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No News From Lord Methuen Since Sunday, and It is Feared That His Communications Have Been Cut.

Boer Position Greatly Strengthened at Modder River—Enemy Will Also Make a Big Stand at Stormberg—British on the Defensive at All Points—Scraps of War News.

The Canadian Minister of Militia gave out officially last night the composition of the second contingent for South Africa. It does not change materially from that already published in these columns. There will be altogether 1044 in strength. There will be three squadrons of mounted rifles. Half the number will be taken from the Northwest Mounted Police and the other half recruited from the different cavalry corps. The three field batteries will consist of officers and men. As yet nothing has been done about the command.

Revised lists of the British casualties at the battle of Tlokoen (Tlokoen River) show that 137 non-commissioned officers and men were killed. London, Dec. 21.—(4.40 a.m.)—The gravity of the military situation is again becoming accentuated in the public mind owing to the complete absence of news. Nothing has been heard from Lord Methuen since Sunday, and it is feared that his communications have been cut.

It is reported that the Queen will abandon her proposed visit to Italy in consequence of the war. Coal famine in the War's Wake. One of the results of the coal famine in the Sheffield district indirectly arising out of the war is that several important steel firms are not able to get coal even from the new collieries. The railway companies for non-plate work has shut down partially.

NEWS FROM MAKEKING DEC. 6.

Sharpshooters Working Morning and Evening—A Boer Message. London, Dec. 20.—The latest news from Makekang, dated Dec. 6, has just been received. It says a desultory bombardment was continuing and that the sharpshooters were engaged in a smart duel morning and evening.

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FIRST CLUB DINNER AT THE NATIONAL WAS AN OUTBREAK OF PATRIOTIC ENTHUSIASM

Mr. J. G. H. Bergeron, a Prominent French-Canadian, Replies to the Toast, "Canada and the Empire," Proposed by President McNaught—Premier Ross and Col. George T. Denison Also Deliver Stirring Speeches—Canadian Contingent Toasted.

The many brilliant banquets that have made the name of the National Club known throughout Canada, were perhaps excelled by the first club dinner of the present season held last night. The patriotic fervor of the gathering increased from the opening remarks of the chairman until the response to the toast was finished, and the company sang the National Anthem before breaking up.

At the top of the table, to the right and left of the chairman, were seated: J. G. H. Bergeron, M.P., A. F. Kemp, Hon. Mr. Letchford, Robert Jaffay, Dr. George Kennedy, Noel Marshall, Hon. G. W. Ross, Col. J. F. Ellis, Elias Rogers, Hon. Mr. Col. G. T. Denison, Elias Rogers, Hon. Mr. Arthur White, E. P. Pearson, G. W. Lindsay, A. Allan, A. W. Austin, F. W. Strathairn, A. Casey, M.L.A., A. Butler, F. Diver, F. P. Coady, W. J. Boland, W. J. Matthews, J. P. Coady, A. Stewart, W. J. Davis, L. V. Meade, H. P. Duck, J. A. MacKellar, W. G. Taylor, Dr. Andrew Smith, R. M. Sampson, A. Kelly Evans secretary, E. A. Simpson, E. W. Cox, H. H. Lewart, S. Frank Wilson, R. T. Coady, J. L. Spink, James Hedley, Thomas Robertson, Walter Brewin, Hugh Hagan, W. Christie, Dr. J. L. Davidson, Prof. Baker, S. G. Butler, Dr. McDonald, E. W. Miles, Major Manley, F. G. Mordant, J. W. Ballie, L. Jones, J. H. Woods, Alex. Nairn, J. W. Ballie, E. R. Thomas, G. H. Kilmer, G. B. Smith, S. C. Coady, C. B. Britton, M. J. Harty, T. C. Irving and R. H. Watson.

"A man accustomed to talk politics nearly every day of his life might take a slip as a matter of habit; and he has known that he had been always watching him, not to speak of the people, but the history of our country. The history of Canada has always been either European or Imperial down to 1867, when we became a nation. [Applause.] But," he said, "whether we have been Imperial or European or provincial, there is one thing we can always boast of, that is the history of our country. We have been loyal to the British flag. [Applause.] And if any man in Canada today should dare to say that in any part of this Dominion there is a man who is not loyal to the British flag, let him ask the Canadian schoolboy what the history of our country has been in 1174, when Franklin came down here, and offered to take us under the folds of the star-spangled banner, which was the answer: 'No; we are God if not by the force of arms, and we shall remain British subjects.' Again, in 1812, when the Americans crossed the frontier near Chateaugay and offered us their blood with joy and happiness. [Applause.] For the defence of the British flag and the retention of their connection with the mother country. Again, in 1867, the frontiers of Canada were violated, but loyalty flew to the frontier from every part of this Dominion. [Applause.] The speaker then entered on a history of the Dominion since Confederation, praising the patriotism of all the statesmen of Canada and doing special honor to the memory of Macdonald and Cartier.

"CANADA AND THE EMPIRE"

Was Proposed by President McNaught Amid Tremendous Enthusiasm—His Remarks. After the toast of "The Queen" had been honored with tremendous enthusiasm, President McNaught proposed "Canada and the Empire," saying in part, "The club members particularly this has been an honored toast, and has always been received with enthusiasm. But, gentlemen, we have appended the toast of "Canada and the Empire" to our list, and we appreciate it even more than our own soldiers, who are to-day fighting the battle of civil and religious liberty, and who are offering up their lives for the honor of their country. So great is our interest in this mat-

