.

Former Will Ignore Russia—Throw Ports Open.

Washington, Feb. 25. — Russia will ignore Japan's newly negotiated treaty with Korea guaranteeing the independence and integrity of the Hermit Kingdom, and has so informed the United States. Russia's protest to the powers, it is declared on high authority, will be ignored by the Tokio Government. In diplomatic circles Secretary Hay's announcement of the negotiations of the Japanese-Korean treaty created a sensation. While the treaty, it is stated, opens up possibilities for new international complications in the Far Eastern war, the diplomatic corps here express the firm belief that there is no ground for apprehension at present that the war will extend beyond the two belligerents and Korea. It will not surprise diplomats conversant with Japan's plans to see an early announcement from Tokio declaring that practically all Korean ports will be opened eventually to the commerce of the world. The United States navy department has called on Commander Marshall, commanding the United States gunboat Vicksburg at Chemulpo, Korea, for a full report regarding the attack on the Japanese fleet in that port Feb. 8, and of subsequent incidents. Both here and at St. Petersburg the report that Commander Marshall refused to rescue the Russian sailors from the sinking ship Variag is discredited, but an official version of the affair is desired by the American Government.

JAPS NEAR VLAD IVOSTOCK.

Mikado's Armies Commence Operations In Manchuria.

London, Friday, Feb. 26.—A dispatch from Yin Kow, dated Feb. 25, says: "Native reports that the Japanese have landed at Poissiett Bay, and that they subsequently undertook operations against Hun Chun and towards Kirin, have received qualified confirmation from English missionary refugees who have arrived at New Chwang. These people say that the Russo-Chinese bank has removed from Kirin to Kwang Chen Tsi, where commercial interests are seeking safety and defense. This reported advance has produced consternation among the European civilians residing on the line of march. It is reported also that the Russian Government bureau at Vladivostock has withdrawn to Khabarovsk."

(Possiett Bay is in Russian Manchuria, about 70 miles southwest of Vladivostock. Hun Chun is on the left bank of Tumen River, and about 40 miles to the west of Possiett Bay. Kirin is a big Manchurian town, and lies about 220 miles inland and to the west of Possiett Bay. Kwang Cheng Tsi is about eight miles west of Kirin. Khabarovsk is about 400 miles to the north of Vladivostock, with which port it is connected by a railroad.)

Private advices received at Fekin from New Chwang confirm the reports of ill-treatment of Japanese refugees at the hands of Russians while they were journeying through Manchuria, and declare, moreover, that some of the refugees were, without doubt, cruelly murdered. The Russian soldiery at New Chwang is so undisciplined that that place is unfit for European women.

According to information received by well-informed military men, the Russian army which is intended to operate in Korea will consist of an advance vanguard of two regiments of Siberian sharpshooters, a vanguard of 16 regiments of infantry, with ninety-six quick-firing guns, three batteries of mountain guns, and a corresponding force of cavalry. The main body will consist of forty regiments, including Cossack cavalry, with 300 guns. It is added that no important military operations will be possible before the melting of the ice, and that the present operations will be confined to necessary preparations.

WAR NOTES.

The question of stay of the Russian gunboat Mandjur at Shanghai remains unsettled. Paul Lessar, Russian minister to China, is said to be trying to intimidate the Chinese Government in the matter, declaring emphatically that Japan has little chance of victory against a Russian army 500,000 strong. The court at Pekin is oscillating on this question. Russia is also pressing China to declare the neutrality of that portion of the empire which Russia also occupies.

BRITAINS HELP RUSSIANS.

London, Feb. 25. — A special dispatch from Hong Kong says the British admiralty officials are serving out clothing to the Russian sailors rescued at Chemulpo, Korea, and that the crews of the vessels forming part of the British squadron have given half a day's pay to provide luxuries for the Russian wounded.

The most sacred image in Russia has been sent to St. Petersburg, and it will be taken later to the Far East with the army. This image is a representation of the Virgin appearing to St. Sergius, and is always kept at the Troitzke, St. Petersburg. It is about one foot square, and is covered with precious stones. The image has a remarkable history. It accompanied Alexis, Peter the Great and Alexander I., on all their campaigns. A silver tablet attached to it enumerates the battles at which the image was present.

It is now said that the Russian Baltic squadron, comprising eight battleships, two armored cruisers, three protected cruisers, two large transports and thirty torpedo boats, will leave for the Far East at the end of June. It is added that it will be commanded by Rear Admiral Rojestvensky.

ROBBED OF $70,000

Mentone, Feb. 25. — Mrs. McLaughlin, of Salt Lake City, has been the victim of a daring robbery here. She placed her jewels in a case and locked them in a box in her room at her hotel. Then she dropped into a doze. On awakening the jewel case was gone. Nobody at the hotel had seen the thief. The jewels were worth $50,000 and there was in the jewel case a letter of credit for $20,000, which also is missing.

Advice to Women





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This is a very important consideration in a woman's correspondence with Mrs. Pinkham. It is a great satisfaction to feel that one woman can write to another telling her the most private and confidential details about her illness, and know that her letter will be seen by a woman only,—a woman full of sympathy for her sick sisters, and with a knowledge of woman's ills greater than that possessed by any other person.

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As an illustration of the good coming from such advice we herewith publish two letters of Mrs. E. F. Hayes, the reading of which should give every sick woman confidence in Mrs. Pinkham's ability to help them. These are only two of thousands of the same kind of letters which Mrs. Pinkham has on file.

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"The symptoms of Fibroid Tumor given in your little book accurately describes my case, so I write to you for advice."—(Signed) MRS. E. F. HAYES, 252 Dudley St. (Roxbury), Boston, Mass.

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LATEST MARKETS

STOCK MARKETS.

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

New York, Feb. 26—Noon.—During the greater part of the morning session the market has been heavy, and there is no indication that it will be unduly stimulated during the afternoon session. Activity has been limited to half a dozen stocks, and the fluctuations of these have been narrow and not particularly interesting. Some of the professional element is trying to stimulate an advance, but it is difficult to work. A majority of the traders are bearish, and it must be said that they reflect the feeling of the banking community. During the latter part of the second hour there was a tendency to ease off from the high point, and St. Paul broke rapidly, and Steel, preferred, showed loses running ⅜ to ⅝. Some of the buying of Pennsylvania could be traced very easily, and there is no reason to doubt that certain speculative houses are doing something to put up the price of these stocks. The market is very narrow, professional and uninteresting. Sales to noon were 148,000 shares.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Feb. 26	Ask.	Off
Montreal	..	246
Ontario	..	125
Toronto	..	227
Commerce	..	151
Imperial	..	212
Dominion	230	..
Hamilton	..	206
Ottawa	215	..
Traders	..	135½
British America	100	..
Western Assurance	95	..
Imperial Life	..	149
Consumers Gas	210	..
Ontario and Qu'Appelle Land	..	94
Canada Northwest Land, pref	..	95
Can. Pacific Railway Stock	113⅞	113½
Toronto Electric Light	135	130
General Electric	142	..
London Electric	100	..
Commercial Cable	194	189½
Richelieu and Ontario Nav. Co.	81	79¾
Niagara Navigation	..	110
St. L. and C. Navigation	110	..
Toronto Street Railway	100	96
Twin City Railway, new	88½	87⅞
Winnipeg St. Railway	..	100
Sao Paulo Tramway	90⅝	90
Dominion Steel, com	8½	8
Dominion Coal, com	56¾	56¼
Nova Scotia Steel	74	73½
Canada Salt	127	..
Crow's Nest Coal	350	..
British Canadian L. and I.	..	85
Canada Landed and Nat. Inv	..	102½
Canada Permanent	..	121
Canada Savings and Loan	..	119
Central Canada Loan	..	150
Dominion Savings and Invest	..	70
Hamilton Provident	..	119
Huron & Erie L. & S. Co.	..	178
Landed Banking and Loan	..	119
Manitoba Loan	..	95
Toronto Mortgage	..	86
London Loan	120	112
Ontario Loan and Deb.	..	121
Toronto Savings and Loan	..	130
Dominion Iron and Steel Bonds	53	52

SALES: Canadian General Electric, 10 at 140; London Electric, 1 at 90; Canadian Savings, 7 at 119; London and Canada, 20 at 89; Toronto Railway, 1 at 97¼; C. P. R., 25 at 113¾, 125 at 113¾, 25 at 113⅝, 25 at 113¾, 25 at 113¾, 25 at 113⅞, 75 at 114, 50 at 113⅝, 100 at 113½, 25 at 113⅝; Canada Permanent, 100 at 121; Coal, 50 at 56¼, 100 at 56¼, 75 at 56½, 25 at 56½, 25 at 56½, 50 at 56½, 50 at 56½; Nova Scotia Steel, 50 at 73½; Dominion Steel bonds, 1,000 at 52, 1,000 at 52.

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MONTREAL.

Montreal, Feb. 26.	Ask.	Off.
Canadian Pacific	114¾	113⅜
Winnipeg Electric	200	140
Montreal Street Railway	..	201½
West India	80	65
Toronto Railway	97	96¼
Halifax Street Railway	90	87
St. John Street Railway	120	100
Twin City Transit Railway	88⅛	87⅝
Richelieu and Ontario	81	80
Commercial Cable	193	..
Montreal Telegraph	159½	158
Bell Telephone	155	..
Dominion Iron and Steel, com	8⅛	8
Dominion Iron and Steel, pref	26½	24
Montreal Heat, Light	71	70
Nova Scotia Steel, common	74¼	73
Detroit Railway	61	60¾
Dominion Cotton	..	34
Colored Cotton	..	45
Montreal Street Bonds	105	103
Montreal Street Bonds, new	200	197½
Dominion Coal, common	56¾	56⅛
Bank of Ottawa	..	211
Bank of Montreal	250	248
Molsons Bank	205	198
Merchants'	155	151½
Ogilvie Flour	175	150
Ogilvie Flour	120	115
Ogilvie Bonds	..	112
Nova Scotia	268	260
Union Bank	..	132
Commerce	..	150
Northwest Land	135	130
Dominion Iron and Steel Bonds	..	52
Colored Cotton	..	98
Toledo Railway	19¾	19
Nova Scotia Steel	..	104

SALES: C. P. R., 4 at 114½, 175 at 113¾, 5 at 114; Montreal Railway, new, 2 at 198; Power, 200 at 70; Iron, common, 35 at 8; Coal, common, 50 at 56¼, 25 at 56½, 150 at 56¼; Montreal Railway, 3 at 200½; Montreal Cotton, 12 at 110; Montreal Telegraph, 25 at 159½; Molson Bank, new, 3 at 196; Toledo Railway, 10 at 20, 25 at 19½.

