

WHIPPING FOR CRIMINALS

Advocated by Judge Snider Before the Grand Jury,

For Young Men Who Persist in Wrong Doing.

Recommendations re the Jail and Other Institutions.

The Grand jurors at the County Court on Saturday brought in their report which contained a number of recommendations which will probably be acted upon.

We, your Grand Jurors of this December session of the General Sessions of the Peace, have performed our duties, and beg leave to make the following presentation.

We desire to thank your Honor for the clear and well defined explanation of our duties in your opening address, your earnest words impressed us with the importance of our position, and your explanations greatly assisted us in our sincere effort to carry out your instructions.

We take it as a compliment to the high moral standard of life in our country, as well as the influence of our courts of justice that the criminal cases are so few, for the two with which we had to do we found "true bills."

When visiting the jail, your jurors found the officials of that institution most courteous in executing us through the building and supplying all information asked for. The building we found in good condition, and the prisoners looking well and comfortable, those spoken to had no special complaints to make in regard to their conditions or treatment.

We were greatly pleased with the employment found for able bodied prisoners in the way of cracking stones, which is calculated to occupy their minds and exercise their bodies in a healthful way in the open air.

We would humbly recommend that the wire beds such as are used in a number of the cells should be supplied for all.

The sanitary arrangements we considered rather antiquated, and would recommend a new and up-to-date system.

We found two old men, who had no right in such a place. For such, a suitable home should be provided, and the expense borne by responsible parties.

We recommend the raising of the age limit of prisoners as we found one boy scarcely over sixteen years of age, and we think should not be confined with hardened criminals, and would recommend that the case be referred to J. J. Kelso, Provincial Secretary of the Children's Aid Society. We found 38 prisoners in all (37 male, 1 female).

Your jurors also visited the Asylum for the Insane, and were very cordially received by the superintendent. We were impressed with his intimate knowledge of details in the various branches of the institution, and were pleased with his manifest interest in the comforts and conveniences and health of his patients. We found (Continued on Page 3.)

SEASON WAS A GOOD ONE.

Steamboat Company Declared Ten Per Cent. Dividend.

That the season which was brought to a close by the tying up of the Macassa two weeks ago was a prosperous one was shown by the reports presented at the annual meeting of the Hamilton Steamboat Company, held in the office of the president, Mr. J. C. Eaton, Toronto, on Saturday.

The usual dividend of ten per cent. was declared, and the shareholders showed their appreciation of the directors and Manager Bishop by electing them. The directors are Messrs. J. C. Eaton, R. Y. Eaton, J. J. Vaughan, H. McGee, A. McCrea, C. Booth and W. E. Bishop.

The board subsequently elected the officers, as follows: President—J. C. Eaton. Vice-President—R. Y. Eaton. Treasurer—J. J. Vaughan. Secretary—Miss Abraham. General Manager—W. E. Bishop.

As this is an exceptionally busy time of the year for the president and officers, the affairs of next year were not discussed.

AGENTS HERE.

Canadian Westinghouse Men Gather From All Parts.

Salesmen to the number of thirty, from all parts of Canada, representing the Canadian Westinghouse Company, have gathered in this city for the annual convention of the salesmen. The meetings are being held at the company's head offices, opening this morning and lasting for three days.

Questions of interest to the trade will be discussed at all the sessions, and the company will look well after the social interests of the agents. To-morrow night they will be entertained at dinner at the Hamilton Club, and subsequently will make a theatre party at Bennett's.

More Than Pleased With Saturday's business, it far exceeded our expectations while we have sold hundreds of Tom Smith's Crackers, yet our stock is well assorted. Another shipment of Long Point Duck and pigeons. Turkeys are scarce, we will have an abundant supply of plump young birds at market price, also ducks, chickens, ready to use plum puddings, English bob cuts, Spanish chestnuts, holly, mistletoe, holly wreaths. Bain & Adams.

WILHELMINA AND HER BABY



This picture of Queen Wilhelmina of Holland and her daughter, Juliana, was made from a photograph taken recently at her palace in Amsterdam. The photograph was greatly admired by her subjects, and every patriotic Dutch family secured a copy to adorn their homes.

IF SHE SUICIDED

It Was at the Instigation of Others, Says Prosecutor.

Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Snead to be Arraigned To-day.

New York, Dec. 20.—Arraignment to-day of the two women held by the New York authorities in connection with the death of Ocky Snead, while it forced another public trial upon the elderly prisoners, was a necessary step in the process of holding them until reports are returned by the grand jury in New Jersey. Prosecutor Mott, of Essex county, will ask for and expects these indictments to-morrow.

The plea that Mrs. Caroline B. Martin is not mentally responsible for her acts will not deter him from asking for her indictment for complicity in the killing of her daughter. The authenticity of her statement. The authenticity of the "suicide note" was no longer a point in question, either, the prosecutor added. "I know absolutely that even if the girl committed suicide she did so at the instigation of others," Mr. Mott stated. "Letters she wrote and which are in my possession prove that she was deceived into believing that her husband would not return. Finally she was taken into a lonely, unfurnished house, and afforded every opportunity to do away with herself."

Let there be a repetition of the distressing scenes when Mrs. Martin, the gath tub victim's mother, and Mrs. Mary Snead, her aunt, were last arraigned, it was arranged that their legal advisers accompany them to court to-day.

BISHOP-ELECT.

Rev. Father Fallon Spent Saturday in This City.

Rev. Father Michael F. Fallon, O. M. I., bishop-elect of the Diocese of London, was the guest of His Lordship the Bishop of Hamilton on Saturday. He was accompanied by Very Rev. Dr. Burke.

The date for his consecration as bishop has not yet been decided, but an early announcement may be looked for. The bishop-elect returned to his home in Buffalo in the evening, and yesterday announced his acceptance of the nomination to his parishioners in Holy Angels' Church. Father Fallon has been in Ottawa, where he went to confer with Monsignor Sbarretti, papal delegate to Canada.

"I shall probably be in Buffalo for two months more, or until I can get by business affairs straightened," said Father Fallon yesterday. "I am sorry to leave Buffalo, but there is nothing else for me to do but to accept the promotion."

Buffalo parishioners and friends of Father Fallon are already preparing to escort him to London and attend the ceremonies consequent upon his elevation to the bishopric. It is considered probable that special railroad arrangements will be made to accommodate the party from Buffalo.

Every cent she had in the world, Mrs. Tesson, 331 York street, lost this morning. Her aggregate wealth totalled \$3, and with it in her purse she came down town intending to buy a few things, particularly a pair of shoes for her little boy, when in some manner she lost the money. She does not think it was stolen; but is inclined to believe the purse fell open and the money, which was in one dollar bills, dropped out. Any person who finds the bills is requested to return to the police office, City Hall. She thinks she dropped them around the Market square.

How Will This Do? We can solve the problem for you as to Christmas presents. English hair cream \$1.00, or one of our lines of handsome razor straps that will do the work. A nice badger hair rubber set brushes for shaving. Genuine ebony, pure pigs' bristle hair brushes 50c, 75c, \$1.00. See our silver shaving mugs and brushes before purchasing elsewhere.—Parke & Parke.

What's Your Choice In Overcoat style? Do you like the form fitting or the loose back; do you prefer a velvet or a cloth collar? We'll show you any style you want, a big here at \$16, perfect whatever the model.—Fralick & Co., 13 and 15 James street north.

Attacked King

(Special Wire to the Times.) London, Ont., Dec. 20.—In a strong sermon in support of the Anti Gambling Bill, Rev. J. Gibson Inkster, last night scored bookmaking and particularly hand-book making, on the Hamilton and Toronto race tracks.

The speakers who supported the bill, he stated, were unfamiliar with their subject. He scored King Edward for opening the Derby and lauded the late Queen, who refused to patronize racing.

MADE A RAID

And Will Have Stuff Seized Sent to Analyst.

Lager or lagerine? That is the question the analyst at the License Department in Toronto must decide about the wet goods confiscated on Saturday night by Inspector Sturdy and P. C.'s Reynolds and Lowery.

Those three officers raided Lug Domecetti's house, corner of Sherman avenue and Clinton street. When the officers broke in there were a number of Italians present and several cases of the uncertain goods around.

Each of the three officers, it is said, moistened their lips with the contents of the bottles for testing purposes only and there was doubt as to whether it was the real stuff. However, it was agreed that if it is lagerine, it is real strong and on the verge of tipping over onto the intoxicating stage, hence the necessity of obtaining the final decision of the expert analyst, before any further action is taken.

DR. JACKSON

Spoke to Hamilton Preachers on British Preachers.

There was a large attendance at the regular meeting of the Hamilton Ministerial Association, held this morning. Rev. Professor Jackson, of Victoria University, delivered an interesting address on "British Preachers of Yesterday and To-day." In a detailed manner he dwelt upon the characteristics that marked many of the great preachers. In referring to the pupil masters of Great Britain he mentioned Rev. Joseph Parker, Canon Liddon, Rev. Alex. White, Rev. J. H. Jowett, Rev. R. J. Campbell and many others. The preacher to-day, he thought, were far in advance of those of yesterday. Rev. T. Albert Moore, Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance in Canada, was introduced, and spoke briefly on the work that had been accomplished by the Alliance. During the past year in Canada it had been the means of releasing 28,000 men from Sunday service. By the first of January, 1910, he said, the work would be completed that would release 25,000 more men in the Northwest alone. The labor unions were showing a marked interest in the work and were giving financial support.

Rev. Dr. Benson, of St. Catharines, and Rev. Dr. Hopder, acting pastor of James Street Baptist Church, Hamilton, were visitors to the Association.

GEN. ESTRADA

Wants U. S. to Recognize His Government.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Peace in this country can only be assured by the complete exclusion of Zelaya and his followers. We will continue fighting until this is secured. In the name of liberty and justice on our side, we ask you to recognize my government."

This is the determination of General Estrada, at the head of the revolutionary army in Nicaragua, as expressed in a telegram received from him by the Secretary of State. The telegram is dated Bluefields and was sent by wireless from Colon. In the same telegram Estrada says that no change in the person of Nicaragua's chief executive selected by Zelaya or by the Congress he controls will be accepted by the majority of the Nicaraguan people allied to the revolutionists in the struggle for justice.

For ATTEMPTED SUICIDE. Charles Stratford, Dundas, was before Judge Monck this morning at 10 o'clock for election on the charge of attempting suicide and elected to be tried by a judge without a jury.

Stratford is the man who shot himself as Chief Twiss was about to place him under arrest because he had not put in an appearance to give evidence at the trial of his wife on a charge of child desertion. The case will be tried to-morrow morning.

SUBURBY FIRE

Sudbury, Ont., Dec. 19.—Sudbury's worst fire in its history destroyed \$125,000 worth of property in two hours this morning between the hours of four and six, and almost resulted in the loss of several lives. The town was in darkness at the time, owing to the power company taking advantage of Sunday to change the transformer. This greatly hampered the initial movements of the fire brigade, and necessitated the inmates of the burning building groping their way to safety.

A thief in the night entered Isaac Bloom's back yard, 41 Cathcart street, on Saturday evening, and stripped the clothes' line of the clothes that hung thereon. Such thefts are becoming common.

HELD UP IN OLD ROME.

Hamilton Youth Twice Victim, ized by Slick Individuals.

Said to be the Smartest Game Yet Pulled Off.

Mr. John Baby Had Eventful Journey From China.

When Mr. John Baby, son of Mr. W. A. Baby, 475 Main street east, arrives in Hamilton this week, he will be able to tell an interesting story of daring hold ups that have been going on in Rome, Italy, and in which Canadians and Americans have been the chief victims. Twice in one day Mr. Baby was robbed of several hundred dollars last November when he was in Rome.

He was passing through that city on his way from China to Hamilton. Mr. Baby went to China two years ago to work for the Canton and Hankow Railroad, under a contract made with the Chinese Government. The contract expired in October, and the young man left immediately for home. During his homeward journey he purposed visiting many of the old world countries including Great Britain from where he intended to catch the boat direct to Canada.

The precise nature of the hold ups are not yet known, as Mr. Baby, senior, has merely received a cablegram containing information that his son was robbed and a request for \$200 at first followed the same day by another cablegram saying he had been relieved of that sum and requesting that another \$100 be sent to him.

Mr. W. A. Baby has heard that after the robbery the Italian detectives had a long talk with his son and they are working hard to catch the thieves. It is said the robberies were perpetrated by the aid of the slick make-up men.

Mr. John Baby is 22 years old and was engaged on the engineering staff of the Canton and Hankow Railroad. He went to China with a Mr. Burnside, of Toronto, who came back a short time ago to Toronto.

When Mr. Baby called on the bank manager for the money his father had cabled, the manager had a long talk with him and had the whole nature of the hold up explained. Canadians and Americans are said to have fallen victims to the game wholesale and the workings of it will be interesting reading and also help the local police when Mr. Baby returns and explains the matter.

WAR VESSELS

Sub-Marines and Torpedo Boats For Toronto Exhibition.

U. S. Cars in Canada—French Canadian Treaty.

(Special Wire to the Times.) Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The Prime Minister and Earl Grey were waited upon to-day by Mayor Oliver, of Toronto, W. K. George, and Dr. Orr in regard to the desire of the Exhibition authorities to have a sub-marine and torpedo boat flotilla at the next Toronto Exhibition.

The gentlemen from Toronto were exceedingly reluctant as to the result of their conference, but it is understood that the Ottawa authorities did not give the project much encouragement.

There is complaint from the Canadian Manufacturers' Association that freight cars which cross the Canadian border duty free, loaded with freight, are not at once sent out of Canada, but contrary to the spirit of the law continued to be employed in Canada for some time. The customs department is looking into the complaint.

The Franco-Canadian trade convention is expected to come into force on the first of January. The ratifications which constitute the final step are now being exchanged between the French Government and the British authorities on behalf of Canada. The regulations being prepared by the Canadian customs officials, requiring declarations of origin, accompany goods which are entered into Canada under treaty rates.

ROBBED HIM.

County Constable From Caledonia Relieved of Watch.

When a constable, a member of the great Provincial Police force, is robbed of his watch and chain by a pick-pocket in broad daylight, it can easily be understood how an ordinary individual could fall a prey to the followers of Fagin. David Fellows, County Constable at Caledonia, came to the city on Saturday. Across his portly breast hung a heavy gold chain, and on the end of that chain was a valuable gold watch, which reposed in his pocket. As he passed by a King street store, where the crowd was thick, a bold bad thief snatched that breast ornament, and with it and the time piece in his hand, made off down the street at Sherring speed.

David was momentarily stunned by the audacity of the rogue, but when his powers of reason returned he stripped off his coat, threw it on the sidewalk and started in hot pursuit. Acting Detectives Cameron and Barrett arrived on the scene, and, taking in the situation at a glance they pacified their brother officer and took up the search, but up to the present, the thief has not been apprehended, nor the time piece recovered.

Commercial Travellers Certificates for 1910 are now being issued at the office of John Leaux & Co., King street east.

The Man In Overalls

Hamilton had three Christmas newspapers on Saturday, that would be hard to beat. They were all good, but I liked our own one the best.

Only four shopping days, and not a dish washed.

I see Trustee Booker is getting his

4 More Shopping Days Before Christmas

YOU CAN'T GET 'EM TO COME SHOPPING EARLY! AND THEY WONDER WHY IT'S SLOWLY!



FLOOR WALKER

Collegiate skating rink put into shape. Charley is one of the kind that is always doing things.

Have patience, boys. Mackenzie King will make it all plain to you. But how is it that Mr. Studholme is not more active in the Legislature with technical educators? That's where it belongs.

What do the hotel men think of the "warehouse" license business? Get a copy of the Mayor's pamphlet, if you haven't got one, and see what he has done for you.

It must be punishment indeed to be on the Indian list at this season of good cheer. Couldn't the ban be lifted for a few days to give the thirsty ones a chance to celebrate?

Stewart and overdrafts have always gone together. We want no more of them.

Nobody that I know has anything against Charley Gardner. A successful business man, he would make a business-like controller.

Those who wanted power competition should vote for Mayor McLaren. He has secured it by his contracts with the Cataract and Hydro Electric.

Copies of the Times Christmas number, in wrappers ready for mailing, can be had at the business office. Call round.

Have you bought your turkey? The annual hop of the Joint Jail and Court House Committee this year will not be a full dress affair. This is explicit.

The thought comes to me that perhaps those people who do shoplifting about Christmas time are not naturally dishonest, but the temptation of the moment is too much, and they act on the impulse of the moment. Am I wrong?

I am asked the question if Jim Miller is a militant suffragette. I pass.

This is holiday week. Get the holiday spirit. Look pleasant.

The next few days will be busy ones with mother. Don't leave it all to her, girls.

Toronto always says it can take it or leave it alone. But I notice that few holidays go by without it getting itself pretty well soured.

Having discovered that they come under the criminal code, the Canadian Club will not hold the projected turkey raffle, at least not under that name.

NO COURT,

But Evangelist Headland Gave Reporters an Address.

No prisoners in the dock in Police Court this morning, consequently no Magistrate on the bench. Either the ghost of Christmas present, or the diligence of the police may be the reason.

During the last 48 hours only one solitary occupant saw the inside of the annex: he was lodged there for excessive irritability. He was discharged at sunrise this morning.

When the reporters arrived in the court room at 9:30 the silence could almost be felt. However, Caretaker Harry Headland delivered an impassioned speech from the throne to the three scribes. His oration dealt largely with the necessity of an automobile and a grand piano for all janitors and the peculiarities of the humble bee in December.

Harry is some orator, and stimulated by the scribal applause, coupled with that of the bacteria on the court Bible, grew pathetic and told an impressive Christmas story.

A Smoker's Christmas Present.

A genuine Turkish Hookah, or water pipe, with one, two or three stems, would make a nice present. Hookah pipes with nicely decorated bowls, all sizes, are shown at peace's pipe store, 107 King street east.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES.

To rent at \$2 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables. TRADERS' BANK OF CANADA.

FAIR MAID FROM ITALY

Got Verdict of \$600 in Breach of Promise Case.

Important Decision Gained by Heintzman Piano Company.

Non-Suit Entered in Case Against Incubator Co.

