

Secret Societies

Should all advertise their night of meeting in the Advertiser column.

Births, Marriages, Deaths

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths which are inserted in The Daily Advertiser also appear in The Western Advertiser. Births 25c, Marriages and Deaths 50c.

MARRIED.

CLARKE-HAZEN—At the residence of the bride's father, Walsingham Center, on Feb. 9, 1899, by Rev. Geo. N. Hazen, B.A., brother of the bride, Miss Tillie Hazen to W. A. Clarke, of Melbourne, Ont.

DIED.

WRIGHT—At his residence, Wellington street, city, James Wright, hardware merchant, in his 67th year.

Funeral Friday afternoon at 2:30. Friends and acquaintances kindly accept this intimation. Obit. flowers.

REDMAN—At his residence, on Wednesday, Feb. 15, 1899, Samuel Redman, aged 82.

Funeral from M. C. R. station, London, on Friday, on arrival of 12 o'clock train, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances will please accept this intimation.

MILNE—At the family residence, 88 Dundas street, on Thursday, Feb. 16, Janet Milne, mother of James Milne, aged 90 years.

Funeral 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18. Private. Woodstock and Exeter papers please copy.

Amusements and Lectures

GRAND OPERA HOUSE

THURSDAY, FEB. 16.

GILMORE and LEONARD

Presenting their third and latest edition of the Irish Nonpareils.

HOGAN'S ALLEY

Prices—25c, 50c, 75c. Seats now on sale. 60c.

MASONIC "AT HOME"—FRIDAY

night, at Grand Opera House. Reception to Grand Master Malone. Concert and assembly; only Masons eligible to attend.

Tickets can be procured from members of committee or from Mr. Bro. John Paul, secretary, M. C. R. office, or Mr. Bro. T. R. Parker, treasurer, C. P. R. office.

BAND TONIGHT REDLIT RINK

Splendid ice. Skating afternoon and evening.

ALWAYS THE BEST—MCLARY'S BENEFIT

Society concert, Monday, Feb. 20. Special attraction, Mr. Spalding and the celebrated Walter Shipman of Toronto. Tickets at Opera House, 15c and 25c.

HOCKEY—LONDON VS. SEAFORTH

Friday (tomorrow) evening, Feb. 17. Two crack teams of Western Ontario. Game 8:30. Skating after match. Admission 25 cents. Coupons canceled.

PRINCES—MUSICAL SOCIETY BAND

tonight.

JUBILEE RINK—BAND TONIGHT. ICE

in splendid condition. Open afternoons.

CHARLOTTE L. MCKENZIE, GRADUATE

of the University of Toronto, has been elected and pupil of Charles Roberts, New York, teacher of elocution and physical culture. Concert engagements, 454 Main street.

PALACE DANCING ACADEMY

New term for gentlemen beginners commences Monday evening, Feb. 20. This will be the last term of the season. Dayton & McCormick.

147 ROUND VOYAGES WITHOUT A

single mishap, 121,594 passengers carried and sailed 832,621 nautical miles is the record of the Panamanian Line. Very low rates to the old country. F. B. Clarke, Richmond street, next Advertiser.

PRIVATE LESSONS IN DANCING—COME

and learn the new dances, the Boston Schottische and the Society Cakewalk. The same careful attention given to teaching the waltz and two-step. Lessons any hour. H. B. Millard, teacher of dancing, 345 Princess avenue.

Meetings.

THE CELEBRATED EVANGELIST, REV. Dr. Munhall, will commence a series of union meetings in Dundas Central Church, Feb. 23. 601 tyw

Domestics Wanted.

WANTED—GOOD GENERAL SERVANT. Apply 290 Ovington street.

WANTED—GENERAL SERVANT. Apply Mrs. McPherson, 172 Lichfield street, from 7 to 10 p.m.

WANTED—FIRST-CLASS GENERAL SERVANT to go to Toronto. Good wages. References required. Apply 344 Dundas street.

WANTED—PLAIN COOK WHERE housemaid is kept. Apply 385 Queen's avenue.

WANTED—GOOD GENERAL SERVANT—small family. Apply Mrs. G. H. Merritt, 575 Queen's avenue.

WANTED—IMMEDIATELY—AN EXPERIENCED general servant. Small family. Apply after 6 p.m. to Mrs. Waugh, 537 Talbot street.

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WANTED—MARRIED MAN FOR DAIRY farm by year. House, garden and firewood furnished. Apply C. H. Sumner, lot 19, con. 1, Westminster, or Box 46, East London.

WANTED—MEN IN YOUR VICINITY to learn barber trade. We can place you in your town at \$15 weekly, after only slight weeks practice or start you in business of our capital in almost any locality. We pay a participation to our colleges at Chicago or Cincinnati, allow commission from start and date complete outfit of tools. Write today. Moler Barber College Representative, Detroit. 60n

Agents Wanted.

WANTED—BUSINESS WOMAN—AGED 40. Branch of established house; responsible position; remuneration ample. Apply Manager, 513 Temple boulevard, Toronto.

PER DAY—SURE SALARY OR COMMISSION—Do you want honorable, steady employment the year round, at good wages, at your own home or to travel? Apply C. Marshall & Co., 235 Dundas street, London, Ont.

Business Chances.

TO LET OR FOR SALE—GROCERY STORE and residence in good locality; terms reasonable. Address Box 140, Advertiser. 70c cod

Real Estate.

FOR SALE—50-ACRE FARM, CON. 6, LOT 22, six miles west of London; choice land; good buildings; well watered; eight acres fall wheat, twenty acres plowed. Price \$8,800. Apply 441 Piccadilly street, London, Ont.

FOR SALE—NEW TWO-STORY BRICK house, with all modern conveniences; large lot; near the park on Wellington street. Owner leaving the city. Cheap for quick buyer. J. F. Bangster, 430 Richmond street.

LONDON'S.... SHOE STORE.

There never is any question as to which store sets the pace for London.

You couldn't buy cheaper if you bought in wholesale lots, and such values are not known outside this store. We're doing the biggest business in Canada, because we're doing it well, and everything thoroughly up to date.

Don't Pass Pocock Bros. For Footwear.