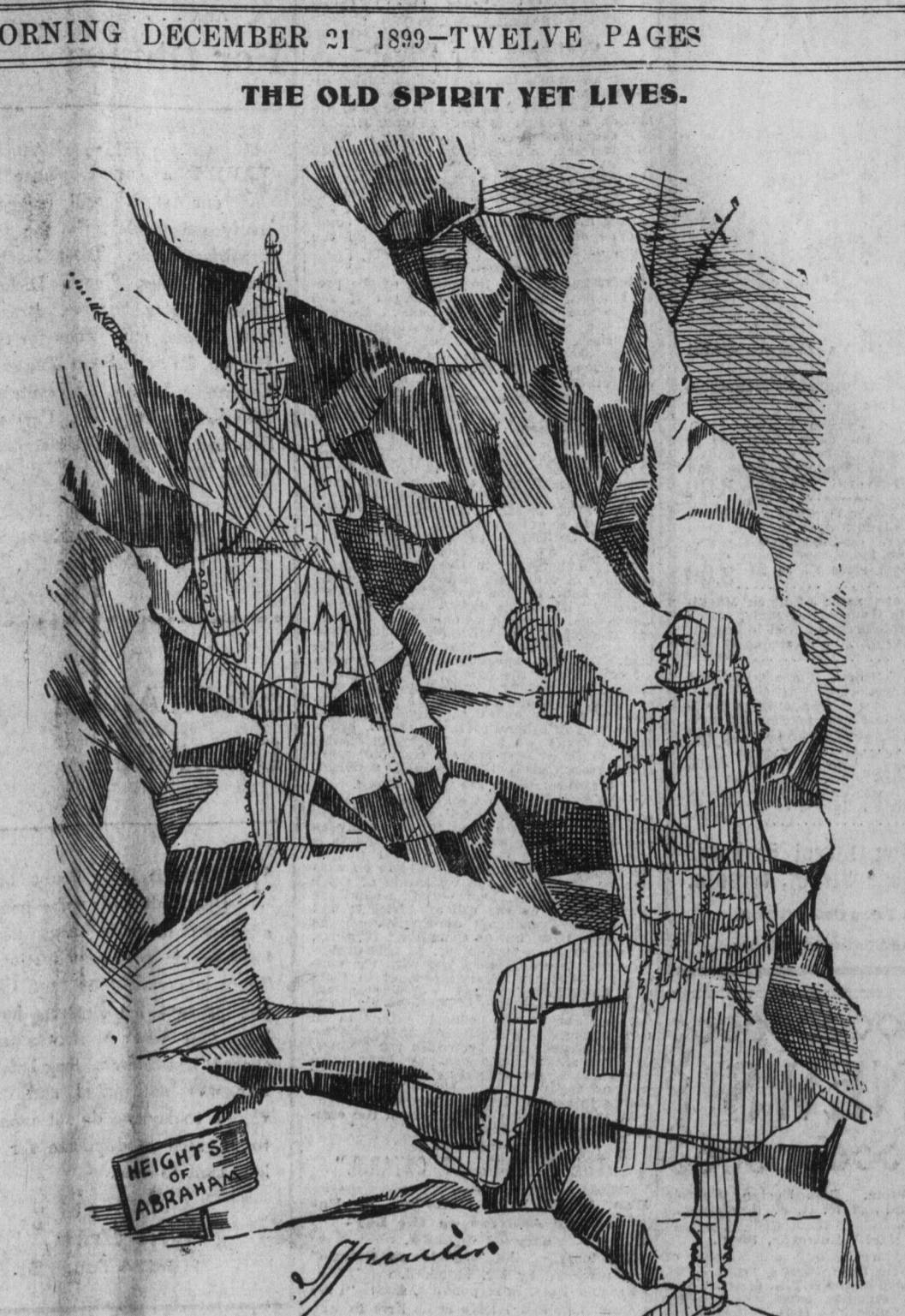
MR. BERGERON RESPONDS.

The eloquent French-Canadian Gets a Cordial Reception From the Club. Mr. Bergeron was most cordially received on rising to respond, and greeted with "He's a Jolly Good Fellow." The eloquent Quebecer said it had been his desire for many years to come to Toronto in any possible capacity in order to meet the people of Toronto. The men whom the City of Toronto has sent to Parliament have been always most capable men, doing honor to the city they represent. Another reason he desired so much to come to Toronto was that he felt there is not sufficient intercourse between the province and the people of Toronto. The people of Quebec better there would not exist the prejudice sometimes heard of. Referring to the toast, he had to confess that he never heard it proposed in better

Honest French With Britain.

"I will now," he continued, "refer to something of a very delicate nature between the country that is to me my mother country and the other that is just as dear to me, I am speaking of certain difficulties that have been created through the yellow press between France and England. I was reading yesterday an article in The Journal des Debats. This article said body regretted more than the honest loyalty of France that at the present moment our word should be said to hurt the feelings of the people across the channel. [Applause.] If there is one thing

THE OLD SPIRIT YET LIVES.



SHADE OF WOLFE: The British soldier, ever the same. The Heights of Abraham did not daunt him. Neither shall the kopjes of Africa.

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WILL BE 1044 IN STRENGTH

There Will Be Two Squadrons of Mounted Rifles in the Second Canadian Contingent. ALSO THREE FIELD BATTERIES. The old, reliable gun of John Mallon & Co., who are noted for the excellent quality of their goods, is on exhibition in their lunch room. The space occupied by them (which is as large as any on the market) is filled to its utmost capacity. Not only are there many huge carcasses of beef of the finest quality, as well as mutton and lamb, purchased from the foremost breeders and feeders of Ontario, but hundreds of turkeys, geese, ducks, chickens and game, the finest ever seen on the Toronto market. Also the carcasses of the only bear to be seen on the market. Several pure white Pekin turkeys add to the beauty of one of the finest displays ever seen on the St. Lawrence Market.

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The Commander Believes the Traditions of the British Army Will Be Upheld in South Africa.

London, Dec. 20.—Gen. Lord Roberts, who is to have full command of the British troops in South Africa, accompanied by Lady Roberts and their two daughters, arrived in London this morning, having traveled from Dublin with Mr. Chamberlain. Their departure from Dublin was marked by cheering crowds, but the general made a quiet entry into London. After going to a private hotel, he spent above an hour at the War Office, in consultation with the Marquis of Lansdowne, the Secretary of State for War. Then Gen. Roberts returned to the task of packing his effects and interviewing the officers selected for his staff.

Gen. Roberts willingly assented to give to the Associated Press the following statement: "Circumstances naturally forbid my speaking about the campaign ahead of me, except to say that I have entire confidence in the British Army. Though we may be at war I can safely say that no unnecessary hardships and no acts of inhumanity will mar the fair name of this branch of the Anglo-Saxon race. 'I cannot too warmly express my admiration for the spirit which prevails in our colonies. The action of Canada will always be a glorious page in the history of the sons of the Empire. I look for great things from the men who have sent and are sending to the front. 'The reports which indicate that disloyalty exists in the Irish regiments are absolutely untrue. In the hour of danger my countrymen have ever been among the first to lay down their lives for their Queen and country, and whether it be against the Boers, or men of any other nationality, the Irish soldier will be found in front of his Queen and brave in battle. You cannot deny those reports of Irish disloyalty too strongly.' The representative learned that Gen. Roberts entertains a great friendship for the 'Kilted Men' though they have never served together.

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A Chance for the Hunt Club. The Toronto Hunt has already justified itself in the fact that five of its members are now with the contingent in South Africa. Some time ago it was suggested that a troop of mounted infantry like those in Australia be organized with Hunt Club members as a core, and the present seems to be the opportunity for carrying it out. The most useful soldier to-day is the man who can ride, who can shoot and who keeps himself in first-class physical condition. One man of this kind, with a good horse, is worth a dozen inexperienced men. Cromwell's trooper was the model soldier for all time, and the modern hard rider, with a magazine rifle, and of good aim, is his nearest successor. It is, therefore, in order for Col. Beadmore to start recruiting.

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Midweek All Round. Meteorological Office, Toronto, Dec. 20.—(8 p.m.)—The general outlook is for a spell of mild weather from the Rocky Mountains to the Atlantic.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 40-48; Calgary, 20-44; Prince Albert, 24-40; Qu'Appelle, 28-40; Winnipeg, 24-40; Regina, 28-40; Toronto, 22-29; Montreal, 22-38; Quebec, 14-18; Halifax, 32-38.

Probabilities. Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—South to west winds; fine and comparatively mild to-day and to-morrow.

Ottawa Valley, Upper and Lower St. Lawrence—South to west winds, fine and comparatively mild to-day and to-morrow.

Manitoba—Strong south to west winds, fair and mild to-day and to-morrow.

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DEATHS. RAWLINGS—On Dec. 19, John Rawlings, suddenly, aged 76 years.

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Curling and Hockey in Buffalo.

Buffalo, Dec. 20.—The Buffalo Caledonian

Curling Club held an exceedingly animated

meeting in the quarters in the rink last

evening, and besides electing officers for

the year 1900, discussed new methods of

making the rink property more profitable.

The officers elected were as follows: President, Peter A. Vogt; vice-president, George

Hager; secretary, George P. McArthur; treasurer, John Hamilton.