At Saturday afternoon's sitting of the General Sessions of the County Court the jury in the Antonio Salvo vs. Hamilton Street Railway case returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff, awarding him \$300 damages and costs. The plaintiff was injured while engaged at the construction work. He was helping carry rails, and one of them fell, breaking his toes and ankle.

The jury were out somewhat over an hour when they returned, but because of a slight disagreement were ordered back. They were not long then in arriving at their decision.

Col. Logie and T. McQuesten for plaintiff, and M. J. O'Reilly for the defendant.

In Venator vs. Hamilton Incubator Company for \$500 damages for injuries, which was concluded this morning, a non-suit was asked for, and after the evidence for the plaintiff had been submitted it was granted, and the case dismissed.

The plaintiff, William Venator, said he was employed at the defendant's factory, and because of a poor protector on one of the machines he had his hand drawn in and cut. The machine was protected by a wooden arrangement, which at times would shift out of position. He did not know whether a better protector arrangement could be fixed up or not.

The case of Shinjo vs. Hamilton Street Railway for \$200 damages was settled out of court. The plaintiff, an Armenian, was at Maple Leaf Park on July 17. When coming home he attempted to get on the car. As he had his foot on the running board and was about to take hold of the handrail the car started. His foot was caught, and he was dragged for some yards and his head and shoulders injured. Publow & Ogilvie acted for the plaintiff and M. J. O'Reilly for the defendants.

The right of the Heintzman Company to replevin a piano sold to Charles Bloomer and his mother, upon which all the promised payments had not been made, was decided this morning. Mrs. A. L. Gartwaite, local manager, said the defendants had purchased the piano after having examined it and expressed themselves well pleased with it. No complaint had been made to him about it for over two years, when they claimed the piano was chipping. An examination revealed that the polish had chipped near the bottom. He agreed to exchange it for a new one of a different make, which was done. The price agreed upon at the time of the first sale was \$200, to be paid \$6 a month. After the complainant, Mr. Bloomer, refused to pay any further instalments, he was compelled to replevin the piano on June 20, 1909. At that time altogether \$158 was paid.

Mrs. Bloomer said it was her son who purchased the piano, but as he was under age she had signed the contract for him. When she and her son complained to Mr. Gartwaite he agreed to exchange the piano for another one, the price of which was \$325, the amount paid to be allowed on it.

Charles Bloomer jun., said he was present when the contract was signed, but he would not say whether his signature was attached to the extent when the piano was taken down he detected that it was checked on the bottom board. Some of the receipts for the monthly payments were lost and he did not know how much he had paid.

Mr. Geo. Lynch-Staunton, for the plaintiff, said he didn't think the case for. If the bottom board had been nothing wrong with the piano, with the exception that the bottom board was checked. The bottom board had been changed, so that the piano was in good condition.

His Honor said there was no reason why the company should return the piano to the defendants until it was paid for. If the defendants could pay the amount owing they would be entitled to the piano.

Cockburn vs. Brown, for an account of moneys received. A. W. Brown for plaintiff, and Farmer & Scheler for the defendant, was settled out of court.

In the action brought by Carmelo Seine against Charles Sostanza for breach of promise of marriage, in which the plaintiff considered her feelings were injured to the extent of \$600, neither defendant Sostanza, or his counsel put in an appearance, so the jury was called and the evidence was taken, so that the extent of the damages could be ascertained. They allowed the plaintiff the full amount, \$600.

Carmelo Seine, the plaintiff, said a year ago she was living in Italy with her mother and was acquainted with the defendant. He came to Canada and later wrote for her to come and marry him. In the letter Sostanza asked her mother out with trusted friends. It cost her about \$10 to come here to Hamilton, and since she came here she paid \$10 a month for board and had other expenses. As her friends in Italy knew of her proposed marriage, she was ashamed to go back to her country.

As the jury cases were concluded, with the exception of the Taglierino case, which will be tried to-morrow, the jury for it was called and the remainder of the jurors dismissed. The order was made to have Speranza and Colombo brought from the penitentiary, where they are now serving a sentence in connection with a black hand outrage, and they will be in the city this afternoon on their train.

TO BE MARRIED HERE.

W. J. Ralph, accountant of Blackwoods, Limited, Winnipeg, was banqueted by his friends here on Saturday night, prior to leaving for Hamilton. He is to be married in this city this week.

At R. McKay & Co's., Tuesday, Dec. 21, '09

STORE OPEN TO-NIGHT TILL 10 O'CLOCK

GIGANTIC PURCHASE OF HIGH-GRADE Christmas Stationery ON SALE TO-MORROW



Now everybody come and secure bargains in boxed Note Paper. Our buyer completed last week one of the luckiest purchases in high grade Note Paper and Envelopes ever brought into Hamilton...

Extraordinary Bargains in Stationery

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Holly Covered Boxes of Note Paper 25c
Plain Ruled Note Paper 10c
Note Paper 19c
Children's Stationery

Only Four More Days to Buy Your Xmas Ribbons

- Velvet Ribbons, Regular \$1.50, For 39c
Taffeta Ribbons 25c Yard
Striped Ribbon 35c Yard, Reg. 85c



Men's Phoenix Mufflers Greatly Reduced

- 25 dozen Men's Mercerized Phoenix Mufflers, all colors, with dome to fasten close around the neck. These are worth 75c, Tuesday your choice for 29c
Linen Handkerchiefs, 3 for 50c
Cashmere Hose, 3 for \$1
Mocha Gloves \$1

Christmas Sale of Black Dress Goods

Lovely Perfect Black Materials, Worth Regular \$1.00, Sale Price Tuesday 69c Yard

R. McKay & Co.

DRAGON TREES OF TENERIFFE

at least 6,000 years old—some botanists say 10,000. It was about sixty feet high, with a trunk forty-eight feet in circumference at the base.

other kinds of dragon trees in different parts of the world, but this particular species is peculiar to the Canary and Cape Verde Islands.

Christmas Suggestions In Nice Books

We have just received a shipment of about 500 beautifully bound Books, nice paper and large print; in the lot we have the Alger, Henty, L. T. Meade's, Augusta Evans, Wilson, Mrs. H. B. Stowe, J. G. Holland, E. D. E. N. Southworth, Charles Garvice and other popular authors...

Beautiful Edition of Poems 79c

The complete works of the greatest poets, including Shelley, Wordsworth, Mrs. Browning, Rowell, handsomely bound in padded leather, with letters in gilt, each copy is separately boxed, and every one fulfills the strictest requirements as a gift, Tuesday 79c

The Foreigner, Reg. \$1.50, for \$1.10

The Foreigner, Ralph Connor's newest book, a beautiful tale of Saskatchewan life; those who have read The Doctor, The Prospector, Man from Glenarry, would certainly appreciate this book, Tuesday yours for \$1.10

Braided Blouse Lengths

Beautiful Braided Net Blouse Lengths in Paris and ecru shades; very special. \$4.00 in boxes

Saved From the Sea

"I'll come fast enough; ungrateful beggars, too, when all last winter, when the depression was so great, you kept on the same wages at your loss; and now, when you must recoup, they start this! Lock them out, of course, if it keeps the mines unworked forever and a day."

"Cut you impossible! I was speaking to my uncle. Allow me—Mr. Orde—Mr. Addison, Mr. Northeote."

"I am charmed to know you, Mr. Orde," Helen said, as hows were exchanged; "for of course I have heard of you from your nephew. Are you here in town for a permanency, may I ask?"

"Quite right of him, and I shall hope—Ah! the best I must have!"

"I am going to give a ball next week; you will come, of course, Mr. St. Maur—sans dire—and Mr. Orde—with the sweetest urbanity—if you would come with your nephew, I should be so delighted."

"No, no, Mr. Orde. I will take no refusal, Mr. St. Maur, if you come without your nephew, I won't speak to you for a month, at least."

"Too terrible a fiat to even contemplate and remain sane!" said Falconer. "I'll bring him for my own preservation."

Maur and his uncle alighted at the Lyceum, and went to their seats in the stalls, already filling fast. Mr. Orde was on Falconer's left hand, on his right were two vacant seats, into which the young man, whilst answering a question of his uncle's, did not see pretty dashing Helen Addison and Archer Northcote come—the first, of course; but as St. Maur ceased speaking, a touch on the shoulder made him turn quickly.

"My dear Mrs. Addison, what good fortune! How do, Northcote?"

"Good fortune! I thought you meant to cut me," said the lady, with a coquettish glance.

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"Very well; Mr. Orde, I shall expect you then. I'll send your cards pro forma and introduce you both to two lovely beauties and their friend—chaperon—such a handsome woman!"

SIGNET RINGS

What is more becoming the gentleman than a Signet Ring. Our stock is undoubtedly the largest in the city, with dozens of patterns to choose from. We are prepared to satisfy the most fastidious taste.

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Table with columns for destinations (e.g., Niagara Falls, Toronto, Montreal) and departure times for various rail lines.

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Table with columns for destinations (e.g., Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg) and departure times for Canadian Pacific.

TORONTO HAMILTON & DUNDAS RAILWAY

Table with columns for destinations (e.g., Hamilton, Dundas) and departure times for Toronto Hamilton & Dundas.

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Between all stations in Canada, also to Detroit, Port Huron, Mich., Buffalo, Black Rock, Niagara Falls and Suspension Bridge, N. Y.

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ONE AND ONE THIRD first class fare going Dec. 27; also going Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, returning to and including Jan. 3, and at Dec. 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, and Dec. 28, 29, 30, 31, and Jan. 1, returning to and including Jan. 5, 1910.

T. H. & B. RY. Christmas and New Year Holidays

One way first class fare going Dec. 27; also going Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, returning to and including Jan. 3, and at Dec. 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, and Dec. 28, 29, 30, 31, and Jan. 1, returning to and including Jan. 5, 1910.

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FAMOUS LOTTERY.

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A lottery run by an Archbishop of Canterbury is unthinkable at the present day, and yet in the reign of George II, the greatest lottery ever known in Britain was run by the Primate, the Lord Chancellor, and the Speaker of the House of Commons. The splendid library which that noted doctor and art collector, Sir Hans Sloane, had gathered during his lifetime—Sloane street and Sloane square still keep his memory green, as the records of parliament, in order to raise the required money. A hundred thousand tickets at £3 each were issued, and no less than £200,000 was to be distributed in prizes to the lucky winners of the numbers drawn, the first being £10,000, and the lowest a £10 note. So successful was the venture that all the tickets left more than £100,000 in the hands of the Archbishop, the Lord Chancellor, and the Speaker to dispose of. They made most excellent use of this money for the benefit of the nation, as the records of their expenditure easily prove. They built the first portion of the British Museum with it; they bought the Sloane collection mentioned above; they purchased those priceless treasures, the Harleian and Cottonian Manuscripts; they gave a goodly sum as an endowment fund for the new museum. A lottery helped to beat the Spanish Armada in the reign of Queen Elizabeth. It was the first state lottery to take place in this country, and it was arranged at the express desire of the astute queen herself for a most noble purpose. Her order ran as follows: "Her Majesty wisheth it to the intent that such profits as may arise, after the charges borne, may be converted towards the repairs of havens and ships and strength of the Realm; and such other public good works."

This lottery was a great success, and with its profits the very vessels with which Drake and Lord Howard beat the "Invincible Armada" were made seaworthy and fit; of that there can hardly be a doubt. In the year that they put by a goodly sum of £200,000 to the state; and from 1709 to 1824 there was scarcely a single year in which the government did not raise a large sum from lotteries sanctioned by parliament.

EVANGELISTIC MEETING. The mass meeting for men in the Crystal Palace Theatre yesterday afternoon was a decided success from the standpoint of attendance and interest. Young Mr. Donley, known as the boy preacher, delivered an earnest gospel address, which was well received. Mr. George Crook will be the speaker next Sunday, and Prof. A. J. Stone will lead his singing class in two or three special musical numbers.

"I am braver than you," boasted Johnny. "I can go into the cellar in the dark." "Huh!" said Sammy, "I can go to the dentist's alone."—Buffalo Express.

FOR REEVE OF BINBROOK. The competition this year for Reeve of Binbrook promises to be keen, for already four candidates have expressed their intention of endeavoring to capture the position, the latest candidate being ex-Warden Martin, whose prospects are said to be good, as the people have already had a taste of the way in which he stands up for their rights.

Mr. Martin was not anxious to run for Reeve, but his friends were so insistent that he at last consented. The other three candidates are John DeGraw, James Salmon and Robert Fletcher.

An uncontrolled street car, bearing a dead motorist and a dying conductor, ran wild through four miles of St. Louis street: there on Saturday. The men were shot by a negro highwayman, who escaped with a small sum taken from the conductor.

Mr. Webb, representing a group of British, French and American telephone companies, has completed arrangements for establishing a telephone system in Constantinople and its suburbs.

THE BANK ACT.

The Case For Inspection From Without.

W. J. Bell, of Guelph, In Its Support.

To the Editor of the Times: Sir—About two years ago, when Mr. R. A. Pringle, the member from Cornwall, introduced to Parliament a resolution calling for certain amendments to our banking laws, he was requested by the Minister of Finance to allow the matter to remain in abeyance until the present session, when the Bank Act would be brought up for its regular decennial revision. Had immediate action been urged on the ground that more of our banks were even then tottering to their ruin the question would have been decided. Yet during the intervening period three additional Canadian banks have failed, and have gone the way which I am sorry to say the majority of the banks which have done business in Canada have already gone—into disgraceful oblivion.

I deeply regret being obliged to chronicle such a record, but my pen prides itself on truthfulness, and even at the risk of being considered iconoclastic I will submit a few other banking facts which unfortunately are only too easy of verification. At various times eighty-seven different Canadian banks have been incorporated. Of these only twenty-nine (just one-third) are now in existence. Some have saved themselves by amalgamation, but the majority have made disgraceful failures, mainly brought about by the criminal actions of head office officials, made possible solely by the leniency of our banking laws. Only eleven banks have made profits, including dividends and improvements in their balance sheets, that equal eight per cent, or better, and of these only four have exceeded ten per cent.

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ways, the most urgent of which is to have the condition of our banks regularly investigated either by independent outside auditors or Government inspectors, so that some true value may be placed on the published statements of our various financial institutions.

As one officer another of our banks has gone to join the majority we have had additional proof that no reliance whatever was to be placed on the monthly statements sent to the Government. Is it not time that these statements were made of some value, instead of allowing them to continue the deceptive documents they have so often proven?

Sir Francis Hinks, formerly Minister of Finance, who was president of the Consolidated Bank of Canada when it failed, once truly said, "If any one believes that a general manager cannot keep the true state of affairs from the directors that man knows nothing of banking," while in November, 1906, Mr. R. B. Caldwell, the inspector of the defunct Ontario Bank swore that he had never been allowed to inspect the head office of that institution, and that so far as he knew it was not the custom to inspect the head office of any Canadian bank. In the face of the foregoing does not compulsory investigation seem to have been already too long deferred?

Our Canadian banking laws are weak and insufficient in so far as they place no check whatever on the general manager or directors, and it is mainly to this defect

THE HAMILTON TIMES

MONDAY, DEC. 20, 1909.

A BITTER PARTISAN.

What the Minister of Labor should be asked to explain is his expression of opinion that the Federal Government has no constitutional right to deal with education, this being a subject for provincial action.—Hamilton Herald.

The junior local Tory organ, when it is seeking occasion to attack the Liberals, pretends to be exceedingly jealous of Provincial rights, so much so that it protests against the Federal Government interfering even to prevent a wrong to private citizens, their exclusion from access to the Courts of Justice and injury of Canadian credit by Whitney's immoral and disgraceful Hydro legislation because property and civil rights are by the B. N. A. Act made matters of exclusively Provincial concern. Well, that Act provides likewise that "in and for each Province the Legislature may exclusively make laws in relation to education," restricted only by the guarantees affecting Separate Schools. The legislatures were given the jurisdiction in this matter; they have been furnished with the money for the purpose. Is it not fully as partisanally Tory as the Herald usually is for it to contend that the Federal Government should be condemned for not illegally undertaking the work of technical education, which Whitney neglects? It would excuse Whitney's neglect of that duty, and blame Laurier for not taking up the work, although he is specifically forbidden by the constitution to legislate in the matter. But that accords with the Herald's course all the way along. Hit the Liberals, whether in Federal, Provincial or municipal life, and don't be over-scrupulous as to the weapons used.

BANK INSPECTION.

We publish to-day in another column a letter from Mr. W. J. Bell, of Guelph, dealing with the question of Government inspection of banks, a matter which will doubtless be discussed by the Dominion Parliament when the decennial revision of the Bank Act comes before it shortly. Mr. Bell's letter, in its attack on the Canadian banking system, goes far beyond the criticisms of Mr. H. C. McLeod, general manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, in his recently published pamphlet on "Bank Inspection." In one matter, however, they agree, both advocating the inspection of the banks from without. This independent inspection of the Bank of Nova Scotia itself secures. It practices Mr. McLeod's doctrine.

Mr. Bell's letter contains much that is commendable, but it is doubtful if, taken as a whole, it does full justice to the Canadian banking system and its results. That, however, does not affect the argument for independent Government inspection, which must stand or fall on its merits. Mr. Bell says: "Bankers cannot be blamed for wishing their hands left untied. Such a course might answer, if all were honest and capable." The Times does not regard the question of Government bank inspection as one to be decided by the wishes of the bank managers. Shareholders, the depositors, and the public, have certainly equal claims upon the consideration of our lawmakers. And we are equally far from thinking that those bank managers who doubt the wisdom of the Government inspection which some advocate have their views shaped by dishonest motives. A very large part of the opposition to the system of Government inspection proposed arises from the feeling that such inspection might create a peril to investors, depositors and the public by nurturing an unwelcome confidence—a carelessness—on their part which would render them less heedful than they should be. That is to be guarded against; and whatever action Parliament may take, it should endeavor to avoid creating the impression that it is relieving investors and the public of the duty of exercising judgment and caution.

The strength of Mr. McLeod's argument for bank inspection lies in his presentation of the case as it affects the head offices. He finds no instance of Canadian bank failure in which the cause of the trouble could not have been discovered by an expert at the head office of the bank. He does not even contend that examination of a bank's branches by auditors from without is necessary; but he thinks danger of disaster would be minimized by expert examinations of the head offices of all the banks.

