

WAS IT A FOUL MURDER OR JUST A GIGANTIC HOAX?

The Police Now Believe That Rev. Carmichael Is Alive and in Canada.

THE BODY FOUND MAY BE A CADAVER

St. Clair Ferryman Says He Took Minister Across River Early Wednesday Morning—Examination of Clothing Found in Church Suggests Browning Was Victim.

Detroit, Jan. 8.—The murder mystery of Battle Run Church, near Columbus, in St. Clair County, seemed no nearer solution when the county officials resumed their investigation today than it was when they entered the blood-spattered church Wednesday noon, and dragged from the stove the lumps of flesh and bone that appeared to be the remains of a human victim.

Rev. J. H. Carmichael, pastor of the church, and Gideon Browning, the Adair carpenter, who was the minister's neighbor, have not been seen since Tuesday. Various theories are advanced to show that the bones found in the church stove belonged to one or the other of the missing men, but none of the offered explanations seem to accumulate any degree of positiveness or certainty. It was even suggested today that the red stains all over the church might

not be human blood, and the grow-some pieces found in the church stove might have been taken from a cadaver stolen from some accessible place. In support of the theory that the murder indications are all part of a gigantic hoax, the assertion was advanced that the missing preacher was known to be carrying \$5,000 of insurance.

Port Huron, Mich., Jan. 8.—The local authorities last evening held an examination of the bones and remains of the man found murdered and supposed to be Rev. Mr. Carmichael. But two teeth were found which could be identified as false. Nothing was found that would solve the mystery as to the identification of the slain man. Another examination will be held today.

St. Clair, Mich., Jan. 8.—Rev. J. H. Carmichael, the Methodist minister of Adair, Mich., whose dismembered and burned body, it was believed last night, had been found in the stove of his church near Columbus, Mich., tonight thought to be alive. The authorities thought to be alive. The authorities thought to be alive.

Shot at Rabbit and Hit Brother Tragical Accident Near Chatham

Mr. James Bullock Bleeds to Death While Hunting.

Oil Springs, Jan. 8.—James Bullock was accidentally shot by his brother, Bert, while out shooting rabbits, and received injuries from which he died shortly afterwards.

The accident happened about three miles from this village on the farm of Mr. John Doyle, one of the best-

known farmers of the district. The brothers had been training around for some time when Bert spied a rabbit running across the field about 20 yards distant. Turning suddenly he fired, and the charged, lodged in the right leg of the brother, who was standing between Bert and the running animal. A great wound was opened from which the blood came in large quantities and the young man died before the flow could be stopped.

He leaves a father, mother, two brothers and three sisters.

Hickson Boy Takes His Own Life

(Special to The Advertiser.)

Woodstock, Jan. 8.—After attending a prayer meeting at the Methodist Church at Hickson last evening, George Hickson, the 19-year-old son of the railway section boss at that place, swallowed a big dose of strychnine from a bottle that he had in his pocket, and died several hours later.

The young man had been suffering from despondency for some time, and recently underwent an operation for the abscess on the brain. At the prayer meeting last night he appeared to be greatly interested, and asked a number of questions. On his way home he took the poison. Then he went to his home and told what he had done.

Committees Finally Decided Upon

The formation of the council committees has been practically settled upon, although it has occasioned not a little difficulty.

The finance committee will be the same as outlined in yesterday's Advertiser with Ald. Ferguson as chairman.

The board of works will be composed of Ald. Gerry, chairman; Ald. Saunders, Ald. Rose and Ald. Cooper. Ald. Garratt will be given the chairmanship of No. 3 committee, and will

have as his colleagues Ald. Fitzgerald, Ald. Moorhead and Ald. Stewart.

Ald. Stewart will have the chairmanship of the special power committee and Ald. Stevenson has the chairmanship of the reception committee.

There is some doubt as to the composition of the London and Port Stanley Board, but the members will likely be Ald. Ferguson, Ald. Beattie, Ald. Parsons, Ald. Stevenson, Ald. Saunders, Ald. Stewart and Ald. Rose.

There are other committees, but they will not be selected for some time yet, at least.

Police Watching for Rev. Carmichael

Chief of Police Williams last night received a wire from the Detroit police, stating that it was believed that Rev. John Carmichael, who, it is alleged is responsible for the murder of an unknown man in Adair, Mich., had crossed the river, and was in Canada, and to be on the lookout for him.

Early this morning, William Walker,

a special detective from Michigan, arrived in the city, but the police here are most reticent regarding his movements.

It is not known whether he has left the city or not, but he is known to be working in the search for Carmichael. The local detectives are keeping a close watch on all through trains.

An Alleged Local Flim-Flammer

The local detectives last night were notified to be on the watch for a man who went around South London yesterday afternoon representing himself to be a coal merchant, and who collected a considerable amount of money.

At one place on Front street, it is said, the man secured \$6 by telling the lady of the house that he had sold her husband some coal from a carload that had got broken. He ex-

plained that in order to get rid of the coal quickly he was offering it at a reduced price, and her husband had decided to take some, and had sent him to get part of the money. The coal, he said, would be sent along shortly.

At other places the man also secured money. He is described as being a fairly stout man, about five feet seven or eight inches tall. So far no further trace of the alleged swindler has been found.

South London Liberals.

Next Friday night there will be an important meeting in the South London Liberal Club. Officers, chairmen of divisions and all others interested in the work, are requested to be present. The meeting will take place from 8 to 9, after which the weekly whist match will be held.

American Club.

The regular weekly social meeting of the American Club was held in the room on Carling Street last evening and was well attended. A most enjoyable time was spent by all. At the next regular meeting next week the members have arranged to have an American baked bean supper.

THURSDAY NIGHT NOT SO VERY COLD

Eight and One-half Degrees Above Registered.

Many persons who were under the impression that last night was colder than the preceding one will be surprised to learn that it was not, as the temperature of the local observatory was 7° above on Wednesday night, and 8½° above last night.

At 8 o'clock this morning the thermometer showed 12½° above.

Londoners, however, after luxuriating in the springlike weather of the early part of the week, feel the cold exceedingly.

EPIDEMIC OF COLDS FOLLOWS CHANGE

Druggists Report a Big Demand for Cures of Coughs, Etc.

Local physicians state that an epidemic of colds and sore throats has followed the sudden change in the weather. Numerous heavy colds have developed, and a number of individuals are sitting at home by the fire nursing them.

Druggists report a big demand for those concoctions which are guaranteed to alleviate a cold and cure it in a few hours.

HARDING RETURNED THE LIVERY OUTFIT

But Was Immediately Placed Under Arrest Last Night.

Philip Harding, the man charged by D. C. Carmichael with stealing a horse and buggy, was arrested last night at Carmichael's livery barn by Detective Nickle.

Harding was to have returned the horse on Tuesday night, but did not do so. On Wednesday Mr. Carmichael laid an information charging him with theft.

Last evening Harding drove into the livery barn with the horse and buggy, and was immediately placed under arrest.

Charged With Fraud.

Harding appeared before Magistrate Love this morning, and the charge against him was changed to fraud. He stated that he had money coming to him from friends in Central and Lucan. Harding, it is alleged, sold a horse and rig belonging to W. C. Maker, last week.

"I think this man has a craze for taking horses and buggies," said the court.

Harding elected trial before Magistrate Love and was remanded for a week.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS HAD PLEASANT TIME

Presentation Made to Their Teacher, Mr. Charles H. Joyce.

The Kensington Adult Bible Class spent a social evening together last night. About 50 members of the class and their friends were present, and the following programme was rendered: Song, Mr. Fred Barr; song, Miss N. Dore; dialogue, by four young ladies; speech, by Mr. R. H. Wade, superintendent of Sunday school; song, Miss M. Underwood; song, by Mr. J. Thompson; speech, by Rev. S. Anderson, pastor; trio, by Messrs. Stewart, Talbot and J. Breene.

The teacher, Mr. C. H. Joyce, was then called to the front and was presented with an address, accompanied by a handsome china tea service and water set.

A flash-light photo was taken of the company, after refreshments had been served, and a most enjoyable evening brought to a close.

SICILY'S DEATH LIST

The latest provisional statement of the Sicilian earthquake disaster drawn up shows that 60 towns were destroyed, and gives the number of dead in these as 165,053. This does not include hospital deaths.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLD FORECASTS.

Toronto, Jan. 8—8 a.m. Fair and cold today and Saturday, with a few snow flurries.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	Today.	Yesterday.
London	12	8
Calgary	-32	-42
Winnipeg	-22	-10
Perry Sound	2	-14
Ottawa	-10	-10
Toronto	-16	-16
Montreal	-10	-6
Quebec	-12	-12
Father Point	-10	-10
Victoria	7	7
Edmonton	-46	-38
Battleford	-40	-36
Moos Jaw	-46	-36
Qu'Appelle	-46	-36
Port Arthur	-34	-12
St. John	6	14

Minus (-) means below zero.

WEATHER NOTES.

The temperature continues very low in the Western Provinces, and in British Columbia the cold is unusually severe.

The weather has moderated a little in Ontario, but continues very cold in Quebec and New Brunswick.

LIBERAL CLUB ELECTIONS

A great deal of interest is being taken in the Liberal Club elections, which will be held this evening and tomorrow night at Hyman Hall.

The polling will take place from 7 to 10 o'clock each evening. Mr. Angus Elliott will act as returning officer.

Every member is requested to bring his card of membership.

The contest will be keen for all the positions. Considerable rivalry exists among the candidates, and a very large vote should result.

Every member of the club is requested to vote as early as possible. Tickets may be secured from the secretary, Dr. Claude Brown, or from the candidates.

THE CANDIDATES.

For President—J. Harry Fowler, E. A., and George S. Gibbons.

Executive Committee—Ward 2.—R. Cooper, Andrew Robson, Thos. Ranahan.

Ward 3.—Arch. Black, jun., Charles Clarke, W. R. McKay, James Murray, Alex. Purdom, jun.

Ward 4.—Geo. Bayley, Chester Butler, Sam Delaney, Bert Hoaman, Ed. Nelles, Gordon Ingram, L. Leonard, Percy Fitzgerald.

Ward 5.—Wm. Allister, G. Arthurs, W. Gray, L. H. Martyn, Fred Pace, Lui Paladino, Art Sippi, Jas. Young.

Ward 6.—Chas. Ferguson, R. J. Southcott, Earl Insley.

The executive for Ward 1 was elected by acclamation.

ESCAPES FROM THE HOSPITAL MARY CUTHBERTSON'S TRIALS

Left this Institution in Her Night Clothes—Spent the Night in the Home of Mrs. Baker, on Elias Street—Left That Place Before the Authorities Could Overtake Her.

Miss Mary Cuthbertson, the woman who was taken to Victoria Hospital on Tuesday from the county jail to be treated for nervous prostration, made her escape from the hospital last night shortly after leaving Mrs. Baker's. When taken to the hospital, she was found in the home of Mrs. Baker, on Elias street, until this morning, when about 8 o'clock Dr. MacArthur received word that Miss Cuthbertson had spent the night at the home of Mrs. Baker, on Elias street.

On the Road Again.

Before anybody could get to the place, however, Miss Cuthbertson had again made her escape.

When she left the hospital she was wrapped in a pair of stockings. It is feared that wandering about with such scanty clothing on a night as cold as it was last night is seriously for her.

Miss Cuthbertson for some time has been under the influence of a mad desire to wander about. She was first arrested in Toronto while wandering about there. A few days ago she was again arrested at Woodstock, and from there sent to this city.

Was Sent to the Hospital.

Magistrate Love, after hearing the opinion of Dr. MacArthur, decided to send her to Victoria Hospital for treatment. Since being at Victoria, Miss Cuthbertson has been somewhat quiet, although one day she broke away and ran out on the lawn. Before she could get away, however, she was captured and taken in again. Last night she was apparently as quiet as usual, and the nurse, after giving her a drink of milk, left her for a moment.

Made Her Escape.

Miss Cuthbertson was formerly employed at Victoria Hospital, and had a thorough knowledge of the building. When the nurse returned it was found she had made her escape through one of the rear doors. For some time the river bank was watched, as it was feared that she might have tried to suicide.

A MORAL IN THIS GIVE RIGHT NAME

That Is if Police at Any Time Should Ask for It.

In the police court this morning, George Kemp, William Andrew, Robert Bear and B. Sullivan were found guilty of acting in a disorderly manner on Dundas street.

Kemp gave the wrong name when arrested, and for so doing was fined \$1 and \$2 60 costs. The other young men were fined only \$1 each.

Ferry Sullivan, another of the party, did not appear, and if he did not go to the court today, an order for his arrest will be issued.

Kemp was also accused of swinging on awning bars, and as many merchants have complained to the police of their awnings being destroyed in this way, Magistrate Love gave Kemp a severe lecture.

Took the Month.

Harry Whiting, a porter at a local hotel, appeared in court with a big black eye and a cut on his head. He charged James MacDougall with inflicting the injury by striking him. MacDougall admitted the offence, but said Whiting had called him names.

The court told MacDougall he should be ashamed of hitting a man so much smaller than himself, and imposed a fine of \$5, or one month in jail. MacDougall took the month.

Nelson Dawson, a drunk, who has been coming up too frequently, was fined \$3 or seven days.

—Mr. Wm. H. Ingram, of Paris, France, European correspondent for the Brooklyn Eagle, was in the city yesterday, the guest of Mr. U. A. Buchner. Mr. Ingram, who is a son of the postmaster of St. Thomas, went into journalism immediately after graduating from Toronto University, five years ago. He was on the Paris staff of the London Times before taking his present position, in which he has made a name for himself.

POWER MEETING HERE WEDNESDAY

Large Number of Delegates Are Expected Next Week.

A meeting of the Western Ontario Municipalities Power Union will be held in the house of trades rooms on Wednesday next, when representatives from all the municipalities interested in the Niagara power movement will be present.

"I do not know anything further than I was informed that the meeting would be held here next Wednesday," said Mayor Stevely. "Secretary Lyon has said nothing to me further than that, and I am waiting for information. I would gather that there would be quite a number of delegates here on that occasion."

HIGH PRESSURE MAINS SUCCESS

New York Firemen Try Them Out, Saving Much Property.

New York, Jan. 8.—The new high pressure system recently adopted by this city was up against a staggering test last evening with three big fires to tackle at once, and in one of them in which Sir Thomas Lipton's house and E. C. Hazard & Co.'s groceries, were burned up and their abode utterly demolished, it could not prevent a loss estimated at \$1,000,000. It did, however, confine the damage to the buildings originally involved, and thus saved millions of dollars' worth of property.

For this fire four alarms were rung for the first time in the high pressure district, and they brought so much apparatus that three and five alarms were necessary at the two other fires, where the damage done is roughly put at \$75,000 and \$250,000 respectively. The mayor watched the working of the high pressure at one of these fires. Six hundred firemen were called out by the three fires.

NEGRO SLUGS CHATHAMITE

Aged Harry Church Is Brutally Assaulted and His Pockets Rifled.