There was a good deal of argument be-

tween representatives of the curling club

and the Buffalo Quoting and Curling As-

sociation, a domestic corporation from

which the club leases the rink. Finally, A.

Berrick and Peter A. Vogt were desig-

nated a committee from the corporation to

confer with representatives of the curling

club, and to make a report on the matter.

The committee will report to the curling club

committee, consisting of George Hager, John

Fisher and George McArthur. It is more

than probable that there will be hockey

playing at the Caledonian rink this winter.

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PERSONS IN SPORT

The Time for Football Long Since Past, But Still No Ice for Winter Games.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS GOSSIP.

Veteran Joe Popp Returns From Buffalo and Confirms Report That Jim Failed to Train.

Arthur Irwin will begin coaching the team of the University of Pennsylvania in the cage Jan. 15.

J. J. Eakins has sold the crack two-year-old mountaineer by Montana—Walnut, to W. C. Whitney for \$10,000.

At a meeting of the Dundas Hockey Club, Higginson was elected captain, and H. G. Robertson, secretary.

San Durango, the favorite in the first race at New Orleans yesterday, was seen and probably played in Toronto.

Jack Daly of Wilmington and George McFadden of New York are to box 20 rounds, 135 pounds at New York next Saturday night.

Dal Hawkins and George McFadden have signed articles to meet in a twenty-round contest at Waterbury, on January 11. The weight is 135 pounds.

Major Taylor, the colored cyclist, has decided to pass up religious scruples and accept that \$15,000 offer to ride in France on Sundays and other days.

The Excelsior Hockey Club will hold a meeting at the Grand Central Hotel Friday evening at 8 o'clock sharp. All members must be present, as very important business is to be discussed.

John Kelly of New York, who has had charge of Mr. A. McLara's racing stable at Buckingham, Que., has moved the string of ten horses to Ottawa, where they will be handled in future.

President W. F. Schulte of the Louisville Jockey Club, has called the American Trotting Association to order for an extraordinary session January 15, 1900, to consider the question of dates for western tracks.

The Montreal-Ottawa Railway Hockey League which has just been organized promises to be very popular. All members and all the hockey people agree that the teams in that bunch can put up the very best game.

The following team will represent the Highlanders in their game at the Armories to-night at 8 o'clock: Woodbridge (capt. J. J. Eakins), 10; Darling, 10; McKenzie, D. Burnside, R. Isbister, as, Campbell, B. McGaw, C.

Albert C. Rowley, chairman of the Committee on races, of the Automobile Club of America, has sent an acceptance of the challenge to race in Paris, and with the acceptance enclosed a draft for 3000 francs as a forfeit. The club has made three

This evening a compass game will be played at the Toronto Whist Club, to which visitors are cordially invited. After the first of the new year a pairs competition for gold medals will take place, and medals will be awarded to the winners.

Big Ed. Dunkhorn is now at Hot Springs, where he cannot get a good cigar for 5 cents should try our famous "College"

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street.

The faculty of the University of George-

town has given its sanction to the forma-

tion of a rowing association, and the stu-

dents are to be organized over the year

very great. The aim of the rowing club

will be to get representatives of the inter-

collegiate regatta that is held annually at Poughkeepsie.

Bobbie Thompson writes from New York

that he would like to see on in Toronto

with anyone at 135 lbs. He was satisfied

with his showing against McFadden, on

Monday he landed at will, but getting car-

less the Canuck received one in a clutch

that put him out for the rest of the

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ON THE RUNNING TRACKS.

Fred Perkins and Marble Among Also Run at New Orleans—Only Two Favorites Won.

New Orleans, Dec. 20.—San Durango and Prospector were the only winners favorites over a heavy track to-day. In the first

Aratoma ran away a mile and a half on the way to the post and the stewards decided to refuse her entry in the future. Kerin

got a fall from Theresa in the steeplechase, but escaped injury.

First race, selling, 6 furlongs—San Durango, 127 (Gouard), 4 to 5 and 2 to 3, 1; Judge Quisley, 124 (Patton), 15 to 1, and 5 to 1, 2; Jim Hogz, 121 (Lisner), 9 to 1, 3; Time, 1:48. Running start, 1:30. Winner, Prospector, Northumberland and Langdon also ran. Aratoma was left at the post.

Second race, selling, 1 1/2 miles—Phal-las, 109 (Mitchell), 9 to 2 and 8 to 5, 1; Indian, 104 (Gosens), 7 to 1 and 6 to 1, 2; Russell R., 107 1/2 (Duce), 5 to 1, 3; Time, 1:56. Jockey, Stairs, Range, Saitan and Japanese also ran.

Third race, steeplechase handicap, short course—Bridgman, 141 (Williams), 5 to 1 and 2 to 1, 1; Chesnut, 138 (Hunt), 3 to 1 and 2 to 1, 2; Zofalla, 147 (Almark), 3 to 1 and 3, 3; Time, 3:14. Jockey, Van Bruin, Clifton and Marble also ran. Theresa H. lost her rider at the seventh jump.

Fourth race, selling, 7 furlongs—Por-bush, 98 (Wedderstrand), 11 to 5 and 1 to 2, 1; Andes, 107 (Mitchell), even and out, 2; Supreme, 88 (Waldron), 5 to 1 and 3 to 1, 3; Time, 1:28. Jockey, Monk Wayman, Ben Chance, My Chick, Thurston and Swamp Angel also ran.

Fifth race, selling, 1 1/8 miles—Prosper-o, 88 (Bradford), 3 to 1 and 1 to 1, 1; Night, 98 (Wedderstrand), 4 to 1 and 6 to 2, 2; Lord Neville, 107 (McJoy), 9 to 1 and 2 to 1, 3; Time, 1:54. Can. Jockey, E. J. Eddard, Pittsford, Wordsworth, Caroba and Demostrius.

New Orleans entries: First race, 3/4 mile—Vittoria, Miss Mae Day 88, Dissolute, Arthur Belian 82, Prince of Venice 84, Big Indian 101, The Burlington Route 104, Free Lady 107, Moron 110, Trillo 120.

Second race, selling, 3/4 mile—Elyotota, Tremble, Irene Hayes 98, Sorrel Rose 101, Tom 102, Champlain 103, Mountain 104, sell R. 106, Phener 107, Lomond 108, El Caney 112.

Third race, selling, 1 1/4 miles—The Brewer 96, Monongah 97, Pan Cham 99, Babe Fields, Joe Shelby, Fred 100, Monk Wayman 112.

Fourth race, handicap, 1 1/8 miles—Matt Simpson 91, Water Crest 95, Forbush 97, Baratta 109, Strangest 108, Alpen 104, Consolation 106.

Fifth race, selling, one mile—Can I See You, Chamilly, Sammie, George, Jim, Con-crit, Cavalry 107, Lennep 109, Trebor 111, Moncreth 112, Wakenshaw 118.

A Pair of 15 to 1 Shots at Oakland.

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—Weather clear; track good, at Oakland today.

First race, selling, 6 furlongs—Jingie, 107 (Walsh), 15 to 1, 1; White Fern, 107 (Whitely), 2 to 1, 2; Darling, 107 (Kearse), 2 to 1, 3; Time, 1:15. Santello, Kasper, 10 to 1, 2; Time, 1:15. Norelva, 10 to 1, 3; Schancker, Croker, Furlis, Nora Ives, Page Apollinatis, Spala, Racco, and G. J. also ran.