The question is one to be dealt with purely on business principles. Neither the subject nor the occasion would justify "writing down" the Canadian banking system by giving banking statistics a color other than the facts clearly warrant. Government inspection must be adopted or rejected according to the balance of good or ill which it may appear likely to serve. Sir Edward Clouston two years ago referred to the fact that in the last 25 years had been less than \$750,000, while note-holders had lost nothing. The unfortunate shareholders, however, lost considerable money. If Government inspection of the banks could avert these losses, without incurring any evil effect, it would seem to be the part of prudence to adopt it. That question Parliament will doubtless endeavor to decide without placing any stigma upon the Canadian banking system, which notwithstanding imperfections has stood the country in good stead, and saved its business interests from evils much more severely felt by our neighbors. The structure may not

be a finished work; to say so is but to characterize it as human. It is the duty of bankers, financiers, the business community and Parliament to study well the proposals for its improvement from time to time, and in the light of experience to adopt such measures as will contribute to its safety and usefulness. The discussion of these questions will not fail to do good, if they who discuss them approach them in a reasonable spirit. Mr. Bell's letter is commended to the consideration of our readers.

IS IT TRUE?

Of course it is untrue that Engineer Sotman has changed his opinion about the direct use of high-voltage electric current.—Hamilton Herald.

Softly! Is it untrue? We know that the Hamilton Herald has persistently endeavored to make its readers believe that transformation of the 13,200-volt current was a mere "Cataract scheme" to increase the cost of the Hydro power, and has written much to induce the city to adopt the dangerous direct use of that voltage. Its object was to take the cost of transformation out of the Hydro estimates of the price of power; for the safety of its people it cared nothing. But it knew, if it knew anything about the subject, that good electrical engineering practice condemned the use of such a voltage. True, in February last Mr. Sotman, in reply to specific questions by the Council, said: "There need be no cost for stepping down at the Beach pumping station. The line can be direct connected to the motors." Perhaps the engineer did not mean to "advise" the Council to adopt that plan; perhaps he meant only to point out by the use of the words "can be" that it is possible to employ such high voltages. The city had at that time made no contract with the Commission, and Mr. Sotman being an employee of the Commission, we do not feel like blaming him for not being more explicit in pointing out to the Council then the wisdom of stepping down the current. At that stage of the game the Herald was insistent on using the 13,200-volt current direct, and every Hydro fanatic viewed the proposal to install transformers as a device of the enemy—a useless increasing of the cost of Hydro-Electric power. Well, the city made a contract with the Hydro-Electric Commission. There could then be nothing for the Hydro fanatics to gain by misleading the city into attempting to economize (?) by using the current at such a dangerous voltage. Sotman must be consulted, however, as the Hydro crowd swore by him, and quoted him in opposition to the City Engineer, the Westinghouse and other electrical companies and engineers. He was consulted, and like any honest man informed on the subject and free to speak his mind, he agreed that the wise course to pursue was to step down the current.

The Herald says Sotman has not changed his opinion on the question. Well, be it between them. But, if not, why was not the Council advised in February last to step down the current? Why the Herald's antagonism to that course?

SIGNS OF HEAT.

That things are warming up in Great Britain is evident from the character of the speeches being made. Here are a few of the epithets applied to Lloyd George by Opposition speakers and newspapers in the last few days: "An unscrupulous political pirate." "An unprincipled poacher." "A robber of other people's hen-roosts and other people's character." "A blatant demagogue." "A Pecksniff." "A pinchbeck Robespierre." "A fomenter of anarchy and an apostle of revolution." "A raider upon property and prosperity." "An agitator and adventurer." "A mountebank and a bravo." "A Pekin Warbeck and a Pradhomme rolled into one." "A disciple of Victor Grayson and Kier Hardie." "A Socialist wolf in Liberal clothing." "A traitor to the premier." "A menace to the constitution." And Lloyd George still lives! Mr. E. Lord-Advocate of Scotland, a short time ago expressed the opinion that Tory success would prejudice the success of Old Age Pensions, and the gentle leader of the Opposition, Mr. Balfour, described him as "a frigid and calculating liar" for saying so. Mr. Chaplin, M. P., said with reference to Mr. E. Lord's Old Age Pension statement: "Scandalous and atrocious falsehood." Lord Henegge said: "An abominable, a damnable and a dastardly lie." Lord Churston went one better, or worse, with: Mr. E. Lord is not only a liar, but a — liar." Sir Grey Skipwith capped this with: "Mr. E. Lord is one of the most unprincipled blackguards living."

In this country political controversy sometimes grows warm, but we are inclined to think that we do not take our party politics much more keenly to heart than they do across the herring pond. Surely if hard words could damn, a politician Lloyd George could find a place in the lowest tier of the occupants of the nethermost political hell.

Some of our United States neighbors appear to be in danger of forming very fallacious ideas of Canadian affairs and Canadian sentiment if they form them upon statements made by Chicago and New York newspapers which have established agencies at Ottawa. Some of the solemn editorial utterances of these papers upon Canada and Canadian affairs would be highly amusing were they not so woefully misinforming.

WELL SAID, JUDGE SNIDER!

The Grand Jury at the General Sessions by its presentment brought forth from Judge Snider some very sensible comments upon the lack of home training of youths, and its effect upon the criminal business of the courts. The remarks of the Judge ought to sink deep into the hearts of parents. It is but too true that respect for seniors and disregard for the rights of others is an all too common result of the almost universal neglect of home training and discipline which prevails in many families of the day. The Judge very forcibly called attention to the fact that it is but a short step from the undisciplined, insolent boy to the criminal who becomes not only a cause of sorrow to his family but an affliction to society. Judge Snider believes in the old-fashioned system of family home rule, and the restoration of the rod to its proper and useful place in the family economy. And he is right. If parents took half as much care in the training of their boys as some of them do in the care and training of pet dogs, it would be better for the youths in later life. There are many boys in our penitentiaries and many more on the way to them whose fall is directly due to neglect of parental training in the homes. They have grown up like weeds, without direction. They have been a law unto themselves. Nurtured in an atmosphere of selfishness, lack of respect for the rights of others, and without any regard for the conventions of society, of the deference due to age and position, they enter the world potential, if not practical, anarchists, enemies of society. Society must deal severely with them, although the original fault lay with the parents. Proper direction during the early impressionable period of their lives, and the enforcement of wise, firm home discipline might have saved them to their families and the country as useful citizens. It is as true to-day as when Solomon said it, that to spare the rod is often to spoil the child; and society suffers a criminal blight in consequence.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Poet Watson is said to have gone into hiding. So has Explorer Cook. Have they sought the same hole? If so, and should they pull the hole in after them, the public will not sorrow much.

The Times has received many compliments upon the excellence of its Christmas edition. It was a magazine, a newspaper and a directory of the best business concerns in the city, a Christmas time feast of good things.

It is worth noting that two Canadian peers were present when the British budget question was before that House. Lord Strathcona did not vote, and Lord Mountstephen voted against the budget.

It has been costing Toronto about \$300 a year for school flag-flying, about \$3,000 in ten years. The Board's determination to fly the flags every day will increase this cost to \$4,200 every year or \$42,000 in ten years.

The contest in Great Britain is becoming very bitter, and the speeches being made are marked with a wealth of vituperation quite unusual to British political life. The persecutions to which the Liberal Ministers are subjected indicate that their opponents keenly feel the weakness of their cause.

The "Berliner Journal" celebrates its "goldmine jubilee" by the issue of a twenty-page Christmas edition in colors. Messrs. Rittinger & Motz are the sons of the original founders of the journal. They have since 1904 managed a merger of all the western Ontario German papers, in the publication of which they are highly successful.

The labor organizations have declared war upon the United States Steel Corporation, and it is quite probable that a wasteful struggle causing much loss of productivity and great suffering to the workers will follow. With all its bad features the Steel Trust has one which does much to redeem it. It has introduced the principle of co-operation among its army of employees, and a large number of its shares are now held by them. The effect of this will be watched with much interest during the industrial battle which Gompers has now ordered.

The proposal of the Ontario Government to sell the timber on Rondeau Park has aroused great opposition among people of all parties in Kent county. The Ontario Government asserts that the cutting which it contemplates will not damage the park, which was set aside in 1894 by the Hardy Government as a provincial reserve, and which is now the last remaining stretch of the magnificent forest which formerly bordered the lakes. Lumbermen have long sought an opportunity to despoil this beauty spot, and the people of the district have no confidence in its preservation if the scheme now announced be proceeded with. Surely the Ontario Government is not so hard up for money to squander, or so hard driven for spoil to satisfy its followers as to sacrifice this beautiful natural preserve!

COULD FILL THE BILL. (Lippinott's.)

Superintendent—What we want is a nightwatchman that'll watch alert and on the qui vive for the slightest noise or indications of burglars; somebody who can sleep with one eye and both ears open, and is not afraid to tackle anything. Applicant—I see, boss. I'll send my wife around.

NOT ON BOARD. London, Dec. 20.—Advices from Queenstown and Liverpool state that Dr. Frederick A. Cook was not a passenger upon the steamer Carmanica, which arrived at the latter port to-day.



A Useful Christmas Gift. The Automatic Eye-Glass Chain. We have an excellent assortment in Enamel, Silver, Gold-filled. Prices 50c to \$2.50. All fully guaranteed. GLOBE OPTICAL CO. L. B. ROUSE, prop. 111 King Street

Our Exchanges

WE GUESS NOT. (London Advertiser.) Is a tax on Canadian wheat in the British market necessary to Imperial unity?

SAVED IN TIME. (Fliegende Blätter.) Clerk (run into by somebody in the dark)—Stupid ass—(perceiving it is his employer)—that I am.

A FALSE HOPE. (London Free Press.) Chamberlain predicts a majority of 80 or 90 for tariff reform. Hope is not dead, despite ill-health and political adversity.

AN ART THAT IS LONG. (Exchange.) She—There is really an art in putting on one's gloves, you know? He—True; you have to get your hand in before you can do it properly.

IT GOSE THE PACE. (Bon Vivant.) "Have you heard that poor Firmin is dead?" "No. He wasn't ill long, surely." "Ah, you see, medicine has made great progress lately."

HOW TO AVOID COLDS. (Toronto Star.) One of the rules for avoiding colds given by a competent medical man is to take plenty of rest, but not to overdo it. Is a man or his wife to judge of the amount of rest the man needs?

THE USUAL THING. (Toronto News.) Put on the garb of Santa Claus, Stand by the Christmas tree, Then skip about in jolliness With actions gay and free. Lean on a candle, twist a wire, And set your cotton beard afire.

JUSTLY HAPPY. (Washington Star.) "Father," said little Rollo, "what is a happy moment?" "I suppose, my son, that it is one who can earn several hundred dollars a day by making tables and chairs more around the room."

UNPARDONABLE OMISSION. (Puck.) Deacon Beegosh (to country editor)—I've a great notion to tell ye to stop my paper! Here, in this week's paper, ye give two columns of the front page to the Baptist fair and never once say that the church was transformed into a veritable fairland!

ALIKE. (Puck.) Auto Salesman—Business is booming. In fact, we are so rushed that we have filled our orders only up to last April. Auto Owner—I can appreciate that. At the present time I have had repairs made on my car only to the smash-ups of May, 1908.

ZELAYA A BROTHER TO WHITNEY. (Mail and Empire.) Zelaya has always been a staunch champion of the theory and practice of public ownership, the public, of course, being the State of Nicaragua, and the President being the State. The State being short of money, the State found it convenient to take over the liquor trade. A fiat from Zelaya was all that was necessary to accomplish this. It was declared to be illegal for any private persons to manufacture liquor. The numerous plants, however, did not become worthless. Their owners found it convenient to sell their product to the Government, which would retail it at any price Zelaya saw fit. If the manufacturers asked too stiff a price, their products were confiscated, and they were thrown into prison for engaging in an illicit business. If they cut their own profits and gave the State a chance to make money, the unlawful traffic was condoned.

TRADES UNIONS. Hon. Mackenzie King Says There'll be No Restraint. Montreal, Dec. 19.—At the Builders' Exchange dinner at the Windsor Saturday night, the chief speakers were Hon. Mackenzie King, Hon. Charles Marcell and F. D. Monk, M. P. The Minister of Labor said the Government had no intention of restraining the influence of trade unions in the Dominion. The duty of Parliament would be, however, to see that all parties, both labor and capital, should get fair play.

FARMER DROWNED. Belleville, Ont., Dec. 20.—A very sad drowning accident took place on Friday last, near Anson Station, 18 miles north of this city, the victim being Oscar Merrick, one of the most prominent farmers of the township of Rawden. Merrick, who was sixty years of age, went out for some cattle, and not returning, search was made, and he was dead where the cattle drank. He was dead some time when found. Death was due to apoplexy. A wife and two children survive.

BURNED TO DEATH. Chicago, Dec. 20.—John Corrodi, aged 7 years, Charles Corrodi, aged 2 years, and Mary Corrodi, aged 4 years, were burned to death to-day in their home at South Chicago, when the house caught fire from an unknown cause during the absence of their parents.

TRAINMEN MAY STRIKE. Pittsburg, Dec. 20.—Trainmen to the number of 75,000 employed on about 75 railroads east of the Mississippi River to-day, through officials of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, formally notified the various divisions of railroads affected that a demand for an increase in wages amounting to from 5 to 40 per cent. will be made on Jan. 3rd.

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BAD FOR WEEVEL. New Orleans, La., Dec. 20.—Sleet and snow, which have held the northern and central sections of Louisiana and Mississippi in their grip for the last two days, will be worth thousands of dollars to the districts infested by the cotton boll weevil, according to Government entomologists now in this section.

ROOSEVELT AND UGANDA. Entebbe, Uganda, Dec. 20.—After a delightful voyage across the Victoria Nyanza, Col. Roosevelt and party arrived here to-day. At the pier they were met by Government officials. A guard of honor for the visitors was made up of Indian Sikhs.

NOT ATTEMPT TO LOOK FOR MR. SMITH. The New York Telephone Directory unit does not know his first name, for there are 712 of him.

STORE OPEN TO-NIGHT UNTIL 10. P. M.—COME Shop Early Tuesday---8.30 to 12 a. m. Women's \$4.00 Linen Tailored Blouses at \$2.95. A purchase just arrived from the manufacturers, 75 in all, each in a separate gift box, Women's White Pure Irish Linen Tailored Waists, pleated fronts, with plain or embroidered cuffs, collar and front pleats; all sizes, 34 to 42; each in a gift box; new style for the present wear. As a gift what could be more serviceable?—Regular \$4.00, Xmas Sale \$2.95. New Lingerie Blouses \$1.00 to \$3.00. First shipment of New Spring Blouses have arrived. We ordered them on for holiday selling, people having enquired after them so much. New styles; very pretty for holiday gift giving. These should have a ready sale. Tuesday at each \$1.25 up to \$3.00. \$2.00 Swiss Waist Lengths 98c. Speaking about these blouses, it reminds us of that sale of Swiss Waist Lengths that went so fast on Saturday. Another lot for Tuesday, real White Swiss Embroidered Muslins in dots and figures, Regular \$3.65 to 75c yard; on sale 3-yard Blouse Lengths, boxed, at 98c. 100 Pairs Perrin's Gift Gloves \$1.00. Custom has made Gloves the proper gift from a man to a woman, also as a gift from a friend. Men and women alike can rely on these gloves. Perrin's guaranteed stamp of perfection and quality, a Christmas import stock, all sizes, and colors, complete, easily worth \$1.25 each pair in a box, Tuesday \$1.00. 100 Dozen Men's Gift Neckwear 50c. No man can have too many Ties. They're always acceptable at Christmas time. Hundreds of kinds in plain or open Derby ends, in plain colors, stripes and fancy, in all shades. A splendid selection to choose from, each in a box. Special price for Tuesday selling, each \$1.00. Men's Silk Reefers at \$1.25 to \$2.50. Men's Silk Reefers or Mufflers, in plain silk Banglades, or in self or fancy patterns, in all serviceable shades, special at \$1.25 to \$2.50. Men's Initial Handkerchiefs 25c and 35c. Pure Irish Linen Hemstitched Initial Handkerchiefs, for men, in fine, sheer qualities, all letters, hand embroidered, special values \$1.25 to 75c. Madeira Handkerchiefs at 25c to 75c. Beautiful Hand Embroidered Madeira Handkerchiefs, in fine hemstitched or scalloped borders, in beautiful border and corner designs, New York's latest style in handkerchiefs, special values \$1.25 to 75c. Real Lace Handkerchiefs, special values at \$1.50 to \$4.00. Open 8.30 a.m. FINCH BROS. Close 10 p.m.

ENLIVENED VALLEY CITY. Sam Small Spoke at the Local Option Meeting. Dundas, Dec. 20.—The funeral of the late Mrs. Fred Benton took place from her home on Saturday morning. Interment was in St. Augustine cemetery. Rev. Father Feeney conducted the burial services. Deceased leaves three small children, the youngest only seven months of age.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Wallace took place from the home of her son-in-law, Wilson McDermott, yesterday afternoon. The burial services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Gray. At the closing of the public school on Friday the pupil of Principal Moore's class presented him with an address and a handsome gold-mounted umbrella.

Yesterday the Men's League presented Principal Saunders, who is removing to West Toronto, with a handsome oak chair. The senior Bible class of the Methodist Church will this year take charge of the church's donations for the needy and the isolation hospital.

There is not likely to be any church festivities for the children in the Dundas churches this Christmas owing to the prevalence of scarlet fever. The friends of local option opened their campaign—as far as holding public meetings is concerned—yesterday afternoon by a meeting in the town hall.

There was a rousing good attendance for Dundas, the audience present being sufficient to well fill the body of the hall. It was probably the largest and most enthusiastic temperance meeting held in the town for some years. W. J. Kerr occupied the chair, and in a few remarks introduced the Rev. Mr. Sam Small. In a very entertaining and energetic address of an hour and a half Dr. Small presented arguments in favor of prohibition and local option and soundly punctured arguments and contentions of the liquor traffic in opposition to these methods with forcible, witty and satirical expressions. The singing was led by a choir made up of members from the different church choirs. Several citizens of the town are being proceeded against in the police court for having neglected sanitary measures called for by the town by-laws.