Board and Lodging.

WOULD YOU LIKE A PLEASANT front room, good board and comfortable home in private family? Try Box 43, this 60c.

WANTED—BOARDERS—CAN ACCOMMODATE two gentlemen or gentleman and wife. Apply 413 King street. 15n

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FINE GROCERIES A SPECIALTY—DOMESTIC, laundry appliances. Trading stamps given on all purchases. T. H. JAMES, 201 tyw

WILL BUY A \$10 SIDERBOARD for \$8.50. Apply at Keene Bros., cash bargain furniture store, 127 King street, for one week only.

FOR SALE—YOUNG JERSEY COW and calf. Address Box 138, Advertiser. 60c

MERRY BELLS—WE MAKE BELLS and Brass Work. Our Babbitt metals are equal to any, and cannot be beat. John Law, 121 Clarence street, London.

SNAPS FOR TODAY—1 GRAND UNION Piano, 7 1/2 octaves, \$100; 1 Weber & Co. Piano, 7 1/2 octaves, \$125; 1 Knabe & Co. Piano, 7 1/2 octaves, \$135; 1 Schiedt & Sons Piano, 7 1/2 octaves, \$150; 1 Dominion Organ, large, 10 stops, \$35; 1 Karn & Co. Organ, large, 10 stops, \$45. Easy terms to good parties. Heintzman & Co., 117 Dundas street, corner Church.

SPRING SKATES, 35c PAIR. SKATES hollow ground, 10c. Bicycling repairing lowest prices. D. McKenzie & Co., 374 Richmond street.

DIAMONDS REMOUNTED AND OLD jewelry made up to date at small expense. J. T. Westland, 340 Richmond street, upstairs.

BEST HARD COAL AND WOOD DELIVERED in all parts of the city. W. G. Ealey, 71 Dundas street. Phone 134.

ELECTRIC BELLS KEPT IN PERMANENT repair, only 50c per year. R. M. Millar, 434 Talbot street.

PORK SAUSAGE AND BOLOGNA, FOUR pounds 25c; smoked ham and bacon, 10c; pickled bacon, 8c; shoulders, 8c; long clears, 8c; at Park's, corner Market Lane.

TISSUE PAPER—ALL COLORS—FOUR full size sheets for one cent. Large assortment of school books and school supplies. J. H. Cunningham, 778 Dundas street, East London.

CUSTOMS PAPERS—THE NEW FORMS. ANY QUANTITY—ONE SET OR A THOUSAND SETS. ADVERTISER JOB PRINTING DEPARTMENT. Phone 175.

FIRST-CLASS WOOD—HARD AND SOFT—stock on hand for contractors. Prompt delivery to any part of the city. Prices reasonable. Phone 1,312. S. Gilles & Son, Sawmill, East London.

SHIPPING TAGS—AT CLOSE PRICES—Advertiser Job Department.

CUSTOM PAPERS OF ALL KINDS ALWAYS on hand at Advertiser Job Department. You can have them in large or small quantities.

Wanted.

WANTED—TO PURCHASE IN SOUTH London, seven-roomed brick house; modern. State lowest cash price. R. D. J. Advertiser. 70c

PROPERTY WANTED—BRICK COTTAGE, monthly installments until full purchase money is paid, when deed to be given. Particulars to J. W. G. Wilson, J. W. G. Wilson, 420 Talbot street, solicitor for purchaser. 5wt

WANTED TO PURCHASE—HOUSE modern in every respect, in good locality. Price must be reasonable. Mention where situated, and lowest cash price. Address Box 139, this office.

WANTED—UNFURNISHED ROOMS—without board, by two students. State terms and location. Address 412 Princess avenue, London.

WANTED TO RENT—GENERAL STORE in the country. Apply Box 157. Would purchase if required. 60n

HIGHEST PRICE PAID FOR GENTLEMAN'S cast-off clothing. A. P. Sainsbury, 90 King street. Mail orders attended to.

Miscellaneous

MADAME LA ZELL—THE POPULAR palmist—May be consulted on all matters of love, business and marriage. Wonderful revelations. 25 cents. Room 6, London House.

DIRE-SUITS TO RENT, in first-class condition. A. P. Sainsbury, 90 King street.

Educational.

THE HARDING HALL GIRLS' SCHOOL LIMITED.

BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL. Spring term commenced Feb. 8. Kindergarten branch held in a room in Conservatory of Music building, Dundas street. For calendars and other information apply to Mrs. J. E. Wells, 661 Talbot street, London.

Insurance.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF ENGLAND. Capital and Assets Exceed \$20,000,000. J. A. NELLES, Board of Trade Rooms, 422 Richmond Street, London.

THE LIVERPOOL LONDON & GLOBE. Canada Branch, Montreal. \$50,000,000. Fire Losses Paid Since 1836, \$174,369,352. EDWARD TOWE & CO. Office—OVER CAN. BANK OF COMMERCE, London. Funds to loan, 5 per cent. Phone No. 60 and 1107.

DIVIDENDS PAID TO POLICYHOLDERS

The Ontario Mutual Life has paid dividends to policyholders as follows:

1894.....	\$70,735
1895.....	70,219
1896.....	71,825
1897.....	73,676
1898.....	75,020

It pays dividends to policyholders only.

C. E. GERMAN, General Agent. 403 Richmond street.

Houses, Etc., To Let.

TO LET—CORNER DWELLING, 402 DUNDAS and Colborne streets. Would fit it up for a doctor. Apply 333 William street. 70tf

TO LET—SPENCER BLOCK, Dundas street. Large rooms lately vacated by Y. W. C. T. U. 20 rooms, No. 203; well suited for business, educational or light manufacturing. Apply 22 Dundas street. 64n cod

TO LET—RESIDENCE—NO. 351 QUEEN'S avenue, central location. Apply A. N. Day, over C. P. R. ticket office.

TO LET—NO. 427 KING STREET—APPLY at 383 King street. 95tf

Massage Treatment.

MISS SHUFF—GRADUATE OF DR. WEIR MITCHELL'S Hospital for Nervous Diseases, Philadelphia. Massage and Swedish Movements. 407 King street, London, Ont. Phone, 502.