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New York, Feb. 26	Open.	High.	Low.	2 p.m
Amal. Copper	47⅛	47⅜	46⅝	46⅝
American Sugar Co.	124½	125½	124½	124⅝
American Locomotive	23	23	22⅝	22⅜
American Foundry	19	..	..	..
Atcheson, com	65⅜	65¾	65⅛	65⅛
Atcheson, pref	88⅞	..	..	..
B. & O.	74⅞	75¼	74⅝	74⅝
Brooklyn Tran	40	40⅞	39⅝	39¾
C. P. R.	113⅞	114¼	113½	113½
Chesapeake & Ohio	30	..	..	..
Chic. Great Western	15	15	14¾	14¾
Consolidated Gas	190½	190¾	189½	189½
Erie	23	23⅛	22⅞	23
Erie Pfd	62⅛	62⅝	62⅛	62⅛
Edison Gen. Electric	160½	161	160	160
Illinois Central	126	126⅛	126	126
Kan. and Tex, com	15	15	14¾	14¾
Louisville and Nashville	102¼	102¼	102	102
Manhattan	142	..	..	..
Metropolitan St. Ry	114½	115¼	114½	114⅝
Mexican Central	9⅝	..	..	..
M. P.	88	88	87⅝	87⅝
N. Y. Central	114½	114½	114	114
Norfolk and W.	56½	56½	55⅞	56
Ont. and West	20¼	20¼	20	20
Pennsylvania	113⅜	113⅜	112¾	112¾
People's Gas	97¾	..	..	..
Reading	44⅝	44¾	44	44
Rock Island	20⅝	21	20¼	20⅜
Southern Railway	18⅞	19⅛	18⅞	19⅛
Southern Ry. Pfd.	79½	..	..	..
Southern Pacific	44	44¼	43¼	43¼
St. Paul	139	139⅛	138¼	138¼
Texas	22⅞	22⅞	22¾	22¾
Twin City	88	..	..	..
Union Pacific	73⅛	74⅜	73⅝	73⅝
Union Pacific, pref	87	87	86½	86½
U. S. Leather	7	7¼	7	7¼
U. S. Leather, pref	77⅝	77⅝	77½	77½
U. S. Steel, com	10⅞	10⅞	10½	10½
U. S. Steel, pref	55⅜	55⅝	54⅞	54⅞
Wabash, pref	34	34	33½	33½
Wisconsin Central	17¾	17¾	17¼	17¼

PRODUCE MARKETS.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Feb. 26.—Wheat—Firm; local buyers quote $1 for cars of No. 2 red and white, west; holders are asking several cents more; Manitoba, $1 11 for No. 1 hard, $1 09 for No. 1 northern, $1 05 for No. 2 northern, and $1 02 for No. 3 northern, at Georgian Bay ports, and 6c more grinding in transit. Flour—Firm, at $3 75 for cars of 90 per cent patents in buyers' bags, middle freights; choice brands are 15c to 20c higher; Manitoba, $5 30 for cars of Hungarian patents, $5 for second patents, and $4 90 for strong bakers, bags included, on the track at Toronto. Millfeed—Firm; mills are getting $17 50 for shorts and $16 for bran in bulk. Barley—Firm, at 48c for No. 2, No. 3 extra at 45c and No. 3 at 43c west. Buckwheat—Firm, at 50c bid for No. 2 west. Rye—Firm, at 60c for No. 2, west. Corn—Firm; Canada mixed at 37½c to 38c, and yellow at 38c to 38½c, f.o.b. cars west; American is firmer, at 56c for cars of No. 2 yellow, 55c for No. 3 yellow and 54c for No. 3 mixed, on the track at Toronto. Oats—Firmer, at 34c to 34½c for No. 1 white, east, and 33½c to 34c for No. 2 white, west. Rolled oats—Firm, at $4 10 for cars of bags, and $4 35 for barrels on the track at Toronto, and 40c more for broken lots. Peas—Firmer, at 65c for No. 2, west; choice milling peas are 1c to 2c higher. Butter—Unchanged. Eggs—Firm; new-laid, 35c. Live hogs—Receipts today, 500; prices unchanged; selects, $5; heavy and light weights, $4 75.

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LOCAL MARKETS.

London, Friday, Feb. 26.

The delivery of hay was again the feature of the market held here today; about 55 loads had been offered up till 11:30 o'clock; prices were lower; hay that sold at $8 50 on the previous day, the owners were glad to accept $8 per ton for today; prices ranged from $6 50 to $8 50 per ton.

Straw sold at $5 per ton.

About 15 loads of oats sold at 92c to 94c per cwt; only a couple of loads sold at the last-named price.

No wheat was offered today; an offer was made to a farmer by a local dealer of $1 67 per cwt for 500 bu of wheat; this is a fraction over $1 per bu.

Eggs are lower in price in the eastern markets, and there is a possibility that prices will drop shortly on the local market.

CHICAGO EXCHANGE.

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

Chicago, Feb. 26	Open	High.	Low	Close
Wheat—May	106	107	104⅜	104⅞
July	97½	98¼	95⅞	96⅝
Sept	91	92⅜	90½	91⅜
Corn—May	56⅞	57⅞	56⅜	56¾
July	55½	56⅞	55	55⅜
Sept	51⅜	51⅞	54¼	54⅛
Oats—May	45¾	45¾	41⅞	45⅜
July	41¾	42¾	41¾	42⅛
Sept	36¾	37	36	36⅜
Pork—May	16 15	16 67	16 05	16 30
July	16 25	16 67	16 20	16 42
Lard—May	7 97	8 20	7 97	8 05
July	8 15	8 35	8 15	8 22
Ribs—May	7 97	8 15	7 97	8 02
July	8 07	8 22	8 07	8 10

BEAN MARKET.

DETROIT.

Detroit, Feb. 25.—Beans—Cash and February, $1 98; March, $1 95.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

MONTREAL.

Montreal, Feb. 25.—About 250 head of cattle, 100 calves, 10 sheep and 25 milch cows were offered for sale at the east end abattoir today. Owing to the high prices asked the butchers bought sparingly, hoping for much more liberal supplies on Monday. Prime beeves sold at 4¾c to 5c per lb, good mediums at 4¼c to 4½c, ordinary mediums at 3¾c to 4c, and the common stock at 2¾c to 3½c; the calves were nearly all young veals, and three sold at $2 50 to $3 50 each; a few sold at $4 to $6 each; milch cows sold at $30 to $60 each, some of them being superior milkers; good lots of fat hogs sold at about 5½c per lb.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Feb. 26.—Cattle—Receipts, 3,000; market steady; good to prime steers, $4 90 to $5 65; poor to medium, $3 50 to $4 60; stockers and feeders, $2 50 to $4 20; cows, $1 75 to $4; heifers, $2 to $4 50; canners, $1 75 to $2 40; bulls, $2 to $4; calves, $3 50 to $6 75; Texas-fed steers, $4 to $4 65.

Hogs—Receipts, 33,000; market steady to strong; mixed and butchers, $5 25 to $5 65; good to choice heavy, $5 60 to $5 75; rough heavy, $5 30 to $5 55; light, $4 90 to $5 40; bulk of sales at $5 30 to $5 55.

Sheep—Receipts, 8,000; market steady; good to choice wethers, $4 25 to $4 50; fair to choice mixed, $3 65 to $4 25; western sheep, $4 15 to $5 25; native lambs, $4 50 to $5 85.

OLD COUNTRY PRICES.

London, Feb. 25.—Live cattle steady, at 10½c to 11½c per lb for American steers, dressed weight; Canadian steers, 10c to 11c per lb; refrigerator beef, 8c to 8½c per lb; sheep, 11c to 11½c per lb; lambs, 14c to 14½c, dressed weight.

FLAXSEED.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Feb. 25.—Flaxseed—Northwest, $1 18½; southwest, $1 12; February, $1 12; May, $1 14½.

OIL MARKETS.

PITTSBURG.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 25.—Oil opened and closed at $1 80.

OIL CITY.

Oil City, Pa., Feb. 25.—Credit balances, $1 80; certificates, no bid; shipments, 93,021 barrels.

LONDON.

London, Feb. 25.—Petroleum, American refined, 7⅝d; spirits, 9¼d.

ANTWERP.

Antwerp, Feb. 25.—Petroleum, 21 francs 25 centimes.

BREMEN.

Bremen, Feb. 25.—Petroleum, 6 marks 35 pfennings.

HAY MARKET.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Feb. 25.—Baled Hay—The receipts are not large, the demand is fair and the market is steady; cars on the track here are quoted at $9 per ton.

Baled Straw—The market is quiet; cars on the track here are quoted at $5 to $5 50 per ton.

AMERICAN MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

New York, Feb. 26.—Flour—Receipts, 29,452 bbls; sales, 2,700 pkgs; flour quiet; Minnesota patents, $5 20 to $5 70; Minnesota bakers, $4 20 to $4 70; winter patents, $5 20 to $5 60; winter straights, $5 to $5 25; winter extras, $3 60 to $4; winter low grades, $3 15 to $3 80. Buckwheat flour—Quiet. Rye flour—Firm; fair to good, $4 30 to $4 55; choice to fancy, $4 60 to $4 85. Wheat—Receipts, 16,575 bu; sales, 2,000,000 bu; wheat witnessed a severe break on the opening this morning on the lower cables, better weather west and a flood of selling orders; later there was a slight rally on covering and renewed bull support; May, $1 05½ to $1 06¾; July, $1 01¼ to $1 02 3-16; September, 94c to 95c. Rye—Firm, at 88c, to arrive. Corn—Receipts, 38,700 bu; corn broke with wheat, later rallying slightly on covering. Oats—Receipts, 36,000 bu. Sugar—Raw firm; fair refining, 2⅞c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3⅜c; molasses sugar, 2⅝; refined steady. Coffee—Steady; No. 7 Rio, 6⅞c. Lead—Firm. Wool—Firm. Hops—Firm.

LOCAL PUBLIC BUILDINGS BYLAW WILL BE VERY STRINGENT MEASURE

Places May Be Closed if Alterations Recommended Are Not Made.

City Engineer Graydon has completed the draft of a bylaw which has for its aim the governing of all places of public assemblage in London, such as theaters, halls, etc., in regard to fire escapes and other means of protection in case of a fire.

It has been stated that the Toronto bylaw covers all that London desires to do in this connection, but after a careful perusal of the bylaw, Mr. Graydon has come to the conclusion that this is not the case. The engineer says that the Toronto bylaw merely relates to the construction of new buildings, whereas London requires a measure which will give the council power to go ahead and have alterations made to existing structures.

The bylaw drafted by Mr. Graydon provides for the appointment of a fire inspector, who will recommend to No. 3 committee or the council what he thinks is required to make all public buildings safe. If these recommendations are not complied with within 30 days after notice has been served, it shall be within the power of the committee or the council to notify the inspector to have all such buildings closed until the alterations recommended by the inspector are complied with.