Chatham, Jan. 7.—Probably a belief existing among certain folks that Harry Church, an aged blacksmith, did not believe in banks and hoarded up his money in "safer" places, inspired a murderous attack that was made upon him just as he was a few feet from his shop on Fifth street last night.

The old man is very deaf, so that he heard no one approaching him, as he was suddenly hit on the head with a nat instrument. Then he was kicked in the back, and his pockets rifled, but as he did not have the habit of carrying coin around with him, the robber did not get anything. If an attempt was made to enter his place it was not successful.

He tottered to the office of Dr. Silverlight, where his head was sewed up. Luckily, the scalp was not fractured. The hour when he reached the doctor's office was two hours after he was attacked, where he spent the intervening time he does not know, probably most of the evening on the sidewalk. The only description of his assailant he can give is that he was a negro, and wore a black coat. The police have no clue.

TRACK ELEVATION AT STANDSTILL

No Word Has Been Heard From Engineer Kelly as Yet

There is nothing new regarding track elevation.

A week or so ago Mr. Kelly, the G. T. R. engineer, visited the city, with a couple of assistants, and looked over the ground, obtaining all the information possible on the subject.

Since his return to Montreal not a word has been received from him, and it is more than likely that he is busy on the report to be made to the Grand Trunk officials shortly.

"I have heard nothing from him since his visit," said Mayor Stevely to The Advertiser. "I know that he is making out his report to Mr. Fitzhugh, which will be presented to him as soon as possible. This may take a few more days, perhaps thirty days, but as soon as that is done I am confident the matter will be taken up by the Grand Trunk authorities."

CIGAR LIGHTS FILMS DAMAGE \$200,000

Boy Carrying Moving Picture Material Collides With Smoker.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 8.—A messenger boy with three moving picture films in his hand yesterday collided with a man smoking a cigar.

The films became ignited and resulted in a \$200,000 fire in the Karbach block.

The man with the cigar was within the door of the office of the Samsen Film Company, when the boy bolted into the room with the films in his hands. One of these came in contact with the cigar the man was smoking and in a flash the films were burning.

This ignited other films, and in a moment the entire room, where \$150,000 worth of films were stored was in a blaze. Within 10 minutes every film was completely destroyed, \$50,000 damage done to the structure and other tenants.

ASSIZE COURT IS A BIG ONE

Many More Cases Have Been Entered for Trial.

BIG DAMAGES FROM RAILWAYS

Are Sought by a Number of Claimants—Interesting Suits.

The general impression that the January assizes would be of short duration is being rapidly dispelled by the number of cases being entered at the last moment. There are now 21 jury and 12 non-jury cases on the list.

A Damage Suit.

A damage suit for \$5,000 is entered against the London Street Railway Company for damages, brought by Margaret Ann and John William Feeney, for injuries received on Aug. 8, 1908, by a collision of two of the company's cars at the corner of Richmond and Albert streets. Mr. E. T. Essery acts for the plaintiff, and Messrs. Ivey & Dromgole for the defendants.

A Traction Case.

The Southwestern Traction Company and their late secretary-treasurer, A. E. Welch, are being sued for \$400. Mr. Welch, it is affirmed, sold the plaintiff, J. McConnell, three shares of the company's stock on the understanding that the London-Melbourne line should be shortly in operation.

The plaintiff is suing for the \$300, paid for the three shares, and other amounts, which bring the demand up to \$400, because the company, he claims, failed to carry out their agreement.

Messrs. Meredith, Judd & Meredith act for the plaintiff, and Mr. T. H. Luscombe for the company.

Suing the Contractors.

Wm. Rider, who was injured on Dec. 10, 1907, while working on the Smallman & Ingram building, is taking action against George A. Just & Co., his employers, for \$2,000. Mr. E. T. Essery acts for the plaintiff, and Messrs. Gibbons, Harper & Gibbons for defence.

John Henry Jones is also suing George A. Just & Co. for injuries which will permanently disable his hand. He claims \$2,500 damages.

Against Railways.

Two actions are also slated against the railway companies. Bennett vs. the G. T. R., for injuries received in a collision near Clarkson, the plaintiff being a fireman on one of the company's engines. The claim is for \$4,500.

Messrs. Gibbons, Harper & Gibbons for plaintiff, and W. H. Biggar for defence.

Mary O'Leary is suing the C. P. R., on behalf of herself and children for the death of her husband, Patrick O'Leary, who was run over and killed by one of the company's engines. They claim criminal neglect, and ask for \$10,000 damages.

Messrs. Gibbons, Harper & Gibbons for plaintiff, and Mr. A. M. McMurchy for the C. P. R.

More Crystal Ball Cases.

Two more cases have been entered against W. J. Reid, Peter Shirlies, R. G. Wilson, and Geo. N. Kernohan. Both actions are for \$10,000, the plaintiff in the first action being A. McCallum and F. G. Westlake, and in the second, John Loney.

Messrs. Meredith, Judd & Meredith act for the plaintiff in both cases, and Messrs. Gibbons, Harper & Gibbons for Mr. Reid, and John McEvoy for Kernohan and Wilson also in both actions.

A Note Case.

The Dominion Bank brings action to recover \$2,001.29, the amount of a promissory note and notary's fees connected therewith, from a J. Kernohan.

Messrs. Blackburn & Weekes act for the plaintiffs, and Meredith, Fisher & McDonald for the defense.

HALF-FARE RATE MAY BE ABOLISHED

Railways May Cut Off Special Privileges to Clergymen.

At present the railroads have under consideration the withdrawal of the special rate extended to clergymen going to western fields.

Up to the end of the year clergymen working in the west had a half-fare rate on a special permit, but so far these permits have not been renewed, and it is unlikely that they will be. Last year 600 permits were issued to pastors and missionaries. The idea of the railway had in view in granting the special rate was to aid struggling missionaries and in developing the country to a certain extent.

The courtesy of a half-fare rate for clergymen used to be extended in Ontario, but twenty years ago it was cut off and has never been renewed.

Chase & Sanborn's
HIGH GRADE
COFFEE



The best part of breakfast, to most people, is their cup of Chase & Sanborn's Coffee.

Perfect berries, careful selection, expert blending, insure the rich color and delightful flavor of this best coffee.

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WOODS' FAIR

Watch for the Big Granite-ware Sale on Saturday

Perfect Granite-ware at less than the price of seconds. We are bound to make a hit with our Granite-ware Sale this month. Having made a big purchase we will have enough for all, but don't delay. The following lines will be on:

Special Sale Saturday, All Perfect Goods

6 doz. Lip Preserve Kettles, 6-qt., regular 40c.	Saturday sale price	24c
6 doz. Lip Preserve Kettles, 10-qt., regular 55c.	Saturday sale price	33c
3 doz. 10-qt. Dish Pans, regular 50c.	Saturday sale price	33c
3 doz. 17-qt. Dish Pans, regular 75c.	Saturday sale price	47c
6 doz. Chambers, large size, regular 40c.	Saturday sale price	24c
6 doz. Chambers, medium size, regular 30c.	Saturday sale price	17c
6 doz. Large 32-in. Wash Bowls, regular 25c.	Saturday sale price	15c
6 doz. 14-qt. Water Pails, regular 65c.	Saturday sale price	39c

Ladies' Gowns, 75c

Ladies' Flannelette Gowns in pink, cream and a few blue, yoke trimmed with frill edged with lace, some embroidery trimmed, lined yoke in back. Sizes 56 to 60. Special

Black and White Silk Waists, \$2.75

Ladies' White Silk Waists, front made in yoke style of lace insertion, cuffs made of insertion and lace, pointed collar, buttoned in back. Sizes 34 to 42. Special, \$2.75

LADIES' BLACK TIGHTS, with band or elastic top, fast black, full sizes. Sale price, per pair

A complete line of Bible, Prayer Books and Church Hymnals at lowest prices.

WOODS' FAIR J. M. THOMSON

TIMELY TOPICS FOR THE FARMER

Programme for North Middlesex Institute January Meetings.

Arrangements have been made for the regular meetings of the North Middlesex Farmers' Institute during January, at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m., as follows:

1. "Coldstream-Town hall, Jan. 12. Women at some home near."
2. "Beechwood-Foresters' Hall, Jan. 14. Women at schoolhouse."
3. "Ailsa Craig-Town hall, Jan. 15. Women at council chamber."
4. "Parkville-Town hall, Jan. 16. Women at council chamber at 5 o'clock."
5. "Mr. W. F. Kydd, Simcoe, and Mrs. M. L. Ashley are delegates for the respective institutes. Mr. Kydd's lectures were appreciated at the meetings of a certain number of last year. Questions on any of his subjects should be written out, and they will be discussed. His subjects are: 1. "Am I Raising the Most Profitable Horse?" 2. "The Dairy Cow, Her Summer Feed and Winter Care." 3. "Small Fruits and Care of Grape Vines." 4. "Potato Spraying." 5. "Ventilation of Farm Buildings." 6. "Dropped Stitches."

Mrs. Ashley is experienced in hospital work and management of private homes. Her subjects are: 1. "Responsibilities of Mothers to Daughters, and Vice Versa." 2. "Feeding and Care of Infants." 3. "Succedness of the Body." 4. "Home-making Versus Housekeeping." 5. "How to Promote and Utilize the Institute." 6. "Needs of Twentieth Century." 7. "Secrets of a Nation's Power."

General programme: 1. president's address; 2a. Mr. W. F. Kydd, subject No. 1 or 2; 2b. Mrs. Ashley, subject No. 1; 3. secretary's announcements; 4a. W. F. Kydd, answers to questions; 4b. local addresses. Evening—1. president's address; 2. W. F. Kydd, "Dropped Stitches"; 3. secretary's intimations; 4. Mrs. Ashley, subject No. 5; 5. local addresses, music, etc., interspersed.

The officers are: C. H. Wilson, president; D. A. Graham, vice-president; W. T. Amos, secretary-treasurer; Henry.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Sunday Car Vote.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

The Rev. Mr. Lancelley, in his anger over the victory of the Sunday car committee, has made some statements that are very inaccurate. In his interview with The Advertiser of Tuesday he said: "That two of the forces that carried the bylaw were the Roman Catholics and the liquor men. Now, we will just look at the facts of the vote. Take No. 4 ward. The vote against Sun-

day cars in that ward showed about 100 majority, and it is the stronghold of the Methodist forces. There are several Methodist churches there, also several Presbyterian churches. It is the largest voting ward in the city. The result from this ward cannot be very gratifying to Mr. Lancelley and his cohorts. South London voted decidedly in favor of Sunday cars, in spite of the strenuous efforts of a certain pastor, who argued his side of the question from the pulpit, but held up his hands in holy horror at the thought of the other side being discussed from the same pulpit. It is quite true that many Catholics voted for Sunday cars, but so did many Methodists, and nearly all the English Church adherents. Mr. Lancelley would gain more for his cause by using the papers and the pulpit for the spreading of the true Christian spirit of charity and peace.

ANNUAL MEETING OF LAW ASSOCIATION

Dr. A. O. Jeffery Succeeds Mr. T. G. Meredith as President.

The annual meeting of the Middlesex Law Association was held in the court house at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Mr. T. G. Meredith, K.C., the president, in the chair.

The annual report was received, and showed the association to be in a flourishing condition, with 65 members, and over 4,000 volumes in the library.

The following trustees were elected: J. H. Plock, K.C., R. Bayly, K.C., V. Cronyn, K.C., E. Meredith, K.C., George C. Gibbons, K.C., M. D. Fraser, K.C., T. H. Purdon, K.C., T. G. Meredith, K.C., A. O. Jeffery, K.C., F. P. Betts, J. B. McKillop, and Judge Talbot Macbeth.

Afterward the trustees held a meeting, at which the following officers were elected, Mr. T. G. Meredith having resigned the presidency, after having held it for two years:

President—A. O. Jeffery.
Vice-President—F. P. Betts.
Treasurer—J. B. McKillop.
Secretary—D. A. McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Reed, of Rensselaer, Ind., are holiday visitors with their aunt, Mrs. M. Andrew. Hellmuth avenue, and Mr. J. Matheson, Mrs. Reed's father.

LONDON MAN ON SPELLING REFORM

Letter From Prof. Dearness on Interesting Subject.

The following letter appears in the Toronto Globe from Mr. J. Dearness, vice-principal of the London Normal School:

To the Editor of the Globe: I should like to move a vote of thanks to Mr. Biggar for writing the letter on spelling reform, which called forth the leading editorial in Saturday's Globe. Besides affording the pleasure of reading a good discussion, it is likely to prove highly useful at the present time. It is easy to see how a well-posted high school teacher could make good use in his classes of the editorial, and even of the letter. Wouldn't it furnish an excellent exercise for an advanced class to prove or controvert the dictum that our "good old English spelling" is not good, is not old and is not English?

Mr. Biggar will be grieved to learn of the chorus of approbation with which the British press has announced the formation of the Simplified Spelling Society. There have been just enough discordant notes to keep attention alive.

The London Queen said: "Now that Oxford and Cambridge have given their imprimatur to the essence and beginning of reformed spelling, the subject is ripe for practical consideration and gradual action. Our present spelling is two or three centuries behind the times; unquestionably it needs reformation, and that in the interest of many besides ourselves."

The London Daily News: "There is everything to be urged for spelling reform. Our archaic orthography adds months, perhaps years, of labor. A simplified spelling would save labor, money and time, and incidentally it would aid the spread of our language in the world. The old picturesque spelling is doomed."

The Daily Graphic: "There is no question as to the clumsiness and the absurdities of our present form of spelling."

The London Schoolmaster: "Teachers generally will wish the new enterprise success. A sensible revision of the spelling of English words would be not only a great boon to the country generally, but a great saving of time in our schools."

Etc., etc., etc.

But possibly Mr. Biggar will grieve no longer at the progress of simplification of spelling when he discovers the large number of dignified and influential directors of British opinion which, to use the language of the School Government Chronicle, "welcome the Simplified Spelling Society in England and greet its American prototype, the Simplified Spelling Board, that lends the name of its distinguished president, Dr. Lounsbury, to the list of the British Society's vice-presidents, as the joint and several preservers of literary English."

Entwine the flag!

There is doubtless quite as much flippant criticism of spelling reform in the United States as in either England or Canada, hence arising prejudice against it is not exclusively the mark of either American or British conservatism. From Dr. C. P. G. Scott, 1 Madison avenue, New York, Mr. Biggar may obtain columns of British press notices anent the proposed improvement of spelling. J. DEARNESS.

London, Jan. 4.

THE TALK OF THAMESFORD

Debate by Members of Presbyterian Guild—Local Option Wins.

Thamesford, Jan. 8.—The W. F. M. S. of St. Andrew's Church held their first meeting of the year at the home of the president, Mrs. Watson, where ways and means were discussed on how to make the meetings of this year more interesting and profitable. After the close of the meeting a dainty lunch was served.

A debate, under the auspices of the Presbyterian Guild, was held last night, subject, "Resolved, that city life has more advantages than country life."

A great deal of interest was manifested here on election day, when local option was again voted on and carried by a large majority, going to show that the people thought it benefitted the community.