The regular monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held on Thursday afternoon, with Mrs. Wm. H. Hendry, the president, in the chair, and an attendance much greater than the average. After routine business was disposed of Mrs. Nicholl, of Hamilton, gave an interesting, forceful and helpful address on local option and temperance matters generally. Her address had the effect of arousing the enthusiasm of her hearers. Following her address Mrs. Moore and Miss Quackenbush sang very acceptably. Tea was afterwards served and a very social time spent.

Charles Stratford, who attempted suicide on Thursday, yesterday fined \$5 by Mayor Lawson for carrying an unlawful weapon, and committed for trial for attempting suicide. Miss Potter, daughter of Rev. Mr. Potter, a retired Methodist minister, now living in Dundas, has been appointed librarian of the town's new Carnegie Library. Miss Potter is well qualified for the position.

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DUTY OF THE ELECTORATE.

Rev. S. B. Russell Spoke on the Municipal Situation.

Educational Day at Charlton Ave. Methodist Church.

Excellent Sermon by Rev. Dr. Smith at Centenary.

The responsibility of the electorate in voting into office men who are in sympathy with the moral and social reform wave that is sweeping over the country was the thought that rang out last night in a sermon on "Municipal Duty," preached by Rev. S. B. Russell, pastor of Erskine Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Russell insisted that interest in municipal and political affairs was part of Christian duty. "We have not discharged our duty to Caesar," he declared, "after we have paid our taxes. We must be willing to serve."

Men who held municipal offices, he said, were as much ministers of God as the man with a divine message to far-off missionary fields. The ideal would be attained when men fully grasped the thought that municipal government was a divine as well as a human institution.

Mr. Russell, quoting an editorial from the Globe after the decisive temperance victory in Toronto at the last election, declared that no pulpits utterance could be more clear and emphatic than the statement made in that important paper, which announced that public opinion was solid against the bar.

Yesterday was educational Sunday in Charlton Avenue Methodist Church, and the special program for the day was given by Rev. Manly B. Benson, D. D., of St. Catharines. A very helpful sermon was preached at the morning service, the preacher directing his remarks particularly to the young people of the congregation.

HIGHEST FOOD-VALUE. Epps' Cocoa is a treat to children. A Sustainer to the Worker. A Boon to the Thrifty Housewife. EPPS' COCOA BREAKFAST SUPPER. In strength delicacy of flavor, nutritiousness and economy in use "Epps'" is unsurpassed. Children thrive on "Epps'."

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"Graumark" in print is a much more enjoyable piece of work than "Graumark" on the stage, at least that is the opinion held by the majority of the persons who saw the play at the Grand Opera House on Saturday. This show has been seen on the local boards twice this season, and judging by the way with which the respective audiences received them, the dramatized version of George Barr McCutcheon's famous novel is either a failure or the companies presenting them are inadequate.

At Herkimer Baptist Church the church anniversary was held. In the morning the pastor, Rev. H. McDiarmid, preached from Psalm xx. 7. In taking a retrospective view of the year, Mr. McDiarmid said that the success attained was not due to human agency, but to divine power.

EMERALD STREET METHODIST. Yesterday morning Rev. Sam Russell preached to a crowded house from the text found in Psalm 94 and verse 16. "Who will rise up for Me against the evildoers, or who will stand up for Me against the workers of iniquity." Since the world began, he said, there has been no class of evildoers or workers of iniquity to compare with those who are willing, for the sake of gain to bring misery into the homes, sorrow to the heart and destroy soul and body of those who are engaged in the traffic in strong drink.

"WHOSOEVER." Subject of Gospel Address in Ebenezer Last Evening. Last evening in Ebenezer Hall Wm. Crook, a young man, gave a very interesting address on "God's Great Whosoever." The hall was well filled and everyone present enjoyed the message given by the young preacher. He took for his text, John iii., 16, showing that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

BENNETT'S CHRISTMAS WEEK. At Bennett's this week a bill of unusual merit will bid for the patronage of the Christmas crowds. Bedini and Arthur, the noted travesty artists, will be the chief feature, presenting an offering which is said to ripple with fun. Lola Merrill and Frank Otto in their dainty little conversational sketch, "After the Show," should prove a strong attraction.

CHARLES LEONARD FLETCHER. The celebrated entertainer and impersonator, who will present "An Evening With Mark Twain," and impersonations of other literary and stage celebrities, is sure to be one of the most entertaining numbers on the bill. Mr. Fletcher has been in Hamilton nine years during which time he has delighted thousands of theatre patrons in nearly every city of prominence

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in the world. Nellie Eltinge and William Keough have a clever little skit entitled "23 on the Red," and the bill will also include Monroe and Mack, blackface comedians; the Ballots, in remarkable feats of strength and McDevitt and Kelly, clever comedians and dancers. The motion pictures as usual, will be an entertaining number.

R. T. OF T. Annual Sermon in Victoria Ave Baptist Church. A large number of the members of the R. T. of T. attended the special service for them in Victoria Avenue Baptist Church last evening, as well as a large number of the members and adherents of the church, and the sermon preached by the pastor, Rev. Edgar Allen, was of an inspiring and helpful nature.

TO-NIGHT AT THE GRAND. The musical comedy which attracted large audiences in Toronto last week and will be offered at the Grand here to-night. The company is said to be a good one and the play well staged. The scenes are laid at a sanatorium in Virginia, where Johnny Hicks, a happy-go-lucky gambler, and his pal, Tom Cunningham, have fled to escape arrest. Before the police catch up with them, the sanatorium is placed under quarantine. Cunningham, the pal, is in reality a rich man's son, and the first love complication begins when he becomes infatuated with Margaret Simpson, the girl who is at the sanatorium with her father, a farmer, and her brother and a party of boarding school girls.

"KING OF CADONIA." The "King of Cadonia," which is in Toronto this week, will be seen at the Grand here next Monday. This is the biggest musical production of the season, and goes from Hamilton to New York where it opens the week following at Daly's Theatre. In the cast are such well-known people as Marguerite Clark, William Norris, Melville Stewart and Clara Palmer. The "King of Cadonia," ran for two years at the Prince of Wales Theatre, London.

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MASONS AT FIRST CHURCH.

Rev. E. B. Lanceley Preached St. John Day Sermon.

About 250 Masons, members of the eight lodges of the city, attended divine service at First Methodist Church yesterday afternoon, and Rev. E. B. Lanceley preached a very impressive and inspiring sermon. "The Apprentice and the Master" was his subject, and the texts were from I. Corinthians xiii. 9 and St. Matthew xxiii. 8. "For we know in part, and we prophesy in part," and "For one in your Master, even Christ."

Mr. Lanceley first explained that this is an age of specialists, and cited many illustrations in substantiation of his statement. The great truths of the world were not discovered by one man, or by one age; one man and one age discovers very little; but improvement grows apace as the years roll on. As an example of improvements that have been made it was pointed out that some of Luther's denunciations would not be printed to-day even in the most careless newspapers, yet under such men some of the greatest truths were expounded. Besides that, the habits of Plato and Socrates would not be tolerated in this age, but, nevertheless, they did great work.

Two hundred years ago witches were burned at the stake in England; that was in the time of Bacon, but Bacon is even now in part. "One is your Master, your worshipful Master, your most worshipful Master, even Christ," said Mr. Lanceley to his hearers, and the sincerity with which the words were delivered commanded a full recognition of their meaning.

A reference was made to the recent great theological controversy, but both the leading figures in the controversy only saw the matter from their own viewpoint, was the explanation. "Bigotry belongs to former ages; fanaticism ought to disappear altogether. What all parties need is delivered from the insanity of fanatics," said the speaker.

"The world worships only the men who serve it, and the true service is the service of love. The cement that binds the edifice of Masonry together is mutual helpfulness; remove it and the structure will totter. Only by bearing one another's burdens are Masons fulfilling the principles of the order. The principles of Masonry are good for philanthropists, for moralists and for every body. The order sprang from religious motives, is nourished by religion and is ennobled by religion," said the preacher.

The late Grand Secretary, Hugh Murray, and his excellent character were referred to. Kind words of welcome were extended to the visitors, and that all should meet again in the Grand Lodge and answer to the call of a glorified humanity were the concluding words of the address.

The choir of the church led the singing, and Bro. Geo. Robinson sang a solo part in the anthem, "Come to My Heart, Lord Jesus."

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News in Brief

The Portuguese Cabinet has resigned. Mr. W. B. Archer, Postmaster at Campbellford, is dead.

The new Italian Premier has announced that Italy will remain loyal to the triple alliance.

A factory of explosives near Caserta, Italy, blew up, five persons being killed and five injured.

Over seven and a half million dollars Christmas money has been sent to Europe by way of New York.

A third public school inspector will be appointed for the united counties of Northumberland and Durham.

Grand Duke Michael Nicolaievich, grand-uncle of Emperor Nicholas, died at Cannes, France, on Saturday.

Mayor Oliver, of Toronto, has been elected by acclamation President of the Commercial Travellers' Mutual Benefit Society.

The new Presbyterian Church at Port Colborne was dedicated on Sunday. The preacher was Rev. Prof. McAdven, of Knox College.

The steamer Wellington which stranded at the Ballinac Islands, was floated on Sunday afternoon and has reached Nanaimo. She is not seriously damaged.

King Edward and Queen Alexandra will spend Christmas at Sandringham with the Prince and Princess of Wales and their children and will have a quiet celebration.

John Bishop, 36 years old, was committed for trial by Reeve Leckie at Brussels, Ont., on a charge of an offence against his thirteen-year-old sister. He pleaded guilty.

Frozen stiff and without a stitch of clothing, Mrs. Mary Clark, 65 years of age, was found dead yesterday morning by P. C. Annis, lying on a mattress in an outer room at the back of 127 Queen street west, Toronto.

Col. Zinovif and Svatogol, of the quartermaster's department, St. Petersburg, were arrested as a result of the recent investigation of the department, when irregularities involving more than a million dollars were discovered.

Apparently because his father had spoken sharply in reproving him, Gordon Banks, Toronto, a seventeen-year-old lad, shot himself in the head yesterday morning at about 10 o'clock, and died instantly in his room at 10 Florence street there.

The G. T. P. has finally purchased the right of way into Prince Albert, the deal having been closed on Saturday. The Provincial Government has guaranteed bonds for a branch from Watrous to Prince Albert, and construction is expected to begin next season. The survey has already been completed.

Baron Sonnino's first act as Prime Minister of Italy has been to abolish the censorship of the press. This did not require any special law, having been purely arbitrary and based on a provision of the penal code, which prohibits the transmission of news which is against the security of the State.

Incoming transatlantic liners in England report terrible weather during the past week. The Germania, New York and America, arriving at Queenstown and Plymouth, respectively, yesterday, were all greatly delayed. Four days out they met hurricanes from the eastward, with mountainous seas, which continued without intermission until Saturday night.

A meeting of Brockville citizens who signed the compromise agreement of 1907 to eliminate party politics from municipal elections was held on Saturday night. The agreement has been in force six years, with Liberals and Conservatives holding power every other two years, and the scheme has been found to work so satisfactorily that it will be continued.

While running around the tank of the Montreal railway Y. M. C. A. swimming baths on Saturday afternoon, George Richards, a boy of 14, fell on the wet floor, striking his throat on a railing. He jumped up and continued running, but a moment later collapsed. It was found that he had ruptured his larynx, and an hour later he died, the blood from the wound flooding his lungs.

ELECTED NEW OFFICERS. Street Railway Union Had a Large Turnout. The annual election of officers of the Street Railway Employees' Union was held on Saturday night in the Trades and Labor Hall, John street south. After the regular routine of business the routes for the first quarter of the new year were arranged. Traction Manager Coleman and Superintendent Miller were present and assisted in arranging the routes.

The election resulted as follows: J. T. Burrows, president; S. H. Ryerse, vice-president; J. R. Carpenter, recording secretary; Alexander Lamond, secretary-treasurer, by acclamation; Fred E. Walsh, conductor; William Nugent, warden; William McWilliams, sentinel; John Hurley, Roy Carpenter and George Hart, auditors; J. T. Burrows, S. H. Ryerse, George Moore, William Nugent and Charles Anderson, executive committee; John Maloney, J. A. Masson, C. E. Theaker, J. Burrows and Thomas Histed, delegates to Trades and Labor Council.

Over 100 votes were cast in the election. The company provided cigars for the men.

"The wicked are punished in the hereafter," says the Marquess of Blandford. "The good generally get it in the neck here."

MILLIONS OF "Tummy" Aches

are on the way. They always come Xmas for the big and little. Get ready for them, mother. The whole household will have to be helped. CASCARETS will do it easily and naturally—ones at bed time to each member and keep the whole family well.

Ellis' Jewelry Suggestions. There are only a few days more left for this great selection. Pearl Rings. Some excellent values in Pearl Rings. Solitaires, \$2.25 up. Three Stones \$4.50 up. Five Stone \$6.00 up. Diamond Rings. No one disputes our superiority in Diamonds. Solitaires \$12.00 up. Three Stones \$25.00 up. Five Stones \$25.00 up. Pearl and Diamonds \$19.00 up. Sapphire and Diamonds \$29 up. Ruby and Diamonds \$25 up. Signet Rings. We are showing some exquisite designs in Signet Rings, both Ladies' and Gents'. Ladies' Signet Rings, \$2.50 up. Get your Engraving done now. Locketts. Our trays are brim full of Locketts, both gold and gold-filled, plain and stone set. Gold Locketts \$3.75 up. Filled Locketts \$1.00. OPEN EVENINGS Norman Ellis JEWELER 21-23 King Street East

LIFE WORK.

Timely Address to Young Men at Knox Church.

Rev. A. E. Mitchell gave a helpful and practical address yesterday afternoon at the men's meeting in Knox Church on the subject, "Choosing Our Life Work."

There were many misfits in the world to-day, said the speaker, many who were round men in square holes. There were those who were seeking their father's assets and who were fitted for higher work and responsibilities than those connected with their father's business. Then there were some who had no control over the circumstances which had made them what they are. Their father might have died, or some other thing occurred which had made it necessary for them to engage in some occupation, which at the beginning, gave a good financial return. There were many, said the speaker, who had been forced to accept employment for which they had no inclination because of such circumstances. Many boys starting out in life were lured by the offer of big money and lost sight of the fact that what was big money for boys was not so for men and entered an occupation which had no room for advancement. The majority of them recognized their mistake too late and were too old to turn back or start anew. There were also many boys who, because of their parents' whim, were made, by constant persuasion, to enter into some occupation or profession for which they had no sympathy or tendency. This was a serious mistake on the part of the parents. They should follow closely the tendency of a child and let him follow an occupation which would be in harmony with his inclinations. Continuing, he said that if a person did not have sufficient faith in himself he would be a failure. If he did not believe in himself no person else would. But even with this it was necessary to seek divine aid, to look to above for wisdom. The reason he said, why there were so many failures was because so many did not seek after God as much as they should.

GOOD TEMPLARS.

The regular weekly session of International Juvenile Temple, I. O. G. T., was held in the C. O. O. F. Hall, James street north, on Saturday afternoon, and was fairly well attended. Mrs. Robert Morrison, Superintendent, presided, and was ably assisted by Mrs. C. A. Hardy and Mrs. T. Macnoughton. The programme was in the hands of James Kosie and W. H. Anderson, two zealous members of International Lodge, and was presented as follows: Address, William H. Anderson, P. C. T.; recitation, Miss Laura Finch; address, James Rosie, P. C. T. Between times a service of candy took place.

The next meeting of the Temple will be held on Saturday, Jan. 8, on which date the Juvenile Executive will celebrate the third anniversary of the institution of the Temple by entertaining the members to a banquet.

DISBELIEVED THE POLICE.

Jurymen Would Not Take Police-men's Word.

Peterboro' Citizens Give Damaging Testimony.

Charge of Perjury Against Hotel Man Failed.

Peterboro', Dec. 19.—A perjury charge against George N. Graham, proprietor of the Oriental Hotel of this city, aroused much interest. Graham was convicted a short time ago on a charge of selling liquor to Ernest Lawrence and others on the night of Sunday, November 21st, and fined \$200 by Police Magistrate Dumble. His solicitors, Messrs. O'Connell and Gordon, have since filed notice of appeal against the Magistrate's decision. At the trial Graham swore he sold no liquor at the time alleged to Victor Fowler, Peterboro'; John T. Maunders, manager of the Central Hotel, Lindsay, or Ernest Lawrence, Peterboro'. Fowler and Maunders testified at the Police Court, but Lawrence did not, and with Graham, were arrested on a charge of perjury, as their evidence was in direct contradiction to that of the police officers, on whose testimony the conviction was made.

The trial of Graham on the perjury charge was opened at the Chamber Sessions before Judge Huyck on Friday afternoon, and concluded yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock when the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty, despite the conviction of the Police Magistrate and the testimony of the policemen. In addition to that of Ernest Lawrence, the silent man in the Police Court case, who gave Crown evidence at the perjury trial. The latter swore that Graham served him with a drink on the Sunday night in question, but the star witness in the prosecution, under cross-examination by the prisoner's counsel, Mr. D. O'Connell, made statements which were in direct contradiction to what he had told in general conversation before the trial, and his evidence was therefore not seriously considered.

The climax of the trial was reached when a large number of prominent citizens, among them W. H. Denham, local manager of the Quaker Oats Company; Rev. Dr. Langfield, rector of St. Luke's Anglican Church, and J. H. Burnham, editor of the "Peterboro' News," gave character evidence against the policemen. All the witnesses on the question of veracity gave damaging testimony. Most of them said they would not believe the constables on oath, and others said they would certainly hesitate to do so.

Mr. Burnham candidly and unqualifiedly pronounced Meharry as untruthful, and Ernest Bartlett said Meharry on Friday night had threatened to make it hot for the witness if the latter testified against him. The unwarranted egress of the police officers for a conviction was a point enlarged upon by the defence in presenting the case to the jury.

Judge Huyck was pained to hear such testimony given against the veracity of the policemen, and especially dwelt on the evidence to offer, and threatening of Bartlett as most improper. Juries were formally sworn in to hear the companion charges against Fowler and Maunders, but the Crown Attorney on account of the failure of the Graham case, announced that he had no evidence to offer, and both were honorably acquitted.