The city is given the power to pass such a bylaw under the municipal act. The bylaw will come before No. 3 committee next week.

Assistant Superintendent Higgins, of the Grand Trunk Railway, has written to City Engineer Graydon that the alleged blocking of Colborne street crossing by trains is not to be laid at the door of his road. Mr. Higgins says the Lake Erie trains have been the offenders, and he promises to see that G. T. R. employes block no crossings in this city.

Superintendent Tait, of the Lake Erie, does not see eye to eye with Mr. Higgins on this matter, however, and to a reporter today Mr. Tait said that his road had not blocked Colborne street crossing, despite the assertion to the contrary.

Some time ago the city attempted to initiate the reconstruction of the sewer on Dundas street between Wellington and Adelaide streets. The sewer is in a very bad state, but the property-owners objected to paying for the reconstruction on the ground that the sewer had not been paid for and the city should make up the loss of its poor construction to the ratepayers. In other words, the property owners, if they were assessed for the construction, would be in the position of paying probably 30 years for a portion of the one sewer, as they had already paid something like 20 years for the one which has proved to be of no use before it has been paid for. Consequently the proposed reconstruction of the sewer was knocked out. Now the ratepayers have made a demand upon the city to put the sewer in shape; but as this means the practical rebuilding of it the city demurs. The city solicitor's opinion has been obtained, and it is to the effect that the ratepayers can compel the city to repair a sewer and maintain it in proper shape, but they cannot compel the city to reconstruct it out of city funds. When the letter of the solicitor was read at the board of works, last night, it was decided to file the application of the Dundas street people to put the sewer in repair.

It seems that the portion of the sewer lying between Adelaide and Colborne streets was put down on the local improvement plan, and the special frontage assessment, therefore, does not end till 1907. The portion from Colborne to Wellington street was built on the rental plan, and it was paid for in 1894.

RECOVERING FROM THE EFFECTS OF WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S STORM

Grand Trunk Now Has the Stratford and Bruce Branches Opened—Local Yards.

The Grand Trunk has not yet recovered from the effects of the snowstorm which waged to the north and east of London on Wednesday night.

On the branch lines on Thursday snowplows were operating in all directions, and today things are in an improved condition. The first train over the St. Marys and Stratford branch reached the city about 8 o'clock on Thursday evening, when the snowplow was sent over the line again in advance of a train going north from London. Today no trouble was experienced at any point on the branch.

There is still heavy drifting north of Palmerston and in the direction of Owen Sound, and it is impossible for trains to be moved.

On the London, Huron and Bruce, as far north as Wingham, the track has been opened. The train from the north was three hours and thirty minutes late in leaving Wingham for London this morning, and between these two points it only lost thirty minutes on its running time, reaching here four hours late. A train of live stock was also brought in over the Bruce.

To the north of Stratford, the plows are still at work.

The Pere Marquette between London and St. Thomas is open.

The condition of the local yards of the Grand Trunk remains about the same, although the officials say that with a week's favorable weather they would be nearly cleaned up. There is a congestion of freight everywhere between the Clarence street crossing and the extreme east end of the sidings at the old racecourse. To get at cars readily is an utter impossibility, and can be accomplished only after hours of work. An instance of this was shown one day recently, when four cars of coal needed for a public institution were ordered to be delivered, as the fuel was badly needed. The cars were finally located on the siding near the racecourse, but they were hemmed in by other cars so tightly that two yard engines were required to extricate them. This was only accomplished after a long time, as the difficulty of the railway men was increased by a lack of space in which to temporarily place the cars which hemmed the others in. Yet every day—in fact, every hour of the day—shippers call up the officials and insist on cars being placed for them immediately, a demand which, of course, cannot be complied with.

Along the main line many of the sidings are tied up with freight, and to add to the trouble of the men, the cars are frozen in so tightly that they can only be released with the aid of picks and shovels.

The most serious delay to C. P. R. trains from the west has been due to the condition of the Detroit River. The ice from Lake St. Clair in the river is now so thick that the car ferries are stalled for hours. One train was half of yesterday on a car ferry in the river.

With the Sarnia Tunnel on its main line, the Grand Trunk is more fortunate.

WILL MEET IN WINNIPEG

The Next Gathering of Canadian National Council of Women.

The Executive Board Concludes Its Business—Satisfactory Reports.

A very important meeting of the executive board of the Canadian National Council of Women was held yesterday in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A., at which all the local councils and nationally-organized societies in affiliation with it were represented personally or by substitute, and in every case were members of the London Local Council. Some of the members were snowbound and were unable to put in an appearance until late in the day.

A dainty luncheon was provided under the supervision of Miss Butchart and the ladies of the Aberdeen Society. The guests of the day left London with many expressions of hearty appreciation of the arrangements made for their reception.

The reports of work done were most satisfactory. New councils have been formed, and acknowledgments of help by those in authority of the usefulness of such an organization were more and more frequently received by the secretary.

Mrs. Joseph Marshall gave an excellent report of work done in connection with the aged and infirm poor and the insane in jails.

Mrs. Talbot Macbeth proposed a scheme in the interests of art, which, after being carried by the London Local Council, will be submitted to the next meeting of the executive to be held at Ottawa. The annual meeting of the council will be held in Winnipeg in October.

DAIRY MARKETS.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Feb. 25.—Butter—Firm; creameries, 14c to 26c; dairies, 13½c to 22c. Cheese—Strong, 10½c to 11¼c.

ENGLISH MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL.

Liverpool, Feb. 26.—Wheat—Spot nominal. Futures unsettled; May, 6s 10⅝d. July, 6s 10⅛d; March, nominal.

Corn—Spot steady; American mixed, new, 4s 3½d; do, old, 4s 6½d. Futures quiet; March, 4s 3d; May, 4s 5⅛d.

Peas—Canadian firm, 5s 7d.

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

Hops (at London)—Pacific coast firm, £7 7s to £8.

Beef—Firm; extra India mess, 66s 3d.

Pork—Steady; prime mess western, 66s 3d.

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

Bacon—Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs, firm, 39s; short ribs, 16 to 4 lbs, firm, 39s 6d; long clear middles, light, 28 to 34 lbs, firm, 39s 6d; long clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs, firm, 39s; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs, strong, 39s; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs, firm, 43s 6d; shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs, steady, 35s.

Lard—Prime western, in tierces, firm, 39s 6d; American refined, in pails, firm, 40s.

WATSON WAS DISCHARGED

One of the Trio Charged With Burglary Acquitted Today.

Magistrate Love Reproves Accused for the Company He Kept.

Frank Watson was acquitted on the charge of theft in this morning's police court. He was arrested on Monday, Feb. 15, along with his brother, James Watson, and Fred Maudsley, charged with burglarizing Coles' turning shop and the Dominion Oatmeal mills the previous morning. It will be remembered that when the trio were arraigned Maudsley and James Watson pleaded guilty and the latter not guilty. The guilty men are now awaiting sentence.

From the evidence taken Tuesday in Frank Watson's case, the magistrate said today that he felt satisfied the prisoner was not guilty of participation in the burglaries. He gave Watson the benefit of the doubt as to whether the latter had knowledge of the crime, and acquitted him. In doing so, however, he very severely reprimanded Watson for drinking and for associating with men who were thieves. One reason the acquittal was made was that Watson had always been an honest man. The magistrate advised him to take this affair as a warning and in future associate only with honest men.

Sarah Dorcey, a colored woman, who had been drunk again, was fined $10 or 21 days. The magistrate remarked that she was about the only one left of the old brigade of frequent offenders, and he promised if she should get drunk again to secure a berth for her in the Mercer.

In letting a first offender go, the magistrate told him to think it over. The man had said he did not know whether he had been drunk or not, but perhaps he had. The magistrate said he would let him go, even if he admitted it, as it was his first offense. The man wasn't sure he was clear until he reached Carling street.

William Peel, another intox, was discharged, he having taken the pledge. George Currell was fined $2 for his similar offense.

STREET RAILWAY CASE.

At Toronto today the application of the London Street Railway Company for an extension of time in which to comply with the judgment recently secured by the city against them, came up, but up to 3 o'clock no word had been received in this city of the result of the application. Manager Carr said today that he was not in a position as yet to say whether an appeal will be entered against the entire judgment and the suit carried to the supreme court. The company have 60 days from the date of the rendering of the judgment in which to enter an appeal.

Electricity is fast ousting hydraulic power in the equipment of continental Europe, and slowly superseding it in Great Britain.

TRAMPLED ON BY A HORSE

Mr. Henry Jones Meets With a Serious Accident.

Was Knocked Down, Trampled On and Badly Bruised.

Mr. Henry Jones, of 497 Grey street, met with a somewhat serious accident at the Colborne street crossing of the Grand Trunk Railway this morning. Mr. Jones was on his way up town, but was compelled to wait a minute or so on account of the Colborne street crossing being blocked. At the same time a grocery wagon belonging to James Rowntree, of the south end, came along, and it is alleged the boy struck the horse with the whip, causing the animal to jump to one side, and onto Mr. Jones.

Mr. Jones, who is getting on for 70 years of age, though vigorous and strong, was knocked down and sustained some painful injuries. His eyebrow was split open, his hand tramped upon and one side was badly bruised. He was carried to the watch shanty, and after a short rest there he was able to walk home with the assistance of a couple of friends.

WILL GO HIGHER

Buyer Says Ontario Wheat Will Yet Bring $1 05 a Bushel.

A leading grain buyer on the market stated this afternoon that Ontario wheat will go to $1 05 a bushel, and that if the farmers can get $1 05 a bushel they would be foolish to hold. Wheat has been so low during the past few years that there has not been so much sown, hence there is not much in the hands of the farmer. There is, however, considerably more than people think for; an instance existing in Westminster Township where one farmer has 2,500 bushels.

Ogilvie's representative says there will be a great deal more wheat sown in Manitoba and other "spring wheat" states on account of the high price, and this will decrease the acreage of the other grains.

COSTS WILL TOTAL $5,000

The Result of Leaving a Badly-Constructed Will.

Rulings in McIntyre vs. London and Western Trusts Co.

Another stage in the case of McIntyre vs. London and Western Trusts Company was reached yesterday, when Mr. Justice Street handed out judgment on the argument made here a few weeks ago.

The chief point raised was whether the infants should be allowed maintenance out of the interest on the estate. It will be remembered that according to the first decision in the case the estate would have been open for many years, but the divisional court ruled that heirs of age could compute their annuities and be settled with without more trouble. However, the local master gave his opinion that the infants could not get any moneys until they became of age. The appeal on this point to the higher court has been allowed.