EXECUTORS' SALE

Choice City Residence, on Saturday Feb. 18, at 2:30 P.M.

THERE WILL BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION at the rooms of J. W. Jones, 242 Dundas street, London, that choice 2-story brick residence of 12 rooms, lot 44 feet fronting the residence of the late Mrs. Davis, 413 King street.

Terms—10 per cent at time of sale with sufficient cash to pay the balance of the purchase price in 5 equal annual installments with interest at 5 per cent. For further particulars apply to J. W. JONES, Auctioneer, or to K. COWAN, Solicitor. 60ktyw

AUCTION SALE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20,

At 646 Dundas street, groceries, scales, show cases, refrigerator, ice chests, flour tin, corn oil, cheese safe, stove, tin, cedar chest, two horses, wagon, sleigh, also barn and sheds subject to removal. Sale of outdoor effects at 2 p.m. Groceries at 7 p.m. NEIL COOPER, Auctioneer.

THE A. O. U. W.

Grand Lodge Resists Encroachments on Its Territory—Proposed Slick Benefit Branch To Be Considered by subordinate Lodges.

Toronto, Feb. 16.—The Grand Lodge of Ontario of the A. O. U. W. is in session at Conference Hall, with over 400 delegates in attendance. The grand master workman is George P. Graham, M.P.P., of Brockville, and the grand foreman T. A. Cornett, of Ganarong, and the grand organizer F. W. Linnit, of Toronto.

The opening address of the master workman offered congratulations on the successful work of the year.

Graham said: "The year has been full of encouragements, and our order still retains its position at the head of the fraternal insurance societies. Our numerical and financial strength is greater today than ever before, and our duty should be to look for still greater advances in the time to come."

The grand lodge heartily approved of the clause in the report of special committee No. 2 in reference to the supreme lodge registration, which reads: "The Grand Lodge of Ontario desires to maintain the independent position it has secured, and will continue to resist any attempted encroachment upon our territory by any other provincial or foreign jurisdiction."

The report of special committee No. 3, presented by A. G. P. Lawrence, in reference to new secret work, was unanimously adopted, and the new passwords for grand lodge and the Workman degree were approved.

The session was largely taken up in a discussion on the proposed branch for sick benefits and members totally disabled. The leading opposition was given by F. G. Inwood, A. F. G. Lawrence, Joseph Gibson, D. F. MacWatt and J. P. J. Gunning.

The chief speeches in favor of the scheme were by P. W. Unitt, Rev. Bro. Skeet and John Tyler. D. W. Dumble, of Peterboro, introduced an amendment, that was carried, to the effect that the question be relegated to the subordinate lodges for their consideration, and it will come up in grand lodge next year.

The clause recommending a change of date for the grand lodge was not entertained.

The proposal to elect all the members of the executive committee by vote of grand lodge was defeated by a vote of 126 to 85. The clause stipulating that only elected grand lodge officers and delegates shall take part in the proceedings of grand lodge was not adopted.

Why will you allow a cough to lacerate your throat and lungs and run the risk of filling a consumptive's grave, when by the timely use of Bickie's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, the pain can be allayed and the danger avoided? This syrup is pleasant to the taste, and unsurpassed for relieving, healing and curing the affections of the throat and lungs, coughs, colds, bronchitis, etc.

By His Own Hand

Young Alfred of Saxe-Coburg Said to Have Shot Himself.

Peace for Russia Does Not Mean a Free Press.

Abbe Perosi Was No Hobson—"Guinea Pig" Amendment to the Address Voted Down by British Commons—Crisis in Hungary.

A special cable to the New York Journal says: It is now definitely known that Prince Alfred of Saxe-Coburg, grandson of Queen Victoria, and son of the Duke of Edinburgh, committed suicide at Meran, Austria, walter he had been taken from Berlin and placed in a private sanitarium. The cause of the prince's removal from Berlin was a gambling scandal compromising him gravely. He shot himself in the head, the wound proving fatal after several days. It was given out by his family that the prince was suffering from brain trouble.

The gambling scandal which so affected the family honor that Prince Alfred's relatives found it desirable to declare him insane and place him beyond the reach of pursuit or inquiry was the climax of a long series of scandals which had caused Berlin to consider him, at the age of 24, an irreclaimable spendthrift and rascal. He enjoyed the distinction of making the Barrison sisters famous.

Though so impoverished through his profligacy that he was compelled to mortgage his future to money-lenders, he held, in Berlin, a sort of social opera court, the chief officers of which were discredited nobles, who vied with him in the commission of unsavory deeds. For a time his rank as a noble and his uniform as an officer of the Prussian Guards spared him all criticism of a nature to embarrass him, but he gay entertainers. Even when Lord Bunsen was detected wearing his uniform in public he escaped, though the uniform of a Prussian officer is one of the things held most sacred in Berlin. But the Barrison woman was expelled, and there the matter ended.

At length, within the last month, the money-lenders made up their minds that the prince's future was security for no more loans. They even pressed him for repayment. Then came the gambling scandal. Several outsiders joining the game, complained loudly that they had been robbed, not beaten, at cards in a gentleman's game.

To turn any suspicion from the prince it was given out that he, too, had lost heavily—which made most Berliners laugh, for they well knew that the prince had nothing to lose. Baron Von Gortz, a young officer, lost a fortune. Baron Vander Plantz lost another. The prince was challenged by both, but no duel occurred, the Kaiser interfering. But the barons were cashiered, and Prince Alfred invited to leave Berlin.

A month ago the prince assisted at the silver wedding of his parents. Then came a mysterious message from Potsdam—and then the prince disappeared. His suicide tells the rest.

GUNMAKERS' BUSIEST SEASON.

London, Feb. 16.—Hiram Maxim, the great manufacturer of guns, when interviewed as to the probable effect when the czar's movement for international disarmament might have on the gun industry, said:

"I can't let you interview me on guns nor on new explosives. But you can say Mr. Maxim says he doesn't know any more about the reduction of armaments or the slackening of preparations for war than he sees in the newspaper."