It is the general impression that P. C. Newhall and Meharry will be arraigned before the Police Commissioners, as a result of the evidence given against them. The former, in the matter of crime detection, is the most efficient officer that has ever served on the Peterboro' force. He was four years on the London force in England before coming to Canada, and an equal time on the Liverpool force.

THE TEACHER.

Inspector Smith Addresses the P. S. A. Brotherhood.

A large attendance was present at the meeting of the P. S. A. Brotherhood yesterday afternoon to hear Mr. J. H. Smith, School Inspector, give an interesting and practical address on "The Master Teacher."

In an explicit manner Mr. Smith dealt with his subject, and pointed out how Jesus, the great teacher, possessed all those characteristics which were necessary for a successful teacher. Jesus was patient and forbearing, and a skillful questioner, and thoroughly conversant with what he taught. His purpose, the speaker said, was to elevate mankind, and his high ideals were expressed in his many sayings, including the beatitudes. The successful methods of Jesus on the proper training and teaching by parables, were explained by the speaker, who illustrated it by reciting many of the parables as found in the Gospel of St. John. To be an ideal and successful teacher it was necessary to take Jesus as an example and to follow in his ways. In concluding Mr. Smith gave many practical and valuable pointers on the proper training and teaching of children.

During the meeting the Musurgia Quartette supplied a musical programme, which was much appreciated. The "apple and doughnut" concert, which was held last Friday evening, proved to be a decided success.

Useful Gifts For Men.

Razor strops and shaving brushes are very suitable for Christmas presents. Probably the finest set of razors of these lines is kept at Gerrie's drug store, 32 James street north. Beautiful razor strops, varying in price from 25c to \$2.50 each, and shaving brushes from 15c to \$3 each are shown. Do not buy without seeing this stock.

Following the discovery of oxygen and water vapors in the atmosphere of Mars there comes the news that flowers and green foliage must be present on the planets of Jupiter and Saturn, and more particularly on Uranus and Neptune. The discovery has been made quite independently by two scientists, one a Russian named Timiriazev, the other a Dutch botanist, Beijerinck.

TIMES PATTERNS.



GIRL'S SURPRISE DRESS.

No. 8593.—The designs for little women usually follow the styles of their mothers. This little frock shows the graceful becoming lines of the surprise waist, with broad shoulder tucks. The plaited skirt is in good style and will look well on any figure. Wash or woven goods are equally appropriate for this design, and a velvet or satin ribbon will form a suitable decoration. The pattern is cut in 4 sizes, 6, 8, 10, 12 years. It requires 3 1/2 yards of 36-inch material for the 10-year size.

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Story of Willow Pattern Plate It's An Interesting Legend

As we are frequently receiving inquiries concerning the story supposed to be told by the common willow-pattern plate, we reproduce the legend in full, from a translation by Dr. Browning, published some years ago in the form of an advertising booklet by Mr. George Fox, glass and china merchant, Leicester. After some words of introduction, the writer says: Our present manufacturers have far outstripped in beauty of materials the pottery of the old Chinese specimens, but fashion still gives a preference to Chinese patterns and designs. A remarkable instance of this preference is to be found in the fact that the sale of the old "Willow-pattern" exceeds that of all others. The name is derived from the figure of the tree which occupies the centre of the plate and which is intended to represent a willow in the spring which unfolds its blossoms before the leaves appear. Who is there, since the earliest dawn of intelligent perception, who has not inquisitively contemplated the mysterious figures on the Willow-pattern plate? Who, in a childish curiosity, who does ever pry into the lives of those who are depicted there, that persons in the dim blue outline did upon that bridge, whence they came and whither they are flying? What does the boatman without oars on that white stream? Who people the houses in that charmed island? or who do those disproportionate doves forever kiss each other as if intensely joyful over some good deed done? Who is there through whose mind such thoughts as these have not passed as he found his eye resting on the Willow-pattern Plate, or when they lay on the dinner table, or brightly glittered on the cottage plate-rail?

The old Willow-pattern Plate! by every association in spite of its want of artistic beauty, it is dear to us! It is mingled with an old friend and companion whose portrait we see everywhere, but of whose likeness we never grow weary. Unchanged are its charms, whether we view it as a flat oval dish—rounded into a cheese plate—hollowed out into a saucer, or contorted into the shape of a ladle; still in every change and form are the three blue people rushing over the bridge; still the boatman sits listless on the stream, and the doves are constantly kissing and fluttering in great glorification at the result. What it is about we will presently in form the reader, if he will provide himself with an orthodox plate, and go with us through the following history, which is said to be to the Chinese what our "Jack the Giant Killer" or "Robinson Crusoe" is to us. It is the story of the Willow-pattern Plate. On the right hand side is seen a Chinese house of unusual extent and magnificence. The wealth and resources of the owner are indicated by it being of two stories in height, a most rare thing in China—by the existence of outbuildings at the back (to the right); and by the large and rare trees which are growing upon all sides of the main building.

This house belonged to a Mandarin of great power and influence, who had amassed considerable wealth in serving the Emperor in a department corresponding to our Excise. The work, as is the case in other places besides China, was performed by an active secretary called Chang, while the business of the master consisted in receiving bribes from the merchants at whose smuggling and illegal traffic he winked, in exact proportion as he was paid for it. The wife of the Mandarin having died suddenly, he requested the Emperor to allow him to retire from his arduous duties, and was particularly urgent in his suit because the mer-

chants had begun to talk loudly of the unfaithfulness and dishonesty of the Chinese manager of the Customs. The death of his wife was a fortunate excuse for the old Mandarin, and in accordance with his petition, an order signed by the vermilion pencil of His Imperial Majesty the Emperor was issued, whereby the Mandarin was allowed to retire, and to take a handsome douceur to his predecessor.

To the house represented on the plate did the Mandarin retire, taking with him his only daughter, Koongshee, and his secretary, Chang, whose services he had retained for a few months in order to put his accounts in such array as to bear scrutiny, if from any unforeseen circumstances he should be called to produce them. When the faithful Chang had completed his duty he was discharged, and the late householder, the young man who had seen and loved the Mandarin's daughter. At sunset Koongshee was observed to linger with her maid on the steps which led to the banquet room, and as the twilight came on she stole away down the path to a distant part of the ground; and there what the lovers did, we shall describe in due order. The young man, who had seen and loved the Mandarin's daughter, vowed mutual promises of love and constancy; and on many an evening afterwards when Chang was supposed to be many miles away, lovers' voices in that place might have been heard in the distance, and as darkness came on the huge peonies which grew on the fantastic wall had their gorgeous petals shaken off as Chang scrambled through their crimson blossoms.

By the assistance of her handmaid, these interviews were obtained without the knowledge of the old Mandarin; for the lovers lived in being unequal, the father would never consent to the union. Chang's merit, however, was known, and the affectionate wishes of the young man pictured a time when such an obstacle would be removed by his success. They believed as they hoped, and the year of their infancy had only two seasons—springtime and summer.

By some means, at last, the knowledge of one of the interviews came to the old Mandarin, who, from that time, forbade his daughter to go beyond the walls of the house; the youth was commanded to discontinue his visits upon pain of death, and to prevent his chivalrous courage any chance of gratification, a high wall of wood was ordered to be built across the pathway from the extremity of the wall to the water's edge (see plate). The lady's handmaid, too, was dismissed, and her place was supplied by an old domestic, whose heart was as withered as her shrivelled face.

To provide for his daughter's imprisonment, and to enable her to take exercise in the fresh air, he also built a cruise of apartments adjoining his banquet room, and jutting out over the water's edge with terraces upon which the young lady might walk in security. These apartments having no exit but through the banquet room, in which he had been and was to be seen, and being completely surrounded by water, the father rested content that he should have no further trouble from clandestine meetings. As, also, the windows of his sitting room looked out on the water, any attempt at communication by means of a boat would at once be seen and frustrated by him. To complete the disappointment of lovers, he went still further—he betrothed his daughter to a wealthy friend, a Tajin, or duke of high degree, who made had never seen. The Tajin was her equal in wealth and in every respect but age, which greatly preponderated on the gentleman's side. The nuptials were, as

usual, determined upon without any consultation of the lady; and the wedding was to take place at the fortunate age of sixteen, when the peach tree should blossom in the spring. The willow tree was in blossom then; the peach tree had scarcely formed its buds. Poor Koongshee shuddered at what she called her doom, and feared and trembled as she watched the buds of the peach tree whose branches grew close to the walls of her prison (see plate); but her heart was cheered by a happy omen—a bird came and built its nest in the corner above her window.

One day when she sat on the narrow terrace for several hours watching the little architect carrying straws and feathers to his future home, the shades of evening came down upon her, and her thoughts reverting to interviews that were associated with the hour, she did not retire as usual, but disconsolately gazed upon the waters. Her abstraction was disturbed by a half coconut shell, which was fitted up with a miniature sail, and which floated close to her. By the aid of a parasol she reached it from the water. Her delighted surprise at its contents caused her to exclaim aloud in such a manner as to bring an old servant to her side, and nearly led to a discovery; but Koongshee was ready with a plausible excuse, and dismissed the woman. As soon as she was gone she anxiously examined the little boat. In it she found a bead she had given her lover—a sufficient evidence from whose hands the little boat had come. Chang had launched it on the other side of the water. There was also a piece of bamboo pipe, and in light characters were written some Chinese verses:

"The nest you winged artist builds,
Some robber bird shall tear away;
So yield her hopes the affianced bride;
The wealthy lord's reluctant prey."

"He must have been near me," she murmured, "for he must have seen my bird's nest by the peach tree." She read on:

"The fluttering bird prepares a home,
In which the spoiler soon shall dwell;
Forth goes the weeping bride, constrained,
A hundred cars the triumph swell."

"Mourn for the tiny architect—
A stronger bird hath ta'en its nest;
Mourn for the hapless stolen bride—
How vain the hope to soothe her breast."

Koongshee burst into tears, but hearing her father approaching, she hid the little boat in the folds of her loose robe. When he was gone she read the verses again, and again wept over them. Upon further examination she found upon the back of these words in the peculiar manner of metaphorical style of Oriental poetry: "As this boat sails to you so all my thoughts tend to the same centre; but when the willow blossoms drop from the bough and the peach tree unfolds its buds, your faithful Chang will sink with the lotus blooms beneath the deep waters. There will he see the circles on the smooth river, while the willow blossom falls upon it from the bough—broken away, like his love, from his parent stem." As a sort of postscript was added, "Cast your thoughts upon the waters as I have done, and I shall hear your words."

Koongshee well understood such metaphors, and she trembled as she thought of Chang's threat of self-destruction. Having no other writing materials, she sought her ivory tablets, and with the needle she had been using in embroidery she scratched her answer in the same strain in which her lover had addressed her. This was her reply: "Do not wish, my friend, and unfruitful, the fruits thy fear will be stolen? The sunshine lengthens, and the vineyard is threatened to be spoiled by the hand of strangers."

This gave the gardener's wife time to see what had become of Koongshee. She had fancied that she heard some noise in the apartment, and with intense curiosity she pushed the screen aside, opened the door, and peeped into the room. Koongshee was not there! There were marks of wet feet and dripping garments upon the floor and upon the narrow ledge of the window to which she had rushed. A boat had just that instant been pushed off from the shore into the river, and in it, there was no doubt, were her mistress and her husband, the brave Chang. The darkness concealed the forms of the strangers, or enemies as the rushing river carried them rapidly away. The gardener's wife gently closed the window, and hastily removed all traces of what had happened. She then cheerfully returned and waited for the officer. He came stimulated by a reproof for his delay, and commanded his soldiers to search the river, and to catch and punish, if any such occasions they were accustomed to possess themselves of everything which they considered valuable. Their search was in vain, however, for they neither found traces of the fugitives nor anything worth stealing. The jewels were with Chang upon the river, and the gardener was but a poor man. Then they visited the rice-ground; they were equally unsuccessful there. They suspected that the woman had played them a trick, but she looked quite unconscious, and in a very innocent manner persuaded the officer that she was imposed upon, and that she was sorry she had given him so much trouble.

The boat, with its precious cargo, floated down the river all the night, requiring no exertion from Chang, who sat silently watching at the prow while his young wife slept in the cabin. When the grey of early morning peeped over the distant mountains, Chang still sat there and the boat was still rapidly buoyed onward by the current. Soon after daylight they entered the main river, the Yang-tse-kiang, and their passage became more boisterous, requiring considerable management from the boatman. Before the sun was well up they had joined numbers of boats, and had ceased to be singular, for they were in company with persons who lived wholly upon the waters, but who had been engaged in taking westward the usual tribute of salt and rice to His Imperial Majesty's treasury. To one of the boats he sold a jewel, and from another he purchased some food for the crew. Thus they floated for several days towards the sea, but having at length approached a place where the Mandarins were accustomed to examine all boats outward bound, Chang moored his floating home beside an island in the broad river.

It was but a small piece of ground covered with reeds, but here the young pair resolved to settle down, and spend the rest of their days in peace. The jewels were sold in the neighboring towns in such a manner as not to excite suspicion, and with the fund thus procured the persevering Chang was enabled to obtain all that was necessary; and to purchase a free right to the little island, in relation of Koongshee, that with her own hands she assisted in

the building of the house; while her husband, applying himself to agricultural pursuits, brought the island into a high state of cultivation.

On referring again to the plate, the reader will find the history of the island significantly recorded by the simple artist. The ground is broken into lumps, (indicating recent cultivation), and the trees around it are smaller in size (indicating their youth). The diligence of Chang is sufficiently evidenced by the manner in which every scrap of ground which could be added to the island is reclaimed from the water. To illustrate this, narrow reefs of land are seen jutting out into the stream.

The remainder of the history is soon told: Chang having obtained a competence by the cultivation of the land, returned to his literary pursuits and wrote a book on Agriculture, which gained him great reputation in the province where he then resided, and was the means of securing him the patronage of the wealthy literary men of the neighborhood for his children, one of whom became a great sage after the death of his father and mother, which occurred in the manner who is related. The reputation of Chang's book, if it gained him friends revealed his whereabouts to his great enemy the Tajin, or Duke, whose passion for revenge was unabated. Nor did the Duke long delay the accomplishment of his object. Having waited upon the military mandarin of the river station, and having sworn by cutting a live cock's head off, that Chang was the person who stole the jewels, he obtained an escort of soldiers to arrest Chang, and with these the Tajin attacked the island, having given secret instructions to seize Koongshee and kill Chang without mercy. The peaceful inhabitants of the island were quite unprepared, but Chang, having refused the party admittance, was run through the body and mortally wounded. The servants, who were much attached to him, fought bravely to defend their master, but when they saw him fall they threw down their weapons and fled. Koongshee in despair rushed to her apartments, which she set on fire and perished in the flames. The gods (so runs the tale), cursed the Duke for his cruelty with a foul disease, with which he went down to the grave, unattended and unplied. No children scattered scented paper over the grave; but in pity to Koongshee and her lover they were transformed into two immortal doves, emblems of the constancy which had rendered them beautiful in life, and in death undivided.

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Please care for him when cold winds blow
And keep him nice and warm.

Dear Lord, be good to him and good
To Mary Christmas, too.
I'd like to tell them, if I could,
The things I'm telling you.
They've both been very good to me,
And everywhere they go
They make us glad—no wonder we
All learn to love them so.

Please have him button up his coat
So it will keep him warm;
And wear a scarf about his throat
If should start to storm.
And when the night is dark, please lend
Him light if stars are dim,
Or maybe sometimes you could send
An Angel down to him.

Please keep his heart so good and kind
That he will always smile;
Aid tell him maybe we will find
And thank him after while.
Please keep him safe from harm and
Keep
Quite near and guard him when
He's tired and lays down to sleep.
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BRITISH WRITS ON JANUARY 8TH.

First Election on the 13th—The Campaign a Bitter One—Hatred For Churchill.

London, Dec. 19.—It has been finally decided that the writs for the new elections will be issued on January 8th, allowing the first election to be held on the 13th.

There will again be some heavy broadsides of oratory this week. Mr. Balfour, who has recovered from his cold, will speak at Edinburgh to-morrow, Premier Asquith at Birkenhead on Tuesday, and half a dozen Ministers will be on the platform every night, led by the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

It is now possible to indicate how the parties stand in the matter of candidatures. The Liberal constituencies will be smaller in number than for a long time past. At the outside, they will probably be seventeen, whereas fifteen are represented by Unionists.

Lord Milner, speaking at Bridgeport on Saturday, said he had never been a scaremonger, but the great position won by England was being menaced more and more every day.

The future demanded the energies not only of the United Kingdom, but of the Empire. Imperial unity was the great issue before which all others sank into insignificance.

What trace of this issue was there in the speeches of the Liberals. The Unionist policy was at least constructive, remedial, national and Imperial.

The Liberals were agreed on nothing except on predatory taxation and hostility to the House of Lords.

Winston Churchill, speaking at Warrington, laid stress on the unemployment, for which palliation would be found in the development of the act for a scheme of insurance under confederation by the Board of Trade.

Mr. McNamara, in London, denounced the cordite scare as ridiculous.

Earl Cadogan, at Leeds, asked if home rule were granted Ireland, what was there to prevent Belfast becoming the base for a German fleet.

PEERS MUST QUIT. London, Dec. 19.—Newspaper columns teem with reports of speeches which are being made daily all over the country, but not yet is the campaign in full swing.

The drums are beating, but the people are not yet thoroughly aroused. It is, however, already clear that the campaign will be one of almost unprecedented bitterness.

Meeting after meeting in every part of the country has either been broken up or rendered futile by riotous opposition.

John Burns, the Labor member of the Cabinet, has opened his campaign at Battersea by declaring that the district will incur an inextinguishable stigma if it does not return him.

His meetings have been enthusiastically and unopposed, but a small army of police has been guarding the doors, through which only carefully scrutinized ticket holders have been permitted to pass.

Where such precautions have not been taken the speakers have generally been unable to obtain anything like a fair hearing.

This has been especially the case at Unionist meetings. Even Austen Chamberlain a couple of nights ago had to abandon an attempt to speak at a meeting in his own constituency.

A perfect flood of peers has been let loose on the country. They have been carefully selected. They are good speakers, but their public meetings have not been successful, though they have demonstrated that the hereditary peer at any rate is a good-tempered fighter.