An appeal made against the company making a payment to the widow for a release of dower was dismissed. With the exception of a few minor points the appeals of the adult children were dismissed.

The judgment further states: "The fifteenth ground related to the remuneration allowed by the master to defendant company for their services. The master allowed a commission at once to the company for the taking over of the whole estate. Held: That this allowance should not be treated as earned until the sums received are also distributed." In this matter, however, nothing definite is said of what the commission should be.

The costs of all parties of appeal and cross-appeals are to be paid out of the estate. This case, it is said, will run up costs of not less than $5,000, through a badly-constructed will. The legal advisers in the case are: A. B. Aylesworth, K.C., for David and Cameron McIntyre; J. Folinsbee (Strathroy) for the other adult children of the testator, except Hugh McIntrye, and for the adult grandchildren, except Hugh's children; J. P. Moore (London) for Hugh McIntyre and his children; Hum Cronyn (London) for the official guardian; G. C. Gibbons, K.C., and A. Stuart, K.C., for the defendant company; T. G. Meredith, K.C., for the widow.

ALD. COOPER IS WRATHY

Will Make It Hot for Those Who Say Things of Him.

Will Probably Make An Explanation of Letter Matter to Council.

Ald. Cooper takes it very much to heart that anyone should dare mention the fact that he wrote letters to the Barber Asphalt Company at Buffalo. Today the alderman was very wrothy around the city hall, and he threatens to make it exceedingly hot for anyone who says he has done anything to incriminate himself as an aldermon. From Ald. Cooper's statements it looks as though he feels that he cannot remain in public life without explaining satisfactorily the whole matter of the letters from one end to the other, and it is likely an explanation from the ex-member of the board of works will be forthcoming at the next meeting of the council. It is said that Ald. Cooper's explanation of the allusion to the voucher will be sure to prove interesting to the people of London, even though there may be nothing incriminating in it.

The last has not yet been heard of the Hamilton telephone bylaw, although Judge Britton yesterday dismissed with costs against the plaintiff the proceedings to quash the bylaw. Nesbitt, Gould & Dickson, solicitors for J. J. Price, the plaintiff, said yesterday that no time would be lost in entering an appeal. Despite the finding of the judge, they are still confident that the bylaw is ultra vires, and that the court of appeal will quash it.

The suit brought out some interesting charges against the Bell Company, which, however, were not sustained as to the manner in which the company secured the exclusive franchise in Hamilton. The main point of the squabble of interest to Londoners is the contention that the granting of an exclusive franchise is illegal. True, the contention has been bowled out once by Judge Britton, but it now appears that an appeal is to be entered at once.

City Engineer Rust is well satisfied with the experiment of employing day labor in connection with the public works. Last year $4,000 was saved in putting down sewers and water mains by its adoption. The city engineer stated that by the same means he had saved no less than $8,000 in the construction of roadways and sidewalks.

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CONDENSED LOCAL NEWS

—Miss Dewar, of this city, is visiting Mrs. Dorchester, Oak street, Aylmer.

—Mrs. M. Connor and Miss Connor, of Aylmer, are spending a few days in London this week.

—Mrs. Ovens, of Cincinnati, O., who has been visiting with her father, ex-Alderman John Heaman, leaves for her home today.

—Mrs. S. J. Radcliffe is suffering from an attack of rheumatic fever. She is improving slowly at her mother's home in Stratford where she was visiting when taken ill.

—When No. 3 express, due here from the Bridge at 11 a.m., was near Lynden yesterday, one of the trucks on the baggage car broke, delaying the train for three hours. The accident occurred at the switch where the main line joins the Brantford cut off, thus blocking traffic on both tracks.

—The entertainment given by the Roberts Company of this city, at the Christian Church, East End, was very enjoyable. Beautiful scenery, illustrated songs and hymns were excellently produced. One of the features of the evening was the music, which was played by the Berliner grand gramaphone, being so loud and distinct as to win several hearty applauds. The performance, as a whole, was highly appreciated.

—Miss Marietta Ladell was in the city yesterday afternoon. Miss Ladell is the Toronto elocutionist who was last heard here two seasons ago at the Scottish concert. She has recently returned from the second visit she has made to the Pacific coast since that time, having a most successful tour.

—Miss Ida Waldock, of this city, assisted as bridesmaid at the marriage of her cousin, Miss Annie Hine, on Wednesday, the 24th inst. The wedding took place at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Hine, "Linden Farm," Dutton. Mr. Joseph Mountain, of Avonbank, being the bridegroom, and Mr. A. Mountain, groomsman. Rev. D. I. Ellison, pastor of Duff's Church, officiated.

SAID TO BE SINKING.

Mr. A. B. Munson continues in a very critical condition at Victoria Hospital. He was reported to be much weaker this morning.

CHEAP FARES AT LAST.

Through the efforts of Mr. Frank Glass and other Pottersburg residents an arrangement has at last been reached with the London Street Railway, and an agreement between the company and London Township signed, making city fares operative to Pottersburg and Brough's Bridge, March 1.

ARRESTED AT FLINT.

William Hillis, who made a sensational escape from the Hamilton police, who want him for burglary, has been arrested in Flint, Mich., and Inspector McMahon, of Hamilton, has gone there for him. Hillis' name is mentioned as possibly implicated in the Napier bank robbery as well, and the Hamilton police will also investigate to learn if he had anything to do with the Barron murder.

FARWELL BANQUET.

The London Poultry and Pet Stock Association tendered a banquet last evening to Mr. Newton Cosh, who is leaving to reside in Port Dover. The guests, numbering about 40, sat down to a very attractive supper, and the president, Mr. William McNeil, occupied the chair. After supper had been partaken of, toasts to the guest of the evening were heartily drunk. An address was read to Mr. Cosh, by Mr. Joseph McCormick, and he was presented with a purse of money. Among the guests were Prof. Graham, of the experimental farm, Guelph, and Messrs. Sharpe and Overend, of the express companies.

DIED AT WINDSOR.

Miss Florence E. Harris died Wednesday night at the residence of her sister, Mrs. Hayes, wife of the manager of the Windsor telephone exchange. The deceased, who was 24 years old, was a niece of Mr. Bert McBride, of this city, and her remains will be brought here for burial.

John Burns, member of Parliament for Battersea, recently took a 200 mile walk with an infantry battalion, in order to see work done by the army. He made an average of 25 miles a day.

William Osmun, of Ottawa, Ill., is probably the dean of the newspaper profession in the United States. He is 84 years of age, and has been editor of the Free Trader almost continuously since 1840, more than 63 years.

The Hon. Dudley Gordon, the second son of the Earl and Countess of Aberdeen, is working as a joiner for an Aberdeen firm. The earl and countess have recently entertained the fellow-workers of their son, who is 20 years of age, at Haddon House.

The curfew bell is still rung from Oct. 11 to March 31 at Burgh and Swineshead, in Lincolnshire, the day of the month being indicated by the number of strokes on the bell.

Mrs. Minnie F. Falliett, of Cleveland, is the only woman banker west of New York. She has opened an institution where women can speculate in stocks. All the employes in the office are women, and girls, instead of boys, will mark the board.

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Spoonholders, worth 10c, for 5c
Table Sets, worth 50c, for 25c
Pickles, worth 15c, for 10c
Fruit Nappies, worth 25c, for, half dozen 8c
Fruit Nappies, worth 40c, for, half dozen 13c
Fruit Nappies, worth 60c, for, half dozen 18c
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PRINTED BREAKFAST PLATES, half dozen 30c
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Vera's Love Affair

"Yes, I know. It is disgraceful of him, isn't it? It is perfectly awful, I think, but what is one to do with a person like that? I knew nothing of it, nothing, I assure you, Vera," throwing out her hands with quite a tragic face. "The first day I saw him in the garden, coming upon him as I did from behind a hedge of rhododendron. I thought I should have gone through the ground and come out in Australia or somewhere. It was quite a shock. And he is dressed so frightfully, the most abominable old clothes! Really, I don't think you would care to touch him with the tongs. They are clean, of course, but such a fatally good imitation of the real gardener's things — unc'e's gardener bien entendu—that I, anyone, would be afraid to go near him."

"You weren't," says Vera, sternly; "you aren't. I can now at last see through your sudden passion for flowers, your hanker after gardening, your mad infatuation about messing in the flower beds, and digging things up, and that."

"Well, but really, you know, I don't think it was that; I don't, indeed," protests Griselda seriously, almost as if she believes herself. "No, indeed, it was more than I felt it my duty for both our sakes to keep him quiet. I am positively certain that if I had not gone to the garden we should have had him here knocking, like that equally troublesome raven, at our chamber-door, demanding where I was, and then —what then? The deluge would be a merciful relief to what would happen then."

"It is the most reckless thing that I ever heard of," says Vera, beginning to pace the room with agitated steps. "It is impossible that this should go on forever, without discovery, and when Uncle Gregory does know, what will be the consequence?"

"Ruin!" returns Griselda, briefly, but eloquently. "But why should it not go on forever? Who is to betray us?"

"I can't imagine how you can be so childish, so wantonly foolish," says Vera, impetuously. One false move and the whole thing is laid bare. Has Grunch no eyes, think you? Look at him, standing over there. Do gardeners as a rule find their chiefest joy in standing out in the rain and getting thoroughly wet through and through? What do you think of that?"

"I think he will catch cold," says Griselda, miserably. "Dear me, why won't he go away? It can't do him any good to stay there and look at me up here."

"Apparently it does," says Vera, dryly.

"I suppose I couldn't slip out for a moment," suggests Griselda wistfully. Poor fellow, what an amount of hardship he is enduring for her sake. If she could only say a word to him that would make him go home and take off his wetclothes. Visions of a pale and consumptive countenance, of a ghastly form emitting from time to time a hollow cough are beginning to torment her.

"In such a rain as this?"

"It wouldn't harm me, and I could change my dress at once, and—oh, Vera, he will die if he stays there any longer! I can see the rain dripping from that frightful old rabbit-skin cap."

"If you can see that, he can see something else," says Vera, and forthwith taking a large sheet of white paper, she prints on it in hige capitals, "Go Away." "Hold that outside the window," says she, giving it to Griselda, who eyes it with evident disfavor.

"It's—it's rather a short message, isn't it?" says she.

"Long enough to show what you mean."

"Oh, of course, yes, but——"

"A summer cold is often fatal," says Miss Dysart mildly, who is in an agony until he goes. Who can say whether he is not being seen at this very instant by other eyes than theirs?

"Vera, how cruel, how unkind! Here, give me the paper and—and the pen." With a desperate haste, and as if afraid and ashamed of Vera seeing it, she scribbles a "Dear, dear, Tom," at the end of the cold, peremptory "Go Away." In an instant, so potent is a tender word, the whole naturt of the message is changed; it was at first a command, it is now a tender appeal.