"This is the busiest time in the gun-making trade that this country has ever known. England has always been a fighting country, and I expect she is going to be a fighting country, and it's about the best thing for her and for the rest of the world as well as she is."

MUZZLING THE PRESS.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 16.—By order of the minister of the interior, the Polish paper, Goniec Lodzki, published in the city of Lodz, has been stopped for three months.

By order of the governor-general of Warsaw a fine of 1,000 roubles has been imposed upon M. Straszewski, editor and publisher of the Kurjer Polski, for an article on the condition of Poland in the eighteenth century. The governor thought that this article might lead people to the conclusion that Poland in the worst period of its self-government was far better off than at present, after a century of paternal Russian administration.

By order of the minister of the interior the Baltic paper Baltische Monatschrift has been stopped for a period of three months.

By order of the same minister the St. Petersburg daily paper, Rus, received a third warning, and has been stopped for six months. It is the paper which published Count Tolstol's account of the condition of the peasantry, but the present punishment has been fallen it for another article, namely, on the duties of the Kulturle Nizemly, or the enlightened members of the district councils.

THE ABBE NO HOBSON.

Rome, Feb. 16.—Abbe Perosi, the noted musical priest whom the pope made organist of the Sixtine Chapel for his magnificent oratorio, "The Resurrection of Christ," has threatened to prosecute the editor of the Milan Journal Lombard for libel. The newspaper published a story stating that when Abbe Perosi recently played his oratorio in Milan the ladies of the city became so enraptured that they embraced and kissed him despite his feeble attempts at resistance.

As the Abbe came from the organ loft scores of women waited for him and rushed frantically upon him. The little priest was helpless in their arms and was hugged and kissed until almost suffocated.

The editor of Lombardia is not at all alarmed by the Abbe's threats, and

defies his suit, maintaining that the story as published is true in every detail.

SHE'S A CLIMBER.

City of Mexico, Feb. 16.—Miss Mabel Campbell, of Dallas, Texas, has succeeded in climbing to the snow-capped summit of Mount Popocatepetl. Accompanied by Eldridge and Nelsley Ewell, Americans and Capt. Gabriel Gonzalez, of this city, Miss Campbell set out on Saturday for the arduous climb. The plucky girl pressed on, showing great endurance and climbing skill. As a reward for her courage and strength she had the satisfaction of waving an American flag on the summit of Mexico's loftiest mountain. The descent was made without special difficulty.

AMENDMENT DEFEATED.

London, Feb. 16.—In the House of Commons the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne was resumed. The amendment introduced in the evening by Mr. J. Swift MacNeill, Nationalist member for the south division of Donegal, on the subject of "Guinea Pigs in the Government" (referring to ministers who are directors in public companies), was defeated by 247 to 142.

WEDDING PORTIONS FOR POOR GIRLS.

London, Feb. 16.—In 1882 Signor Pasquale Pavalo, while on a visit to London, presented to the city 18,000 francs to found a fund in perpetuity for giving three marriage portions of 300 francs each every year to three poor girls whose ages ranged 16 to 25 years. As the interest on the fund will not yield the amount bequeathed, the only resource of the city was to allow the amount to accumulate until a sufficient sum had accrued to pay off the bequest. The capital sum has already materially increased, and in a few years the wishes of the Italian who made the odd gift will be carried into execution.

COMING TO CANADA.

London, Feb. 16.—The Hamburg-American Line intends to put on seven ships to ply between Hamburg and Halifax between April and June, carrying immigrants, mainly Galicians and Hungarians. The high commissioner for Canada is now receiving from 100 to 150 letters daily inquiring as to the conditions obtaining in Canada and its suitability as a field for emigration. About 1,000 more Doukhobors now in Cyprus, are preparing to leave for Canada.

CRISIS IN HUNGARY.

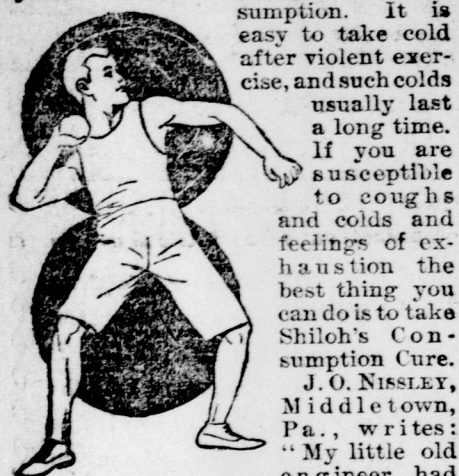
Vienna, Feb. 16.—Emperor Franz Josef expects to go to Budapest to make a last attempt at reconciling the opposition in the Hungarian Diet with the majority. The Hungarian premier, Baron Banffy, and the principal ministers have arrived here, and are in close consultation with Franz Josef. A grave crisis in Hungary is expected, as the opposition is unyielding.

CABLE NOTES.

Current talk in Anglo-Canadian circles chronicles the idea that Sir Wm. Van Horne will resign the presidency of the C. P. R. Company, and that Mr. T.

OVERTAXED

Exercise is an excellent thing when taken in moderation. Overexertion and exhaustion, however, weaken the system and are often the cause of consumption. It is easy to take cold after violent exercise, and such colds usually last a long time. If you are susceptible to coughs and colds and feel the best thing you can do is to take Shilo's Consumption Cure, J. O. NISLEY, Middletown, Pa., writes: "My little old engineer had such a cold and cough that at times it caused him to vomit. I took compassion on him and bought a 50-cent bottle of Shilo's Cough and Consumption Cure, telling him to take a teaspoonful every hour. Instead, he took a tablespoonful, keeping that up all night. Next morning his cough had entirely left him. I never saw any medicine work so quick."



Shilo's Consumption Cure is sold by all druggists on a guarantee that the purchase money will be refunded in case of failure. 25c. 50c. and \$1 a bottle in Canada and the United States. In England, 1s. 2d., 2s. 3d. and 4s. 6d.

MUST COME TO TIME

The Government's Attitude Toward the Niagara Power Company—The West Elgin Election.

Toronto, Feb. 16.—The presentation of the report of the committee on standing orders yesterday in the legislature afforded an opportunity for members to introduce a large number of private bills, which was taken full advantage of.