When writs for the elections are issued these members of the Upper House must retire to private life, for they are not allowed to take any part in the elections. As is only natural, they defend their own house, but it is becoming clearer every day that the Unionists do not wish to fight the elections on the question of the House of Lords.

Home rule, the budget, unemployment and tariff reform are the chief planks of the platform.

A feature of the week has been the publication of a series of articles by the well-known Socialist leader, Robert Blatchford, in the Daily Mail. These articles are devoted to proving that Germany is preparing to effect the downfall of the British Empire.

They are strongly worded, and although they contain nothing new to students of European politics, they attract attention in quarters where the subject has been little regarded, and are being used to attack the Government for its neglect of both the army and the navy.

The Government supporters taunt the Unionists with deliberately fomenting a war scare.

The Spectator, while admitting that the articles may be used as a stalking horse during the election, acknowledges the sincerity of Mr. Blatchford, and expressed agreement with his views.

as men. The Liberal party appeal against the privilege of hereditary rank, but every argument against privilege or rank tells with at least equal force against the other privilege of birth, namely, sex. The crisis of the hour, therefore, is of such a character that it cannot be discussed without raising the fundamental principle of representative government, and therefore the injustice and impolicy of excluding the whole female sex from representation.

The manifesto cites the recent speeches of Messrs. Asquith and Gladstone on Dec. 11 and those of Sir Edward Grey and Mr. Churchill, calling attention to woman suffrage, and adds: "It would not be possible for our opponents after the election to say the question was not before the electorate, and that the new Parliament had not received a mandate on the subject."

HATE CHURCHILL. London, Dec. 19.—Never in the memory of man has there been as much personal bitterness in British politics as has resulted from the Budget and its rejection by the House of Lords. The attacks made on the character and capacity of the Peers have aroused strong indignation in the circles of the aristocracy, and this indignation has been directed mainly against Winston Churchill.

Chancellor Lloyd-George comes from the people. The Lords and ladies are content to regard his onslaught as evidence of his ignorance. The Radical Peers are either literary parvenus, like Lord Morley, with no connection with the world of letters, or they are gentlemen with whom nobody, not even an angry Marquis, can possibly quarrel.

But Winston Churchill falls into quite another category. By birth he belongs to the aristocracy. He is the grandson of a Duke, and the present Duke of Marlborough is his first cousin. He is a political turncoat, having changed from Toryism to Radicalism, mainly, it is suggested, through hatred of Joseph Chamberlain, and his conversion has gained him high office. Moreover, he is a virulent antagonist, and his speeches are vitriolic. No man in British public life possesses so fine a gift of denunciation, and no one is less restrained. He denounces his own order every time he mounts the platform, and he is hated with a complete and bitter hatred.

To some extent Churchill is saved from direct snubs by the charm of his young wife, but he is rarely asked to dinner by his relatives and old friends, and this is a snub that cuts an Englishman to the marrow of his bones. He is a member of the Turf Club, and he is hated where King Edward regularly played bridge before his accession, but whenever he goes there he is deliberately and systematically cut by his fellow-members. Churchill is not a man to be easily driven away, and he still continues his visits, though even the servants, the footmen, and the valets, regard him with aversion and wait on him with evasive disinclination.

Churchill attended the recent army manoeuvres as an officer of the Oxford Yeomanry. On the last day the cavalry were all drawn up in extended line and were standing at ease. The officers being dismounted, and chatting together in groups, Churchill rode with his orderly from one end of the line to the other without a single man of his brother officers taking the slightest notice of him until the brother of a certain earl shouted:

"Churchill, if you want to look like a soldier, why don't you get your hair cut?"

The principal result of all this is that Churchill is becoming more and more attached to the Radical Lloyd-George, and more and more determined to fight for the full democratic programme programme. These two men—the one a country lawyer and the other a member of one of the half dozen greatest British families—have the future in their hands. Already Winston Churchill has been christened a Mirebeau. He may determine to live up to his nickname.

FAST AGROUND. The Corinthian arrived in port from St. John's Saturday afternoon, and took on board a number of passengers and a quantity of apples and lobsters, and was on her way to London and Havre when the accident happened. A few minutes after 11 o'clock Capt. Rennie gave the order to cast off, and the Corinthian backed out into the stream and headed down the harbor. As she swung out the steamer went well over to the eastern shore and headed

for the harbor's mouth. The big liner had straightened out in the western passage when the schooner was going out, and the course of the steamer was changed to clear the smaller vessel and avoid collision. Capt. Rennie was compelled to go too far to the eastward, and in swinging back to again get in the channel he did not have room enough, and his ship went high and dry on a shoal on the north-eastern end of the island, right under the lighthouse. The speed of the steamer carried her right up on shore and it was impossible to back off.

The tide at the time was full and on the fall it was decided to wait until this morning before an effort was made to pull her off. With the tide on the rise at 11 o'clock this morning four tugs went to work. The efforts were fruitless. With the four tugs pulling and the propellers of the Corinthian working she did not budge an inch. For two and one half hours they worked, but with the tide running out they were no farther ahead and the attempt was for the time abandoned.

The steamer is resting easily on an even keel, and is not leaking.

REV. MR. MELVIN Former Student at Chalmers' Church, Mt. Hamilton, Writes From Glasgow University Where He is Now Studying.

The people of Chalmers' Presbyterian Church, and Times readers generally, will be pleased to read the following from a letter from Mr. W. G. Melvin, who was for some time in charge of the mountain congregation, and who was later stationed at Arrowhead, B. C. The letter was received on Saturday by a member of the Times staff:

You may be surprised to hear from me in Bonnie Scotland, but here I am attending the U. F. College. It is now about two months since Mr. Kerr and myself landed in Liverpool. We spent about two weeks in England, visiting such places as Warwick, Kenilworth, Chester, Oxford, Cambridge, Stratford-on-Avon, Windsor and London. This has really been the greatest trip we have ever had, both because of its interest and its educative value. Here we find crystallized history, which is a continual challenge for us to revise our memories.

But I must say that this land, with all its wealth, treasures of art, history and learning, nevertheless presents a spectacle of poverty which is appalling to one who has always been accustomed to the great prosperity and boundless liberty of Canada. This appears hard indeed, especially when one sees through the sands of acres turned into deer forests or lying practically idle. The great majority of the people here are very humble and charitable; in fact, I think Glasgow does much more for its poor than most cities, but more and more I am convinced that on permanent uplift the masses will take place under a change of political policy and greater democracy is the dominant note in politics. This is truly a lovely country, and after visiting the lochs and hills of the north I can understand why every Scotchman loves his native land, yet it seems sad to see so many resources lying idle or tapped only by the privileged rich, who evidently do not very meagre wages to the poor.

One thing strikes me, though, viz., the sound education and intellectual keenness of the common people. In Glasgow there are splendid courses of lectures delivered in the university in connection with the different sciences, and it is very surprising to see the crowds who come and listen to what is frequently a subtle intellectual discourse. I am certain that Canadians would not find it possible to concentrate their attention on the metaphysical or psychological essays which was quietly read to them.

I think the people here have a great interest in metaphysics. It is most interesting to note the way in which the men in theology here discuss all the doctrines and theories of their subject. No doubt they get great inspiration from such eminent divines as Doctors Dinney, George Adam Smith and Orr. It is truly a pleasure to be in such a strong men.

My friend, Mr. Kerr, who I am thoroughly enjoying the college life, and I shall be glad to return to Canada in the spring. We are planning to take a trip to France, Italy, Palestine and Egypt, and if we do I may write occasionally on the way; that is, if you would like to see these places from one who wields but a very indifferent pen.

The people at Arrowhead were very kind to me. On leaving they gave me a purse of over two hundred dollars.

United Free Church College, Glasgow, Scotland, Dec. 10th, 1909.

GAMBLING AND ETC. Ottawa, Dec. 19.—That a great many people who figure in Canadian society spend much of their time in gambling behind shuttered windows was one of the assertions made by Rev. J. G. Shearer in a sermon here to-day. Intemperance, he declared, was responsible for six thousand human lives every year in Canada, and in the United States 15,000 girls were victims of the white slave traffic. He said he was surprised that members of the House of Commons should say they had never known cases of victims of gambling, adding they would be confronted with evidence to the contrary.

Elk Lake, Long Point and Gowganda Silver Fields, Commencing Dec. 18. Grand Truck Railway system will issue through tickets via North Bay, T. & N. O. Railway and Temiskaming & Gowganda Transport Company. The service from Charlton will be performed by covered sleighs, seating eight passengers each, containing food-warmers and modern in every respect. Leave Toronto 10:20 p. m., leave Charlton 2:45 p. m., arrive at Elk Lake 8 p. m., leave Elk Lake about 8 a. m., arrive Gowganda 1 p. m., returning, leave Gowganda 7:30 a. m., arrive Toronto 7:30 a. m., following morning, a trip of only 24 hours. The route from Elk Lake to Gowganda is over the Government road recently constructed at a cost of fifty thousand dollars. For European, the new gold mining district, leave Toronto 10:20 p. m. Secure tickets and further information from Chas. E. Morgan, city agent; W. G. Webster, depot agent.

The praise of friends make most men humble instead of proud. — Florida Times-Union.

SAM SMALL MAKES REPLY To Attack Upon Him by Anonymous Letter Writer. Last of a Week of Temperance Campaign Meetings. Ald. Peregrine and Ald. Lees Also Spoke at Centenary.

During the course of a lecture by Dr. Sam Small in Centenary Church on Saturday evening the speaker took occasion to comment on the letter that had been published in the papers charging him with making untrue statements. The letter, he said, was hardly worthy denouncing. He stated that he had not said a word against Hamilton or Canada. He had visited Canada several times, and he was well pleased with the reception he got. He did not come here to make money, as was stated in the letter. He came here to get notes and statistics for a book he was writing, and he was not making any profit on his trip or lectures. Continuing, he said that if fifteen licenses were cut off it would make that many less places for the police to look after. There would be plenty of saloons, when the fifteen were closed, for those who wished to procure liquor to get it. He thought that a reduction would be a great benefit to the citizens of Hamilton. Dr. Small referred to the action of the Most Rev. Paul Bruchesi, Archbishop of Montreal, who, when asked by the liquor dealers to use his influence to discourage the movement attempting to make the saloons close at 7 p. m., absolutely refused to do so, and said he was in favor of reducing the number of licenses. The speaker thought that this stance was most important, as a Catholic priest came in contact with the inner life of the people than Protestant pastors did, and consequently would know the true effects of the liquor traffic on the homes. The year 1910, he thought, would be a most eventful one in the history of the temperance movement. The outlook for the coming campaign in Canada was a very bright one, and every State in the United States was going to have temperance candidates in the field for the election in November, 1910, and the prospects were that a clean sweep would be made in both countries.

Ald. G. H. Lees, candidate for the board of control, was present, and briefly outlined the excuses that had been put up by the liquor dealers. From the medicine and economical standpoint, he said, such excuses were absurd.

Ald. J. M. Peregrine also spoke briefly and commented on the success that had been made by the card canvassing system. The popularity of the movement to reduce the licenses was shown when the canvassers on a street only met one person who was against it. The only thing, he said, that would result in the loss of the campaign would be indifference, and he appealed to all present to do their duty on the third day of January.

FALL FATAL. Donald Gunna Fell and Fractured His Skull. Peculiar Death of a Toronto Business Man.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—From a fractured skull received by a fall in front of an automobile at the corner of Yonge street and Wilton avenue, Mr. Donald Gunna, President of Gunna's, Limited, pork packers and provision merchants, died yesterday morning in St. Michael's Hospital. The accident happened Saturday afternoon at about 4:30 o'clock. Mr. Gunna was hurried to the hospital, where he was operated upon, but death ensued yesterday morning at about 10 o'clock.

Mr. Gunna, with his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ernest Gunna, and her little girl, while on the way to the Union Station, had just alighted from a southbound street car to make a few Christmas purchases, when they observed a slow-moving automobile approaching. The two later gained the curb safely in front of it, but Mr. Gunna stepped back to let it pass. Then he apparently changed his mind and attempted to pass in front of the automobile. In doing so he slipped, fell, and struck his head severely on the pavement. The automobile, which was driven by Mr. F. Brinnell, 418 Queen street west, was brought to a standstill practically as soon as it reached the fallen man. Mr. Gunna was taken in the car immediately to St. Michael's Hospital.

The operation of trepanning was performed on the base of the skull, which was badly fractured, by Drs. H. A. Bruce and W. J. D. Mallock, assisted by the house surgeons, Drs. McFarlane and Baker, but all attempts to save life were unavailing.

In a few moments of consciousness before his death, Mr. Gunna said that the driver was in no way to blame for the accident, and this statement was borne out by Mrs. Gunna's account of what had happened.

The late Donald Gunna was born at Beaverton, Ont., on Sept. 3, 1843. Mr. Gunna in recent years placed the running of the business in the hands of trusted managers. Since then he had devoted all his splendid enthusiasm to the development of the Dunrobin Stock Farm, to that end importing and procuring at home the finest stock available. The work he has done through the medium of the Dunrobin farm in raising the standard of stock in the Province will make his loss a serious one.

Mary and Martha are a couple of Siamese twins who are exciting the interest of the medical profession at Helsinki, Finland. They are eight months old, and are joined from the hips downward. One of the girls carries her heart and liver on the right side, but her sin- gularly has these organs on her left side. Pulse respiration and temperature vary between the two. The sense of feeling is not shared by the twins except where they are joined. Martha is a trifle bigger than Mary.

The F. A. Myers, of Buffalo, bound from Buffalo, Buffalo, lumber-laden, was cut through by the ice and foundered about twenty-five miles from Southeast Shoal. The crew of sixteen was taken off by the steamer Mapleton and taken to Port Colborne.

THE RIGHT HOUSE HAMILTON'S FAVORITE SHOPPING PLACE HURRY FOR THESE XMAS DRESS GOODS

This is a special purchase sale. A leading importing wholesale house just received a late shipment of beautiful new stripe Broadcloth and Worsteds Suitings, and as the season for selling is past, this importing concern turned over the whole excellent shipment to us. This was a quick cash purchase, one which was made at a great price sacrifice by the wholesale house. The saving of \$1.21 is yours if you come early to-morrow.

SAVE \$1.21 A YARD There is nothing handsomer than these self stripe broad-cloths and two-toned stripe worsted suitings. The width is 36 inches. The regular value is \$2.00, and the present sale price is 79c a yard.

WAISTINGS 50c A YARD Also our display in our Dress Goods and Waistings Department are some of the newest things in silk and wool waistings, stripe waistings. These come in all colors and in boxes. Special Christmas price 50c.

\$1.35 SILKS 79c A YD. Fancy Silks for stylish dresses and blouses and of our regular \$1.35 qualities will be found in a nice assortment in the east aisle of our main floor. You can make no better investment than to get some of these at 79c a yard.

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HIGH COURT. Winter and Spring Sittings Arranged For Next Year.

High Court of Justice, Winter Assizes 1909-10, and Spring sittings, 1910 will be presided over as follows:

The Chancellor—Toronto Non-Jury, two weeks, Jan. 10 and Jan. 24; Toronto Civil Jury, one week, March 7; Toronto Non-Jury, one week, April 4; Chatham, Jury, April 19; Sarnia, Non-Jury, Jury, March 21; Napanee, Non-Jury, May 17th; Pembroke, Jury and Non-Jury, May 25; L'Orignal, Jury and Non-Jury, June 7; Ottawa, Non-Jury, June 21.

The Chief Justice of the Common Pleas—London Winter Assizes, Jan. 10; Toronto Non-Jury (second court), one week, Feb. 7; Toronto Civil Jury, one week, Feb. 14; Toronto Non-Jury, one week, March 21; Toronto Non-Jury (second court), one week, May 30.

The Chief Justice of the King's Bench—Toronto Non-Jury (second court), one week, Jan. 17; Toronto Winter Assizes, one week, Feb. 7; Walkerton, Jury, Feb. 28; Toronto Civil Jury, one week, March 14; St. Catharines, Jury, March 21; Napanee, Non-Jury, April 11; Toronto Non-Jury, one week, April 18; Parry Sound, Non-Jury and Non-Jury, May 16; Owen Sound, Non-Jury, June 13; Cornwall, Non-Jury, June 27.

The Chief Justice of the Exchequer Division—Cornwall Winter Assizes, Jan. 11; Toronto Non-Jury, one week, Jan. 31; Toronto Non-Jury (second court), one week, Feb. 14; Sandwich, Jury, Feb. 28; Lindsay, Jury, March 14; Toronto Civil Jury, one week, March 29; North Bay, Jury, April 4; Berlin, Jury, April 11; Toronto Non-Jury, one week, April 25; St. Catharines, Non-Jury, May 16; Goderich, Non-Jury, May 30.

Mr. Justice MacMahon—Toronto Winter Assizes, one week, Jan. 31; Toronto Non-Jury, one week, Feb. 7; Welland, Jury, March 21; Toronto Civil Jury, one week, April 4; Ottawa, Non-Jury, May 2; Simcoe, Non-Jury, May 25; Napanee, Non-Jury, May 30; Toronto Non-Jury (second court), one week, June 6; Sudbury, Non-Jury, June 20; Cobourg, Non-Jury, June 27.

Mr. Justice Britton—Ottawa Winter Assizes, Jan. 10; Toronto Non-Jury (second court), one week, Jan. 31; Toronto Non-Jury, one week, Feb. 14; Guelph, Jury, March 15; Hamilton, Jury, March 21; Simcoe, Jury, March 29; Toronto Civil Jury, one week, April 11; Kingston, Jury, April 18; Toronto Non-Jury, one week, May 9; London, Non-Jury, one week, May 9; London, Non-Jury, May 30; St. Thomas, Non-Jury, May 30; St. Thomas, Non-Jury, June 6; Stratford, Non-Jury, June 27.

Mr. Justice Teetzel—Toronto Non-Jury, one week, Jan. 17; Toronto Non-Jury (second court), one week, Feb. 7; Woodstock, Jury, March 7; Barrie, Jury, March 21; London, Jury, March 29; Sudbury, Jury, April 4; Bracebridge, Non-Jury and Non-Jury, April 18; Toronto, Criminal, one week, May 9; Toronto, Criminal, one week, May 16; Peterborough, Non-Jury, June 6.