It has the desired effect: directly he has mastered the writing, Mr. Peyton, with a faint gesture towards the window, that resolves itself into "Good-night," slips through the evergreens, and is lost to sight.

CHAPTER XXXVIII.

Some strange commotion
Is in his brain: he bites his lips and starts.

"What kept you—you are about an hour late?" says Mr. Peyton, poking his head cautiously round the corner of the dilapidated old house in the far garden, already described. "the dear old man again?"

"Oh, of course," says Griselda in a disugsted tone. "He has been raging all the morning. In fact, he's a regular volcano; one is never sure when there won't be another eruption. He goes off like a skyrocket on the smallest provocation."

"What was it this time?"

"Merely a letter Vera had received from a friend of ours abroad. Unfortunately she writes a distinctly masculine hand, and Uncle Gregory stuck to it, that the letter was from a man. I suppose he still clings to the hope of marrying Vera to Seaton, because he got into a perfect frenzy over that letter, and would not be satisfied until Vera showed it to him. Even then he viewed the signature with dark suspicion, and is now trying to think that 'Nell' is short for 'Edward.'"

"Do you mean she gave in and showed it to him? I'd have seen him far first," says Mr. Peyton indignantly.

"If holding out would have had the desired effect of removing him to the far, far distance, I, too, would have counseled Vera to be firm, but I expect it would have failed us," says the younger Miss Dysart placidly; "as it was, we were glad to get off without having to carry our heads in our hands. Such language, as he used, too! It would make even a San Francisco man shudder. And all on the same subject. It is amazing how he can ring the changes on one paltry theme. I know no one who can 'torture one poor word ten thousands ways' so artistically as he can."

She laughs a little, but rather forlornly, and he draws her down on the seat near him with a tender strength.

"You are worn out with all this worry," says he fondly.

"Well, I expect that is it; I'm tired of it, I am indeed, Tom," looking at him with eyes full of tears. "Do you think your sister really meant to help us that day you spoke to her?"

"If she did she is slow about it," says he. "But honestly, yes, I think she did. Grace is not the woman to give her word without intending to keep it. But I dare say there are difficulties. When did you see Seaton?"

"The day before yesterday; no, the day before that, or was it—one day is so like another," dejectedly, "that I can't distinguish them from each other —but I think it is four days since he was here."

"Well, Grace may have seen him, since he was here, and they may now be arranging plans to circumvent the old man."

"They may," says Griselda, with open doubt.

"I can't think why on earth you will not run away with me," says Mr. Peyton, who has been impressing this alternative upon her for the past few days with the utmost vigor.

"And leave Vera here alone, to meet his vengeance?"

"It would be only for a short time. We could then——"

"Much can be done in a short time," says Griselda, with an expression so ominously suggestive of dark deeds done, that for the moment Peyton is silenced. "No," sighing, "I shall never desert my Micawber."

"Meaning me?" asks he, and they both laugh. But even in the midst of his mirth, the smile freezes on Tom Peyton's face—a look of abject fear overspreads every feature and his knees begin to shake beneath him.

"What is the matter with you?" cries Griselda, becoming suddenly aware of this melancholy change in his appearance. "Where is the pain? Oh, Tom, do speak, you look awful! You know I have often warned you about those apples, and—speak,can't you—what has happened?"

[To be Continued.]

Digestive System Is Deranged

AT THIS SEASON OF THE YEAR—HIGH LIVING AND LITTLE EXERCISE BRING ON DYSPEPSIA AND OTHER TROUBLES.

Disorders of the digestive system are not uncommon at this season of the year.

In cold weather there is a danger of overeating, and a tendency towards the excessive use of highly-seasoned food and stimulants.

The result is much suffering from indigestion, liver and kidney derangements, and constipation.

If people could only understand how promptly and effectively such disorders are overcome by the use of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, this great family medicine would be even more popular than it is today.

Unlike any other medicine, these pills have direct and combined action on kidneys, liver and bowels, and for this reason reach and cure the most complicated ailments.

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Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, one pill a dose, 25c a box, at all dealers, or Edmanson, Bates & Co., Toronto. To protect you against imitations, the portrait and signature of Dr. A. W. Chase, the famous receipt book author, are on every box.

A large number of Scotch engineers have gone to Japan to accept positions on board of war vessels. Those who have given the matter closest attention say the weak spot of the Japanese navy is its engine rooms. It seems to be conceded that Scotland raises more and better engineers than any other land.

IT NEEDS NO TESTIMONIAL.—It is a guarantee in itself. If testimonials were required they could be furnished in thousands from all sorts and conditions of men in widely different places. Many medicines are put forth every year which have but an ephemeral existence, and then are heard of no more. Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil has grown in reputation every day since it first made its appearance.

Leaving the Jews out of the calculation 26.2 per cent of New York's population goes to church.

THERE CAN be a difference of opinion on most subjects, but there is only one opinion as to the reliability of Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator. It is safe,

The most curious motor race ever organized was held in Paris. The competitors were taken to the top of the Eiffel tower, and a distant church spire was pointed out to them. Then they had to descend, get aboard their machines and find their way through the maze of streets to the church.

Ayer's Hair Vigor Gray hair adds twenty years to the age. Restore the color; keep young. Make your hair grow long and heavy. J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

LORNES LOOK LIKE WINNERS OF THE JUNIOR CITY LEAGUE

Have 1,000 Per Cent So Far and Only Four Games to Play.

Three Games in Second Series Played Last Night.

Marlboros Fail to Win a Game in Stanley Cup Series—Stakes for O. J. C. Meet.

The games in the Junior League series delighted a fair-sized crowd at the Jubilee Rink last evening. All the games were fast, and the article of hockey was certainly up to the mark. The material of which the teams in the Junior City League are made up, is first-class stuff. The interest was sustained all evening, each team receiving its share of support. A large crowd is exected on Monday night, when the Lornes and Waterloos meet to play off a tie game.

LORNES VS. L. C. I.

The Lornes are a speedy aggregation and will take some beating to lose the cup. They are a well-balanced seven and play a pretty combination game. Every man is aggressive and shoots accurately and fast. Last night they defeated the L. C. I. by a score of 6 to 3. At half time the score was even, two goals having been scored by each team. The contest in the second half was very keen and the L. C. I. had their share of the play, only failing to score against the clever work of Carruthers in goal. A slight accident occurred to Finnegan, his head coming in contact with the puck, a cut resulting. Referee Brown kept the teams playing clean hockey, with the result that Ashman, Jackson and Smith decorated the boards.

For the winners, Carruthers, in goal, was reliable and turned aside many shots. Knott, at point, was a tower of strength, while "Vic" Jackson lifted neatly and accurately. Finegan was in a class by himself on the forward line, and Smith showed himself to be a clever shot. Spittal and Ward played for the Collegiate, and Fraser, despite his light weight, was always aggressive. The score was 6—3, the teams lining up as follows:

Lornes—Carruthers, goal; Knott, point; Jackson, cover point; Turner, rover; Smith, center; Finnegan, right wing, Wilson, left wing.

L. C. I.—Orr, goal; Wood, point; Fraser, cover point; Spittal, rover, Ward, center; Reid, right wing, Ashman, left wing.

ST. JOHN'S VS. WATERLOOS.

By a score of 4 to 1, the St. John's put it all over the Waterloos. The game was very fast throughout, the Waterloos playing a capital defense game. At times the Waterloos assumed the aggressive, but failed to score. To the playing of Graham, Taggie and Nash, however, is largely due the credit for the score. Taggie was closely watched, but was very slippery, and Nash handled himself extremely well. Towe and Reid did good work for the Waterloos, and Nichol was in fine trim, and the game was a splendid exhibition and enjoyed by everybody present.

The line-up:

St. John's—Goal, Spry; point, Griffin; cover point, Gibson; rover, Webb; center, Taggie; right wing, Nash; left wing, Graham.

Waterloos — Goal, Miller; point, Webb; cover point, Spence; rover, Towe; center, Reid; right wing, Marshall; left wing, Nichol.

ABERDEENS VS. IMPERIALS.

The Imperials came on the ice with a strange crowd, only three of their usual team being present, hence the slow play in the first half. But in the second half, both teams pulled themselves together and gave a fair game. The Wagner brothers, on the Aberdeens, were always at the game, and Scott made some good passes. For the Imperials, Marshall, at point, was strong. The score was 2 to 1 in favor of the Aberdeens. The teams played as follows:

Imperials—Goal, Piney; point, Maitland; cover point, Marshall; rover, Dewan; center, Roberts; right wing, Turner; left wing, Wilson.

Aberdeens—Goal, Ashton; point, Collins; cover point, Luney; rover, C. Wagner; center, W. Wagner; right wing, Scott; left wing, Rhoderus.

"Jack" Brown was "there with the goods," as referee.

THE LEAGUE STANDING.

	Won.	Lost.	To Play.
Lornes	6	0	4
L. C. I.	4	3	3
Waterloos	3	2	5
Aberdeens	3	3	4
St. John	2	5	3
Imperials	1	6	3

ST. JOHN'S PRACTICE.

The St. John's A. C. will practice tonight at 10 o'clock. This practice is for the team only.

COULD NOT GO.

Referee "Jack" Brown had a wire from the secretary of the O. H. A. to referee the Stratford-Watford game at Stratford last evening, but owing to the games in the Junior League he was unable to go.

HORTON-INGERSOLL GAME.

The exhibition game between the Hortons and Ingersoll tonight promises to be the fastest of the season, as both teams are evenly matched. Two of the regular players will be absent, "Will" Evans being out of the city, and Charlie Young having been "off color" for some time. The Hortons' standing in the O. H. A. games was very good. Ingersoll will have a good seven here. Fleming and Jackson will be on the defense, and Arthurs and Carrothers on the wings.

RAMBLERS SCORE ANOTHER.

One of the fastest hockey games of the season was played in the Jubilee Rink on Wednesday night between the Ramblers and the Jewelers. Both teams put up a good combination, but the Ramblers proved the best at shooting, winning out by the score of 5—4. The Jewelers went out with the intention of winning. Following was the line-up: Ramblers — W. Cripps, goal; C. Smith, point; B. Simmons, cover point; G. Dolby, right wing; C. Dyson, left wing; E. Howett, center; R. Carter, rover. Jewelers—Sutherland, goal; Nopper, point; Jackson, cover point; Craig, right wing; Young, left wing; Webb, center; Hodges, rover.

TORONTO BANK WON CHAMPIONSHIP.