The reply of the government to the inquiry of Mr. German respecting the agreement with the Canadian Niagara Power Company has been awaited with interest by the members on both sides. The attorney-general gave a clear answer to the series of questions propounded. He informed the house that the company has not proceeded with the work, as provided by the agreement, although they have expended \$40,000 in preliminary preparations and work of a tentative nature, and \$150,000 in rent. Respecting the intention of the government the reply was that it is the intention of the government, in case of default upon the part of the company in any case, to do all acts and take all proceedings necessary to declare the sole use of the waters of the Niagara River within the limits of the park at an end as soon as the law allows.

The return of the minister of the West Elgin showed that in every division the person appointed as deputy returning officer was a resident of the riding, and that the man appointed acted, with one exception, in which, owing to illness of the man appointed, another person acted, but was not appointed by the returning officer.

The budget debate was resumed by Mr. J. R. Stratton.

GOING AHEAD

Railway Extension on the American Continent—Employees Must Watch.

Canada built 427 miles of new railroad in 1898, and Mexico 442 miles. In the United States 3,913 miles were constructed.

The Michigan Central and Lake Shore roads withdrew from the central passenger joint rate sheet some time ago, and now they have given notice of their withdrawal from the Michigan rate sheet. The matter of continuing the publication of the joint sheet will be discussed at a meeting of the Michigan Passenger Association. There is some doubt as to whether the other roads will keep it up.

The Lehigh Valley Railroad Company has issued an order which will necessitate about 50 per cent of its employees purchasing new watches, the movements of which will cost from \$17 upward. This is the result of a change in the time limit, which took effect on Feb. 1. Before that time a railroad might own a watch that would not vary more than 30 seconds in a week. Now, under the new rule, the men must be provided with a 17-jeweled timepiece adjusted to three positions.

DOWN ON SKY-SCRAPERS.

New York, Feb. 16.—After three years of inquiry, study and consideration, the special committee of the New York Board of Trade and Transportation has submitted a report, in which it recommends that the height of buildings in this city should be restricted to 200 feet. This report has been presented to President Coogan, of the Borough of Manhattan, with a proposed ordinance. The report recommends that dwellings be not higher than 80 feet.

Keep Your Youth

If you are young, you naturally appear so. If you are old, why appear so?

Ayer's Hair Vigor

will surely restore color to gray hair, and it will also give your hair all the health and gloss of early life.

Do not allow the falling of your hair to threaten you longer with baldness. Do not be annoyed with dandruff. \$1.00. At all druggists.

Write to the Doctor. If you do not obtain all the benefits you expect from the use of the Vigor, write the doctor about it.

Address, Dr. J. C. AYER, Lowell, Mass.

LONDON'S FIRE DEPARTMENT

Bears an Excellent Record for the Past Year.

More Fires Than in 1897, but Average Loss Less.

Interesting Figures Prove the Promptness and Efficiency of the Force.

Recommendation to Give Chief Roe \$800 Increase in Salary—Another Man Needed at No. 3 Hall—Where Will the North End Hall Be?—Fixing the Market.

At the regular meeting of No. 3 committee last night, some important improvements in London's fire department were favorably considered. Steps were taken towards the establishment of a fire hall north of the C. P. R. tracks, and the council was recommended to appoint an additional man at No. 3 hall (South London), and to increase the salary of Chief Roe from \$800 to \$1,400. The committee also concluded that the market does not need to be paved with asphalt or brick. A 3-inch coat of gravel will do instead. The members present were: Ald. Dreaney (chairman), McCallum, Winnett, Malloch, Jolly and Pritchard, City Engineer Graydon and Secretary Bell.

CHIEF ROE'S ANNUAL REPORT.

The 26th annual report of the operations and condition of the fire department since reorganization was submitted by Chief John A. Roe. The statistics reflected great credit upon the force, considering the few members for so large an area as has to be covered. Although there were 127 actual fires during the year, the average loss was only \$397.

The cost of running the department was well within the estimate. Including the extension of the fire alarm system to West London, the expenditure was \$15,548.83, while the appropriation was \$16,300.

There have been only two changes, the report said, in the personnel of the department since my last report, viz., the appointment of F. E. Robertson to No. 3 hall, on June 1 last, and the transfer of George Taylor from No. 3 to the central fire hall.

The location of apparatus, horses and equipments are the same as last year. A new hook and ladder truck, to replace the old light truck, has been built in the workshops of the department. The cost to the city is for material only, which means a saving to the city of \$300 or \$400 at least. It is now ready for painting, tenders for which will be submitted. Some additional equipment will be also required for it.

THE DEPARTMENT'S NEEDS.

The chief also recommended the erection and equipment of a fire hall north of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and the appointment of an additional man at No. 3 hall.

"Two of the horses," the report continued, "should be sold, and two others procured at once. I would suggest that a buggy and harness be procured. The buggy can be built by members of the department for the price of the woodwork and material."

"The buildings are in good condition, and need only slight repairs to the roof and the front of the fire hall."

"The new fire alarm boxes and saving great satisfaction. There are a number of places where more boxes could be placed to advantage if your honorable body are in a position to procure them. The fact of the keys being in the boxes all the time has been the cause of a great increase in the number of false alarms. It is easy for boys or evil-disposed people of any age to send in false alarms, if so inclined. It is to be hoped that the reward recently offered will have a deterrent effect on such offenders in future, as I consider it would be a great step backward if we had to return to the old system of keeping the keys in adjacent houses."

AN EFFICIENT FORCE.

"The health of the members of the department has been very good, no serious case of sickness or injury having occurred during the year. The time lost from sickness was sixteen days, and from accidents 42½ days. I am pleased with the way both officers and men have discharged their duties, as well as with their general conduct throughout the year. Although the number of fires and alarms was largely in excess of any previous year, the loss was much lower than in 1897. This I consider is very good evidence of their promptness and efficiency."

"We have 5,200 feet of reliable hose in stock, and 650 feet which is not reliable. There is also about 700 feet of sewer hose, which is only fit for flushing sewers, and is kept for that purpose. We will need at least 600 feet of new hose this year to keep the stock of good hose up to the standard. Ten thousand five hundred feet of hose was used for flushing sewers by employees of the city; 200 feet were used on the water works, and 14 20 was paid to the city treasurer by private citizens for use of sewer hose."