Mr. McGee, of Beachville, was returned as reeve in North Oxford, and Mr. Gleason was re-elected in East Nissouri.

Mrs. Wm. Kaley returned to her home on New Year's morning, having spent two months with her daughter in Oakton, North Dakota.

The three churches of the village are uniting in the week of prayer to be held next week. The services on Monday evening are to be held in the English Church, and the meeting will be addressed by a clergyman from London. On Tuesday evening the meeting will be in the Methodist Church, subject, "Foreign Missions."

On Wednesday evening in the Presbyterian Church, when a banquet is to be held for men of the three congregations, who are to be addressed by three laymen, subject, "The Laymen's Missionary Movement."

A little son has come to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Glidden in the holiday season.

Miss T. Scellian has somewhat improved, and her friends hope for an ultimate recovery.

Miss Babu, who has been visiting at Carletonford for two weeks, came home last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Newton spent New Year's Day with friends in Woodstock.

Miss Barkey, of St. Thomas, has been visiting Miss Lily Bartlett, for the past fortnight.

School started on Monday with the full staff of teachers and the usual number of pupils.

A patent has been granted upon an "endosseous" lamp filament made of nitride of cerium.

SILVER WEDDING WAS CELEBRATED

Pleasant Event at Home of Mr. and Mrs. Angus Cruickshank.

There was a pleasant time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Angus Cruickshank, Centre road, East Williams, when a large number gathered to celebrate the silver anniversary of their wedding. Mr. Cruickshank was married 25 years ago to Margaret Wilkie, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Meldrum Wilkie, of Adelaide. A number of guests, who attended the marriage, were present to wish Mr. and Mrs. Cruickshank a long and happy life, and hoped to be present at their golden wedding.

The house was beautifully decorated with red streamers, evergreen arches, holly and Christmas bells. Mrs. Cruickshank cut a large, four-story bride's cake. In the nursery a Christmas tree was prepared for the children, and Santa Claus himself gave out the presents to the little ones.

Among the guests were Mr. Cruickshank's aged mother, Mrs. Lewis Cruickshank, who is one of the few surviving pioneers of East Williams, very bright and happy in her 87th year. Others were Miss Cruickshank, Mr. and Mrs. John Cruickshank, Springbank; Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McCubbin and family, Strathroy; Mr. and Mrs. George Wilkie, Strathroy; Mr. and Mrs. Alex. M. Wilkie and family, Konocti; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McEwan and family, Falkirk; Mr. and Mrs. J. Keyser and family, Adelaide; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Smith and family; Melrose; Mr. and Mrs. George Fraser and family, Parkhill; Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Adelaide; Misses McKillop, Mr. McKillop, Knox Corners; Mr. Will McLennan, Parkhill; Mr. A. F. McLean, Montana; Miss Bell McIntosh, Springbank; Mr. Will Macintosh, Springbank.

Many beautiful gifts of silver were received.

Music was furnished by Messrs. McLennan and McLean, Miss Ruby Wilkie and Miss Iva McCubbin and others.

ORDERS AFFECTING RAILWAY EMPLOYEES

Recently Issued by the Commission—Of Interest to Londoners.

The following are amongst the recent orders issued by the railway commission for the protection of railway employees:

1. No freight train, except work or construction trains of fifteen cars or less, now in service, shall be made up or allowed to proceed upon its journey unless at least three-quarters of the cars composing such train have air brakes in good working order.

2. The number of cars that may be drawn in freight trains shall be left entirely to the judgment of operating officials of such railway companies; in all cases, however, in which it may be found necessary to double-head, the leading engine shall control the train.

3. Every road locomotive engine shall be equipped with a step or steps and hand-holds on both sides of and at or near the rear ends of tenders; foot-rests shall be provided on the platform of every such engine, sufficiently wide for a man to stand on; every switching or yard engine shall be equipped with foot-boards and hand-holds on the front and rear ends of the engine and tender, such foot-boards to be not less than ten inches wide; the back of such foot-boards shall be protected by a board not less than four inches high, and if cut in the centre, the inner ends shall be protected in like manner; and foot-boards and hand-holds shall be placed on the rear end of the tender of every road locomotive engine used for switching services, except in cases of emergency; in no case, however, shall any engine be continuously used for twenty-four hours without such equipment.

4. The number that shall comprise the switching engine crews shall be left entirely to the judgment of the operating officials; on main line light engines shall not be run a distance greater than twenty-five miles in any direction without a conductor. In addition to the engineer and the fireman; and on branch lines the operating officials shall determine the necessity of requiring conductors on light engines.

5. Every locomotive engineer of such companies must have at least one year's continuous experience as a fireman, pass a satisfactory examination in regard to the proper care of locomotive engines, the handling of air brakes, and train rules and regulations, be at least twenty-one years of age, and undergo an eye and ear test by a competent examiner before being eligible for appointment as such engineer. Except in cases of emergency, every conductor of such companies must have at least one year's experience as brakeman or conductor and be at least twenty-one years of age before being eligible for appointment as such.

6. The telegraph operators of such companies required to handle train orders shall be at least eighteen years of age, able to write a legible hand, to send and receive messages at the rate of not less than twenty words a minute, and be thoroughly familiar with and required to pass an examination upon train rules before a competent examiner.

7. Every employee of such railway companies engaged in operating trains shall, before undertaking such duties, be required to undergo a color test by a competent examiner.

8. All railway companies shall strictly conform to the rules and regulations from time to time approved by the Master Car Builders' Association, governing the loading of lumber, logs and stone on open cars, and the loading and carrying of structural material, plates, rails and girders. No materials of any kind shall be carried upon the roofs of cars.

9. All open draught crossing tracks in the yards of such companies shall be covered for five feet on each side of the rails, except in times of flood when temporary open drains may be provided; semaphore and signal wires, when they cross under tracks, shall be carried in pipes or boxes; new buildings and semaphore and poles erected shall be placed not less than six feet from the rail of the main track; water stand supply pipes shall be fastened parallel with the main line, and engineers shall be required to see that this is done after using such pipes.

10. Every person or company offending against any of the foregoing provisions shall forfeit and pay the sum of \$50 for every such offense.

REFERENDUM PRINCIPLE.

Toronto, Jan. 7.—Controller Ward on Monday in the city council will move that application be made to the Ontario Legislature for power to adopt the principle of the initiative and referendum in connection with all franchise transactions. This means that whenever the council grants, renews or extends a franchise it will first submit a referendum and afterwards be bound by the result.

FATAL EXPLOSION.

Kenora, Jan. 8.—On Monday afternoon one foreigner in McCrae & Courtney's camp on the G. T. P. was killed, and another was fatally injured by a premature explosion of dynamite. Their names are not known.

LAWYERS EAT Grape-Nuts

"It Builds the Brain"

"THERE'S A REASON"

WEATHER
PROBS:
Fair
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Smallman & Ingram
THE SATISFACTORY STORE—PHONE 655

FRIDAY,
JAN. 8
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Pre-Stocktaking Clearance In Lace Curtain Department



75c to \$5 Lace Curtains
Reduced to 48c to \$3.38 Pr.

ONE, TWO and THREE-PAIR LOTS, also some slightly mussed from handling.

Nottingham, Cable Net, Scotch Net, Irish Point and Brussels Net Curtains. All popular designs and styles. Buy your Curtains now, you'll have them ready when housecleaning time comes. It will pay you to look at the prices.

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The whole lot, 119 pairs, will go quickly at these prices:

17 pairs only Nottingham Lace Curtains. Regular 65c and 75c lines.	To clear at	48c
24 pairs Nottingham and Scotch Net Lace Curtains. Regular \$1 and \$1.25 lines.	To clear at, per pair	75c
15 pairs Nottingham and Scotch Net Lace Curtains. Regular \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2 lines.	To clear at, per pair	\$1.18
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24 pairs Nottingham Cable Net and Irish Point Curtains. Regular \$3.50 and \$4 lines.	To clear at, per pair	\$2.48
15 pairs Nottingham, Cable Net, Irish Point and Scotch Net. Regular \$4.50 and \$5 lines.	To clear at, per pair	\$3.38

TOMORROW (SATURDAY) FOR FIRST CHOICE.
SECOND FLOOR—TAKE LEVATOR.

Cloth Coats All Half Price

For Ladies, Misses and Children.

Tomorrow will be a busy day in our Mantle Section on the third floor, the first Saturday since our half-price sale commenced, and will be the first opportunity for hundreds of our customers from outside the city (who make Saturday their shopping day). If you have been figuring on a new Coat, you probably thought at \$20.00. Come now, and have the very Coat you want, and take \$10.00 home with you. (Money saved is money made). This is the greatest sale of Mantles ever conducted at this store, and we are pleased to say it is being appreciated, and taken advantage of not only by our customers in and around the city, but is attracting customers from the towns (far and near) of Western Ontario, who are paying railroad fare and making great savings through this great sale. WE SAY GREAT, for never before did we offer such an assortment of such good Coats at so great a reduction as HALF-PRICE.

TOMORROW--- More than double attractions here. The Mantle and Lace Curtain Sales as mentioned above, and our special January prices on Ladies' Tailoring, Skirt and Waist making, with such inducements to commence with, and our White Wear and Linen Specials yet to come, January promises to break all previous records at this store, and that is what we are aiming for. Come often, and share in the offerings as they come. Ladies', Misses' and Children's Mantles and Lace Curtains will be the big attractions for tomorrow.

Remember, store closes at 6 o'clock Saturday. Come early.

PRE-STOCKTAKING CLEARANCE OF TRIMMED HATS TOMORROW.

Store closes
6 p.m. daily,
Saturday
included.

Smallman & Ingram
THE SATISFACTORY STORE—PHONE 655

Dundas and
Richmond
Streets.

OLD SPELLING GOOD ENOUGH

Toronto Folk Not in Favor of American Contractions.

Toronto, Jan. 7.—There is much discussion going on in the city over the proposal of the department of education to retaining the letter "u" in such words as "honor," "favor," and "color."

Mr. J. M. Gibbons, lieutenant-governor of Ontario, says: "I prefer the British method and am opposed to phonetic spelling."

Sir James Whitney: "Personally, I would like to see the English forms of spelling retained. They are used by all cultured men, who speak and write the English language throughout the world. They are also retained by the English press, and were approved by an order-in-council at Ottawa some years ago. I am not in favor of changing English spelling until we are ready to create a new language, which will be entirely phonetic. This wanton trifling with the language is useless. There is no magic in either form, but I prefer that which is established."

Mr. N. W. Rowell, K. C.: "Always with the 'u.' I never spell according to the American method myself. I always stick to the English."

"Then you don't believe in such contractions as 'thru,' for 'through'?"

"Certainly not," replied the K. C. indignantly.

A. E. Kemp: "I lean towards the English method, but I must confess I'm a delinquent, for I usually spell such words as 'honor' and 'color' without the 'u.' But I don't believe in going too far, as some journals do, and spelling 'thru' 'thru.'"

"But I suppose the American style is bound to come, as it is the shorter." Provost Macklem, of Trinity College: "It is well to be somewhat conservative on such matters; not unreasonably so, but in moderation. I don't believe in giving free rein to such tendencies, for it leads to such spelling as 'tho' for 'though.'"

"though," and "thoroly" for "thoroughly." I see no reason why we should follow an American custom in our spelling. I believe in going to the fountain-head of our language, the old English, and from there we will derive the proper spelling of our words. So with a 'u.' This is so in all simple words, but in compounds the 'u' should be dropped. Thus 'honorary' is spelled without the 'u.' 'Honourable,' on the other hand, is an exception. It retains the 'u.'"

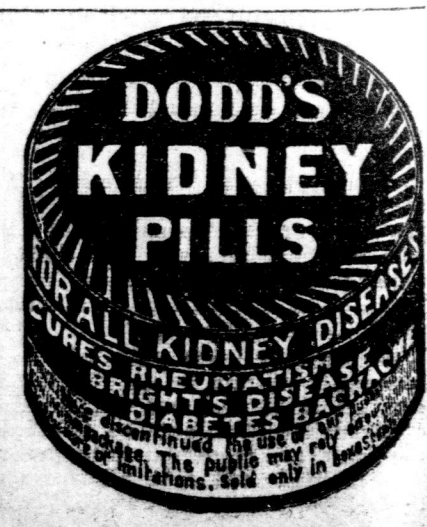
Prof. Goldwin Smith: "In a sense both forms are correct, but I prefer the old method. Why not continue using it? 'Honor' is only an abbreviation for 'honour.'"

Rev. R. McBrady, C. S. B., professor of classics in St. Michael's College: "I was taught to spell 'honor' with a 'u,' and I always do so. When I see this extraordinary phonetic spelling I am surprised."

Rev. Prof. D. D. Kilpatrick: "The old method gives the affiliation to the language better. It retains the connection between the old and the new. Contractions tend to lower the purity of English style."

Dr. R. A. Reeve: "One naturally likes the English way of spelling, but in practice I always write 'honor' without the 'u.' I accept the general rule in words of that kind and omit the 'u.'"

The eyes of the hare are never closed as it has no eyelids.



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AMUSEMENTS, LECTURES.

GRAND—Week Jan. 11
MATINEE SATURDAY, 10c, 20c.

Partello
The College Girl
10c, 20c, 30c; few 50c.

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5c 5c
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Allan Line

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Skating every afternoon and night.

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"AN EVENING IN LONDON, ENGLAND"
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THE MISSES WESTCOTT'S SCHOOL
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NEW STUDIO, 301 DUNDAS STREET—
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MEETINGS.

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DEDICATION CEREMONIES

NEW ODDFELLOWS' HALL.

Bank Nova Scotia Buildings, 422 Richmond street, Friday, Jan. 8, 1909, at 8 p.m.

by the Grand Master of Ontario, assisted by other Grand Officers. The musical part of the ceremony is under the direction of George E. Gosling, Esq., organist of the Methodist Church. Every member of the order is requested to be in his seat by 8 p.m. sharp. After refreshments, the officers of all the city lodges for 1909 will be installed by the District Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Samuel J. Keiser, Esq.

Keep the date open.

A. B. GREER, P.G., Chairman.
C. T. CAMPBELL, P.G., Sec.-Treas. Committee.

LONDON COUNCIL, NO. 23, ROYAL
Arcanum, will meet this (Friday) evening, at 8 o'clock, in Duffield block, Samuel M. Jepson, secretary. P

REGULAR ASSEMBLY, RICHARD
Court de Lion Preceptory, No. 4, Temple buildings, this (Friday) evening, 8 p.m. Bro. J. H. Baker, registrar; J. A. Tancock, P. Preceptor. P

SPECIAL MEETING, TRADERS AND
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FOUR CANVASSERS WANTED, AP-
PLY between 8 and 9, Alfred Tyler, 250 City street. 5117

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LOST—PAIR GLASSES, WITH PART-
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WANTED TO PURCHASE—COUNTER
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FOR WEDDING CAKES OR SPECIAL
cooking try the Big Bell Restaurant, 123 King street. F. G. Myers, proprietor. 5117

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NISHED, for light housekeeping, or board and suite of rooms in private family to occupy Jan. 8. Address Box 120, Advertiser. 5117

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REMOVAL—GEORGE CRADDOCK, AR-
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TAMLIN & SCOTT—OFFICE AND HO-
TEL, 14 Talbot street. Phone 566; residence phone 763. 5117

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RATES ONE DOLLAR AND UPWARD
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Reasonable price. James Gleason, 63 Dundas street. Phone 222. 5117

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ters, 101 Dundas. Money to loan. Robinson Hall Chambers. 5117

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"OLD-FASHIONED" SPELLING.