Mr. Justice Clute—Hamilton, Winter Assizes, Jan. 10; Toronto Non-Jury (second court), one week, Feb. 28; Toronto Non-Jury, one week, March 7; Brantford, Non-Jury, March 29; Perth, Non-Jury, May 2; Guelph, Non-Jury, May 17; Woodstock, Non-Jury, May 25; Toronto, Non-Jury, one week, May 30; Port Arthur, Non-Jury, June 14; Kenora, Non-Jury, June 20.

Mr. Justice Riddell—Toronto, Non-Jury, one week, March 14; Stratford, Non-Jury, March 21; Peterborough, Non-Jury, March 29; Toronto, Non-Jury, one week, April 11; Port Arthur, Non-Jury, April 18; Guelph, Non-Jury and Non-Jury, May 9; Milton, Non-Jury, May 9; Welland, Non-Jury, May 17; Brockville, Non-Jury, May 30; North Bay, Non-Jury, one week, June 6; North Bay, Non-Jury, June 13.

Mr. Justice Latchford—Toronto Win-

ter Assizes, one week, Jan. 24; Goderich, Jury, March 7; Toronto, Non-Jury, one week, March 21; Cornwall, Jury, March 29; Brockville, Jury, April 5; Toronto, Non-Jury, one week, May 16; Barrie, Non-Jury, May 25; Kingston, Non-Jury, June 6; Toronto, Non-Jury, one week, June 13; Gore Bay, Jury and Non-Jury, June 21; Port Frances, Jury and Non-Jury, June 27.

Mr. Justice Sutherland—Toronto, Winter Assizes, one week, Jan. 17; Toronto, Non-Jury (second court), one week, March 7; Toronto, Non-Jury, one week, March 29; St. Thomas, Jury, April 11; Walkerton, Non-Jury, April 25; Orangeville, Jury and Non-Jury, May 2; Belleville, Non-Jury, May 16; Hamilton, Non-Jury, May 23; Brantford, Non-Jury, May 30; Toronto, Non-Jury (second court), one week, June 13; Toronto, Non-Jury, one week, June 20; Chatham, Non-Jury, June 27.

Toronto Non-Jury Assizes—Jan. 10, the Chancellor; Jan. 17, Teetzel, J., and Falconbridge, C. J.; Jan. 24, Meredith, C. J., and the Chancellor; Jan. 31, Mulock, C. J., and Meredith, C. J.; Feb. 7, Clute, J., and Sutherland, J.; Feb. 14, Riddell, J., and Clute, J.; March 7, Clute, J., and Sutherland, J.; March 14, Riddell, J., and Clute, J.; March 21, Latchford, J., and Sutherland, J.; March 28, Sutherland, J., and Clute, J.; April 4, the Chancellor; April 11, Riddell, J.; April 18, Falconbridge, C. J.; April 25, Mulock, C. J.; May 2, Meredith, C. J.; May 9, Britton, J.; May 16, Latchford, J.; May 23, Teetzel, J.; May 30, Clute, J., and Meredith, C. J.; June 6, Riddell, J., and MacMahon, J.; June 13, Latchford, J., and Sutherland, J.; June 20, Sutherland, J., and Clute, J.

Toronto Civil Jury Assizes—March 7, the Chancellor; March 14, Falconbridge, C. J.; March 21, Meredith, C. J.; March 29, Mulock, C. J.; April 4, MacMahon, J.; April 11, Britton, J.

Toronto Criminal Assizes—May 9, Magee, J.; May 16, Magee, J.; May 23, Magee, J.

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Ottawa Weekly Court—Jan. 15, the Chancellor; Jan. 22, Meredith, C. J.; Jan. 29, Falconbridge, C. J.; Feb. 5, Mulock, C. J.; Feb. 12, MacMahon, J.; Feb. 19, Britton, J.; Feb. 26, Teetzel, J.; March 5, Magee, J.; March 12, Clute, J.; March 19, Riddell, J.; March 26, Latchford, J.; April 2, Sutherland, J.; April 9, the Chancellor; April 16, Meredith, C. J.; April 23, Falconbridge, C. J.; April 30, Mulock, C. J.; May 7, MacMahon, J.; May 14, Britton, J.; May 21, Teetzel, J.; May 28, Magee, J.; June 4, Clute, J.; June 11, Riddell, J.; June 18, Latchford, J.; June 25, Sutherland, J.

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Sports: BASEBALL, BOXING, BOWLING, RACING, HOCKEY, SOCCER, ROWING, YACHTING

DARK HORSE GETS OFFICE.

Andrew J. Lynch Elected President of National.

HEYDLER IS SEC.

Ward Withdrew in Interests of Harmony.

New York, Dec. 20.—Andrew J. Lynch, at one time known as the king of umpires, was Saturday afternoon elected president of the National League Baseball Clubs. Lynch was the darkest kind of a horse and his election came as a great surprise. He was nominated by John Brush, of the New York Club, and the vote was made unanimous without any delay or argument of any kind. Lynch was born in New Britain, where he owns a theatre, and is 51 years old. He umpired his first games in the New England League, and did so well that he was appointed to the National League staff by former-President N. E. Young in 1885. He made his bow in Boston, and was promptly nicknamed "the Postman" by the fans because of the grey uniform and cap he wore. Lynch soon demonstrated the fact that he was an autocrat on the diamond. He was a stickler for the rules and ruled the rowdies with an iron hand. But his path was not strewn with roses and he had a stormy time of it all over the circuit. The supreme test case when Lynch was sent to the old Polo Grounds, at 10th street and Fifth avenue, to umpire six games played by the Giants with the Chicago and Detroit. These teams were close together in the pennant race and excitement ran high. Lynch made his appearance on a Monday, in the presence of 10,000 spectators, and from the moment he called the first ball the crowd wanted his scalp. He was a riotous week, and when Lynch left for Pittsburgh he was a trifle discouraged. When he arrived at the Smoky City, however, he received a telegram from President Young, which read: "I congratulate you on your excellent umpiring at New York."

OFF AGAIN ON AGAIN.

Taylor Leaves Renfrew, Signs Once More With Ottawa.

LEAGUES STAND.

Edmonton Will Send Stanley Cup Team.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—Fred Taylor, the modern Finnigan, capped the climax to his recent exploits Saturday evening by turning out to practise with the Ottawa. After signing the Renfrew Club's contract Friday night, Taylor went to the Creamery Town magnates at noon Saturday and asked that he be released. He explained that the Ottawa Club had fixed up his situation in the meantime. Mr. O'Brien, of Renfrew, handed Taylor back his contract, and Saturday evening the famous puck-chaser from Listowel skated out with the Ottawas. Bruce Ritchie was also out for the first time, making a fine showing. The Stanley Cup dates have again been changed, January 1 and 3 being definitely decided on for Winnipeg Shamrocks, while Galt will come on January 5 and 7. Edmonton will not come. The Ottawas have suggested Russell Bowie, Desse Brown, Joe Power, and Duncan Campbell, of Montreal, as referees. The hockey leagues are still in a very complicated state, the Ottawas expecting the National to blow up, and the Renfrew Club predicting the explosion of the Canadian. Ottawa, Dec. 20.—Final arrangements have been made for the Stanley Cup matches between the Winnipeg Shamrocks and Galt teams and the Ottawa. The Winnipeggers have finally decided to come, and will play on January 1 and 3. On January 5 and 7 the Galt Club will be the attraction, the majority of goals in the two matches counting on each case. Both clubs will send their teams to Ottawa several days in advance in order to have their men in the best possible condition. Montreal, Dec. 20.—Apparently there is no change in the squabble between the National and Canadian hockey leagues. Persistent rumors of changes are emphatically denied by officials of each league. President Lunny, of the Canadian association, declares that it will go ahead with the schedule announced last Saturday and denies that Ottawa contemplates leaving the league, while he states he has assurance that Quebec is ready to fulfill its engagements. Nationals also announce that they will stay with the Canadian association. Most of the Montreal teams are getting ready for active work.

"WINNIE" O'CONNOR RISKS LIFE TO EDUCATE HIS DAUGHTER.

Thinking of "Winnie" O'Connor, a product of his hand and head, when asked to define the essentials of a successful jockey, "Pa" Daly gave the answer which has since become famous:

"Just a tinge of wickedness, With a touch of devil-may-care; Just a little bit of bone and meat, With plenty of nerve to dare."

And nothing could describe Winnie Scott O'Connor better. If ever there was a devil-may-dare kid it was the youngster whose name was almost as long as himself when W. C. Daly picked him up. In the wild, wry, tough lad with a glib tongue, "Pa" saw the making of a star jockey.

It was after "Winnie" won the Futurity on Yankee and the Brooklyn handicap on Reins, that Daly saw his hopes fulfilled. But with all his ability, O'Connor hates the life of a jockey. He has tried his hand in fighting, acting and bike riding, and if he could realize the money at any one of these he would forsake the horses. But unfortunately "Winnie" proved a failure as knuckleduster, thespian and pace follower, so forthwith he sticks to the saddle. And back of his riding to-day, there is a pretty little story, which shows no matter how wild he is, O'Connor has a heart nearly as big as his little body. Word comes from across the pond that O'Connor has signed to ride cross-country for Eugene Friedberg, leading owner of steeplechasers in France. No end of gossip has been occasioned by this announcement. It means "Winnie" has found it impossible to keep down to weight for flat racing. His height has forced him to take to the timber toppers, and the lad who a few years ago was the leading jockey in this country is risking his life over the sticks. And for why? Well, because "Winnie" O'Connor desires to educate his daughter Eileen, a sweet-faced little girl about whom his every thought is wrapped. "Winnie" was back of the door when they passed out the education stuff, but he is determined Eileen shall not lack that which he never had, and is risking his life daily to give this apple of his eye every possible advantage.

HOPPE WANTS BOTH RECORDS.

Billiard Expert Will Challenge Sutton Prior to Demarest.

New York, Dec. 20.—Taking the shortest cut toward the two ball-line billiard championships, Willie Hoppe intends to make good use of the time that must elapse before he can challenge Calvin Demarest for the 182 title. The youngest expert of them all intends to challenge George Sutton for the 181 honors, which he hopes to capture before he tackles Demarest or anybody who may pilfer the Chicagoan's title in the next two months. The 181 trophy has not been competed for since Sutton took it away from Geo. Slosson last spring. Hoppe will post his money in a few days and Sutton has already said that he will play either in New York or Pittsburgh. The Smoky City has weighed in with a good offer, but Sutton and Hoppe prefer to perform in this city if they can get as much in general receipts here. The game is booked in New York now, and the enthusiasts are hoping that the match will be played here. Hoppe has been out of competition for more than a year, and there is great curiosity to see him again on account of the fact that the 182 title is held by another youngster. In a week or two Hoppe will finish his vaudeville engagements and will then begin to practice in private for the game with Sutton. The Cline and Cutler challenges will keep Demarest busy until some time in March. Then Hoppe will get his chance at the new champion. If Demarest should lose his title in the meanwhile he will play Hoppe anyhow in a special match. George Slosson has come to bat with a proposition to play a sweepstakes 18.2 tournament in this city next month, each player putting up from \$200 to \$500 a side and to play each other twice. The Student suggests that as Cutler, Cline and Demarest are booked for an extended tour of the country, the sweepstakes tourney be entered by himself, Hoppe and Morningstar. Sutton will be welcome, but he has other engagements next month, it is understood.

STRANG BROKE WORLD'S RECORD.

Covered Five Miles in 3.17.70, on Indianapolis Speedway.

Indianapolis, Dec. 20.—Louis Strang, with a 200 horse power Fiat car, broke the world's record for five miles, flying start, on Saturday. His time was 3.17.70, caught by the official electric timing machine. Starter Wagner, at the track side with a stop watch, caught Strang's time at 3.17.3. Oldfield, in a Benz car, had held the record for five miles. He went the distance in 4.11.30 on this speedway last summer. The timing machine registered three of Strang's five miles as he made two laps of the 2 1/2-mile circuit. They were as follows: 40.22, 39, 36 and 30.66.



"WINNIE" O'CONNOR.

ATHLETICS

Entries for the Christmas road race at Burlington will close on Wednesday evening, Dec. 22, with Secretary H. S. Carey, of the Burlington Athletic Association. The race, which is being held under C. A. A. auspices, will cover a distance of 11 1/4 miles, and will begin at 2.30 sharp on Christmas Day. No other road race event in that neighborhood has been sanctioned by the Amateur Athletic Union.

LACROSSE

Montreal, Dec. 20.—M. A. A. members showed their appreciation of the good work done by officers and players of the lacrosse club that brought back to Montreal the championship of the National Lacrosse Union, in a series of presentations made at an athletic entertainment held in the gymnasium on Saturday night. All the regular players, and the spares as well, together with President Joe Whyte, Secretary Desse Brown, and Coach "Bob" Taylor, were presented with gold lockets. Seventeen in all were given. In addition to these lockets the association gave special souvenirs to the amateurs who helped in winning the championship. Roddy Pineda, captain of the team, was presented with a gold watch and a life membership in the association, the latter being one of the extraordinary distinctions conferred at long intervals on some member who has rendered service to the M. A. A. Andy Hamilton was presented with a gold watch. Clarrie McKerrow and Albert Dade were presented each with a cabinet of silver. Ernie Hamilton, who helped out the team by playing one game at the beginning of the season, was presented with a travelling bag. As a token of appreciation of his good work as coach, "Bob" Taylor, in addition to a locket, received a handsome silver tea service of four pieces and a tray.

Curling

The Asylum Curling Club played its opening games of the season on Saturday afternoon and evening. The ice was good and both curlers and skaters had excellent sport. A contest took place between rinks chosen by the president and vice-president, and the latter proved victorious by 10 shots. The draw was: President, J. A. Spence, J. A. Veitch, Dr. Webster, D. English, sk. 9 B. Way, spik. 21 Alex. Woods, U. A. Lapointe, M. Burns, V. Harper, J. Rankin, L. Swyre, sk. 17 J. Ironside, sk. 12 D. Moore, E. O'Reilly, W. Harper, N. Elliott, E. T. Eade, P. McCabe, W. Ewbank, skip. 9 Dr. Ross, skip. 18 D. Watt, U. A. Lapointe, W. Griffin, L. Edmonds, sk. 24 D. S. Young, sk. 18 59 60

THE RING

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—Danny Webster, of Los Angeles, and Monte Atten of San Francisco, bantamweight champion of the coast, fought 20 hard, fast rounds to a draw Friday night. The decision was received with mingled feelings by the crowd, many believing that the Los Angeles lad had earned a victory. Half of the gate money will go to Johnny Murphy, former bantamweight, who is at Honolulu, suffering with consumption. Paris, Dec. 20.—Willie Lewis and Sid Russell, the Australian heavyweight champion, met Saturday night in a match at 15 rounds. Lewis won on points, despite the disproportion in weights. He was in splendid form. Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 20.—James J. Jeffries' bump of caution is far better developed than his bump of combativeness for a man of his age, according to a phrenologist, who examined the pugilist's head here on Saturday. This is the first time Jeffries has ever been examined by a phrenologist, and he said he considered the verdict a good omen.

COMMENT AND GOSSIP

January, 1910, will see a new athletic club organized in this city. The Alert Football Club, which came into especial prominence this fall by nearly capturing the junior football championship of Canada, is behind the scheme. Roy Moodie, Dr. Carr, Walter Howell and other east end gentlemen, who have lately become connected with the club, are attending to the business arrangements, such as providing club quarters and sporting equipment. A committee has been appointed to select suitable quarters, and it is likely that the old Physical Culture Hall will become the new home of the Alerts. The club membership will be enlarged and all kinds of sports will be participated in. A hockey team will be formed and entered in the Wholesale League. The Alerts' past record has been a most creditable one. In baseball two years ago they won the City League trophy, and last season were runners up. There is no doubt but that the new club will prove a success. There is still a possibility that Hamilton will see some hockey this winter. Mr. J. W. Nelson has been planning to secure an open rink, and plans for the formation of a fast amateur league are being discussed. Out-of-town teams desiring to enter the league are requested to notify Mr. Nelson of the size of their rink and the strength of their team. The inlets and marsh have been frozen up for the last couple of weeks, and at the present time the ice is about four inches in thickness. Good ice at this thickness is strong enough to carry a team of horses, so skaters need not be afraid of a ducking. A phrenologist says Jeff's caution bump has increased more than his combative hillock. Probably combative

DOC JOHNSON BROKE RECORD.

Rolling 278 Out of a Possible 300 Score.

C. E. YORICK WON

The Saturday Night Weekly Tournament.

A new record was made in the H. B. & A. C. tournament on Saturday night, when Dr. J. E. Johnston, the clever Gun Club roller, made 278 out of the possible 300. Rolling against W. E. Sprague, of the Canvesco team, who was chasing him close, he spared in his first frame, and then struck out until the tenth, making nine straight strikes, and then spared again. This is the best score ever rolled in this city, and the fact of its having been made in competition makes the general doctor's feat the more creditable. The club now has the three-string record with Avery's 705 and the single. Both scores made in the popular Saturday night tournaments. C. E. Yorick won Saturday night's fixture, after some hard battles. He shone particularly in the semi-final and final, making 217 and 216. He rolled his eight games for an average of 183, a splendid showing. Johnston's average for eight games was 179. In the first round Collins was high with 556, and C. Ogilvie second with 546. Yorick and Johnston each rolled 604 for the high consecutive three strings. The scores: First Round—Dr. J. E. Johnston ... 125 157 170-459 A. C. Crawford ... 123 139 176-422 J. F. Collins ... 198 182 380-356 G. Avery ... 131 171 315-477 W. E. Sprague ... 146 184 377-515 F. Arnold ... 163 157 325-425 S. Ray ... 187 147 334-476 G. Hayman ... 156 196 334-476 G. Muldoon ... 144 140 319-475 R. G. Hopkins ... 149 158 316-463 W. A. Bradford ... 171 158 326-463 H. W. Mapham ... 123 164 315-401 J. Semerville ... 169 128 305-423 A. W. White ... 110 153 315-384 C. Ogilvie ... 282 182 471-546 P. Williams ... 313 182 472-525 Dr. Williamson ... 115 165 383-472 Dr. Brown ... 145 138 319-423 R. Randall ... 194 111 307-494 J. Martin ... 139 107 314-408 W. Muir ... 162 169 341-475 H. W. Jutton ... 155 164 324-482 A. Rice ... 141 182 324-447 J. Morris ... 138 177 304-419 A. D. Lumada ... 138 139 285-451 A. Williamson ... 115 149 300-441 C. E. Yorick ... 191 168 360-519 S. Munroe ... 162 174 360-502 H. F. Baker ... 141 262 398-433 M. Kaufman ... 109 121 315-339 J. Anders ... 177 189 366-398 D. Wells ... 161 184 345-497 R. J. Harris ... 129 140 317-440 H. Pickard ... 137 122 315-290 J. L. Mitchell ... 147 170 316-480 B. Happy ... 181 135 346-472

A Base Trick.