Second race, mile, selling—Whiteback, 112 (Spencer), 8 to 1, 1; Anchored, 112 (Jones), 4 to 1, 2; Favorabam, 117 (Rutz), 2 to 1, 3; Time, 1:42 1/2. Poor Land, 10 to 1, 2; Stuttgart finished second, but was disqualified for fouling.

Third race, 6 furlongs—Meddler, 110 (Jones), 3 to 5, 1; Alaska, 104 (Ratich), 10 to 1, 2; Don Luis, 109 (Thorppe), 6 to 1, 3; Time, 1:14. Majorie C. H. Harrison Jr., Yaraba also ran.

Fourth race, 1 1/4 miles, selling—Dare II., 97 (Walsh), 2 to 1, 1; Dr. Marks, 102 (Morse), 5 to 1, 2; Time, 2:07. Persons, Cow, Green Ann, Stromo also ran.

Fifth race, selling, 6 furlongs—February, 109 (Whitely), 15 to 1, 1; Grand Sachem, 107 (Ritz), 20 to 1, 2; Loving Cup, 111 (Web-ber), 10 to 1, 3; Time, 1:14. Trues, Lost Girl, Reception, also ran.

Sixth race, selling, 8 furlongs—Bamboulia, 105 (Bullman), 4 to 1, 1; Allie, 105 (Bullman), 13 to 1, 2; Allie, 105 (Songer), 30 to 1, 3; Time, 1:14 1/2. Tanobe, Armistice, The Buffoon, finished second in staking race. Madeline, Freestone, The Scot, Kickin Bob also ran.

Clara K. Dropped Dead.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—Clara K., 2 1/2 Ottawa's great five-mile and speed mare, dropped dead after a race on Monday afternoon about five o'clock on Maria-street, near the bridge, while being exercised by her trainer, Billy Har-

vey. Rupture of a blood vessel or heart disease was the cause of death. Dr. Gilpin was called, but found nothing. Clara K. was one of the best known horses ever sent on a campaign from Ottawa, and some years ago she captured a number of good purses for her owner, Mr. Harry Moore. A few months ago she was offered \$5000 for her services. In recent years she has been known as a great five-mile and was always inside the money.

Fox Blazes Two Packs.

West Chester, Pa., Dec. 20.—The West Chester Hunt had a lively five-hour chase after Reynard, the latter finally giving his pursuers the slip. He boxed his way through the woods of William Corcoran, the Hunt jumped Reynard in the Paper Mill thicket, on the Brandywine. He took the lead, and they were joined on the Edward James farm, near the bridge, where they were met by Charles Mathers' English pack, in charge of Master-of-Hounds Pook. Here the fox crossed the Brandywine to the William Davis farm, where he turned and ran west, giving the hounds and horsemen a magnificent dash through West Bradford Township, making several good runs. At Mine Hill, close to the village of Marsh-ton, Reynard succeeded in shaking his pursuers, and the packs were called to gether and returned to the kennels.

How to Succeed at Drop Kicking.

Hudson, the great kicker on the Carlisle Indian eleven, tells how he makes his remarkable kicks go for goal from the field. His remarks are interesting, and may be valuable hints to would-be kickers on other football teams. "The way I do it is to take my position about 10 yards back from the centre man. When I get the ball, I end down, trying to make it as nearly vertical as possible. I step forward with my right foot or my left, depending upon which foot I am going to kick. Most drop-kickers spend a great deal of time arranging the ball in their hands, but I do not. I think speed in getting the ball away the most essential thing. And I have never had any blocked kicks. I always try to get the ball directly toward me or directly away from me, preferably the latter. If it is on one side I bear it off from that side. When I get the ball in my hands I simply turn my hands so that I can drop the ball vertically; that is, so that it will strike on its end. But I do not change the position of the ball in my hands."

City Checker Championship.

At the Munson tournament yesterday afternoon, Mr. Moore and D. McArthur played two games of the final match, resulting in two wins for Mr. Moore. Mr. McArthur having won from Dixon by 1 to 0 five being draws. The final will be played this afternoon at 3, which will decide who is the city champion and winner of the Munson bicycle.

Slier a Good Referee.

John L. Sullivan has a poor opinion of referees, the present champion boxing with "That Sharkey" fight was a terrible exhibition—twenty-five rounds without a knockout. Of course, it all over, but I think I could have beaten either when I was in less than ten rounds. Now Fitzsimmons is a fighter, and although there was there, I don't see how Jeffries licked him."

How about Slier's decision in the Jeffries-Sharkey fight? Slier is a good referee, more than can be said of many of these "western men." If we had Slier in the ring fighting would be on a higher plane. I was sorry to see Moffatt break his arm. He seems an earnest young fellow with some promise.

Better Than Drugs.

"D.C.L." (Black Bottle) Scotch Whisky, diluted with Soda or Eudo Water, is a drink "fit for the gods." Thoroughly matured in Sherry casks, it is unrivalled as a table whisky. Taken as a "night cap," it promotes sound and refreshing sleep. No bad after-effects. One case sent to my address in Ontario, prepaid, on receipt of \$12. Adams & Burns, Agents, Toronto.

A Slipper Gift for "Him."

Handsome Christmas Slippers—Vici Kid, Kangaroo—goat, alligator, calf-skin—the best American makes and latest styles, from \$2 to \$3.50. Slipper Gifts help make a home-staying man of him.

Winter Shoe Styles for Gentlemen.

In this store you will find all the new shapes and styles worn in the large American cities—in all serviceable leathers—and in winter weights. If I did not sell so many it would be impossible to sell at such small profits. The price of an American-made shoe—by Keith or Burt & Packard—is the same

here as in New York—\$3.50 to \$6.50.

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SPECULATION AS TO NEW CABINET.

Hon. Hugh John Macdonald Says Mr. Roblin Will Be One of the Executive—Winnipeg News.

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Lieutenant Governor Patterson returned this morning from Toronto, where he has been on a private business since before the Provincial election. His honor, seen by a reporter, said he had little of public interest to say, as his business had not been on official matters, but strictly private. He would not make any statement whatever on matters pertaining to

SR WILFRID LAURIER'S RESIGNATION SEEM TO BE INCREASING

General Bellef Now is That Mr. Tarte's Resignation is Already in the Premier's Possession—Sir Henri Joly and Mr. Scott May Also Step Out.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—(Special).—There is positively no doubt of the fact that a reconstruction of the Ottawa cabinet is in hand, and that the Ottawa cabinet is in hand, and that the Ottawa cabinet is in hand...

Believe Tarte Has Quit. All believe that Hon. Mr. Tarte has resigned, but will not follow, while some declare that Sir Wilfrid Laurier came down here to advise Mr. Tarte to remain, and others are of the opinion that the interview was for the purpose of arranging for the successor.

Will Others Resign? It is also said that Sir Henri Joly, Mr. Tarte's closest ally, is expected to resign, and that Hon. Mr. Scott will follow suit in a few days.