FIRES, LOSSES AND INSURANCE.

"The total number of fires and alarms received was 208, 73 more than in 1897. Forty-three of these were chimney fires; 37 were false alarms, and one was a test alarm—leaving 127 actual fires, from which more or less damage resulted. Chimney fires are not included in the following table of losses and insurance. We attended 133 and worked at 108. No. 1 company traveled 30,745 miles going and returning; laid 24,300 feet of hose, and used 50 streams. No. 2 traveled 35,414 miles, laid 14,450 feet of hose, and used 33 streams. No. 3 traveled 35,414 miles, laid 8,300 feet of hose and used 16 streams. The time spent in answering alarms was 15 days and 8½ hours for each station. We used 938 feet of ladders and 144 gallons of chemicals. Approximately we used 1,294,000 gallons of water from hydrants. Seven buildings were destroyed, all of them old frame shells."

"The insurance on the buildings amounted to \$284,625, and on contents to \$238,450. Total insurance, \$523,115. The loss on buildings was \$15,227.72, and the loss on contents was \$34,160.80. Total loss, \$49,388.52."

"The approximate value of the build-

ings was \$413,750, and of contents of same, \$512,590. Total value, \$1,026,340.

CAUSES OF FIRES.

"The causes of fires, as nearly as could be ascertained was as follows: False alarms, 37; dirty chimneys, 42; test, 1; unknown, 25; incendiary, 21; defective chimneys and walls, 6; gas set fire to draperies, 8; lightning, 7; sparks from chimneys, smokestacks, etc., 15; electric wires, 4; second calls to fires, 5; stoves (over-heated), 12; hot ashes, 2; careless use of matches, 6; explosions of gas, lamps or stoves, 7; lamps upset, 5; hot journals, 2; grease pots boiled over, 2; spontaneous combustion, 1; drying pan, 1; collapse of floor, 1."

"For the eighteen years ending Dec. 31, 1898, the total number of fires recorded is 2,137. The total insurance was \$6,663,045. The total loss was \$386,547.89, and the value of property involved during last six years was \$4,702,991."

"In conclusion I have very much pleasure in tendering the thanks of the committee to the members of No. 3 department, and also to his worship the mayor and members of the city council of 1898 for their unvarying courtesy and kindness toward us. I also thank the chief of police and his staff for assistance rendered throughout the year."

Accompanying the report was a list of supplies needed for 1899, the purchase of which was recommended. It included smoke protectors and a tire setter.

The report was pronounced excellent and the chief was tendered the thanks of the committee.

The chief's several recommendations were considered. It was decided to call for tenders for the supplies as listed.

THE NORTH END FIRE HALL.

Considerable discussion as to the location of the proposed North End fire hall took place. Finally Ald. Malloch, the chief, and the city engineer be a committee to look up and report upon a suitable site and ascertain the probable cost of the lot and building. A building like No. 3 hall was suggested. It would cost, the engineer said, \$3,500.

The annual expense of running the new hall would be about \$3,500, the chief said. It would need to be equipped with a hose wagon and five men. Such a wagon would not be practicable. At present there are only four men at the No. 3 station, and it was decided to recommend the council to put on an additional man. The question of procuring two new horses was laid over.

THE CHIEF'S SALARY.

The chief asked that in the matter of salary be on an equality with the heads of other departments in places of corresponding size with London throughout Canada. He pointed out the increased responsibility and increased work that accompanied the position of chief, and called attention to the great saving in running the fire alarm system since he took charge of it in Jan. 1891. Previous to that time the city was paying \$600 for the work.

The chairman—I've been expecting this for a long time. Chief Roe is the poorest paid chief in Ontario. Brantford furnishes the chief of its fire department with a horse and buggy and pays him \$1,000, and Hamilton's chief gets \$2,000. Ald. Pritchard said. He moved to recommend \$1,200 for Chief Roe.

Ald. Malloch moved \$1,400 and Ald. Pritchard withdrew his motion. Ald. Malloch's motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Pritchard—I would like to see the men advanced, too.

FIXING UP THE MARKET.

The city engineer reported as to the cost of repaving the market and building an artificial stone walk around the square. The area, which it is proposed to pave, is that section west of the market house, covering about 6,900 square yards, exclusive of buildings, and the cost of asphalt pavement with stone kerbing 4 inches by 20 inches would be \$14,070; brick pavement, with similar kerbing, \$16,140. The cost of the new walk, 10 feet wide, on King and Talbot streets, would be \$1,020, and of a ten-foot brick walk \$1,205. The walks would have a three-inch oak curb on each side.

Ald. Pritchard moved to recommend the council to put a three-inch layer of broken stone on the market, roll it and surround the square with an artificial stone or asphalt walk. Carried.

OTHER MATTERS.

Four tenders were received for repairing the watering carts, according to the engineer's specifications. Bulk tenders had been called and there are nine carts to be repaired. The question of distributing the work among the local contractors was raised. Several of the members thought it advisable to call for separate tenders as well as in bulk. On motion of Ald. Winnett this idea will be carried out. The tenders received were not opened. Ald. Jolly and the chairman were opposed to Ald. Winnett's motion.

Three tenders for painting and lettering the new hook and ladder truck were received. H. G. Abbott's for \$43 was accepted, being the lowest.

A. Keenleyside wants an electric light on Inkerman street or Dreaney avenue; and W. M. Seaborn asked for light at the corner of Francis and Bethel streets. Referred to the engineer and chairman.

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FROZEN DUCKS

Can Be Picked Up Around Thunder Bay Lifesaving Station.

Alpena, Mich., Feb. 16.—Ice 24 inches thick covers Thunder Bay and water cannot be seen from Middle or Thunder Bay Island. A heavily-loaded team crossed over to Middle Island last week—the second time such a thing has ever occurred.

Capt. Persons, keeper of Thunder Bay Island lifesaving station, brought over a large box of wild ducks, which were picked up on the ice, frozen stiff. Mr. Persons says there are many more in the vicinity of the island, evidently overtaken by the cold weather and frozen to death.