One of the best contested games of hockey in the City Bank League was that played yesterday between teams representing the Bank of Toronto and the Loan Companies of London. Although the Loans put up a good team, the Torontos showed their superiority over their opponents by defeating them by a score of 3 to 0. Reid and Hodgetts, for the Torontos, played well, as also did Clark, of the Loan Companies' seven. Macarthur, as previously stated in these columns, was no "pocket edition," and made his usual hard checks in good style. By winning the game, the championship of the City Bank League goes to the Bank of Toronto, who all through the series have put up good hockey.

RUNAWAY MATCH.

Guelph, Feb. 25. — Guelph defeated Hespeler in a runaway match last night by the score of 10 to 2. The game was very one-sided. Rushes were indulged in by every man on the ice, even by the local goalkeeper. The score at half-time was 6 to 1 in favor of the locals.

OTTAWAS HOLD CUP.

Ottawa, Feb. 25. — By a score of 11 to 2, the Marlboros, of Toronto, met their decisive Waterloo tonight, and the Ottawas hold the Stanley cup for another year. Fifteen hundred people saw a good game of hockey, in some respects. The score at half-time was 6 to 0, but in the second half the Torontos pulled themselves together and made two goals, which were well earned. Moore, of Ottawa, got a bad wrench in the first half and in the second half Charlton got a blow in the mouth and had to quit. To even up, Moore also retired.

WON AGAIN.

The hockey team of the Purdom-Gillespie Hardware Company won in a friendly game with George Taylor & Sons. The line-up was as follows:

Taylors—Goal, Marshall; coverpoint, McCuliff; point, Taylor; forwards, Moorehead, Howe, Young and Howden.

Purdom - Gillespie Co. — Foal, Fred Browne; coverpoint, J. Steele; point, A. Purdom; forwards, T. Purdom, N. Underhill, A. S. Shopland and J. Elliott.

The score was 4 to 2 in favor of the Purdom-Gillespie Hardware Company.

STRATFORD WON AT WATFORD.

Watford, Ont., Feb. 25. — The second round in the western intermediate O. H. A. semi-finals was played here tonight between Stratford and Watford and resulted in favor of Stratford by a score of 6 to 4. The half-time score was 3 to 2 in favor of Watford.

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BIG LIST OF STAKES.

Toronto, Feb. 5.—The directors of the Ontario Jockey Club today announced the conditions of stakes for the spring meeting, which will close Saturday, April 16. They form a most valuable addition to the programme of the Woodbine Park spring race meeting, which will be published shortly. This addition, with the increased values of stakes, brings the total increase up to a large amount of money. The following stakes close in April, and are open to all, including the United States owners (entrance money in all cases, stakes and purses to the winner):

Victoria stakes, for 2-year-olds, sweepstakes of $5 to accompany entry and $10 additional to start, $1,000 added, 5 furlongs.

Tyro stakes, for 2-year-olds, selling, sweepstakes of $5 to accompany entry and $10 addjtional to start, $800 added, 5 furlongs.

Woodstock plate, for 3-year-olds, sweepstakes of $5 to accompany entry and $10 additional to start, $1,200 added, 1 mile and 1 furlong.

Toronto cup, for 3-year-olds and up, sweepstakes of $20 each, half forfeit, to accompany entry, $1,500 added, 1 mile and 1 furlong.

Waterloo handicap, for 3-year-olds and up, sweepstakes of $5 to accompany entry and $10 additional to start, $1,000 added, 1 mile and 1 furlong.

King Edward Hotel cup, for 3-year-olds and up, sweepstakes of $40 each, half forfeit, to accompany entry, $1,000 added, 1¼ miles.

Minto stakes, for 3-year-olds and up, selling, sweepstakes of $5 to accompany entry and $10 additional to start, $800 added, 1 1-16 miles.

Street Railway steeplechase, handicap, for 4-year-olds and up, sweepstakes of $5 to accompany entry and $10 additional to start, $1,000 added, 2½ miles.

The following stakes, which also close April 16, are open only to horses owned in Canada.

Coronation stake, for 2-year-olds, sweepstakes of $10 each, half forfeit, to accompany entry, $650 added, half mile.

Liverpool cup, for 3-year-olds and up, sweepstakes of $10 each, half forfeit, to accompany entry, $500 added, 1 1-16 miles.

The Seagram cup, handicap, for 3-year-olds and up, sweepstakes of $10 each, half forfeit, to accompany entry, $500 added, 1 1-16 miles.

Ontario cup, for 3-year-olds and up, sweepstakes of $10 each, half forfeit, to accompany entry, $600 added, 1 mile and 1 furlong.

Dominion handicap, for 3-year-olds and up, sweepstakes of $5 to accompany entry, and $10 additional to start, $750 added, 1 mile.

In addition to the above the following stakes will close March 1:

The King's plate, 50 guineas, with $2,250 added, probable value $2,900, for 3-year-olds and up, owned, foaled, raised and trained in Ontario, that have never won a race, 1¼ miles, to be run Saturday, May 21.

Stanley Produce stakes, open for 3-year-olds, sweepstakes of $5 each to accompany entry, and $10 additional for starters, 1 1-16 miles.

YESTERDAY'S WINNERS.

At New Orleans — North Wind, 4 to 1; Wreath of Ivy, 3 to 2; Inquisitive Girl, 5 to 1; Miladi Love, 9 to 2; Pronta, 8 to 5; Icicle, 11 to 2.

Hotel Rates Reduced.

The Queen's Hotel, Toronto, — Rates per day from $2 50 per day up. Rates with bath, from $3 per day up.

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A Fine Magazine.

Just out, The Four Track News for March. Only 5 cents, any newsdealer.

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SLEEPLESSNESS.—When the nerves are unstrung and the whole body given up to wretchedness, when the mind is filled with gloom and dismal forebodings, sleep there would be oblivion for a while the result of derangement of the digestive organs, sleeplessness comes to add to the distress. If only the subject could and temporary relief. Parmelee's Vegetable Pills will not only induce sleep, but will act so beneficially that the subject will wake refreshed and restored to happiness.

Six Doctors Failed to Cure Him.

ERYSIPELAS AND SALT RHEUM WAS THE TROUBLE.

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DID MORE THAN SIX DOCTORS COULD DO.

Mrs. Theo. Newell, Argyle Sound, N.S., expresses her opinion of this wonderful blood remedy in the following letter:

"It is with the greatest gratitude that I can testify to the wonderful curative powers of Burdock Blood Bitters. For years my husband suffered terribly with Erysipelas and Salt Rheum. He was so bad at times that he could no sleep on account of the itching and burning. He had been under the care of six different doctors, but they failed to do him any good. I had read different times of the wonderful cures being made by Burdock Blood Bitters, so advised him to give it a trial. He did so, and after taking five bottles was cured without a doubt. I would strongly advise any person troubled with blood disorders to give B.B.B. a fair trial for I am sure it will cure them."

ANOTHER SNAP

In Men's Overcoats and Boys' 3-Piece Suits, for Saturday.

You responded so well to our "ad" for last Saturday on those $6.50 Overcoats at $2.95 that they were all cleared out by closing time. Now we have another snap for tomorrow for BIG MEN ONLY. We have just finished stock-taking, and find we have about

20 ALL-WOOL, BLUE AND BLACK BEAVER, THREE-QUARTER LENGTH OVERCOATS,

Nearly all single breasts, a few double breasts, velvet collars, all-wool black Italian linings, haircloth sleeve linings. These Overcoats are in large sizes only, 42, 44, 46 and 48 sizes. Sold regularly for $10 and $12.

Choice $5.95 Saturday

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Also a Big Snap for Big Boys

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SAMPLES IN OUR EAST WINDOW.

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Great Orange Sale Saturday Morning.

ALL CHOICE FRUIT.

Nice size Marmalade Oranges, Saturday, 8 for 5c
Nice, large, sweet, juicy Oranges, Saturday, 4 for 5c
Large, sweet, juicy Oranges, Saturday, 3 for 5c

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WOODS' FAIR

65c Cushion Tops, SATURDAY 25c

Just received a new shipment of Lithograph Cushion Tops, pretty patterns and beautiful colorings such as Mandolin Girl, Hide and Seek, the Automobile, etc. Also a nice assortment of Stamped Cushion Tops for working; all different patterns and colorings, value 65c, Saturday **25c.**

$1.50 Wrappers, Saturday $1.

Ladies' American Print Wrappers, in cardinal, navy and black and white, with yoke made of frills and fancy finishing braid, fancy tab collar trimmed with braid, full sleeves trimmed with frill and fancy braid, in sizes 32 to 44, value $1 50, Saturday $1 00

$1.75 Wrappers, Sat., $1.25.

Ladies' Heavy English Print Wrappers, in black and white, gray and blues, extra full-gored skirts with 12-inch flounce, fitted waist lining, yoke back with four side pleats, sizes 32 to 44, value $1 75, Saturday $1 25

$1.00 AND $1.25 GOWNS, SATURDAY 75c.

Ladies' Lonsdale Cambric Gowns, in six different styles, lace or embroidery trimmed, Empire and fancy V front, insertion and hemstitched tucked yoke, baby ribbon trimmed, sizes 54 to 60, value $1 00 and $1 25, Saturday 75c

$1.00 WAISTS, SATURDAY 68c.

A line of this season's Waists just opened, in white lawn and cancas cloth, with tucked yoke, plain or tucked back, large pleat in front, with large pearl buttons in front, size 32 to 38, value $1 00, Saturday 68c

Best Quality Thread, value 4c, Saturday .....3 for 10c

25c DRAWERS, SATURDAY 19c.

Ladies' Fine Lonsdale Drawers in two styles, with hemstitched hem, and overstitched seams, others with two rows of cluster tucks and lace trimmed, sizes 22 to 25, value 25c, Saturday 19c

35c Hose, Saturday 25c.

Ladies' and Children's Ribbed Cashmere Hose, spliced heel and toes, seamless feet, value 35c, Saturday 25c

25c Braces, Saturday 15c.

Men's best quality Braces, in gray, purple, pink and white polka dots and fancy stripes, value 25c, Saturday 15c

30c SHIRTS, SATURDAY 15c.

Boys' Light Fleece-lined Undershirts, button front, ribbed wrist, different sizes, value up to 30c, Saturday 15c

75c SHIRTS, SATURDAY 35c.

29 only Men's Undershirts, wool and fleece-lined, sanitary wool, different sizes, ribbed wrists, button front, value 75c, Saturday 35c

Camphor Ice in tubes and boxes, value 20c, Saturday, each ..10c

Camphor Ice in tin boxes, value 5c, Saturday, 2 for 5c

10c DOILIES, SATURDAY 2 FOR 5c.

Pure Linen Bleached Doilies, pretty floral designs, fringed, 14 inches by 14 inches, value 10c, Saturday, 2 for 5c

25c DRESSER SCARFS, SATURDAY 15c.