What About Prefontaine? Rumor also said that Mr. Tarte has named Hon. Senator Dandurand as his successor, but this will not hold, as Mr. Prefontaine's friends. They pretend that the Mayor of Montreal and Mr. Bernier, M.P. for St. Elizabeth, will succeed Mr. Tarte and Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere, but that trouble may be expected over that resignation of the Hon. Mr. Wilfrid Laurier, it appears, is willing that Mr. Prefontaine shall come in, but the Premier does not want his worthy ally to have Mr. Tarte's big spending department, and this is exactly what the members of the Liberal party most desire.

his artillery, went to the east side of the railway on the right of the infantry. Gen. Hildyard sent ahead the Queen's Own Rifles, the Buffs, and the Devon on the left of his front, while Gen. Hart's brigade, the Buffs, the Connaught Rangers and Dublin Fusiliers. Our front extended for a distance of about six miles.

The Boers had evidently fully extended their line. Their extreme mobility almost gives them a front in air.

When the British Guns Began. The guns were booming around Ladysmith when our boys broke the silence around Colenso by shelling the foot-hills north of the Tugela River and Fort Wylie, which stands upon a ridge nearest the bridge.

With skill and labor the Boers had built walls and forts and had dug successive trenches on the road, commanding every line of approach from Eastcourt to Colenso.

The country is bare and gently undulating—similar, indeed, to our own. Our troops, therefore, had to advance to the Tugela without any cover.

The battle commenced at 6 o'clock in the morning, but the Boers made no reply to the heavy cannonade which our batteries directed upon them. Few of the enemy were visible. They lay hidden behind their hill works, but on our infantry and batteries, and cavalry nearby Colenso a sharp musketry fire was opened on them by the Boers from the houses on the river bank behind which many of the enemy had been concealed for hours.

Then the Boer Guns Replied. At 7 o'clock when the Boer batteries opened fire at our field artillery, infantry and the Buffs on the east of the railway. Their cannon included a 50-pounder Krupp and a Hotchkiss, a machine gun, which while being discharged, chine gun, which while being discharged, chine gun, which while being discharged, chine gun.

How Gen. Buller Lost. Story of Bravery and Death—British Soldiers Showed Down by Boer Marksmen.

London, Dec. 20.—The best account of the battle at Tugela River, printed in London, is in the Daily Telegraph. It is as follows: "Story of the Tugela Battle. 'On the 20th of December, 1917, the action which was fought today between the British forces and the Boers was a very severely contested affair. Losses on both sides were heavy. Gen. Buller, who commanded, was wounded by a bullet in the chest, and was taken to a hospital. The Boers were victorious, and the British forces were forced to retreat. The Boers were victorious, and the British forces were forced to retreat.

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LONDON'S 1000 VOLUNTEERS. Freedom of the Great Metropolis to Be Conferred on Each Man

London, Dec. 20.—At a meeting of the corporation to-day the Lord Mayor, A. J. Newton, announced that 225,000 had been subscribed by the large city firms, which are contributing the money to defray the necessary expenses of a force of 1000 volunteers among the city cops.

London, Dec. 20.—Revised lists of the British casualties at the battle of Colenso show that 127 non-commissioned officers and men were killed.

London, Dec. 20.—The subscriptions started in the British colony here in behalf of the widows and orphans of British soldiers killed in the war in the Transvaal have already reached the sum of \$7000.

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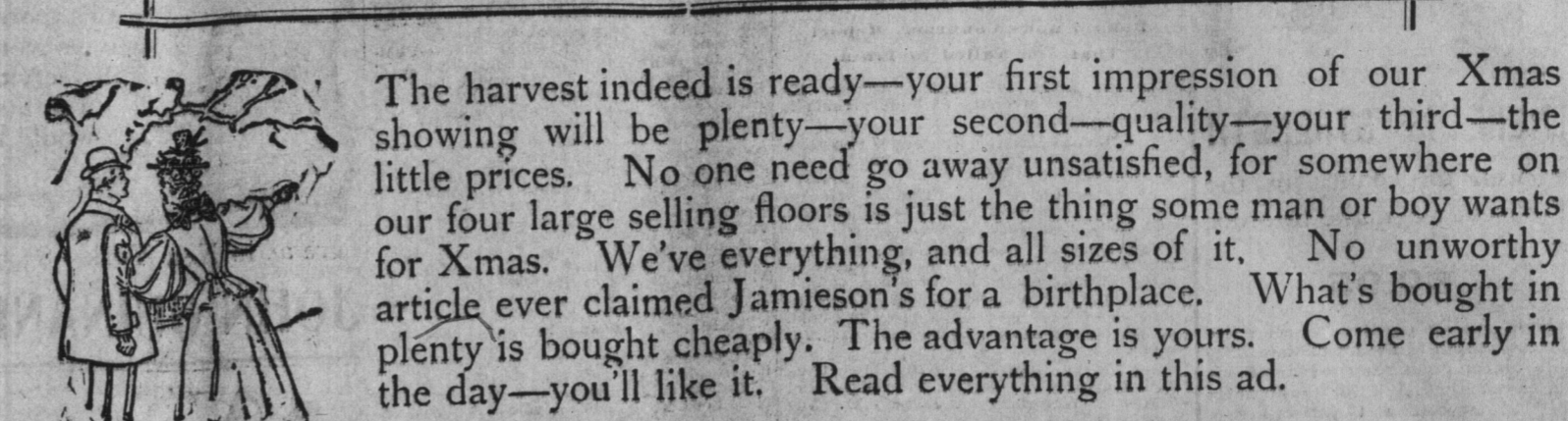
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- 70 Men's Single Breasted Fly Front Overcoats, in black and blue, imported English heavy, lined with Cassimere tweed lining, regular \$8.00. Bright buyers take notice, Friday and Saturday 4.98
48 Men's Kersey and Beaver Cloth Overcoats, cut single or double breasted, lined with all-wool Cassimere, silk sewn, silk velvet collar, this is our regular 10.00 coat. Friday and Saturday 7.50
100 Men's High Class Imported Beaver and Melton Overcoats, cut single and double breasted, handsomely tailored, silk velvet collar, black and blue colors, tweed lined, equal to any 18.00 ordered coat. Friday and Saturday 10.00
Extra High Class Grey and Brown Overcoats, the newest effect in overcoating, this month's New York fashion, single breasted, fly front, full bell box back, one of the handsomest coats ever shown in Toronto, it is well worth 18.00. On sale Friday and Saturday 12.00
Men's Strong Canadian Tweed Suits, cut single and double breasted, well-lined and trimmed, in checks, plaids, stripes, and neat plain checks, first-class trimmings, regular 7.50. On sale Friday and Saturday 4.98
Very High Class Scotch and English Tweed Suits, single and double breasted, deep French facings, silk sewn, lined with silk finished Italian cloth, the newest effects in checks, plaids, stripes, plain browns, greys and greens, sizes 34 to 44, regular 10.00. Friday and Saturday 7.50
Men's High Grade Business Suits, in English worsteds, hop sack and worsteds, black venetian worsteds, blue serge, black clay serge and worsteds, single and double breasted, silk sewn farmer's satin chevrons, single and double breasted, your choice Friday and Saturday 10.00
Boys' Double Breasted Beavers, storm or velvet collar, very fine quality, beaver in blue and black shades, warm tweed linings, sizes 22 to 30, regular 3.75. Xmas price 2.95
Boys' Two-Piece Suits, pleated back and front, heavy Oxford serge and Halifax tweed, dark blue and grey shades, strong Italian cloth linings and good trimmings, sizes 22 to 28, regular 2.75. Xmas price 1.95
Boys' Knee Pants, Halifax and Canadian tweeds, grey, brown and stylish mixtures, strongly lined, durable, dressy, a bargain. 35

What Will You Give to Him?