JUMPED THE TRACK!

Wreck on the G. T. R.—Seven Persons Hurt.

Sherbrooke, Que., Feb. 15.—The locomotive on the Grand Trunk express which left Portland, Me., at 8:10 a.m. yesterday, jumped the track two and a half miles east of Lennoxville yesterday afternoon and the train followed. No one was killed, but three trainmen and four passengers were injured.

The injured are: F. Ferdinand, news agent, Belleville, Ont.; J. N. Steers, wipers' helper; W. J. McFarlane, conductor, Montreal; Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Bourque and their son, Coaticook, Que.; E. Dickson, Montreal.

Of these the only serious case is that of Ferdinand, who is badly injured internally. The cause of the wreck is not known yet.

MONEY TIGHT IN DAWSON.

Seattle, Feb. 16.—Money is remarkably "tight" in Dawson at present. Ten per cent per month on good security is quite a common rate of interest. During the past week 15 per cent has been offered. There are two reasons for the money famine. The miners used up all their spare cash in buying food supplies, while they continue working their claims, and the non-arrival of mails has delayed expected remittances.

NIAGARA'S ICE MOUNTAINS.

Niagara, Ont., Feb. 15.—Above Niagara Falls in many places the ice is packed in the river in high piles, and extends many feet from the shore. The jam in the gorge at the foot of the falls grows with the days. Some of the hills are nearly 50 feet high. One of them is said to be over 100 feet high. Such a large quantity of ice has not been in the Niagara River for years, and the situation is decidedly serious, and makes owners of property close to the banks apprehensive for the result when the river begins to free itself.

\$50,000 FOR A KISS.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—Charles O. Robinson, member of the firm of Clay, Robinson & Co., has been sued for \$50,000 by his former servant, Delia Hines, who fixes that price for a kiss which Robinson is alleged to have purloined. In her bill Delia charges "trespass vi et armis."

Mr. Robinson declares that Delia Hines wanted him to examine her teeth, and that he made a thorough examination, but remembers nothing about a kiss.

So much depends upon the purity of the blood that by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla many different diseases are cured.

The Chicago board of education has decided that all teachers in the public schools of the city must hereafter live in the city.

LIFE SAVED.—Mr. James Bryson Cameron writes: "I was confined to my bed with inflammation of the lungs and was given up by physicians. A neighbor advised me to try Dr. 'Ebona' Electric Oil, stating that his wife had used it for a throat trouble with the best results. Acting on this advice I procured the medicine, and less than half a bottle cured me; I certainly believe it saved my life. I was with reluctance that I consented to a trial, as I was reduced to such a state that I doubted the power of any remedy to do me good."

Japan is going to have a woman's university, the Nihon Yoshi Daigaku, in place of the former Academy of Nobles at Tokio.

FAGGED OUT.—None but those who have become fagged out know what a depressed, miserable feeling it is. All strength has gone, and despondency has taken hold of the sufferers. They feel as if there was nothing to live for. There, however, is a cure—one box of Parmelee's Vegetable Pills will do wonders in restoring health and strength. Mandrake and Dandelion are the composition of Parmelee's Pills.

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CURLING.

DOWN TO THE FINALS.

The semi-finals in the Western Ontario tankard were played at the Simcoe street rink yesterday afternoon. Forest City put Thamesville out of the business by 6 shots, and Paris defeated Ingersoll by 1. The score:

Forest City.	Thamesville.
Rink No. 1—	
J. W. McIntosh,	N. K. Cornwall,
J. M. McWhinney,	W. Ferguson,
W. T. Strong,	Geo. Shirran,
R. Reid, jun.,	J. Howat,
skip.....16	skip.....14
Rink No. 2—	
C. Tunc,	C. W. Mayhew,
C. E. Sterling,	J. W. Hardy,
Dr. McDonald,	D. J. Davis,
J. Burnett,	Alex. Nickle,
skip.....23	skip.....19
Total.....39	Total.....33

Paris.	Ingersoll.
Rink No. 1—	
S. Armitage,	Dr. Burnett,
W. Fraser,	O. T. Robinson,
G. Tait,	P. H. Rundle,
J. Carnie,	A. E. Gayfair,
skip.....19	skip.....15
Rink No. 2—	
T. Dunn,	Geo. Duncan,
A. N. Parney,	H. C. R. Walker,
R. Thompson,	J. G. Walley,
J. Brockbank,	E. E. Dundas,
skip.....17	skip.....20
Total.....36	Total.....35

Majority for Paris, 1 shot.

PRIZE-WINNERS AT WINNIPEG. The prize-winners of the various events in the Winnipeg bonspiel are as follows:

Grand Challenge—First, T. Kelly, of the Winnipeg Granites; second, J. W. Baker, Winnipeg Granites; third, J. Kelly, Winnipeg Granites; second, J. C. McDole and W. Cannon, Cypress River.

White—First, W. L. Liall, Portage la Prairie; second, M. Wise, Carberry.

Galt—First, J. W. Smith, Regina; second, W. R. Boyd, Indian Head.

Dreher's Thistle rink met Flavell and Lindsay rink in a friendly game. The Thistles won, three up.

HOCKEY.

GLENCOE DEFEATS DUTTON. Glencoe, Ont., Feb. 15.—The Glencoe hockey team won its third successive victory from the Dutton team Tuesday night in Dutton. Score, 7 to 5.

WINNIPEG VS. MONTREAL. Montreal, Feb. 15.—The Victoria hockey team defeated the Winnipeg Victorias in the first match of the series for the Stanley cup last night. Score, 2 to 1 in favor of the Montreal team.

WOODSTOCK WINS. Sarnia, Ont., Feb. 15.—A friendly game played here last night between Woodstock and Sarnia hockey teams resulted in a victory for Woodstock, 5 to 4. The score at the end of the first half was 3 to 1 in favor of Sarnia, but the visitors walked away with the game half easily.

TURF.

NEW COLORS. Judge Wardell, South Africa, and the other horses of Mr. G. W. Graydon's string will race this season under new colors. An order has been given to Mr. James Harris, of Toronto, for a new set, white jacket, red collar, cuffs, buttons and cap.