Pure Linen Dresser Scarfs, pretty floral design with border and fringed, 54 inches by 14, value 25c, Saturday 15c

45c SIDEBOARD SCARFS, SATURDAY 25c.

Sideboard Scarfs in two styles, pure linen, with pretty conventional design, with fancy drop stitch centers, also canvas woven effects with pretty designs, fringes, 50 inches by 14 inches, value 45c, Saturday 25c

JUST ARRIVED!

300 lbs of best Coffee, put up by Chase & Sanborn, value 40c, Saturday .....25c lb,

75c Covers, Saturday 50c.

Pure Linen Table Covers, 36 inches square, with beautiful floral border and small center, also fancy drop-stitch border, value 75c, Saturday 50c

Beautiful new Lithograph Cushion Tops, Saturday 50c

$1.25 Covers, Saturday 75c.

Pure Linen Table Covers, 37 inches square, handsome floral design with vine border and drop-stitch border 6 inches from edge, also second row drop-stitch 2 inches from edge, value $1 25, Saturday 75c

65c CUSHION TOPS, SATURDAY 35c.

9 only beautiful Lithograph Cushion Tops, very pretty head designs, in red, green and tan color ground, value 65c, Saturday ..35c

Solid headed 10-inch Hat Pins, Saturday .....12 for 5c

30c PAPER AND ENVELOPES, SATURDAY 15c.

White Satin and Blue Granite Note Paper, extra good quality, new cut in envelopes, 75 sheets paper and 50 envelopes, value 30c, Saturday 15c

25c Paper and Envelopes 10c.

Blue Danube Note Paper, new cut in envelopes, 1 quire paper and package of envelopes, value 25c, Saturday 10c

8c Toilet Paper, Sat., 5 for 25c

Large package Toilet Paper, 800 sheets fine tissue, value 8c each, Saturday, 5 for 25c

20c CANDY, SATURDAY 10c LB.

Strawberry Jelletines, value 20c pound, Saturday, pound 10c
Oriental Cream Squares, value 20c pound, Saturday, pound 10c
Buttercups, all flavors, value 20c pound, Saturday, pound 10c
Clear Brittle Taffies, filled with nuts, value 20c pound, Saturday ..10c
Orange Slices, value 20c pound, Saturday, pound 10c
Walnut and Plain Maple Cream, value 20c pound, Saturday 10c

BIG GLASSWARE BARGAINS IN THE BASEMENT.

3 dozen only Handsome Glass Vases, hand painted decorations, value up to $1 50, Saturday, each, 25c and 50c
3 dozen only, Water Jugs in ruby and green colors, value 50c, Saturday, to clear at 25c
Our 40c Lamps clearing Saturday at, each 25c
Water Glasses, assorted patterns, special, Saturday, 2 for 5c

TINWARE.

Wash Boilers, No. 8, copper bit bottom, Saturday $1 00
Wash Boilers, No. 9, copper bit bottom, Saturday $1 19
Milk Pans, Saturday, 3 for 25c
10-quart Dish Pans, Saturday 10c
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Thousand Dollar Loss at Marshall & Co.'s, Dundas Street.

Fire in the tea store of G. Marshall & Co., 258 Dundas street, caused about $1,000 damage to stock and probably $400 to the building. Shortly after 10 o'clock last night a young man employed in a livery stable behind the store noticed smoke issuing from the rear rooms of the tea store, and at once sent in an alarm to the Central fire hall. The brigade responded promptly, and the chemical engine assisted by one line of hose soon extinguished the flames.

A large portion of the stock was damaged by smoke and water, and Mr. Keenleyside, the proprietor, stated this morning that the damage would probably be as given above, though it was a rough guess. As to the cause of the fire, it is a complete mystery. The coffee roaster has not been used for some days, and there is no electric light wire or stove in the building near where the fire broke out. To a reporter Mr. Keenleyside said that the fire appeared to him to be of incendiary origin.

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LONDON AND DISTRICT

—Mr. Allan Todd, of Brantford, has accepted a position with a wholesale crockery firm here.

—Rev. J. H. Oliver, of Listowel, has been invited to the pastorate of the Brandon Methodist Church.

—Rev. W. G. Howson and Mrs. Howson entertained the choir of the Askin Street Methodist Church at the parsonage last night.

—Rev. R. S. W. Howard, rector of Christ Church, preached the second Thursday evening Lenten sermon in the Church of St. John the Evangelist last night.

—The auction sale of Wednesday at Louis Byren's rooms, 402 Clarence street, was well attended. The property at 436 Richmond street with withdrawn at $8,500. A bid of $2,709 for No. 871 Waterloo street was realized, but the property was withdrawn, as it did not bring the reserve bid of $2,750.

—This evening the Wolseley Barracks Dance Club will give a "Paardeberg" social and dance, it being the fourth anniversary of the battle of Paardeberg. The South African veterans, ex-members of No. 1 Company, R. C. R., and a number of citizens have been invited. They are looking forward to a very enjoyable evening. Sergeant O'Connell, R. C. R., who served in South Africa with the Royal Canadian Dragoons, has charge of the arrangements.

—Among the guests at the Tecumseh House today was Mr. Geo. B. Frank, contracting agent for the Syracuse Smelting Works. Mr. Frank, whose business brings him to London occasionally, is a well-known writer under the nom-de-plume of "George F. Bernard." He has written a number of articles on machinery and technical points connected therewith, which have been published in the leading Canadian and American trade papers, and which were well received. He leaves tonight for his home in Detroit.

BENEFIT TO MANAGER HOLMAN.

Mr. A. D. Holman, the popular manager of the Princess Rink is to be tendered a benefit on Tuesday evening.

O. L. A. MEETING.

The 1904 meeting of the Ontario Library Association will be held in Toronto on Easter Monday and Tuesday, April 3 and 5. Some of the topics for discussion are: "Library Building in Ontario," "Co-operation of Library and School," "How to Deepen Public Interest in the Library." Some distinguished Canadian writers will deliver addresses.

REAL ESTATE CHANGES.

Sales of real estate within the last few days are reported as follows: Isaac Stinson to William Stinson, north half lot 2, con. 2, Mosa, 100 acres, price $4,900; George McConnell to James Brown, 4 acres, lot 9, con. 4, Mosa, $200; A. McDonald to D. McLean, south half lot 9, con. 5, Mosa, 100 acres, $4,000; a London loan company to Mr. Tilden, Mount Brydges, south half lot 11, first range south, Mosa; George McConnell to James Brown, 4 acres, lot 9, con. 4, Mosa.

A SIMILAR WINTER.

Mrs. George Huston, Ekfrid, reports a winter similar to the present one sixty-one years ago. Winter set in on the 15th of November, 1842, lasting until the 6th of April following, with a slight January thaw. This is known as the hard winter. There were three feet of snow on the level, March being the stormiest month of the winter. In those days farmers depended very much on "browse" for their stock and owing to the severe weather a great many of the cattle died. Spring set in warm, with a beautiful summer following.

DEATH OF WILLIAM KEAYS.

The death took place yesterday at the family residence, 41 Oxford street, of Mr. William Keays, of this city. The deceased was 76 years of age and hitherto had been a prosperous farmer of London township. He leaves a widow and a grown-up family. Mr. Keays was one of the pioneers of the district and was very highly thought of by all who knew him.

WANTS CHARTER RENEWED.

The Toronto Star says: Mr. W. G. Glenn, of the Canadian Co-Operative Society, of London, of which the charter was taken away recently, saw the Attorney-General, Tuesday, requesting to have the charter renewed. The Attorney-General, however, informed him that the proposal could not be entertained.

A SLIGHT ACCIDENT.

The evening accommodation from Niagara Falls, due here at 9:50 o'clock, did not arrive until after 11 o'clock, last night, owing to an accident at Hamilton. As the train was pulling through the yards, at a slow rate of speed, an engine drawing a number of freight cars ran into the side of the express car, slightly damaging it and also throwing a part of the tender of the freight engine off the track. Neither of the occupants of the express car was injured.

FARM STOCK SOLD.

Two very successful auction sales of farm stock, etc., were held the past week in this vicinity. Although the roads are very bad and the weather cold, there was a large attendance at each. On Wednesday the sale at Mr. A. F. Cunningham's, Westminster, took place. Ten cows averaged nearly $40 each. A span of work-horses brought $300, and other things in proportion. The sale amounted to $1,400. The sale at Mr. P. R. Campbell's, of Lobo, took place yesterday; 25 steers, coming 2 years old, averaged about $33, and other cattle sold well. The sale amounted to $1,300. A. M. Hunt, auctioneer, conducted the sale.

A SHORT MEETING.

The regular meeting of the board of works last night was a rather short and important one. The matter of opening up a street between Lorne and Queen's avenues, from English to Ontario streets, was laid over, to give the property owners interested a chance to say what they are ready to pay towards the cost of the work. On motion of Ald. Forristal it was decided to recommend that the tender of Wm. Trafford to reupholster the sixteen chairs in the council chamber, and refinish the desks for $115, be accepted. The request of Mary Helen Parke to open up a street west of Kidout, from Craig street to the river, was granted. The application for damages made by George Hart, who fell at the corner of Horton and Richmond streets, and injured his leg, was filed. Chairman Wyatt, Alds. Gerry, Forristal and Abram, City Engineer Graydon and Secretary Bell were present.

MONUMENT FUND.

Donations for the monument fund have been received by the Lord Roberts Chapter of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire, from the following: James L. Anderson & Co., Anderson & Nelles, J. S. Barnard, Boston Store, W. A. Brock, J. E. Boomer, D. W. Blackwell, H. & C. Colerick, J. P. Cook, Cairncross & Lawrence, Canadian Pacific Railway Company, A. J. Clark, Gammage & Sons, Glen Bros., C. B. Graves, J.H. Ginge, Thomas Gillean, J. Hughes, E. D. Ings, London Street Railway Company, Thos. McDonald, McCormick Manufacturing Company, Nordheimer Piano Company, Perrin Confectionery, J. L. Richmond, James Ruddy, Smallman & Ingram, Henry Spicer, Miss Spicer, W. T. Strong & Co., Sifton & Co., W. L. Carrie, Geo. Taylor & Son, Johnston, Wm. Trafford, A. Talbot, Advertiser Publishing Company, London Printing and Lithographing Company, and the Free Press.

THE CRUSADE MEETINGS.

Yesterday afternoon was the third day of the crusade meetings being held in Somerset Hall under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. The afternoon was taken up with a mothers' meeting. Mrs. T. S. Johnson, the president, was in the chair. Mrs. (Rev.) C. T. Scott led the prayer meeting, followed by Mrs. Frank White, who took up the topic subject, "Common Ways of Spoiling Children." The subject was well-handled by Mrs. White, who is a very forcible speaker. A lengthy and very interesting discussion followed, Mesdames, Thornley, Harrison, Scott, Johnson, Armstrong and many others taking part. The Misses and Master Williamson sang a very pretty little song, which the ladies heartily appreciated. Mrs. McDermid then took charge of the meeting and gave a very interesting paper on "The Drink Habit in the Home." Mrs. McDermid also led in the discussion which followed. "Mothers' Day" was quite up to the mark of the other two days. Today is "Woman's Day." The subjects will be full of interest. The series of meetings will close with a reception to new members.