- Smoking Jackets, a masterful choice, 5.50 to 15.00.
4 Pairs of English Cassimere Sox, in neat box, 1.00.
Fine Rubber Suspenders, nice designs, in box, 50c.
Men's Fine Quality Silk and Satin Suspenders, 1.00.
Extra Fine Suspenders, the best made, 1.50.
An overstock of ties, elaborate, daring or quiet subdued styles, everything imaginable in the season. We have got in more of the black ones you've been asking for. Sold in neat box to Xmas buyers at 1.25
Gent's Pure Silk Square Mufflers, handsome designs, ranging in price from 50c to 2.00
Shamrock Finished Irish Linen Handkerchiefs, half dozen in neat box, very special, 85c.
Irish Linen Handkerchiefs, specials, 6 for 50c.
The Very Finest Irish Linen Handkerchiefs, just received the finest we've ever shown, 6 in box 1.75.
Very Large Surah Silk Handkerchiefs, hemstitched, 75c each.
Plain Silk Handkerchiefs, hemstitched, 50c.
Large Size Silk Handkerchiefs, initialled 35c.
Special Line Plain Silk Handkerchiefs, 25c.
Sheffield-Made Pocket Knives, in neat box, 25c.
Strong and Neat Leather Purses, regular 60c, 25c.
Gent's Elegant Chamois Vests, warm, a sensible and appreciated gift, 2.00.
Turkish Bathrobes, 3.50.

Special Underwear Snap for Early Shoppers on Friday Morning.

Fine Quality Fleece Lined Shirts and Drawers, silk bound edges, pearl buttons, elegantly finished, soft and delightful to the skin, regular \$1.25. Friday morning 75c Each. Military Hair Brushes 75c.

- Hats and Caps.
Men's Special Imported Seal Caps, London dyed, something really fine for an Xmas gift, worth 10.00. Our Xmas offer 5.00
Men's German Beaver Caps, beautiful dark shade, wedge shape, cannot be equalled even at 8.00. Our Xmas price 4.50
Children's Very Finest Grey Lamb Caps, whole skins, beautiful curls, make the little man happy, regular 4.00 and 4.50, a big unequalled selection at 2.50 and 3.00
Only 16 or 20 dozen of the immense stock of left, silk and wool, kept in the view of the war, bright and pleasing 15c to 50
A special line of Fur Felt Hats, black and brown, in all colors, best styles, regular 2.50. This week 1.50
50 Dozen Curly Imitation Lamb Caps, black and grey, very fine copies of real lamb, reduced to 25c, 35c, 50c and 75c

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Men's Coon Coats.
We have a very special value in a fine Coon Coat, an excellent quality. In fact it would be hard to find a better. It's just the thing for a doctor or anybody else who has to drive to do, 65.00
Men's Fine Alaska Seal Coats, 25.00
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Men's Fur Caps, seal top and other bands, 12.10
Men's Alaska Seal Driving Caps, 12.50 and 15.00

WERE THE GUNS RECOVERED?

It is said that the Boers captured only two, instead of eleven. London, Dec. 20.—It still seems doubtful whether the guns that Gen. Buller abandoned at Colenso are in the possession of the Boers. According to a despatch to the Associated Press from Durban, sent off on the evening of the battle, and which has just been received here, the guns remained where they were by the Boers' troops, and were covered by the heavy guns of Gen. Hildyard's Brigade, occupying an entrenched position. The despatch adds that the Boers have thus far not attempted to cross the river and carry off the guns. Additions to the Associated Press from Pretoria, under the same date, say that an official Boer despatch reports that two guns, 13 wagons and a quantity of ammunition were captured, besides 208 prisoners. A special despatch from Durban, Natal, dated Saturday, Dec. 16, says it is rumored Gen. Buller called for volunteers to recover the abandoned guns, and that a party issued from the camp after midnight and brought in the guns, which were uninjured.

THREE WHITE STAR LINERS.

The Majestic, the Britannic and the Olympic will be used as transports. London, Dec. 20.—The postoffice has issued a notice to the effect that owing to the Majestic, the Britannic and the Olympic being taken as transports no White Star Line steamers will go to New York Dec. 27 or Jan. 3. Letters for the United States and Canada will not be despatched Dec. 27. Letters posted next week will be forwarded by a Cunard Line steamer, Dec. 30. The mid-week mails will be forwarded by the North German Lloyd steamer Trossa, Jan. 3.

MUCH ANXIETY REGARDING SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA.

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Government have recently intimated to the agents in Europe their readiness to be moderate in regard to peace conditions. The anxiety of the Government is as to the question of receiving supplies via Lorenzo Marques.

The Yeomanry Contingent. London, Dec. 20.—Mr. A. J. Balfour, in his unofficial capacity, has written to the Earl of Haddington, dwelling upon the importance of the movement of the Yeomanry and volunteer forces for South Africa. He suggests and offers to assist a public fund to maintain the Yeomanry and volunteers made to the men by the Government for equipment.

ANTI-BRITISH COLONISTS.

Those in the West District of Cape Colony Have Openly Expressed Their Disloyalty. London, Dec. 20.—A Cape Town despatch dated Saturday, Dec. 16, says: "Five hundred delegates of the Victoria West district have expressed an apparently anti-British organization there, and, as individuals, have openly expressed their disloyalty, threatening to attack the railway station, which is on the direct line between Cape Town and De Aar. The Afrikaander Bond has at a meeting there passed a resolution, asserting that the troops in the vicinity of the railway are disloyal."

HOW GEN. BULLER LOST.

Story of Bravery and Death—British Soldiers Showed Down by Boer Marksmen.

London, Dec. 20.—The best account of the battle at Tugela River, printed in London, is in the Daily Telegraph. It is as follows: "Story of the Tugela Battle. 'On the 20th of December, 1917, the action which was fought today between the British forces and the Boers was a very severely contested affair. Losses on both sides were heavy. Gen. Buller, who commanded, was wounded by a bullet in the chest, and was taken to a hospital. The Boers were victorious, and the British forces were forced to retreat. The Boers were victorious, and the British forces were forced to retreat.

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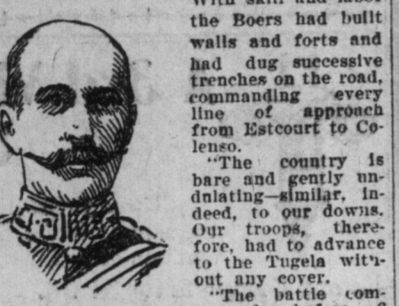
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THE BATTLE OF COLENZO

Was Lost Because of the Ignorance of the British Intelligence Department.

London, Dec. 20.—Further accounts of the Tugela River battle emphasize the ignorance of the British Intelligence Department in regard to the disposition of the Boer forces. The British were not aware of the Boer positions until the morning of the battle, and were thus unable to take any effective measures to prevent the Boer advance.

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BOTH ARE BACKING HALLAM

Telegram and Star Tell Why the Alderman Should Be Voted Into the Mayor's Chair.

HE HAS WORKED FOR THE PEOPLE

His Efforts and Success in Establishing the Toronto Free Library Are Well Known.

An evening paper yesterday declared John Hallam was not the man for Mayor because of his age and physical condition would unfit him to cope with the factious aldermen.