The Globe has been interviewing Toronto businessmen on spelling reform. There is something ludicrous in the utterance of Mr. W. R. Brock, ex-Mr. P., as follows:

"I am old-fashioned," said Mr. W. R. Brock, of the W. R. Brock Company, "and I stick to the old style and the 'u.' I was taught to spell such words as 'favor,' 'harbor,' 'honour,' with the 'u,' and I have heard no good reasons advanced why I should make a change. Let us not forget the good old Latin and Greek roots. I have yet to learn what is to be gained by leaving out the 'u,' either in regard to sound and expression or to the saving of time. Mr. Brock is evidently a little rusty in etymology. The good old Latin roots of the words which he spells 'favor' and 'honour' are 'favor' and 'honore'—precisely the same as the up-to-date English spelling. The word 'harbor' is not derived from the Latin at all, but is of Saxon origin. The old English spelling of it was 'harbour.' 'Honour' and 'favour' got their 'u' through the French, and 'harbour' picked up the same letter during the period when the English language was in a state of chaos and every man spelt it according to the dictates of his own conscience. Mr. Brock's 'old-fashioned' spelling is not even old, compared with the age of the words he mentions.

The ruling of the Ontario education department in favor of the 'u' termination has neither philology, simplicity nor common sense to commend it. It is supported merely by prejudice, as illustrated in the attitude of Mr. Brock.

THE MINIMUM WAGE.

The present British Government has moved far from the Liberal creed of 50 years ago, when the rigid doctrine of the Manchester school held almost undisputed sway. The iron law of wages, the theory that the remuneration of labor is fixed by supply and demand, and that any permanent improvement in the condition of the laboring classes would be prevented by the increase of their numbers, which would be stimulated by prosperity, has given place to a more humane and hopeful conception. It is no longer recognized in legislation, and even the political economists have discarded it. It is now admitted that the law of supply and demand is not as inevitable as a law of nature, and that competition should be controlled, like floods, or electricity, or other great natural forces.

An illustration of the change of thought in the sphere of economics is the growth of the idea of the minimum or living wage. In the name of humanity and national efficiency, it denies the right of any employer to use up workpeople like over-driven, under-fed and ill-bedded horses. The other day a deputation, headed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, and composed of representatives of all parties, waited upon Premier Asquith to protest against the sweating system, and to ask for the appointment of a wage board to fix minimum wages in the sweated trades. Mr. Asquith told the deputation, that subject to certain precautions, the Government was entirely in sympathy with their objects, and that so far as he himself was concerned he was willing to establish wage boards, as the only way the problem could be attacked to insure satisfactory results. He expressed the hope that it might be possible to devise machinery of that sort, prompt and effective in its work, with the minimum of friction and the maximum of consideration to all concerned.

Already it has been shown in the organized trades by the reciprocal interaction of employers and employed that the fixing of a minimum wage is not a difficult matter. The Postmaster-General of Great Britain has taken steps in the same direction by inserting in some postoffice contracts, clauses providing for a specified wage, and any payment below that is to be deemed a breach of the fair-wages clause of the contract. This reform is similar to that adopted by the Canadian postal department ten years ago.

The Government's sincere desire, Mr. Asquith told the deputation, was to devise some simple method of dealing with the subject. To the objection that the establishment of a wage board might lead to evasion—such, for instance, as that the giving out of work should be called a sale of raw material, and the handing it back by the employee should be called a sale of finished product—Mr. Asquith said, he thought the courts would be strong enough to deal with that sort of thing. "If," said the Premier, "the Government brings any legislation in it must proceed cautiously, considerably, and with an all-round view of the delicacy

of the problems with which it has to deal."

It looks as though the principle of the minimum wage will be universally accepted within the next 50 years. To raise the level of wages does not imply a corresponding increase in the price of all commodities in these days when machinery is constantly tending to cheapen the cost of production.

THE HINDUS IN CANADA.

If the Dominion Government follows the advice of the governor of British Honduras, Col. Swayne, who has been on a mission to Vancouver in connection with the Hindu problem on the Pacific coast, the Sikhs and others who are still there will be left alone. In his opinion any attempt to deport them would almost certainly lead to trouble.

The Hindus are as much citizens of the British Empire as are Canadians. Of course, if swarms of them were to descend upon British Columbia there would be cause for protest and resistance, but immigration from India has never been very large, and is not likely to increase. It must be remembered, too, that many of the East Indians now in British Columbia are Sikhs who have rendered valuable service to the Empire, and, as Col. Swayne points out, are authorized to cover their breasts with medals in attestation of the fact. The Canadian Premier risked popular displeasure in the Pacific province on the eve of a general election, in the performance of what was clearly his duty to the British Empire. He has done everything that statesmanship can do to remove any legitimate grievance of British Columbia. Mr. King was sent to England to solicit the co-operation of the Imperial Government in preventing Hindu immigration to Canada. He met with encouragement, and it is probable that the influx of these Orientals, which is now scarcely noticeable, will entirely cease.

Would the spelling fogies write it "labourious" or "vigourous"?

The alienists in the Haina case have coined a new phrase, "impulsive insanity." It will be classified with "brainstorm," "cerebral explosion," and other euphemisms for murder which were given a vogue by the Thaw trial.

The Ontario Government will appoint an inspector of licensed premises and has issued another order that licensees must "keep hotel." Evidently the license department has not accomplished such wonders in the past four years as has been advertised, but better late than never. A number of Conservative newspapers are sneering at the Lemieux act for want of other topics. The Lemieux act has been the means of settling nearly 50 labor disputes, involving thousands of men, and the possible loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars. If it has done that and nothing else, it has justified itself. The attacks upon it are sorry exhibitions of peanut partisanship.

The Woodstock Sentinel-Review says that "there seems no doubt that if some provision were made for compensation, some obstacles in the way of abolition of the bar would be removed." This is a view which is gaining a wide acceptance. A liquor license is becoming increasingly valuable in Ontario, as the number of licenses decreases. Some of this value should be taken for a compensation fund.

THE WASTES OF PEACE.

[New York Times.] While the loss of life in the earthquake is inexact by thousands of lives, precision in monetary loss is unimportant as well as inexact. One on the spot has hazarded the guess that the loss is a million dollars, say \$200,000,000. Although that is a fairly large figure, meaningly \$1,000 a family. It is right, Nova Scotia should be well up among the people of Canada who are growing rich.

THRIFTY BLUENOSSES.

[Montreal Gazette.] The estimate is made by Nova Scotia newspapers that the agricultural and fishery, manufacturing and mineral industries of the province last year produced wealth to the amount of \$100,000,000. That is a fairly large figure, meaningly \$1,000 a family. It is right, Nova Scotia should be well up among the people of Canada who are growing rich.

UNCONDITIONAL.

[Buffalo Express.] To the credit of Mr. Carnegie let it be recorded that he gave \$10,000 for the relief of the earthquake sufferers without providing that they must build a library with the money.

HOW IT SEEMED.

[St. Louis Times.] Barber-Razor all right, sir? Customer—My dear man, if you hadn't mentioned it I'd never have known there was a razor on my face. Barber—Thank you. Customer—I thought you were using a file.

RUSSIA'S ANTI-KISSING LAW.

[Ladies' Pictorial.] Russia is ruled by rigorous laws. The irony and humor of some of them come home to the foreign onlooker, while of course the Russians feel only the whip hand. The latest victim of an anti-kissing law in public law is a famous and all too impetuous Russian actress, Mlle. Troppoff, who actually had the temerity to kiss her mother in a tramcar. One would have thought even a magis-

trate or judge, or whoever administered cases of law-breaking of that kind in Russia, would be melted by the beautiful picture of the reunion of a mother and daughter celebrated by a chaste salute, but the Russians understand no jokes; the fine of 10 roubles (\$25.00) for a kiss in public conveyances, such as railways and tramcars, was vigorously enforced. A kiss in the street is penalized to the extent of 7 roubles (\$17.50), and a declaration of love made by postcard if anybody is brazen faced enough to do such a thing, is punished to the extent of 5 roubles (\$12.50). One would like to know if insult is heaped on injury and the fair recipient mulcted in damages if the declaration is sent without any address to identify the sender.

THE GOSSIPERS.

[Peter McArthur.] In his hour of pain and shame, In his prison house of fame, When revenge the devil sought Little tongues of fire he wrought, Tongues to lie and twist and turn, Tongues to scorch and sear and burn, Tongues to slay the high and holy, Tongues to slay the poor and lowly; Then to earth the tongues he sent, And to work his fell intent; To whisper, hint and smirch and sneer, To rub the world with fear; Evil with gossip that can kill, Evermore to work his will.

THE PITY OF IT.

[Chicago Record-Herald.] Most of the women who know best how to manage husbands don't know how to get them.

HER WAY.

[Chicago Record-Herald.] "Mrs. Ka Flippe is down with double pneumonia." "That woman always did go to extremes in everything."

A MEAN MAN.

[Brentford Express.] The Duke of Westminster, one of England's richest men, has decided not to bring cheer to certain aged servants who have drawn pensions of from \$1 to \$1.50 per week from the estate which he controls. As it is now possible for these pensioners to draw a Government pension of \$1.25 per week, he sends Christmas greetings and the announcement that the pension on his estate will now be withdrawn. Considering that the duke inherited from his grandfather an estate valued at \$30,000,000, he may easily lay claim to being the meanest man in the British Empire.

SNOW.

[Archibald Lampman.] White are the far-off plains, and white The fading forests grow; The wind dies, and the height And denser still the snow. A gathering weight on roof and tree, Falls down scarce audibly.

The road before me smooths and fills, And all about, The fence that once the hills Are blotted slowly out; The naked trees loom spectrally Into the dim white sky.

The meadows and far-sheeted streams Lie still without a sound; Like some soft minister of dreams The snowfall hoods me round; In wood and water, earth and air, A silence everywhere.

Save when at lonely intervals Some farmer's sleigh urged on, With rattling runners and sharp bells, Swings by me and is gone; Or from the empty waste I hear A sound remote and clear;

The barking of a dog or call To cattle, sharply paid, Borne echoing from some wayside stall Or barnyard far afield; Then all is silent, and the snow Falls settling soft and slow.

The evening deepens, and the grey Folds closer earth and sky; The world seems shrouded far away; Its noises sleep, and I, As secret as you buried stream, Pied dumbly on, and dream.

AMERICA'S WEALTHY CHURCH.

[Montreal Gazette.] The corporation of Trinity Church, New York, has issued a statement showing that it has an income of \$700,000 a year. It spends the money in the maintenance of ten churches and in other religious work. It also makes loans without interest to other churches. The church came into possession of New York real estate, whose development and increase in value made it worth many millions. Trinity has been in the list of rich institutions which it was the fashion to criticize, but the people have been told what it does with these funds. These are the days when the rich men to place their money in the hands of the church, but who is not.

WHY MEDICINE HAT IS MAD.

[Calgary Alberta.] Medicine Hat is very much vexed because some senseless United States physicians, in their misguided, rambling, irresponsible fashion, just at Medicine Hat as the place where all the cold winds come from. We know that the Hat has as good a winter climate as Calgary, which is as good as there is, and some say even a shade better, which is impossible. Hat should commission John T. Hall to pick out a few lasty, hard hitting, straight-shooting Mad Hatters and make a call upon some of the alleged funnyists and make the example of them. That would be good publicity business.

SPLENDID RESCUE WORK BY BRITISH.

Sailors of Fleet Acclaimed by Survivors of the Earthquake.

Naples, Jan. 8.—Dispatches received here state that severe earthquake shocks occurred at Monteleone and Palmi last evening. The ruins of the houses were shaken down and the people were thrown into a panic.

Villa San Giovanni, Jan. 8.—Via Regio.—The first train crawled into Villa San Giovanni shortly before noon today, re-establishing the link with the outside world for the distracted people who have for the past ten days been in complete isolation. British ships, however, were here yesterday, and put ashore enormous stores to be distributed to the sufferers. Many persons were killed at this place, and practically all the houses were overthrown, and the survivors have suffered greatly because of lack of shelter from the cold and rains, and lack of food.

The Anglo-American Club of Rome is represented by a small party of rescuers, camped in the vicinity of Villa San Giovanni, where they have erected a camp hospital.

Several ships have passed along the coast, leaving supplies, and retaining only sufficient to reach the nearest port, where further supplies are to be secured. Before his departure yesterday the British admiral landed and was frantically acclaimed by the survivors, who presented a pitiful appearance.

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Chairman Refers to the Fact That This Year's Board Has to Pay Overdraft for 1908.

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No. 2 Committee—W. W. Gammage, chairman, and Trustees Dr. M. R. Graham, W. T. Strong, Dr. Wyckoff and J. M. Gunn.
Audit Committee—J. M. Gunn, chairman, and Trustees Hamilton, Westervelt, Weekes, and Gammage.

Treasurer—City Treasurer Jas. S. Bell.
Solicitor—Mr. T. G. Meredith, K. C.

Sergeant-at-Arms—Harry Merritt.
Representative on the Library Board—Rev. Dr. Ross.

Representatives to the Western Fair Board—Chairman Westervelt and Trustee C. M. R. Graham.

At the inaugural meeting of the board of education held last evening, Mr. J. W. Westervelt was selected as chairman of the board. The choice was unanimous.

When the board was called to order by Secretary McElheran, Trustee Weekes proposed the name of Mr. Westervelt. He remarked that he had had the honor a year ago of proposing Mr. Westervelt's name, but he was not selected. Mr. Graham being the choice. As predicted, Mr. Graham made an excellent chairman. There was no doubt that Mr. Westervelt would do honor to the position. He had had a great deal of experience on the board and had always shown himself alive to the educational interests of the city.

As there were no other nominations, Trustee Westervelt was declared elected and was escorted to the chair by his nominees.

The New Chairman.

In accepting the position as chairman of the board, Trustee Westervelt thanked the board for the honor done him, and declared that in accepting it he realized fully the increased responsibility, but hoped that with the assistance and co-operation of the members of the board the year might be one of great good, educationally, at least, to the citizens of London.

The chairman referred to the circular issued by the department of education a year ago, stating that many complaints had reached the department that the education in the second-ary schools was sadly deficient in the essentials of a practical education. Spelling, penmanship, reading, letter-writing, and, in the elementary operations of arithmetic, lacking in speed and accuracy. Mr. Westervelt declared that in visiting the London schools, he had no hesitation in saying that the work of the London schools was an exception to that mentioned in the circular. He declared that the board should not be satisfied with past achievements, but should strive to secure a higher efficiency, if possible.