It often happens that the easiest way to do a thing is the wrong way, mainly a writer in the Washington Star. The story is told of a man who had great difficulty in spelling words that had "ei" and "ie" in them. One day a friend offered to give him an infallible rule for such cases. "It is a rule," he said, "that in forty seven years has never failed me." His friend expressed his delight, and waited. The man resumed: "The rule is simply this: Write your 'i' and 'e' exactly alike, and put your dot exactly between them." Gobble, Gobble, Git. "I wonder what the ladies do at those afternoon teas?" "Oh, they just sit up and gos-sip."—Boston Transcript.

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THE TRIGGER

There were some good scores made at the Hamilton Gun Club on Saturday afternoon, although the high wind made shooting very difficult. In the twenty-five bird event for the club championship and a gold medal W. Barnes won out with the splendid score of 24. A. P. Bates with 23 and J. Hunter with 22 gave the winner a hard race. The total scores made during the afternoon were as follows: Shot at Broke. W. Barnes ... 40 28 J. Hunter ... 30 26 A. D. Bates ... 25 24 Dr. Wilson ... 40 33 D. M. Scott ... 30 22 G. Hore ... 10 8 G. Singer ... 25 16 C. Thomson ... 30 24 H. A. Horning ... 30 24 R. Reid ... 30 23 M. Vetter ... 30 21 C. Chate ... 30 25 J. Raspberry ... 25 25

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NOT READY TO ANSWER,

But T. J. Stewart's Friends Say He Will Surely Run.

Mountain People Talk of Building Another Incline.

Sewers Committee Winds Up Its Work For Year.

The question of a Mayoralty fight still remains unsettled. On Saturday T. J. Stewart promised that he would make a statement to-day. This morning Mr. Stewart said he had not been presented yet with the petitions urging him to oppose Mayor McLaren. The Hydro Committee will wait on him to-night, and Mr. Stewart promises to make known his answer to-morrow. It is believed, however, that he has already made up his mind, and his friends say that he will undoubtedly be in the field. They declare that he is busy making preparations for a fight and will start in at once on a whirlwind campaign. Mr. Stewart met a large deputation on Saturday night. It was not composed of the people who are behind the Hydro Committee. The member for West Hamilton admitted that he had been waited upon, but refused to discuss the matter further.

The latest scheme of the east end mountain top people to get better accommodation at night is to form a company and build an incline for passengers only. The idea is to have it for the use of the mountain people only, and to operate it merely as a convenience and not for profit. Some of the property owners have discussed the matter informally, and a number have offered to put money in the scheme.

City Engineer Macallum said to-day that there was no foundation for the story that the city would have to spend about \$2,000 more than it figured on in connection with the motors at the Beach pumping house. He communicated with the Westinghouse Company, and was assured that the two transformers at the Beach would also provide for the annex disposal plant.

Divisional Engineer Hurlburg, of the C. P. R., notified City Engineer Macallum to-day that the company has completed the installation of the twenty-four inch drain pipe near the High Level bridge. It was feared that the surface water from the company's property would undermine one of the tiers of the bridge. The drain pipe will prevent it.

The Sewers Committee on Saturday recommended the council to accept the tender of the Canadian Westinghouse Company to install two motors and other equipment, including a lighting plant for 30 lamps, at the new annex disposal plant, for \$4,000. It was the final meeting of the year, and Chairman Jutten's colleagues took occasion to congratulate him on the committee's good work. The financial statement was particularly gratifying, showing a surplus of about \$2,800. The sewage disposal appropriation of \$19,500 shows a balance of \$2,055. There is a surplus of \$849 from the sewer appropriation of \$7,150.

There is an unexpended balance of \$12,423.48 from the \$185,000 voted for the eastern annex disposal works, and the extending of the Catharine and Ferguson avenue sewers. This will be required to complete the system. During 1907-8 \$142,544 was spent. The expenditure during 1909 amounted to \$69,032.35, made up as follows:

Princess street sewer, Sherman-Wentworth \$13,117.99 Expenses by-law 808 786.03 Ferguson ave. sewer extension 13,084.13 Catharine street sewer extension 2,978.75 Accounts outstanding 65.15 \$30,032.05

The school trustees who retire this year are: Ward 1, C. G. Booker; Ward 2, Thomas W. Watkins; Ward 3, Alfred Ward 4, Geo. Allan; Ward 5, J. J. Moreaux; Ward 6, Geo. Armstrong; Ward 7, Dr. Carr.

Mayor McLaren will entertain the aldermen and heads of civic departments at dinner at Crawford's to-night.

Alb. Ryan's friends expect to see him head the poll in Ward 6.

The Markets Committee held its last meeting of the year this morning, when the members warmly congratulated Chairman Gardner on the excellent work done. The financial statement showed a surplus of \$1,297, the largest saving being made on the police appropriation, which had a balance of \$1,052.

It was decided to recommend next year's committee to appoint an assistant for Market Clerk Hill. The work on Central Market, Mr. Hill said, had become too heavy for one man to handle. The aldermen thought that in view of the fact that the Police Commissioners had abolished the position of market constable, Mr. Hill was entitled to an assistant.

The receipts for the year on Central Market amounted to \$6,543, an increase of \$235. The John street market receipts totalled \$1,150.

J. D. Patterson's offer to cover the light patrol wagon for \$65 was accepted. A light wagon will be purchased for the police department, at a cost of \$100. The Hamilton Stamp & Stencil company's tender for supplying license books, as follows, was accepted: 225 copies of carters' plates, 20 cents a pair; 25 laundry plates, 10 cents each; 125 pedlars' plates, 18 cents each.

The annual report of License Inspector Welch showed that 735 dogs were destroyed since last May. Mr. Brick says that hundreds of dogs were killed by their owners during the crusade to keep dogs off the streets. The revenue from license fees amounted to \$8,481.65, a decrease of \$701.25, accounted for by the decrease in the number of pool and billiard rooms and pawn brokers' shops, owing to restrictions by the city.

J. W. Wilnot announces himself a candidate for alderman in Ward 6. He is a hydro-electric man.

Special Clearing Sale of Ladies' Bags

About 3 dozen Chatelaine Bags, some slightly shop worn, others of odd sizes, which will not be repeated in our future stocks. Prices were from \$1.00 to \$1.75, a few even more. To clear them out QUICKLY the price is 50 cents.

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Christmas Paper

Any wishing copies of the Times' Christmas number can get them at the Times business office ready for mailing. Just the paper to send to friends as a Christmas greeting. During Saturday afternoon and evening there was a big demand for them, showing that they were appreciated by the public. Get a copy before they are all gone.

TEA TABLE GOSSIP.

William Trotter will sail for Liverpool on Wednesday on the steamship Mauretania.

The choir of St. John Presbyterian Church is to be seen in gowns and mortarboards next Sunday.

W. H. Wardrop, K. C., will speak on "Character" at the Canadian night meeting of First Church Federation to-night. Sgt. Major Huggins will speak on "The Boy Scout."

John Macdonald, 51 Wilson street, has reported that he was assaulted on Saturday evening, the corner of Wilson and Elgin streets, as he was returning from his work. Macdonald is a non-union moulder, and he alleges that the assault was committed by a union moulder. The police are investigating and a police court case will likely result.

N. J. Cartmell Beat Postle. London, Dec. 20.—N. J. Cartmell, the American sprinter, defeated A. Postle, the Australian champion, by three yards in a 220-yard dash in the fast time of 21 3/4 seconds Saturday. This lowers the British professional record for the distance.

RINK OPENING.

Thistle Skating Ready For Wednesday Night Next.

The management of the Thistle Skating Rink is pleased to announce that the rink will open for skaters next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, and this exhilarating exercise promises to be as popular as ever this season. The cold spell has given those in charge a good chance to prepare a good surface, and the opening event is bound to be an enjoyable affair. A first class band will be present to play all the latest pieces, and the young people who assemble will be delighted with the improvements made to the rink. Parents, who are puzzled to know what to buy their children for an acceptable Christmas gift will do wisely to buy them a "Thistle" season ticket. The young man, too, may be sure such a gift will be acceptable to his best girl. Full particulars appear in the advertisement on the back page of this issue.

HIS HAPPY DAY.

Harry Headland, janitor of No. 3 police station, had an acute attack of joy on Saturday. It was brought on by the pleasant duty Harry had to perform under the chief's orders, that the 63 bottles of confiscated lager must be emptied down the gutter at the rear of the police station, the bottles broken, and the cases which held the bottles smashed up. Harry's respect for the goods made from malt and hops is like an ordinary man's respect for a mad dog, and to empty 63 full quarts into the sewer was a happy hour for him.

NEW VESSEL.

Detroit, Oct. 20.—Negotiations have been closed between the Anchor Line and the Detroit shipbuilding Co., for a big package freighter to take the place of the Clarion, burned off Pelee Island, Lake Erie, two weeks ago. The new steamer will be 374 feet long, 46 feet beam and 28 feet deep, and probably will cost three hundred thousand to three hundred and twenty thousand dollars. She will be exclusively a freighter.

GOES TO JAIL.

Chatham, Ont., Dec. 20.—David Lamic, remanded from a week ago for sentence, after having pleaded guilty of the theft of a large quantity of grain from Albert Stevens, a Harwich farmer, was sentenced this morning to 3 years in Kingston Penitentiary by Magistrate Houston.

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MARRIAGES.

DEYON-AITCHISON.—At the residence of the bride's mother, on Monday, December 20th, 1909, by the Rev. E. H. T. set, John E. Dixon to Jessie Irene Hamilton Aitchison, both of this city.

DEATHS.

GREY.—In this city on December 20th, 1909, Francis Loh, youngest son of James and Hannah Grey, aged 12 years. Funeral will leave his parents' residence, 41 Houghton street north, on Wednesday at 2.30 p. m. to St. Lawrence Church. Interment at St. Augustine's Cemetery. Durdan. Friends will please accept this intimation.

CLARKE.—At her late residence, 172 Mary street, on Sunday, December 19th, 1909, Lorilla May, beloved wife of Aylmer J. Clarke and only daughter of George M. Young, aged 28 years and 5 months. Funeral on Wednesday at 3 p. m. to Hamilton Cemetery. Friends will please accept this intimation.

TAYLOR.—In this city on December 20th, Jane Dignan, youngest daughter of the late Christopher Dignan, Esq., of London, Ont., and relict of late Samuel Taylor, aged 72 years. Funeral from her late residence, 670 Main street east, Wednesday morning, the 22nd, at 8.30 to St. Patrick's Church. Interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Kindly omit flowers.

GREEN.—Mourning Top, Stoney Creek, on Sunday morning, December 19th, 1909, at the residence of her son, John W. Green, Martha Green, relict of William Green, in her 84th year. Funeral Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of her son, J. W. Green, to Stoney Creek Methodist Church for a memorial service. Interment at Stoney Creek burying ground.

MEYER.—At the residence of his father, 45 Prospect avenue, Mount Hamilton, on December 20th, 1909, Albert G. Meyer, aged 28 years. Funeral notice later.

YOUNG.—In this city on Sunday, December 19, 1909, at the residence of her son-in-law, Thomas Costello, 712 Cumberland avenue, Doris Young, aged 14 years. Funeral Tuesday, at 8.30 a. m. to St. Patrick's Church, thence to Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

LOOK HERE!

Suggestions to Shippers of Christmas Packages by Express.

1st. Ship your package early. The express company will give you a small label to paste on the package reading "Do not open until Christmas." This will give opportunity for a package to reach its destination before Christmas and give the additional pleasure to the recipient of the gift of having it on Christmas morning.

2nd. Use wooden boxes for packing, especially for glass and other fragile articles, which should be well protected. It may cost a few cents more, but the danger of damage will be very much reduced, and you should do your part to make the transportation of your gift safe.

3rd. Write the address in full—state, county, city, street and number—on the box or package, with ink or crayon. Tags are frequently torn off and lost.

4th. If you want to prepay the charges, write the word "Paid" in large, plain letters on the package.

5th. Insist upon a receipt and see that the amount paid and the value is marked on the receipt and on the package.

6th. Write your own address in full somewhere on the package, following the prefix "From."

7th. Enclose a card in each box or package reading: (Your address.) (Consignee's address.)

BITTEN BY DOG.

Markdale, Ont., Dec. 20.—After biting two little boys, a dog shot here last week proves to have rabies and two boys injured by the dog have been taken to New York for treatment. A number of other canines having been bitten by the mad animal, strict measures are being taken to prevent the spread of the rabies.

TEMPERANCE REFORM CLUB.

The Rev. T. MacLachlan, pastor of St. James Presbyterian Church delivered an excellent address to the Gospel Temperance Reform Club on Sunday afternoon. The speaker portrayed the evils of intemperance, showing how, in numberless instances, catastrophes, in which human life was sacrificed, drink was the primary cause.

LEFT MONEY.

Mary Matilda Hudson, of Buffalo, who died recently, left \$17,614 in Ontario, which is disposed of by a will filed here for probate here to-day.

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THE WEATHER.

FORECASTS.—Strong southwesterly and westerly winds, cloudy, with light local snow falls. Tuesday strong westerly winds and continued cold.

The following is issued by the Department of Marine and Fisheries: Victoria 42 34 Clear Calgary 26 2 Clear Winnipeg 8 0 Cloudy Port Arthur 14 4 Cloudy Parry Sound 28 20 Snow Toronto 24 14 Cloudy Ottawa 18 14 Cloudy Montreal 22 20 Snow Quebec 18 4 Cloudy Father Point 20 66 Cloudy

WEATHER NOTES.—The barometer remains high over the northwestern states and western provinces and low over northern Ontario and eastern Canada. The weather is moderately cold throughout the Dominion. A considerable snow fall has occurred in many districts near Lake Huron and the Georgian Bay.

The following is the temperature registered at Parke & Parke's drug store: 9 a. m., 20; 11 a. m., 23; 1 p. m., 23; lowest in 24 hours, 13; highest in 24 hours, 24.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Eastern States and Northern New York.—Local snows to-night and Tuesday, except fair in extreme south portion; continued cold.

Western New York.—Local snows, continued cold, moderate west winds. Toronto, Dec. 20. (11 a. m.)—Forecasts for Tuesday: Cloudy with light, local snow falls.

AMBASSADORS.

U. S. Representatives to be Sent to Foreign Countries.

Washington, Dec. 20.—President Taft to-day sent to the Senate the following nominations of Ambassadors and Ministers: Ambassador to France—Robert Bacon, of New York. Ambassador to Austria—Richard C. Kerns, of Missouri. Ambassador to Mexico—Henry Lane Wilson, of Washington. Minister of Belgium—Chas. P. Bryan, of Illinois. Minister of China—Wm. J. Calhoun, of Illinois. Minister of Chile—Henry P. Fletcher, of Pennsylvania. Minister to Portugal—Henry T. Gage, of California. Minister to Panama—H. R. Hitt, of Illinois. Minister to Cuba—J. B. Jackson, of New Jersey. Minister to Switzerland—L. S. Swen, of Minnesota.

It is said at the White House to-day that no decision has yet been reached with regard to the post in Great Britain now filled by Whitelaw Reid.

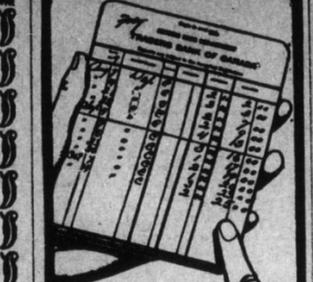
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Miss Kidder—She! Carrie has dyed her hair black. Don't tell anybody. Miss Askit—Is it a secret? Miss Kidder—Yes; she wants to keep it dark.—Boston Transcript.



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EVERYBODY LIKED IT

Christmas Number of The Times Made a Hit. "Best Christmas paper you ever got out, and that is saying a great deal." This was the unanimous verdict about the Times Christmas number on Saturday. Merchants and manufacturers, readers and advertisers all had the same opinion. The paper had a very large sale, and the demand was large to-day.

The postage required to send a copy of the paper is four cents. They can be had in the office, ready for mailing.

Steamship Arrivals. December 18.—Le Brestagne—At Havre, from New York. Kronland—At Dover, from New York. Patriot—At Pireaus, from New York. Lazio—At Genoa, from New York. Oceania—At Naples, from New York. Roma—At Naples, from New York. Saxonia—At Naples, from New York. Philadelphia—At New York, from Southampton. Minneapolis—At New York, from London. J. Champlain—At St. John, from Liverpool. St. A. Victoria—At New York, from Hamburg. Florida—At New York, from Havre. Calabral—At New York, from Leghorn. Virginia—At New York, from Genoa. Carmalia—At Queenstown, from New York. Catalonia—At Mobile, from New York. Devonian—At Liverpool, from Boston. New York—At Plymouth, from New York. America—At Plymouth, from New York.

AMUSEMENTS GRAND OPERA-TONIGHT

THE A Musical Play With a Blue Cast. THE PLACE GIRL. SPECIAL CHRISTMAS ATTRACTION BERTHA in THE GALLAND RETURN OF EVE

SEAT SALE OPENS TO-MORROW. Matinee—\$1.00, 75c, 50c, 25c. Night—\$1.50, \$1.00, 75c, 50c, 25c.

MONDAY EVENING DEC. 27 The English Musical Comedy from the Prince of Wales Theatre, London. Music by Sidney Jones, Composer of the Gaieties, San Toy, The Gaiety Girl, etc.

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