The argument is purely a factious one, and in the opinion of the Aldermen, it is not a weighty one. He declares he is in sound health, and takes only the ordinary precautions to preserve its continuance.

No one would call him old, for age is a matter of feeling in a great measure. John Hallam feels young, has a mind full of progressive ideas, and is not in age too old to be an admirable administrator. It is the matter of an age light at this time is amusing. He is a vigorous man, keen of perception, and quick to debate. Who said he wasn't the match for any of the factious aldermen? But this whole matter is but a sideshow on the whole.

Kind Things Are Said. The city press have been saying kind things of John Hallam.

Here is One Item. Evening Telegram: There are many prosperous business men who believe that a prosperous business man should have the chance to try his powers in the Mayor's chair. The citizens who believe that the Mayor should be chosen on the basis of his ability and character of every worthy citizen should be apt to rally to the support of Mr. Hallam, and he will gain strength also from the general conviction that the Mayorship would take more money out of him than he would take out of it.

And Here's Another. Evening Star: Ald. Hallam's chief claim in offering himself for Mayor is a long period of faithful service as a member of the City Council. No letter of commendation can be offered. It is based on a principle which is generally recognized in Great Britain, where the office of Mayor is regarded as the honorable reward of long service in the minor capacity of councillor or alderman. It is a good principle, and one which it would be well for municipalities in Canada to imitate more generally.

Hallam and Free Library. But, apart from his argument of "a successful business man for Mayor," John Hallam claims the city owes him some return, and is going to give him some return, for his work in connection with the establishment of the Free Public Library. Let the electorate look into this matter, so long a few years, and see if John Hallam is not entitled to more than a passing notice.

Long before 1883 John Hallam knew the benefits that would accrue to the sons of toil by the founding of a free lending library. As a young man he had read much of the general reading, but as he grew older, and circumstances were more favorable, he stored his mind with the best of the best writers. Even to-day his evenings are spent over Bacon's "Novum Organum" or some other weighty tome.

Hallam Saw the Need. He saw the need, and, quick to act in the interests of his fellow-men, he set on foot the founding of a free lending library. It was not all plain sailing. He had to face much opposition, some of it from men like Prof. Goldwin Smith, who, though in favor of a free lending library, could not see the utility of a free lending library. But John Hallam did, and, with the tenacity of purpose for which he is noted, stuck to his idea, and had the satisfaction on Jan. 3, 1883, of seeing the Free Public Library passed by the large majority of 254.

Hallam Gained His Points. The points John Hallam insisted upon were: The library should be lending and

reference; it should be governed by a separate board, and it should receive a stated grant. These points were incorporated in the by-law, and John Hallam was triumphant.

The board was organized in June, 1883, and the old Mechanics Institute was merged into the Public Library. John Hallam was made chairman, as a recognition of his excellent and persistent efforts. In September, 1883, he visited the large libraries in the United States and Europe, and, assisted by Librarian John Purcell, many books, maps, and pamphlets, which may not be generally known, that John Hallam paid out of his pocket \$1700 to meet the expenses of this trip. And when the library was opened on March 9, 1884, John Hallam made it a present of \$5000 worth of books, which really formed the nucleus of the present admirable collection.

Hallam's Happy Day. That sixth of March was a proud day in the life of John Hallam, father of Toronto's Public Library, but it was none the less a proud and momentous day in the history of the city, and has resulted in incalculable good to thousands of her best citizens. The laboring men, the unskilled, had on that day free entrance to the treasure-house of literature, and through many busy hours they were enabled to read and to be read to.

The question is: Has John Hallam been adequately repaid for his efforts? In his well-stocked library John Hallam has reserved a poem of the late Sir Daniel Wilson, president of Toronto University, which was read on March 9, 1884. The last stanza reads: Spread wide the historic page to audent youth.

With liberal hand to manhood give the right To drink deep draughts from the pure wells of truth. The laboring men, the unskilled, had on that day free entrance to the treasure-house of literature, and through many busy hours they were enabled to read and to be read to.

This poem is treasured by John Hallam as one tribute to his work in the cause of popular education.

Hallam Ever Vigilant. John Hallam's vigilance toward his creation was not relaxed, even when he became an alderman. When the Public Library became a part of the City Council, the board became the Council, and the Council the board. The grant to a quarter of a million dollars. The board wanted to form on the dollar. The board wanted to form on the dollar.

As a Conclusion. Hence, these facts considered, John Hallam, the Father of the Public Library, Toronto's greatest boon to the workingman, should be sought for the office, and hard should be the contest for it. John Hallam seeks the votes of his fellow-citizens for the office of Mayor of Toronto for 1900.

PEOPLE WE TALK ABOUT. Admiral Von Dredrich has been appointed chief of the naval general staff of Germany.

It is said the Duke of Connaught will succeed Lord Roberts as commander of the forces in Ireland.

Col. Leonard Wood, the new Governor-General of Cuba, reached Havana yesterday and was received with a salute of 21 guns.

President McKinley has cabled to Gen. Logan his expression of a favorable report upon his expedition to the Philippines.

A meeting of the Scottish Liberal Association was held in London yesterday, presided over by Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman.

Gen. Lord Roberts has been appointed to command the German cruiser squadron in Chinese waters, in succession to Prince Henry of Prussia, who is going home.

Dividend-Paying Concerns. New York, Dec. 20.—Metropolitan Railway Company has declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent.

The U. S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations has authorized a favorable report upon the two treaties negotiated with Great Britain and Germany for the dissolution of the tripartite agreement for the control of the Samoan Islands.

The American Federation of Labor has selected Louisville as the place for holding the next convention. The convention made formal requests that all trade unions here enter more actively into the work of their respective crafts.

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HAGUE TREATY IN SENATE.

Result of the Discussions of Last July Sent Down by President McKinley.

A LETTER FROM SECRETARY HAY

Accompanied the Document and the Senators Removed the Injunction of Secrecy.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The President today sent to the Senate the treaty negotiated by the powers at The Hague last July for the pacific settlement of disputes between nations, and the declaration to prohibit for five years the launching of explosives from balloons. The Senate immediately removed the injunction of secrecy. The President's message was a formal letter of transmittal, except that it invited attention to an accompanying report from the Secretary of State, urging immediate action by the Senate.

What Mr. Hay Says. The Secretary's report is as follows: To the President.—The undersigned Secretary of State has the honor to say before the President, with a view to their transmission to the Senate, to receive the assent and consent of that body to their ratification, a copy of a convention for the pacific settlement of international disputes, signed at The Hague on July 29, 1899, by the plenipotentiaries of the United States, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, the Netherlands, Persia, Portugal, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and Norway; and a copy of a declaration to prohibit for a term of five years the launching of projectiles and explosives from balloons or by other new methods of a similar nature, signed at The Hague on July 19, 1899, by the plenipotentiaries of the United States and the plenipotentiaries of the powers represented at the international peace conference at The Hague.

Originals Held at The Hague. The original of each of these two instruments was signed in a single copy, which remains in the archives of the Netherlands Government. The Department of State is advised by the plenipotentiaries of the United States at The Hague that since July 20th the following signatures have been attached to the convention for the pacific settlement of international disputes: The plenipotentiaries of Italy on October 12, 1899; of Austria-Hungary, October 17, 1899; of Luxembourg, October 23, 1899; and of Serbia, November 17, 1899.