Visit to Buffalo.

Mr. Westervelt spoke of the visit of the teachers to the Buffalo schools, and declared that it was of benefit to the teachers who were privileged to attend, and also to the few of the board who made the trip. He thought a wider acquaintance with educational matters in other cities would be of much benefit to the members of the board.

In speaking of the technical school, he thought it wise to keep the question prominently before the board, so that if it were not possible to get the school this year, the matter would not be allowed to drop.

Manual Training.

He advocated manual training. "If we are to meet the proud position of being in the very front rank of Canadian cities in educational matters, we cannot any longer delay the introduction of manual training in some of our schools," he said.

In view of the fact that the Government apportions a fixed amount of \$350 upon the establishment of a manual training room, provides 20 per cent for equipment each year for five years, and allows 10 per cent towards teachers' salaries, while actually engaged in teaching the subject, should be sufficient inducement for this board to take up the matter and install a manual training plant in one or more centres of the city.

Mr. Westervelt declared that the basements of several schools—Simcoe street, St. George's, Aberdeen, and others—could be utilized for such a purpose. Principal McRoberts had taken a course in manual training and was in a position to teach the work, he stated.

The chairman advocated improving the lighting, seating, heating and ventilation of a number of the schools. Some work had been done along these lines last year, and it should be carried on further. He spoke of many changes he had in contemplation.

Larger Playgrounds.

The enlargement of the playgrounds of several schools, such as those at St. George's school, Empress avenue and Lorne avenue, was of decided advantage to those schools, and should be continued to other schools. He advocated the opening of the grounds after school hours, so that the children of the neighborhood might use them.

Mr. Westervelt also advocated telephones in the schools, especially in the larger schools. As for enlarging some of the schools, this matter must also

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be taken under advisement.

An Overdraft for 1908.

He pointed out also that the financial part of the board's business was becoming a very serious matter. While he could not state definitely the result of last year's business he was confident that there would be a considerable overdraft. The charges on the debt-enture issue, amounting to about \$2,000, had not been provided for, and there was also an item of \$2,500 for lavatories at Princess avenue school, not provided for in the estimates. There was no doubt that there would be a considerable overdraft to be carried by this year's board, and he hoped that ample provision would be made in the estimates for it.

In conclusion, he thanked them for their support, and asked that the deliberations of the year be characterized by goodwill and fair play.

Mr. Bell is Treasurer.

Trustees Teasdale, Weekes and Hamilton were appointed the nominating committee, and after some deliberation the following committees were drafted: No. 1—Trustees Weekes, Teasdale, Hamilton and Muggan.

No. 2—Trustees Gammage, Graham, Strong, Wyckoff and Gunn.
The committee met and Mr. Weekes was selected as chairman of No. 1 and Trustee Gammage of No. 2.

The audit committee was then appointed, with Mr. John M. Gunn as chairman, and Trustees Hamilton, Weekes, Westervelt and Gammage as the committee.

Owing to the death of the late Mr. John Pope, it was necessary to appoint a new treasurer, and Mr. James S. Bell, the present city treasurer, was given the position. Mr. T. G. Meredith, K. C., was again chosen solicitor, and Mr. Harry Merritt was selected again as sergeant-at-arms.

Secretary W. O. Carson, of the Public Library board, notified the trustees that the term of Mr. E. Manigault had expired.

Trustees Gammage and Hamilton moved that Rev. Dr. Ross be appointed. Trustees Graham and Teasdale nominated Mr. E. Manigault, but when the vote was put Dr. Ross was selected by a vote of 6 to 3.

A Smallpox Case.

The secretary read a letter from Mr. W. D. Mills, complaining that his son had contracted smallpox from a student at the Collegiate Institute whose physician had diagnosed the case as chickenpox, when in reality it was smallpox, and he asked that an investigation be held, as he had been put to a lot of expense and inconvenience on account of the outbreak of the disease.

Trustee Graham moved that the communication be filed. The outbreak was to be deplored, but there had been no carelessness nor negligence on the part of either the board, nor any of the officials, he said. Every precaution was taken to prevent a spread of the disease, and as Trustee Teasdale seconded the motion, stating that there was no evidence that there had been any neglect on the part of any one in the matter, and it was very difficult to state just where the boy contracted the disease, Dr. Muggan supported the motion, and it carried without a dissenting voice.

Reception and Reunion.

Trustee Graham suggested that a reception and reunion of the board members and teachers of both the public schools and Collegiate Institute be held at the end of the month, at the Collegiate. The expense would not be more than \$10, and he thought it would be a good idea to have something of that nature.

Other Matters.

Mr. E. E. Gibbs, principal of the Chesley avenue school, asked for a substantial grant towards a piano. No. 1.

Trustee Graham moved also that No. 2 committee be empowered to purchase electrical fixtures for Lorne avenue school. It carried.

Principal McCutcheon reported that there were \$53 on the roll at the Collegiate for November, with an average

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attendance of \$14. The number on the roll for December was 802, an increase of 98 over December, 1907, with an average attendance of 757.

Inspector Edwards' Report.

Inspector Edwards reported that all the departments and rooms in the public schools were opened on the 4th inst., and with but three teachers absent, from illness.

There are in operation at present, 124 rooms, in which grades I. to VIII. are taught, and 18 kindergarten classes, making a total of 142 classes.

All the rooms were opened in Lorne avenue school on Monday morning, with a good attendance. He suggested that a formal opening be arranged.

The total enrolment in the public schools for December was 5,820, while the average attendance was 4,888, showing a decrease of 119 in enrolment and 94 in attendance, the causes for which were that Lorne avenue was not fully opened, and the enforcement of the regulation respecting vaccination.

The domestic science department of the Collegiate will be opened on Friday, Jan. 15 by a luncheon to the board at 12:15 o'clock.

Those present were Chairman Westervelt, Trustees Graham, Gammage, Gunn, Wyckoff, Teasdale, Hamilton, Strong, Muggan, Weekes, Inspector Edwards, Principal McCutcheon and Secretary McElheran.



The Partello Stook Company.

One of the strongest repertoire company's travelling, both from a scenic and acting standpoint, is the Partello Stook Company, which comes to the Grand for a week's engagement, beginning Monday evening next. The company is headed by that clever little comedienne, Miss Alice Kennedy, and her support this season is said to be much stronger than that of last season. The plays to be presented during the company's engagement in London

will be selected from the company's repertoire, which includes the following well-known successes: "The College Girl," "A Jealous Wife," "Lena Rivers," "The Girl of Eagle Ranch," "The Devil," "When the Harvest Days are Over," "Under Two Flags," "The Opening play on Monday night will be that great success, "The College Girl."

"The Gay Musician."

There was a good house at the Grand last evening when "The Gay Musician" played a return engagement. As on its former appearance here, the comic opera pleased immensely, with its dainty music and excellent cast.

There is no need of going into the details of the production, as it is sufficiently well known to Londoners. One is safe in saying that there are few musical shows that could come back within so short a time after its first visit and draw a capacity house.

The cast, practically the same as its previous visit, is very strong—one of the very best that ever played here. It is headed by that charming little lady, Miss Amelia Stone, who sang and laughed her way into the hearts of Londoners. She is not only a good singer, but an actress as well. Building with good humor, she is as good as a tonic. Miss Stone can come often, and there will be always a crowd to see and hear her.

The other roles are in good hands. Miss Carroll McComas, as the soprano, is a charming little girl, who sings well, dances gracefully, and is generally clever. She's good. Miss Lottie, who scored especially in her song, "The Saucy Sparrow."

Joseph C. Miron, the great basso, with "Princess Chic," the "Chaperones" and other well-known operas, was just as good as ever. There can only be one criticism made of the play, and that Miron is not made enough use of. His voice is just as fine as ever, and with a couple more songs, the opera would be immense.

Templar Sax, the possessor of a glorious voice, was excellent in his role, and again made a dandy score. Harry Short did some eccentric dancing that was praiseworthy.

SAM LOYD'S PUZZLES.

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Aesop tells of a sportive young hare that raced with a tortoise around a circular track, which was 100 yards in diameter, giving him a start of one-eighth of the distance. The hare had such a poor opinion of the other's ability that he loitered along nibbling the grass, and only realized that the tortoise was putting up a great race when they met at a point when the hare had run but one-sixth of his distance. How much faster than he went before must the hare now run to win the race?

ANSWER TO MAGGIE'S AGE PUZZLE, PRINTED THURSDAY:

In the puzzle of Maggie's age it may be said that her present age is 12 to Tommy's 20, for when Tommy was six years older than Maggie now 18, he would be 18, and she would be 12, which is half of his present age. In fourteen years she will be six years older than Tommy's present age, viz., 26, Tommy 34 and mother 60.

The problem may be reasoned out as follows: When Maggie was six years older than Tommy now is, her age added to his will be equal to their mother's. Therefore, the difference between Tommy's age and his mother's is six years more than Tommy's present age, and his mother is six years more than twice as old as Tommy. From this we see that Tommy is now 20 and Maggie was 10 when Tommy was six years older than Maggie now is, and 4 when Tommy was just her present age. Maggie's present age, therefore, is as much more than four as it is less than twenty. Hence we get the answer as above.

THE LOST MILLIONAIRE

BY L. CAMPBELL DAVIDSON.

A knot of people stood gathered before the door of a room where the shabby boarding bore the announcement of an auction sale. They looked at the pavement for a yard or two. Instinctively, almost unconsciously, Max stepped from the pavement and went on in the street. When the little thing thinned he got on the footway again. Stepping up, he raised his head. Before him was a little shop-front filled with old furniture—second-hand saddle-bag chairs, the worse for dirt and wear; ugly curtain poles with the brass rings dangling; frayed carpets, carefully turned with the best length out. Among them, triumphant, was occupying the middle of the window, standing on a long bench of carved wood to give it greater prominence, he saw something that made him stop short as if he were frozen into stone. It was a perambulator.

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taste! Just the very thing for your baby, now; I know a father when I see 'im out of the corner of my eye! The little darling'll look swell in this pram, I bet you'll miss it will just be blown out with pride! A real superior article, you see. I needn't push it—it speaks for itself. Just these two sweet little angels a bit broken, but you can save them down to the toes and nobody'll miss 'em. It's a piece of beauty as speaks for itself. Why, the little Wales children might ride in it, so they might!"

He turned the carriage sharply on its wheels to show their smooth working, and lightly tossed the canopy with his hand to set it so that its rents were concealed. Maxwell stood looking at it, silent, hardly knowing how to begin his questions.

He was not a Sherlock Holmes, certainly, as I have said, but he had a keen common sense about him. He knew perfectly well that the dealer had only seen the carriage in its present mutilated condition, or he would never have called the cupids angels.

The dealer saw his hesitation. "Come now, it ain't dear—it's a pure bargain. Now, you can't say no to it! Just think of the little dear sitting inside, with those sides that might be gold to look at 'em, setting off his smiles!"

Then he did not know that they were pure gold! The tarnish had deceived him. Max laid his hand on the gilded handle and moved the carriage backward and forward as if in consideration. "What's the price?" he asked. The dealer beamed rosy. "The little 'un you couldn't refuse the little chap the little lady—which is it, now? I'll tell you the lowest price—I will so, even if it's a loss to me. I can't refuse to meet you when it's for the kid—I'm a family man myself. Fifteen bob!" He kept a shrewd eye fastened on Max, ready to lower it if he saw consternation. "You may say as it's second-hand—and so it is, but what's that when it's such a superior article? You wouldn't find another like it in England that you won't. I've been in the second-hand business twenty years, and I never come across a pram like this."

Maxwell was faintly smiling to himself. He well knew that the carriage had cost £200. He had seen the bill of the Paris manufacturer. The old family lawyer had shown it him with a speechless face, of dismay. He shoved the carriage back and forward again over the grimy, uneven floor.

"One likes to know where a thing of this kind comes from," he said, as he considered. "It isn't the price I mind, but I'd like to know the history, and been any infectious case using it, and that it came from a clean house."

The dealer snorted triumphantly. "I can put your mind at rest for that! Why, this pram was found in a house in the town—No. 29 Wote street, it was, if you want to know particulars. You can go and look at the place now, if you like, and see if it isn't respectable. Why, the people that lived there last was the Handleys—highly thought of, I can tell you."

Handley! That was the name of the nurse's relatives! Maxwell's heart gave a bound. He was on the right track at last. He must be! The carriage was found in that house! Then the baby and the nurse were not drowned in the river! His head swam suddenly with the idea. "This was found there?" he said, slowly. "I might inquire of these Handleys, then."

The dealer threw out a sudden arm, as if he would have barred the door, that stood behind them. "No, no! don't you do that! They've left the town, too. And I don't want to get anybody into trouble. The fact is, the house stood empty for months and then new people moved in. They found the pram in a cupboard under the stairs. It was left by the last people when they went away; or they found it there when they moved in and left it there. If it was left, why, don't you see, they didn't want it. I don't want to get the people into trouble that sold it to me."

Maxwell saw. He saw as well far more than the dealer did. He silently laid fifteen shillings on the table and gave the name of his modest lodgings.

He left the shop in a whirl of speculations. The perambulator was in the house where the nurse's relatives lived. They had forgotten it when they left, or had thought this a convenient method of getting rid of it. The baby was not drowned; Violet had guessed rightly. The nurse must be the one who held the secret, or she would not have possessed the carriage!

CHAPTER XVII.

Tracking.

It was with the highest hopes next morning that Maxwell Suter set out on his renewed search. The discovery of the perambulator, when his hopes had been at the lowest, had given new life to him. The gilded perambulator in his sitting-room, to the deep suspicion of the landlady. Mr. Suter had never mentioned, in the months he had been with her, that he was a married man! And if he was, he hadn't no business that she knew of to leave his family so long. Besides, to put a baby into that dirty, old pram, with smashed ends and a curtain over it that wouldn't touch with a ten-foot pole! His good lady wouldn't thank him, that she wouldn't, for bringing home a thing like that! In vain Suter tried to calm her by telling her that he had a taste for antiques. She drew her shabby black frock aside pointedly when she had to pass the carriage, and frowned out of the room as if she felt herself pursued by fleas.

As soon as he had finished his breakfast Maxwell took his way to Wote street. He had hesitated whether he should write to Violet of his discovery. He decided he would not. Her hopes would be raised so high, and if he could not trace things further, it would be worse for her than if he had never hoped at all. He went through the shabby streets that lay between him and the house that had held the Handleys. He felt it was useless to ask questions of the people who now lived there. After the affair of the selling of the perambulator they would not be likely to help him in any way. He found a small postoffice near the house, whose number he soon traced out in the flag, poor terrace. To Be Continued.

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The guests were received by Mrs. Davis, of London, and Miss Cornell, of Lambeth. The spacious parlors were beautifully decorated with potted plants and flowers. A sumptuous repast was served in the dining-room, which was brilliantly lighted up by a giraffe of 88 burning tapers.