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Company Cannot Obtain the Crude Oil It Requires.

Production of Wells Has Been Steadily Falling Off.

President Says If Duty on American Crude Is Not Reduced Works Will Have to Close.

Sarnia, Feb. 25. — One hundred men were paid off at the Imperial oil refinery here tonight and the rest will go tomorrow. The office staff will not be spared, the few employes to remain being heads of departments, who will now be virtually watchman over the big million dollar plant. The close-down was decided upon at the general meeting of the directors this afternoon. Among those in attendance were President Chamberlain, Buffalo; Messrs. Smallman and Fitzgerald, London; J. L. Englehart, Petrolea; Ward, Wyoming; C. O. Stillman and Frank Smith, Sarnia. The lack of oil, caused by the severe winter's affects on pumping operations is given out as the cause.

In regard to the above dispatch, The Advertiser called up President Chamberlain by telephone at Sarnia today. Mr. Chamberlain at once explained that while there was some ground for the report it was greatly exaggerated. Some men had been laid off, but no such number as that given in the dispatch. Their services had been dispensed with previous to the meeting of the directors in Sarnia, and not as the result of any deliberations of the directors at the general meeting.

Mr. Chamberlain gives the reason for the lay-off as follows: The present cold winter has greatly reduced the production of crude oil in Canada. During 1903 the average production of crude oil was 49,125 barrels per month, and in December of last year the production reached 38,000 barrels. Then the intense cold came on and the supply fell off. In January of this year, it only reached 27,850 barrels, and this month there has been a still further contraction. Mr. Chamberlain says that it is a question if the production will reach 20,000 for the month of February. Thus the great reduction in crude has resulted in less work for the refiners, and as a natural consequence, a certain number of men at the Sarnia oil fineries were let go. But it is not the intention of the company to shut down the refinery, nor has such a contingency even been discussed, Mr. Chamberlain said. As long as there was crude oil in Canada to be refined the Imperial oil refineries would be kept going.

Mr. Chamberlain then explained the position of the Imperial Oil Company and the tariff. He states that year by year the production of crude oil in Canada is decreasing, and that sooner or later the refinery at Sarnia must close down for the want of crude oil to refine.

"We stand ready to drill for oil in Canada anywhere that oil is to be found," Mr. Chamberlain said, "but to my knowledge there is no oil territory in Canada, which warrants the expenditures necessary to begin drilling operations. We have asked the Government to reduce the duty on American crude oil, for we must have crude to continue in business in Canada, and if the Canadian supply gives out, then we must obtain oil elsewhere or shut down. Of course, this year's reduction in the production of crude oil has been an abnormal one owing to the cold weather, but each year the supply grows less.

"We hope the Government will see the condition of affairs in their proper light," Mr. Chamberlain concluded, "and reduce the duty on crude oil at once. It certainly means the existence of our refinery in Canada."

SCOTTISH CONCERT ONE OF THE BEST SUCCESSES OF THE SEASON

St. Andrew's Society Again Fulfills Its Promises, and a Large Audience Is Delighted.

Prodigality is not, in the popular mind associated as a fault with the cautious Scot, but if the members of St. Andrew's Society may be considered typical of their race, then the popular mind and opinion needs revision. For, at the concert of that society given in the Grand last evening, before an audience that filled the house, there were on the programme no less than eight artists of much more than average ability, who provided in the aggregate over 30 numbers "maistly Scotch"—nothing being lacking but a fling or sword dance, and if one could judge from the enthusiasm of many of those present, the missing links could very well have been secured from the audience on the shortest notice!

There was our own Mr. Dwight-Edwards in the "Banks o' Loch Lomond" and a Jacobite encore, Mr. Harold Jarvis in "Afton Water," "MacGregor's Gathering," etc.; Mr. George Neil, in "Come Under My Plaidy," "The Sea Rig," "Mary o' Argyle," etc.; Mackenzie Murdoch, who has some eccentricities of style and manner, but is a superb artist. There were Mr. Hewlett as accompanist, Lawrence Murdoch in a "Scotch Fantasie" at the piano, while Mrs. Mackelcan won the shortest of notices took Madame Piper's place, and charmed the audience with not only her Scotch songs, but her gracious personalty, and Mrs. Wyrick Shafor, whose reminiscences of the "Bonnie Briar Bush" fulfilled the expectations that pleasant face and manner instantly awakened when she stepped on the platform.

Such was the length of the programme that full detailed criticism is almost impossible. Of those who were strangers to the audience, Mr. George Neil with a tenor voice of large range and quality almost approaching "robusto," pleased most by reason of his faultless rendition of Scotch airs. These songs differ from almost every other class by reason of the queer intermingling of humor and pathos, and the sudden changes from the lightest-hearted spirit to one almost of cynicism. In the interpretation of these romances of feeling, Mr. Neil was most happy, and had to respond to recall and recall.

Mr. Murdoch, the violinist, combines rare ability both as regards temperament and technique. It is needless to say that in tone quality, tonality, double stopping, and freedom and decision as to bowing, he left nothing to be desired. In his bagpipe imitations and his reels and jigs, he was at his best, the clear-cut rythm and brisk motion carrying his audience with him. His brother, Lawrence Murdoch, played the accompaniments for both the violinist and Mr. Neil, and in his one solo, showed himself a characteristic interpreter of his own national music.

Mrs. Shafor, the other stranger, was evidently appreciated. Her voice is very smooth and resonant. A fascinating manner, free from too much affectation, claim the favor of the audience before she begins; while her Scotch accent is good. The necessity of criticizing from the standpoint of their efforts, in what is often almost new work to them, makes it impossible to give true estimates of many of the artists, but, while she was enjoyable and satisfying in all her numbers, grave and gay, Mrs. Shafor would doubtless be heard with increased pleasure in selections of more varied character.

Mr. Jarvis is equally at home in both standard and Scotch numbers. Many throughout Ontario know him by reason of his "Afton Water" and "MacGregor's Gathering," as well as in Toronto, Hamilton and London do by reason of his sacred songs, and English ballads. The two songs above mentioned, require much that would be considered "effects" in other work, but Mr. Jarvis sings a Scotch song, especially a spirited one, well.

Cyril Dwight-Edwards was best in his "King Charles," and bids fair to acquire the same reputation with that song as others who have been known here for years have with their own favorites. He is an artistic singer in the only and true meaning of the word, and, as has been remarked in these columns before, it is a pleasing exception in his case that a prophet is finding honor in the country he is making his own. His song, "Loraine," too, like the "Song of the Bow," is one of the best in his large repertoire.

Madame Piper, unavoidably absent, was replaced at the last minute by Mrs. Mackelcan, of Hamilton, who for years has been a favorite with Londoners. Several stirring ballads were her contribution to the programme, besides a dainty little Japanese encore. Her voice still possesses its charms to her admirers, and the personal magnetism which she possesses to such a degree, will never fail to put her in sympathy with her audience.

Mr. Hewlett was at home as accompanist, and if London has lost some of its charm to him, he has lost none of his popularity here, for he is always welcome again, both for his ability and his personality.

It may be repeated that a Scotch concert cannot be criticised from standard ideals, but only from a standpoint in harmony with the spirit of the programme. But it would have been supposed that a list so long and varied would have satisfied even the most avid; but the encore hog was rampant and prolonged the concert till a quarter past 11. These were given freely by every artist and some of the best numbers were heard in this way.

A fourth success is thus placed to the credit of St. Andrew's Society, and their friends will continue to give them the heartiest support while the realization of their promises continue to be so satisfactory.

MILITIA CHANGES

A Number Affecting London District Corps Are Gazetted.

The following militia changes affecting Western Ontario organizations are gazetted:

Twenty-ninth Waterloo Regiment—The period of the tenure of command of Lieut.-Col. G. Acheson is extended to Jan. 7, 1906. To be provisional second lieutenant, C. Moogk, to complete establishment. To be second lieutenant, supernumerary, Sergt. E. B. Mallett.

Twenty-third Regiment, Northern Fusiliers—Second Lieut. L. Chapelle retires. To be provisional second lieutenant, J. G. Spence, gentleman, vice, L. Chapelle, retired.

Thirty-second Bruce Regiment—Captain J. B. Boyer resigns his commission. Provisional second lieutenant, J. A. Gregg, retires. To be provisional second lieutenant, J. Brown, gentleman, vice, J. A. Gregg, retired.

The following, among others, are gazetted chaplains, with the honorary rank of captains: Rev. J. G. Stuart, First Hussars; Rev. E. Davis, M. A., Seventh Regiment.

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Marriage of Two Young Londoners on Wednesday.

A very pleasing ceremony took place on Wednesday last at 502 Hill street, the residence of Mr. William Wilson, when his youngest daughter, Sadie, was united in marriage, to Mr. Charles Warren. Miss Carrie Philips was bridesmaid, and Mr. John Wilson, brother of the bride, supported the groom.

Rev. R. S. W. Howard, of Christ Church, was the officiating clergyman, Miss Annie Wilson playing the wedding march. The bride looked very well in a smart gown of cream voile, and carried a large bunch of white roses, her maid being dressed in a champagne voile with pink carnations. Only the immediate friends of the family were present, sitting down to a sumptuous wedding breakfast. The drawing-room was beautifully decorated with flowers and palms, and a large wedding bell hung over the table. The honeymoon includes a trip to Toronto. Mrs. Warren will be at home after March 15, at 181 William street.

TEA GOES UP.

The Russo-Jap war has already had its effect upon the price of tea, and there has been an increase in price all round. The Canadian Grocer says: "The interest this week centers around Japan teas, which are stiffening in price and are quoted by various wholesale houses at 1 to 4 cents higher. It seems absolutely certain that no Japan goods of medium grades can be had under 18 cents. Fine to choice kinds are quoted at 24 to 40 cents. The tea market is very firm all round, influenced already no doubt by the outbreak of war in the far east. Ceylon, India, and greens are also higher. Ceylon and India blacks are about stationary and appear steady and gunpowders are a little higher. No doubt the scarcity of Japan teas, should the war continue long, will bring on an increased demand for Ceylon and Indias, but it is likely that prices all round will be greatly increased. Contracts are said to have been placed for early Japans, but on account of the probable scarcity of labor it is doubtful if these can be filled. At any rate, the prices would be higher, as freight rates are to be increased."

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