A Saving Declaration. In signing the convention the following declaration was made by the plenipotentiaries of the United States: Nothing contained in this convention shall be so construed as to require the United States of America to change its traditional policy of not intruding upon, interfering with or entangling itself in the political questions, policy or internal administration of any foreign state; nor shall anything contained in the said convention be construed to imply a relinquishment by the United States of America of its traditional attitude toward purely American questions.

Wants Immediate Action. I respectfully recommend that the attention of the Senate be called to the importance of the convention being taken upon the convention, in view of the fact that a sufficient number of signatures will soon be obtained to authorize the organization of the tribunal, and the large part taken by this country should not occur.

Respectfully submitted, John Hay, Secretary of State, Washington, December 10, 1899.

LOCAL TOPICS.

Chancellor Boyd yesterday refused Mr. Rogers' motion against the Township of King.

The annual municipal meeting of the Toronto Liberal-Conservative will be held to-night.

The installation of the officers-elect of Zealand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., will be held on the 22nd inst.

Prizes and diplomas will be presented to students at the meeting of the Technical School Board to-night.

F. W. Hodson says the past year's cattle trade has been highly successful, prices being better than usual.

Donations for the Christmas dinner of the Girls' Home, 220 East Gerrard-street, will be thankfully received by the management.

The General Hospital will be open to visitors during Christmas week from 2 to 5 p. m. daily. The hospital will distribute gifts on Christmas day.

The Crown Lands Department has appropriated \$100 to cover the expense of distributing the permits of the Good Roads Association, which met here a few days ago.

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CHRISTMAS PRESENTS YOU'LL NOT CARE TO MISS.

When the clock has struck the final shopping hour of this Christmas week you'll have regrets if you've neglected to see what there is for Christmas buying in the stocks of this store. The whole atmosphere of the place is of a Christmassy kind.

Your eye will catch as quickly as you enter the main doors that swing open to widely and easily a display of Cluta green grass furniture that is proving such a novelty this year and to be seen nowhere else but in this store.

Go to the basement—so large, roomy and light—and there will be found Oriental Rugs and other rugs to no end, with a special price attraction about them—every rug reduced specially for Christmas selling.

The greatest attraction of all is on the second floor, where you find novelties in Indian furniture, beautiful French furniture, Cluta green grass furniture and no end of bric-a-brac specialties, combined with a magnificent showing of Majolica ware, Bohemian ware, Flemish pottery and much else.

Opened to-day a fresh importation of Cluta grass furniture that is proving the popular rage. The new goods include an assortment of Cluta grass cake stands at \$3.00 and \$3.75, Cluta grass waste paper baskets at \$3.00, and Cluta grass hanging baskets at \$1.85.

New opening of novelties in Flemish pottery, very quaint and grotesque things, at prices ranging from \$1.00 to \$3.00.

New openings in French cabinets and cujo tables that add further attraction to our French goods.



John Kay, Son & Co.

36-38 King St. West, Toronto.

DEATH OF BARON VON HUGEL.

Former President of the Midland Railway Died in Montreal From Paralysis.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—One old Montrealer, well known in Ontario, has gone to his reward. At half past 11 this morning Baron Adolphe von Hugel passed away at the Royal Victoria Hospital, he having entered that institution on Dec. 15, suffering from an attack of paralysis.

Upwards of thirty-five years ago Baron von Hugel came to Canada from Germany and soon afterward became identified with the Midland Railway, of which he was president. At that time he made Port Hope his place of residence and served as mayor of that municipality. The Baron was a man of business, and a lavish expenditure and too generous management of the railway, into which he had placed a large sum of money brought over with him from Germany, together with what his fellow-countrymen had furnished in a bad way. The property eventually fell to the hands of Senator Cox, and was sold by him to the Grand Trunk Railway and became a part and parcel of their system.

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\$30,000 IN DEBT

The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto.

A Charitable Institution Caring for Sick and Crippled Children from All Parts of the Province of Ontario.



Group of Six Patients now in the Hospital.—(From a photograph.)

With another year's work added to the twenty-two years of its existence, the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, has sent out its report of the good that it has done. In 23 years the Hospital has nursed and treated 30,000 pain-stricken children. The fame of the Hospital has travelled far and brought to its doors from all parts of the province. Some marvellous cures have been effected by its skillful physicians, while many a little crippled child has recovered the use of deformed limbs under the care of its surgeons.

No expense is spared in any single case when there is the least hope of such expenditure proving beneficial. The better to procure the appliances needed in curing the deformed limbs of many little patients, the Hospital Trustees have this year added a very important department to the Hospital. A building adjoining the large Hospital on College-street was purchased, and in it were placed the machinery and material needed for the making of all kinds of appliances needed in different cases of surgery. An expert workman has been secured from New York to superintend the making of these appliances to the exact measurements and designs submitted by the surgeons attending each case.

The results have been eminently satisfactory. Not only is it possible to get these appliances quickly and correctly made for each patient, but the expense has been greatly reduced, and endless savings will be effected. Many of the little patients come from homes where every dollar is needed for every day needs, and where the parents could not possibly afford to supply the braces, supports and other apparatus, let alone secure the attendance of the eminent surgeons who dedicate their services to the Hospital.

Picture the improvement that must follow to a crippled child piteously suffering from some sad spinal disease, lying perhaps in a dark corner on a hard bed, and attended lovingly but intermittently by a hard-working mother. Picture the improvement in that child's prospects of recovery when taken into the bright atmosphere of a hospital ward, where it will be carefully and tenderly nursed and where every care of modern surgery and medical science will be given it.

It would make one's heart ache to see the surroundings of discomfort where some of these little lives have been slowly dying away until word of the Hospital's mercies has brought a promise of health to the child and relief to the parents. We take pleasure in telling our readers of this noble institution, for who knows but some of the little ones within this district may even now have need of its services? The trustees desire us to announce that the doors of the Hospital are thrown wide open to receive any sick or ailing child, and that every age who can be benefited by its

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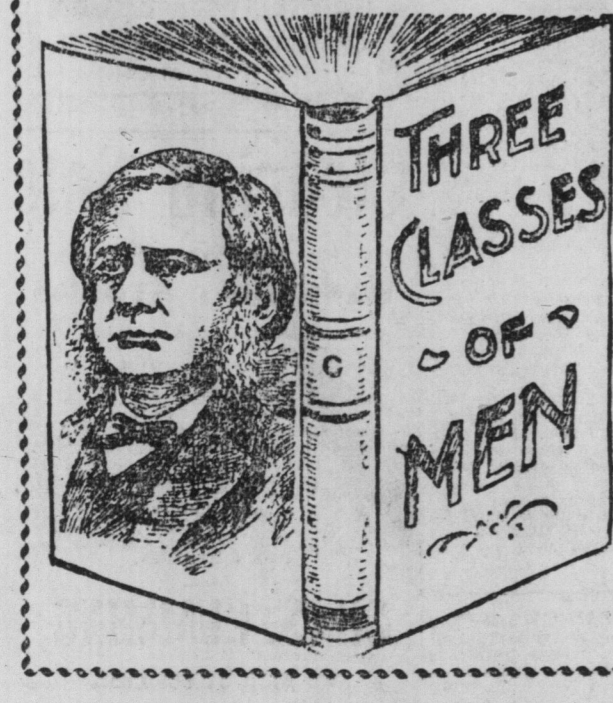
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