After supper congratulatory addresses were made to the esteemed and honored hostess by Dr. Rutledge, Rev. J. S. Fisher, Rev. J. B. Freeman and others. Mrs. Burns, of London, read an original and very beautiful poem, and Miss Dangerfield, of Tempo, Miss Arthur and Mr. Cornell, of Lambeth, contributed vocal and instrumental music. Mr. Burns, of London, presided, and presented the programme.

At its conclusion, Mrs. Harris, who is 88 years old, but still remarkably bright and clear in her mind, made a very touching acknowledgment of this expression of the love and esteem of her large circle of friends, and expressed her great joy and pleasure at meeting them once more. Her son, Mr. William Harris, who resides with her, and was for many years clerk of the township, also spoke in behalf of his mother.

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Mrs. Harris has four sons still living, two of whom were present at the Tuesday evening celebration of her birthday.

All the invited guests were present with the exception of the youngest, Master Roy Hooper, whose absence was greatly regretted by the hostesses. Those present were Mr. Gilbert Harris, Niagara; Mr. and Mrs. Burns, Mrs. and Miss Gunn, Mr. Read, the Misses MacMillan and Mrs. Davis, all of London; Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Fisher, Dr. and Mrs. Rutledge, Mr. and Mrs. John Cornell and son Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Cornell, and son Nathan, Miss Arthur, Mr. and Mrs. Woodhull, all of Lambeth; Miss Dangerfield, of Tempo, Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Freeman, Miss Vall, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Cox, Miss Hay and Mr. Stanley Merrill, all of Delaware.

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Paris, Jan. 7.—If the aged Emperor Joseph of Austria wanted to start business on his own account as a universal provider all he would have to do would be to find a shop large enough to store the goods he has already in stock. It has at last become possible to sort out and classify the many thousands of jubilee presents which the Emperor has received. The great majority came by post, correctly addressed to "His Imperial Majesty," etc., but not a few were inscribed in childish handwriting "To Mr. the Kaiser," or even with due regard to the addressee's exalted rank, "To Herr von Kaiser."

Although they were all delivered at the Hofburg it was found necessary to store the gifts according to their nature at the various state departments. How popular the Emperor is among his people is shown by the fact that by far the greater part of these cases, boxes, tins, crates and parcels came from peasants, farmhands, mechanics and small tradesmen.

Many of the donors travelled hundreds of miles in the hope of being permitted to hand over their gifts to him personally, but this would have been too fatiguing a task for the old Emperor, especially in the case of a loyal Galician who begged an audience to read a congratulatory ode of 73 stanzas.

The imperial kitchens are provided for a long time with giant onions, cucumbers, cabbages and other vegetables from Moravian growers. Casks there are by the dozen of various brews of Pilsener, also several kegs of vinegar, and regiments of bottles of old Hungarian, Dalmatian and Tyrolean wine. There was a mountain of fresh fruit from the south, flanked by hillocks of farmhouse loaves, cheeses, fat geese and capons from Syria, and butter, eggs, sausages and ham.

One of the state departments has been transformed into a museum of handworked curios, such as carved statues and images from Salzburg and the Tyrol, the most remarkable among which are a lifelike Christmas tree carved with painstaking labor out of wood, a huge model of Hapsburg castle made of cork, and a likeness of the Emperor entirely made of human hair.

Thousands of women of all classes have sent specimens of their handiwork, such as socks, shirts, underclothing for all seasons, mostly with cards pinned to them affectionately warning the Emperor to beware of catching cold, knitted gloves, mittens, foot warmers and hand-embroidered handkerchiefs. The Bukovina peasant women, who are famous for their embroideries, sent marvellous productions in tapestry.

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STORM ISOLATES CITY

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St. John, N. B., Jan. 7.—The worst storm of the year, a 50-mile gale and nearly four inches of rain, has swept the Bay of Fundy coast during the last 24 hours, doing heavy damage. Telegraphic, telephonic and rail connections in and out of St. John were cut off all day, and it will be some time tomorrow before the railroads can run their trains. Meanwhile the Montreal express, due here at noon, is stalled about 40 miles from St. John by heavy washouts, which prevent the transfer of passengers or mail.

In the harbor and along the waterfront considerable damage was done. One Italian barque broke from her moorings and ran ashore a partial wreck, and a three-masted schooner adrift rammed the Canadian Pacific Railway trestle and put it out of commission, together with the mass of westward telegraph wires it holds.

The lower parts of the city are flooded.

DISGUSTED.

Chatham, Jan. 7.—Col. Sam Holmes brother of the police chief, got only 247 votes in his run for alderman, and he is so disgusted with the verdict of the people that he says he has a notion to sell out his property here and go to the Northwest. He cannot understand why a man who has lived here for fifty-seven years, and paid from \$100 to \$200 taxes for forty years could not get more votes.

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Mr. Brodeur Points Out Great Improvements.

Montreal, Jan. 7.—Hon. L. P. Brodeur, minister of marine and fisheries, was the speaker at the weekly luncheon of the Canadian Club of Montreal yesterday. His subject was "The St. Lawrence Route." He pointed out how vitally necessary to the prosperity of the west is the St. Lawrence waterway, which provides such a magnificent channel of transportation, and said his view was that the waterway above Montreal was as important as the waterway below this city.

Up to the present time \$150,000,000 had been spent on the St. Lawrence route, but the expenditure had been more than justified. He drew attention to President Roosevelt's declaration that the Mississippi River would be connected with the great lakes, and to the proposals for making the Mississippi a waterway for boats of deep draught. These schemes on the part of the American people showed how necessary it was to Canada that the shorter ocean routes of the St. Lawrence and Georgian Bay Canal should be developed to the utmost, so that all Canadian products might be transported by Canadian routes, and a portion of the United States products as well.

Between Montreal and the sea there was now a ship channel of thirty feet in depth, and work had already been begun to deepen that channel to thirty-five feet. This work would be pursued with the utmost dispatch. He dealt with the immense improvements effected in the lighting and buoying of the ship channel, which allowed it to be used day and night by ocean-going vessels. Fog alarms and wireless telegraph systems on the route were also spoken of. These improvements had resulted in a great decrease of insurance rates. For instance, whereas 84 cents was charged on \$100 in 1900, only 28 cents was now charged, while the insurance on grain had in the same time been reduced 61 per cent. He closed by pointing out that all this work was not of local but national importance, and added that no Canadian could help being proud as he was proud of being associated with such a vast work.

PATRICK NOT HOPEFUL

Says He Puts Little Faith in Alleged Confession of Jones.

New York, Jan. 7.—Rumors that Charles F. Jones, who was valet to William Marsh Rice at the time of his death in 1900, for which Albert T. Patrick is serving a life sentence in Sing Sing, was dying in Texas, and was anxious to retract the confession upon which Patrick was convicted, are given little credence by Patrick himself. In his cell at Sing Sing yesterday Patrick said to the warden that he placed little or no value in any possible statement or confession coming from Jones. He was unable to confirm the report that his brother-in-law, John T. Milliken, of this city, has been summoned to Texas by Jones.

LOANED TO ITALY

Portable Beacon for the Straits of Messina.

Ottawa, Jan. 7.—The International Marine Signal Company, whose manufacturing plant is situated in Ottawa, has loaned a portable lighthouse beacon to the Italian Government for the Straits of Messina to temporarily replace the lighthouse destroyed in the recent earthquake. The beacon has been gratefully accepted by the Italian Government, and the signal will be immediately shipped to the scene of the earthquake from Birmingham, England, where one is constantly kept on exhibition. "It will take six months for the Italian Government to erect another lighthouse on the Straits of Messina," said Mr. John Bain, local manager of the company, this morning. "We are loaning this light until they have one built. The beacon may be put upon any high elevation. It cannot be broken if it falls, and it only takes three or four hours to fix it in position."

HAINS GRILL OVER

Prosecution Concludes a Two Days' Cross-Examination.

Flushing, N. Y., Jan. 7.—Thornton Hains said in answer to District Attorney Darrin, when court opened, that he had authorized some of the statements printed under his name in a New York newspaper last November.

Mr. Darrin read from the newspaper clippings, and asked Hains if he had said that on their motor-boat trips he and his brother always were armed. Hains denied that he had made any such statement. Mr. Darrin developed from the witness that prior to Aug. 15 he had never seen the witness, Tierney, and except on the witness-stand had not seen him since the shooting.

On cross-examination yesterday Hains said he saw Tierney on the floor for a moment.

Hains was asked—Did you write to Mr. Ripley, "I'm not through with Billy Annie?"

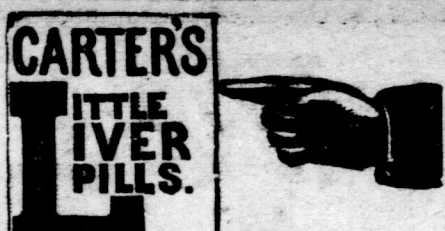
"I don't recall."

This closed the cross-examination.

MRS. JOHN PHELPS DEAD.

Port Colborne, Jan. 7.—Mrs. Phelps, wife of Mr. John Phelps, of Welland, and sister of Mrs. S. J. Slidley, died early this morning of pneumonia. Mrs. Phelps came here a week ago to attend the funeral of the late Mr. Slidley, collector of canal tolls and customs. The remains will be taken to Welland this afternoon for interment.

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

Lozenges would be almost useless to those who suffer from this distressing complaint, but fortunately their goodness is not confined to those who once try them will find these little pills valuable in so many ways that they will not be willing to do without them. But after all sick headache is the worst of all headaches.

Carter's Little Liver Pills are very small and very easy to take. One or two pills make a dose. They are pleasant to take, and do not irritate the stomach, but by their gentle action cleanse all who use them.

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Made less than two months ago, these Suits are modern in every detail. We'd like you to judge the whole spirit of this sale by the price-concession we quote above. Not because it's exceptional in its saving, for it's not; but because it shows when we call this a "Genuine Clearance Sale" we mean what we say, and are prepared to lose to accomplish our object.

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Coverpoint's Philosophy

The Eel simply toyed with his field at Toronto yesterday and did not even have to step at all to win the free-for-all. If the Grey Ghost is not worked too hard this winter he should go down the big line in the summer, and capture everything in the open classes. His greatest rival is now a breakfast food advertisement.

The juniors got away nicely last evening at St. Mary's, playing a very fine brand of hockey. They are in shape and should do better from this time on. The intermediates will have a good game with Simcoe tonight, and if they play as they have been playing the Simcoe team should bow to their superiority.

Ed Corrigan, the turfman, became really enraged the other day because the delightful game of racing was crabs in New Orleans, and said some fearful things about the clergy. All of which did not either his judgment nor his temper justice. When the hot polio, or the proletariat, desire to put an end to anything, the best way is to submit to it, for it does no good to shout and swear. All he has to do is to wait for the rebound.

With the call of the gold ringing in his ears, J. J. Jeffries is thinking seriously of going into vaudeville preparatory to going after the scalp of J. Johnson, champion.

The accounts of those pro hockey games read something like a cross between a Twelfth of July riot and an engagement in the famed Yankoo-Spanko war. There is enough brutality abroad now, without adding to it. They will have to cut out the Pittsburg attachment or kill the game for some time.

A dispatch says that 15,000 Philadelphia fans watched a soccer match the other day. The first thing the Yankoo know, Philadelphia will be classed as a suburb of the hilly Strand. My word.

The curlers, with besom and stane, ha' at last met in their time. It was a draw night for curling. The Thistle Club got a good start for their tourney and some goodly play was enjoyed. A bare-knuckle fight was pulled off yesterday on the banks of the Mississippi, which led to the belief that there are still many people left to enjoy a bullfight, a cockfight, or even pro-hockey.

Now that a baseball player has gone

into real drama, we opine that he will not do thinking parts, but merely pose. M. Donlin, in vaudeville, dances like a Welsh rabbit on a spree, you know.

The airship story makes it certain that a local option wave is headed in this direction. Next!

With the thermometer flitting with zero, reports continue to come in about soccer games. Which shows that it is the real hang-over game. It never stops except when the bally snow is too deep.

Now that there has been a Marathon race at Uganda, we will expect the Marathon championship to go to a Senegambian, so that the color line may be drawn anywhere, and still cut off the white man.

S. Ketchell wishes to exchange swats with J. Johnson for a consideration. Farewell, S. K.

When Walker visits Bobby Kerr here next summer there should be some racing at the sprints. Bobby is some fast, and Walker is a wonder; so there should be something doing all the time.

Rube Waddell is highly pleased with St. Louis, and the latter takes kindly to Rube. As a result, the greatest tuck in captivity is having the time of his life.

"That 'surviving party' that took Chad Toms and Herb Clarke and now Fred Toms, to Cobalt, wrecking the Victorias of the senior O. H. A., seems to have been a glimpse of a and a hearkening to the glint and chink of the silver nuggets. It was a bit too strong for amateur sentiment and the wish to keep the old Varsity team together.—Toronto Telegram.

It may be a cruel thing to say, but wrestling as a game is irreclaimable. It started 2,000 years ago and has been going that way ever since. Wrestling never was a fair game, and it never will be. It could not live if it was. You cannot point to a wrestling champion, past or present, who could not safely conceal himself behind a corkscrew. Shifting the cut and dealing from the bottom are a part of it. As a spectacle wrestling is not edifying, and as a speculative proposition it is more dangerous than the shells. If the sucker who falls for it were cast alone on a desert island, somebody would come up out of the sea and get his money.—Chicago Tribune.

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THINK BOB KERR THE FASTEST MAN

Walker, the South African, is Coming to Canada Next Summer.

J. A. Rector, champion short-distance sprinter of the American cinder path, who was beaten by J. E. Walker, the South African, at the Olympic games last summer, has received a letter from President Roosevelt expressing a wish that the young man meet Walker when the latter tours America next summer. Walker will also come to Canada and take part in the C. A. A. U. championships. If he does, he and Bobby Kerr will settle the question of supremacy. Kerr beat Walker and beat him three yards in the British 100-yard championships. He had no difficulty with him at all, but on the day of the Olympic 100-metre final the fair-haired Hamiltonian had "it" taken out of him by a hard heat in the 200 metres, and lacked the ginger and snap necessary to pull him through a really tough 100-metre battle. Billy Sherring, J. H. Crocker, and all the Canucks have it tossed away in their think tanks that Kerr can beat Walker. Here's hoping the little South African comes over.

GREY GHOST AND "MAC" IN FRONT ALL THE WAY

Toronto, Jan. 7.—Two thousand people turned out at Dufferin Park this afternoon for the "Grey Ghost," the famous race. The Eel was the odds-on favorite in the feature of the York-Riding and Driving Club's meeting. The Eel won the third and final heat in 2:29, jogging in front all the way. Maud Keswick was second throughout, the others trailing. Reuben was third in a drive. Summary: Free-for-all, purse \$200.
The Eel, F. W. Entricken, Tavi stock (McEwen)..... 1 1 1
Maud Keswick, Elhu Wigle, Wind..... 2 2 2
Reuben, Jas. Eason, Stratford..... 3 3 3
Doris B., R. Hepburn, Pictou..... 4 4 4
Collingwood, Reuben, Thos. Nevill, Collingwood..... 5 5 5
John McEwen, Nat Ray, Toronto, 2 dr Time—2:29, 2:29, 2:29.
520 trot, purse \$400; mile heats, 3 in 5:
Edith, George Haines, Toronto..... 1 1 1
Edith, T. Smith, Stratford..... 2 2 2
Guy, H. C. Armstrong, Frankford..... 3 3 3
Canadian Queen, J. Roach, Stratford..... 4 4 4
Silverdale, G. C. Beale, Stratford..... 5 5 5
Trunk, W. Marshall, Toronto..... 6 6 6
Shaun Rhine, J. O'Halloran, Bear Park 5 Time—2:27, 2:23.
Winners Yesterday.
Los Angeles, Jan. 7.—Winners here today were: Ybor 25 to 1, Frank Hogan 4 to 1, Vaner 50 to 1.
Oakland, Jan. 7.—Winners today were: Pummery 4 to 1, J. J. Quinn 4 to 1, Takewasanta 5 to 1, Nebois 4 to 1, Prince Nap 13 to 5.

CHANCE OFFERED \$25,000 SALARY

Can Secure That Sum of Money by Signing for Two Seasons.

Los Angeles, Jan. 8.—Frank Chance, star first baseman and manager of the Chicago National League and world's champion, has been offered \$25,000 for two seasons by the syndicate of business men owning the Stockton (Cal.) Club. Chance is considering the proposition seriously, and said today he would have to confer with President Murphy, of the Chicago Cubs, before coming to a decision.

GIRL HAS STANLEY KETCHEL ARRESTED

Charges Breach of Promise and Asks \$10,000 For Her Heartache.

Grand Rapids, Jan. 7.—Stanley Ketchel, champion middleweight pugilist of the world, was arrested here today on a capias as the commencement of a suit for damages brought by Elizabeth Houtman, an 18-year-old girl of this city, and formerly ticket-seller in a local vaudeville. She claims \$10,000 for alleged breach of promise.

The girl alleges in her affidavit that she and Ketchel here Jan. 5, 1908, and that their acquaintanceship ripened into an engagement, the pugilist promising to marry her on Jan. 20. The ceremony was later postponed until July.

TWO GOOD GAMES AT THE ARMORIES

There were two games played in the Military Indoor Baseball League at the Armories last night, both of them providing some very good sport. In the first game the Army Medical Corps won out by 12 runs to 7 from D Company. The teams: A. M. C.—Orr, r. s.; Beaton, 2b; Stevens, 2b; Densmore, 1. s.; Taylor, 1b; Livingston, c.; Stevens, 1b; C Company—McEwen, 2b; Patterson, 2b; Anderson, 1b; Baker, 1b; Stinson, c.; Edwards, r. s.; Dobbs, 1. s.; Monahan, 1. f.; Hays, r. f. The second game between B and C Companies was somewhat closer, ending in a score of 12-9. The teams: B Company—Butler, c.; Westman, 1b; Loughlin, 1b; Baker, 2b; Tucker, 2b; Ingram, r. s.; Penny, 1. s.; Moorhouse, r. f.; Long, 1. f. C Company—Ackford, 2b; Geary, 2b; Bentley, 1. f.; Hollis, 1b; Murray, r. f.; Penwarden, c.; Dillon, p.; Selzer, r. s.; Meeks, 1. s. Umpire—James Jeffries.

Everybody Out to Cheer the Team

Tonight's game between the local intermediates and Simcoe will likely be one of the best games ever seen on London ice. Certainly it will be one of the best teams that ever left that the man who isn't on hand, will have the melancholy consolation of knowing that he will regret it all the rest of the season.

The Simcoe team, with Thompson and Oatman, on the lineup, will be one of the best teams that ever left that the man who isn't on hand, will have the melancholy consolation of knowing that he will regret it all the rest of the season.

First Curling Tourney of the Thistles

The Thistle Rink was the scene of the first curling tournament of the season last night. The ice was in all most perfect condition, and as a result some fine curling was seen. Five teams were entered, of which Dr. McDonald's team, skippered by Mr. F. P. Betts, carried off the honors.

The following are the teams:
Team No. 1.
J. J. Tierney, R. Wilson, J. McDonald, W. Robinson, A. E. Barbour, H. Ranshaw, C. E. Sterling, F. N. Allen, Dr. McDonald, F. P. Betts, skip..... 17 skip..... 9

Team No. 2.
J. J. Cox, G. Nightingale, C. Abbott, Claude Brown, F. Riddle, A. Talbot, A. Tury, W. Fulton, skip..... 8 skip..... 12

Team No. 3.
B. Wanless, R. D. McDonald, T. Poole, C. Thrower, W. Bartlett, C. Tune, John Purdom, C. Richardson, skip..... 13 skip..... 8

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

A special basketball schedule has been arranged in the Y. M. C. A. for junior schoolboys. The game will start on Saturday, when three games will be played. The teams and schedule are as follows:

No. 1, Vikings—Dumfries, Hodgins, Radway, Richmond, Coote.
No. 2, Redbirds—Renton, McGeough, Grant, Ruddy, Beal.
No. 3, Victorias—Ginger, Bedgood, Nott, Barbour, Edwards.
No. 4, Pirates—Wilson, Mason, McCrimmon, Ellwood, Bateson.
No. 5, Waverlys—Hamilton, Kingswood, Somerville, McLeod, Bell.
No. 6, Athletics—Ginger, Ashman, Eastwood, Yolland, Johnston.
No. 7, Highlanders—McKay, Thompson, Rennie, McGuffin, Little.
No. 8, White Sox—Burridge, Cottam, Fetherly, Pethick, Altkien.
No. 9, Cubs—Harris, Anderson, Campbell, Craig.

Schedule.
Jan. 9—Redbirds vs. Victorias, Pirates vs. Waverlys, Athletics vs. Highlanders.
Jan. 16—White Sox vs. Cubs, Vikings vs. Victorias, Waverlys vs. Highlanders.

LONDON JUNIORS DOWN ST. MARYS

The Local Septette Scores Eleven Goals While Opponents Gather Two.

St. Marys, Jan. 7.—The London juniors proved themselves too much for the newly-formed local team, which in a good game on splendid ice could only succeed in tallying two against their opponents' eleven goals. The failure of the locals was largely due to the fact that the combination was practically nil, due probably to the fact that the team had no opportunity to work together. Not that the game was by any means a walkover, but St. Marys was the ever moment of the time, and though they were very heavy on combination themselves, they made anything approaching it very difficult for London, and it was not till the last half that they really got going. When they did, there was nothing to it but London, and a young gentleman named Tuer in goal. The latter mentioned, however, was a decided consideration, and gathered up many a promising-looking shot with deftness and dispatch.

London Forwards Fast.

It was a grand night for the London forwards. Munroe made a name for himself by the mathematical precision with which he found his position directly at centre. From that point of vantage he watched the rubber into the nets.

Producers and Lackie were in the limelight, as usual. The former is the possessor of a rather brilliantly colored eye, a moment of the last game, but didn't present his being able to find the nets with the other one.

The play opened by St. Marys rushing, and the play was around London's goal for a time, till Producers succeeded in making good his claim to the rubber, and taking it in jauntily down the ice, dropped it neatly within the nets. Matters had not proceeded very far, when Producers got the puck again. Tuer, however, succeeded in getting in front of it, but before he could clear, Lackie had clapped it in. A few minutes later London got away for a nice rush. Munroe received the puck in front of the goal and succeeded in making another tally.

Lackie, by another nice individual rush, succeeded in scoring, and Collins, filled with a spirit of emulation, re-

other delicacies. There are some dark rumors afoot about this team, but they will be here all right, on the best ice seen this season, and the game is going to put a Kansas cyclone away, way in the background for speed. The locals are hungering to be at them, and it's "Victory or Westminster alley" for them, with the accent heavy on the victory. There is going to be a record crowd, so get there early, and don't be afraid of hurting your voice. It will all ways return in time, and the locals are worth seeing for.

Team No. 4.

J. G. Taylor, J. Minihinnick, W. Murray, W. F. Boughner, A. W. Hearn, J. E. McKee, J. Burnett, B. W. Glover, skip..... 8 skip..... 10

Team No. 5.
J. J. Cayley, B. E. Young, A. Tillmann, J. Trebilcock, Dr. A. Scott, H. Blackburn, S. D. Swift, C. A. Ross, skip..... 18 skip..... 10

Four gold medals have been given for competition by Mr. Warren W. Thomson, president of the Thistle curling club. The medals are for a junior series of six games, the prizes to go to the winning team, making the highest score in the six games the winner.

The names of the skips who will meet in round 1 are: C. A. Ross and W. F. Boughner; W. W. Thomson and S. Smith; F. P. Betts and A. Tury; A. E. Barbour and J. McDonald; J. McKee and J. C. Trebilcock; T. H. Ranshaw and John Richardson; C. H. Ward and C. Tune; R. D. McDonald and W. Bartlett; A. Scott and A. Tillmann; H. S. Blackburn and F. W. Allen.

Team No. 6.

Victorias vs. Waverlys vs. Highlanders.
Jan. 23—Pirates vs. White Sox, Athletics vs. Cubs, Vikings vs. Redbirds.
Jan. 30—Pirates vs. Athletics, Waverlys vs. White Sox, Highlanders vs. Cubs.

Feb. 6—Vikings vs. Waverlys, Redbirds vs. Athletics, Victorias vs. Cubs.
Feb. 13—Highlanders vs. White Sox, Waverlys vs. Athletics, Redbirds vs. Cubs.

Feb. 20—Victorias vs. Highlanders, Athletics vs. White Sox, Redbirds vs. Waverlys.
Feb. 27—Vikings vs. Highlanders, Victorias vs. White Sox, Pirates vs. Cubs.

March 6—Vikings vs. Athletics, Redbirds vs. White Sox, Victorias vs. Pirates.
March 13—Waverlys vs. Cubs, Redbirds vs. Pirates, Vikings vs. White Sox.

March 20—Vikings vs. Cubs, Victorias vs. Waverlys, Pirates vs. Highlanders.
March 27—Redbirds vs. Highlanders, Victorias vs. Athletics, Vikings vs. Pirates.

peated the performance a moment later. Half-time score: London 5, St. Marys 0.

The Second Half.

In the second half St. Marys spruced up considerably and became a greater factor in the game. The play was from end to end with painful monotony. Producers again took a hand in affairs, and taking the puck down the back, passed it to Munroe, who was still terrifically busy with the mathematical centre, and Munroe did the trick. Collins got the idea a moment later, and added another to the score.

Nothing daunted, St. Marys got the puck, and making a nice rush, succeeded in getting past Parkinson, and when a moment later L. Wilson got a long shot, which Parkinson failed to stop, the St. Marys' rosters went hoarse with joy.

The failure of the locals was largely due to the fact that the combination was practically nil, due probably to the fact that the team had no opportunity to work together. Not that the game was by any means a walkover, but St. Marys was the ever moment of the time, and though they were very heavy on combination themselves, they made anything approaching it very difficult for London, and it was not till the last half that they really got going.

When they did, there was nothing to it but London, and a young gentleman named Tuer in goal. The latter mentioned, however, was a decided consideration, and gathered up many a promising-looking shot with deftness and dispatch.

London Forwards Fast.
It was a grand night for the London forwards. Munroe made a name for himself by the mathematical precision with which he found his position directly at centre. From that point of vantage he watched the rubber into the nets.

Producers and Lackie were in the limelight, as usual. The former is the possessor of a rather brilliantly colored eye, a moment of the last game, but didn't present his being able to find the nets with the other one.

The play opened by St. Marys rushing, and the play was around London's goal for a time, till Producers succeeded in making good his claim to the rubber, and taking it in jauntily down the ice, dropped it neatly within the nets. Matters had not proceeded very far, when Producers got the puck again. Tuer, however, succeeded in getting in front of it, but before he could clear, Lackie had clapped it in. A few minutes later London got away for a nice rush. Munroe received the puck in front of the goal and succeeded in making another tally.

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\$1.50 and \$1.75, for\$1.15
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SMALLWOOD AND SHRUBB MATCHED

Toronto, Jan. 7.—Manager C. W. Smith, of the Riverdale Arena, has arranged for a meeting here on the night of Jan. 15, between Alfred Shrubbs, the great English runner, and Percy Smallwood, the little Welshman, who defeated Tom Longboat six weeks ago. A \$500 purse has been hung out for the race, which will be for either ten or fifteen miles.

THE BERLIN PROS LOSE TO BRANTFORD

Brantford, Jan. 7.—Brantford succeeded in defeating the previously victorious Berlin team at the Arena tonight by a score of 9 to 4.
About 2,200 people watched the game. Brantford's close checking proved too much for Berlin, and though the latter's defence played a fine game the forward line was not up to the mark. The game was very fast, however, and occasionally brilliant.

BACK TO THE RING BY WAY OF STAGE

Looks as if Jim Jeffries Will Fight After All.

San Francisco, Jan. 7.—After his appearance in vaudeville here, Champion James J. Jeffries is considering the advisability of going on a road tour. The retired champion stated today that if he finally concludes to go on the road he would get himself in good condition first.

The Los Angeles farmer will probably be under the management of Billy DeLaney, and will have for a sparring partner "Big Al" Kaufmann. The theatrical engagement will be booked by Charles Waldron, the Boston theatrical man.

SOUTH SIDE GROCERS THE BETTER BOWLERS

When it comes to trundling the knights of the scotch and scales, who have their castles south of that busy street, have somewhat the advantage of their adversaries of the north side, and 258 pins stood to their credit when the game was concluded at the Ideal Alleys last night.
Ranshaw, of the north enders, had high aggregate score with 482, while Milson tallied the high individual for the south enders, with 175.

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F. Milson.....132 161 175—468
E. Reed.....111 118 109—338
B. Trebilcock.....126 148 138—412
Ed. Ryan.....79 93 114—286
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Totals.....559 616 505—1671
The game between the Bank of Toronto and the Amalgamated, yesterday, resulted in a win for Toronto by the score of 12-3.
The Amalgamated had only six men, so the Toronto had to drop a man. The first half produced some remarkably nice hockey, and the game was very close. The half-time score standing, Bank of Toronto 4, Amal-

of the family have declined to see inquirers or give further details. Those who have examined the scene of the supposed tragedy do not consider it possible that the body could have been washed away. A woman's hat was found upon the rocks, but no indication of a body having been thrown over the cliff.

Miss Charlesworth's picturesque career suggests that of Madame Humblerts. She said that she was heiress of a General Gordon, her godfather, who left her \$744,000, which was to be paid over to her on her 24th birthday, Jan. 13, with accumulated interest, making the whole amount \$2,500,000. Miss Charlesworth usually gave her name as Gordon and visited London frequently alone. She operated heavily upon the London Stock Exchange, and according to Evening News owes one broker \$50,000. She took a large country place at Inverness last summer which was sumptuously furnished, the walls being draped with the Gordon plaid. She had four motor cars.

The story of her death is generally disbelieved although her parents have offered \$100 for the recovery of the body. The disappearance and the family's secrecy are causing endless speculation.

GREAT ENGINE PLANT FOR GARY, INDIANA

Will Employ 15,000 Men and Turn Out 1,000 Locomotives Per Year.

New York, Jan. 7.—Upwards of \$10,000,000 will be expended by the American Locomotive Company in the construction of its projected plant at Gary, Indiana, plans for which are now in preparation, according to statements made here today by the officials of the corporation. The plant, says the officials, will be one of the largest locomotive factories in the United States, with a probable output of 1,000 locomotives a year. It will also be the first locomotive plant to be erected west of Pittsburgh. About 15,000 workers will be employed.

The sister and chauffeur aver that the motor came into collision with a retaining wall of a road along the edge of a cliff overlooking the sea, and that Miss Charlesworth had been thrown over the wall into the sea. The sister and the chauffeur gave the foregoing account to the local authorities and since that the members

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HAPPENINGS OF A DAY IN BUSY EAST LONDON

SISTERS OF REBEKAH INSTALL OFFICERS

Joint Event in New Quarters of
Oddfellows, Richmond Street.

May Queen Lodge, No. 5, and Victoria Lodge, No. 1, both of the Sisters of Rebekah, held a joint installation of the newly-elected officers at the Oddfellows' Hall on Richmond street last evening, the east enders providing the installing officers. May Queen, Sister L. Waugh, the district deputy president, acted as installing officer, and was assisted by Grand Marshal Saunders, Grand Warden Leith, Grand Treasurer Johnston, Grand Secretary Scott, and Financial Secretary Hunter. The following officers of May Queen, No. 5, were installed: Noble Grand Fitzgerald; vice grand, L. Watts; Recording Secretary Buskard, Financial Secretary Walsby, Treasurer Harding, right supporter of the noble grand, Sister Scott; left supporter of the noble grand, Sister C. Morrow; right supporter of the vice grand, Sister R. Watts; left supporter of the vice grand, Sister E. Watts; chaplain, A. Morrow; inside guard, Sister Pike; outside guard, Bro. Collier.

SPLENDID BANQUET FOR BIBLE CLASS

Given in King Street Church by
Mr. and Mrs. Baker.

The members of the King Street Presbyterian Bible Class were last night banqueted by Mr. and Mrs. S. Baker at the lecture room of the church, about eighty being present. Mr. Baker presided, and acted as toast master, while the following toasts were responded to: The Bible Class, Mr. Seymour Ross; the Bible Class and Sunday School, Rev. James Rollins; the Bible Class and Church, Mrs. Joe Saunders; and the Bible Class and Session, Mr. Thomas Ames. Songs were rendered by Miss Mina Taylor and Mr. Duncan, while Miss Jean Walker provided a number of readings.

TIGERS DEFEATED MIDGETS 82 TO 58

In Game in All Saints' Carpenters
League Last Night.

The Tigers of the All Saints' Carpenters League continue to increase their lead, and last night defeated the Midgets by a score of 82 to 58. The Tigers hold first place in the league, the Champions second, while the Midgets are at the bottom. Games are played twice each week in the club rooms on Hamilton road.

PRODUCER GAS PLANTS MOST SATISFACTORY

The producer gas plants at McClary's powerhouse on Adelaide street south and at the Empire Manufacturing Company's factory on Dundas street east continue to give the greatest satisfaction, both from a financial and working standpoint. The plant has been working at McClary's for over a year, and has proven that it can do the business, and, according to the engineer in charge, cheaper than the power generated at Niagara. Electric power can, it is said, be generated by means of producer gas at considerably less than \$10 per horsepower, about one-third the price for which Niagara power can be marketed in London.

MR. LANE IMPROVED.

Mr. A. B. Lane who suffered a stroke of paralysis on the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets while walking with his wife is greatly improved.

MESSRS. COTTON AND BIRKS

Toronto Star Expresses Some Opinions
on Local Church Incident.

Toronto Star: Something out of the usual happened in a London church on Sunday evening, when one of the congregation respectfully asked the privilege of answering certain arguments which the minister had, in the course of his sermon, advanced against Sunday

MONTHLY MEETING OF EPWORTH LEAGUE

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The Messina relief fund is still growing rapidly, the subscriptions now total \$1,208 75. It is expected that the amount will be close to the two thousand mark by Saturday night. Two instances have been noted when amounts contributed were wrongly credited, and the corrections are gladly made here. The A. Bert who was credited with \$10 should have read Hon. Adam Beck, and the \$5 credited to A. Mascara should have read A. Maschera instead.

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2,000 at 77c; Mexican Power, bonds, 5,000
at 87; 3,000 at 87c; 5,000 at 87; Toronto
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**MR. LABELLE WAS
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Last Meeting of Public Library
Board Held Last Night.

At the final meeting of the Public
Library Board of 1908, held last evening
at the library, the members paid
tribute to the chairman for the year,
Mr. O. Labelle, for his untiring efforts
to make the work of the board a suc-
cess.

A hearty vote of thanks was moved
by Mr. Thos. Gillen. He spoke of the
impartial manner with which Mr.
Labelle had presided. He had been a
worthy, painstaking and economical
chairman, one with the best interests
of the library at heart. Mr. Labelle
was indeed an able presiding officer,
who by his ability had made the board
an ideal one upon which to serve.

Chairman Labelle made a brief re-
ply, in which he reviewed the work
of the year. The library had in-
creased in popularity and many im-
provements had been made in the
building, making it more convenient
for the public.

The Circulation.
The circulation for the year had
increased 30 per cent over the past
year. A large increase was made in
the reference department. The num-
ber of new applicants was 1,743, an
increase of over 40 per cent over 1907.
The surplus for the year amounted to
\$191.

The chairman complimented the
board on the fact that access could
be had to all the books. That this
was a decided advantage was dem-
onstrated by the increase in circula-
tion during the past two months, since
its inauguration, when the circulation
grew 50 per cent over the correspond-
ing time in 1907. The changes in the
reference library had also resulted in
the staff being of much more assist-
ance to the public than formerly, mak-
ing this department decidedly more
popular than ever.

During the year 2,200 books had
been added to the library. Included in
this number were many very import-
ant and valuable books, and also a
large number of books suitable for
supplemental reading for Collegiate
pupils.

Mr. Labelle thanked the board for
their kindness during the year, and also
for their loyal and unswerving sup-
port.

Those present were Chairman La-
belle, Mayor Stevely, Rev. G. B. Sage,
T. Gillen, Dr. A. O. Jeffery, E. Man-
gault, Joseph T. Marks, W. G. Win-
nett, M. P. McDonagh and Librarian
W. O. Carson.

John Vandon, inspector of schools
for Lambton County, has been appoint-
ed science master of the normal school
at Hamilton.

David Vent and Richard Gracey, two
arrests in Hamilton, were sentenced
to three years and two years and three
months in the penitentiary respec-
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—Mrs. Robert Quick and family, of
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many friends for the kindness extend-
ed to them during their recent re-
covery.

Card of Thanks.
The board of the Protestant Orphan's
Home desire to thank all those who
made donations to the institution at
Christmas and New Year's.

Moir Defence Fund.
The list of subscriptions to this fund
has been reopened in John Mills' book
store, to give any who desire to do so
an opportunity to contribute towards
the expenses of the trial.

Low Water in Lake Erie.
Lake Erie has fallen between fifteen
and eighteen inches, and if it does not
rise again the beach east of Hill Crest
at Port Stanley will be accessible be-
low the foot of the cliff, as it was sev-
eral years ago.

Metcalfe-Niven.
A pretty wedding took place at the
home of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Niven,
Whitcliffe road, West London, Wed-
nesday afternoon, when their daughter,
Miss Elizabeth Niven, was married to
Mr. Wm. W. Metcalfe, of this city. The
ceremony was performed in the pres-
ence of the immediate relatives and
friends by Rev. G. B. Sage. Mr. and
Mrs. Metcalfe will reside in this city.

The Dog Show.
The city hall will be given over to
the dogs today. Already the cages
and stalls are erected, and when the
show opens at 10 o'clock there will be over 150 dogs
on exhibition. "We will have a fine
lot," said Capt. Walter Smith, who is
deeply interested in the show. "We
have some excellent dogs coming, and
the show will be a success."

Davis Again Committed.
Joseph Davis, who was committed
for trial on the charge of stealing 30
bushels of oats from Thomas Corsaut,
of London Township, appeared before
Squire Chittick again Wednesday for a
preliminary hearing on the charge of
stealing a set of harness, and was
again committed for trial on this
charge also. McKay Antoine, the In-
dian committed for assault, appeared
before Judge Macbeth in the morning,
but his case was delayed.

Westminster Resident Dead.
An old and esteemed resident of
Westminster died at his home, lot 8,
concession 7, on Wednesday in the
person of Mr. Dugal McPherson. Mr.
McPherson was 64 years old, and is
survived by his wife and one son,
Cameron, at home. The funeral was
held this morning to St. Thomas, the
services being conducted by Rev. Dr.
McCrae, of the Grove.

A Correction.
The Hetherington-Hatch case, re-
ferred to in yesterday's Advertiser,
was dropped some months ago, but
through some cause the entry remain-

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ed on the books, and was copied by
the reporter. The action arose through
Mr. Hatch dispossessing Mr. Hether-
ington, who was a tenant of the for-
mer.

Liberal Whist Off.

On account of the Liberal Club elec-
tions at Hyman Hall tonight, there
will be no whist tourney at the South
London Liberal Club tonight.

The Charity Ball.

The invitations for the charity ball
to be given in the Tecumseh House
on Jan. 15, have been issued. Any
desiring to have invitations sent to
friends can do so by applying to the
ladies on the committee, Mrs. Adam
Beck, Mrs. S. Stevely, Mrs. E. S.
Smith or the honorary secretary, Miss
Graydon. A great deal of interest is
being taken in the affair, and it prom-
ises to be one of the most successful
events of the season. The subscription
list is still open and any person desir-
ous of signing it may apply to the
committee.

**REV. FATHER KIDD
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**Archbishop McEvay Makes Im-
portant Changes in Toronto.**

Toronto, Jan. 8.—To the number of
changes among the local clergy which
his Grace Archbishop McEvay recently
made, and which will go into effect on
Saturday, have been added several others.

Rev. P. Rohleder, of St. Michael's
Cathedral, will no longer be chancellor of
the diocese, and his place will be taken
by Father John T. Kidd, the archbishop's
secretary. No reason was made public for
this change.

As a result of the formation of the
Catholic Church Extension Society here,
his grace has created the office of dioc-
esan director, and has appointed Rev.
Arthur O'Leary, pastor of Collingwood,
to the position.

Curacies made vacant by the appoint-
ment of the holders to pastorates have
been filled as follows:

Rev. George Dolerty, to be pastor of
St. Leo's, Mimico; Rev. William Egan, to
be assistant at Collingwood; Rev. M.
Leprohon, to be assistant at the Sacred
Heart Church, Toronto; Rev. John Rus-
sell, to be assistant at St. Catharines;
and Rev. S. A. Corrigan, to be assistant
at St. Paul's, Toronto.

Changes in Toronto.

Among the changes in the city much
regretted is that of Rev. Father Walsh,
late assistant at St. Cecilia's, West To-
ronto, who goes as pastor to Toronto
Gore.

Father Kernahan, who for some months
has been stationed at the cathedral, goes
to St. Helen's. Father Redmond, who
though but a short time at St. Joseph's,
has been appointed to the curacy vacated
by Father O'Donnell at St. Mary's.

Rev. Father Morrow, during his two
years' stay at the cathedral identified
himself with the work of St. Michael's
Hospital and the Elizabethan Order of
Nurses. He takes with him to Orange-
ville the kindly esteem and regret of all
who came under his earnest ministra-
tion.

Other Changes.
Among other changes are those of Rev.
Father O'Donnell from St. Mary's Church
to the pastorate of St. Ann's parish;
Father McGrath from St. Helen's Church
to St. Anthony's new parish; Father
Cruise from Our Lady of Lourdes Church
to the cathedral; and Father Dolerty from
St. Paul's to St. Leo's, Mimico.

On Sunday afternoon last Rev. Father
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people of the cathedral parish on the oc-
casion of his departure.

Father Hand.
It is anticipated that some announce-
ment will soon be made in connection
with the appointment of a bishop for the
London Diocese, in succession to Arch-
bishop McEvay.

No mention is made among the changes
of the local clergy, but a fact more or
less significant is that Rev. Father Hand,
who is spoken of as the probable suc-
cessor, is not among those changed to
other parishes.

**SLEPT IN A LANE
EIGHT ABOVE ZERO**

**Westminster Farmer Found by
a Policeman on His Rounds.**

Terry J. Brady, a strapping young
farmer, who says he comes from West-
minster, has probably to thank the
London police for the fact that he
was not frozen to death last night.

Mr. Brady, it is alleged, came in to
the city yesterday, and in the course
of his travels accumulated a number
of different kinds of stimulants.

In the evening he intended to take
a train home, but while trying to
make his way to the station, was
overcome with sleep and went to sleep
in a laneway.

He was not found until quite late
in the evening by P. C. Robertson,
who was making his rounds. Had
Brady remained out all night in such
weather he would undoubtedly have
been frozen to death.

Magistrate Love told him so, and in
letting him go advised him to be more
careful in the future.

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**Manager Driscoll and Mrs. Kings-
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Manager Driscoll, of Bennett's
Theatre, and Mrs. (Dr.) H. A. Kings-
mill have completed all arrangements
for the concert which is to be given
in Bennett's Theatre on Monday even-
ing next, and have secured a large
number of well-known artists.

The programme will, without any doubt,
be one of the most attractive ever
rendered in this city. Among those
who will take part are: Miss Jean
Robb, who is a favorite with London
audiences, will give several readings;
Mr. Maurice Pour, the violinist, will
render a number of selections, and
Mr. J. P. Harding, of London, Eng-
land, the well-known cornetist, has
been secured. In addition the follow-
ing soloists will sing: Miss Nina Tay-
lor, soprano; Miss Bessie Oliver, so-
prano; Miss Martha Parrester, so-
prano; Mr. Alfred Dunne, baritone,
and Mr. Webster, of St. Andrew's
Church. Special features will be a
musical sketch by Mr. and Mrs. Mac-
key, of New York; a comedy sketch
by a colored trio from the Orient Club
and a series of Scottish dances by
Bella and Victor Riddell. The twenty-
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and I have not had a boil since."

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don, St. Mary's, Ont.,
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Cornwall, Jan. 7.—A number of
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morning in consequence of a frazil ice
forming in the long level of the Corn-
wall Canal, which supplies the mills
with motive power. The street rail-
way company also is affected by the
extreme cold, following the recent
thaw.

OFF TO KINGSTON.
Toronto, Jan. 7.—Alexander Rose,
the thug and jail-breaker, who was
sentenced on Tuesday to imprison-
ment for life, left for Kingston Pen-
itentiary this morning in charge of
two county constables. Rose's father
and two brothers said good-bye to
him in the coach, and they supplied
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