AT INGLETSIDE. San Francisco, Feb. 15.—Track fast at Ingletside yesterday. Summary: First race, selling, 6 furlongs—Seavey won, Socialist 2, Carrie V. 3. Time, 1:15.

Second race, selling, 1 1/16 miles—Our Climate won, Major Hooker 2, Tom Calvert 3. Time, 1:49 3/4.

Third race, selling, 1 mile—Al Smoke won, Meadow Lark 2, Einstein 3. Time, 1:44.

Fourth race, 1/2 mile, Malowsky stakes, for 2-year-olds—St. Anthony and Golden Rule coupled at Corrigan's entry, finished first and second respectively, Lomond 3. Time, 1:49 3/4.

Fifth race, selling, 7 furlongs—Midlight won, Tammany Hall 2, Zamar II 3. Time, 1:25 3/4.

Sixth race, 1 mile—David Tenny won, Satsuma 2, Adolphe Spreckles 3. Time, 1:42 3/4.

WHEEL.

THE SIX DAYS' SPIN. San Francisco, Feb. 15.—When the 25th hour was finished in the six-day bicycle race, Gimm had 450 miles to his credit. The 25-hour record was 46 miles and 1,120 yards, made in 1898, in the New York six-day race. Miller, Pierce, Barnaby, Stevens, Ashinger, Nawn and Albert had also exceeded the former record for 25 hours. Ashinger remained on his wheel for 469 miles and 1 1/2 laps without dismounting. Score at 2 a.m.: Gimm, 513 miles and 4 laps; Pierce, 511 and 6; Miller, 508 and 5; being frozen on Saturday night.

Stevens, 499 and 3; Ashinger, 499 and 1; Nawn, 497 and 4; Barnaby, 495 and 7; Lawson, 493; Hale, 491 and 5. Score at 10 a.m. yesterday, 35th hour, follows: The former record was held by Waller; it was 622 miles, 141 yards, Gimm, 645, Pierce 641, Miller 640, Nawn, 627, Barnaby 619, Hale 613, Fredericks 612, Lawson 611, Albert 608, Aaronson 592, Ashinger 576, Julius 562, Pilkington 560.

FISTIC.

POLICE INTERFERED.

Hartford, Conn., Feb. 15.—The police stopped the Maher-Conroy fight in the seventh round last night. Maher had the best of the bout all the way while it lasted.

NOTES OF SPORT.

Western League patrons are pleased to know that Parke Wilson will probably catch for Kansas City again. He was largely responsible for the good playing of the team last year, and everybody wants to see Manning do well.

Baseball magnates are finally coming to their senses in admitting that the base running is one of the prettiest features of the game. Pitchers who employ the half-balk are to be curbed, and the runner is to be given more chance.

Sharkey has rheumatism so badly that he will cancel all his theatrical engagements.

Both Magnates Hart and Brush say that whoever buys St. Louis will have to be voted on for admission to the National League.

Sam Nichols and Jack Glasscock wanted an interstate franchise for Wheeling, but there was no opening. This year the league will play 140 games, beginning on May 1 and running until Sept. 15 or 20.

LANE-BTH.

Lambeth, Feb. 15.—The annual meeting of the patrons of the North Street cheese and butter factory was held in Scottsville on Feb. 10. Squire J. B. Little occupied the chair, and Mr. A. M. Hunt acted as secretary. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, as were the reports of the auditors, salesmen and directors.

Secretary H. B. Stevens submitted the following statement for 1898: Total amount of milk received, 1,280,351 pounds; total amount of cheese made, 117,679 pounds; average pounds of milk per pound of cheese, 10.83 pounds; average price per pound of cheese, 7.39 cents; total amount of money received, \$9,288 19.

The above figures are much smaller than those of the previous year, on account of building a butter factory, which has been running since the latter part of November, 1898. Over \$600 has been realized for butter; average price, 20 cents, which is very encouraging for a start.

Mr. E. S. Hunt, who has acted as salesman and shipper for the past ten years, was re-elected for this year at a salary of \$40.

Mr. Wm. Baker, of Littlewood, was elected auditor, and Mr. Joseph Baker's name was added to the board of advisors. Mr. H. B. Stevens receives \$1.90 per cwt. for cheese, and 3 1/2 cents for butter.

Mr. Stevens has moved his house and barn near his new factory, and intends moving the old factory up, and using it as a curing-room. He is also building a new icehouse, and is sparing no trouble or expense in making his one of the best factories in the county.

The many friends of Miss Rosa Andrews are glad to see her back, after several weeks of visiting in London and elsewhere.

Miss Fenwick, of London township, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Ed. Vanstone.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Routledge was buried on Friday.

PETROLIA.

Petrolia, Feb. 15.—L'Allegre Club gave a very successful dance in Victoria Hall Monday night. A number from Sarnia and Watford attended, and a good time was enjoyed by all. The Petrolia orchestra furnished the music.

James Mark died at the residence of Mrs. John Coulter, Blind line, on Sunday, Feb. 12. Deceased was in his 90th year. The funeral took place Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Harry MacDonald, of John Calder & Co., Hamilton, spent Sunday in town with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Simpson have moved into their new house on King street.

Miss John McCort, of Tusville, Pa., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Hugh Simpson.

Mr. James Kerr, of Sarnia, was in town today for the first time in two weeks, a severe attack of grippe having confined him to the house.

Oil producers are complaining bitterly on account of the cold weather freezing up their wells. Very few wells in the territory are pumping.

The St. Valentine's tea, under the auspices of the Y. L. P. Association of the Presbyterian Church Tuesday evening was very successful. A good program was given, after which came dainty refreshments, served by the young ladies. About \$25 was realized.

SARNIA RESERVE.

Sarnia Reserve, Feb. 14.—Councilor Jeff Bressette, of Kettle Point, and Councilor James Johns were here on Wednesday, attending the regular monthly council.

Mr. James Manass' (jun.) family are confined in the house with a grippie. The Agricultural Society meets on the first Tuesday in March.

Mr. John Sensaba narrowly escaped being frozen on Saturday night.

Crossing on the ice to Port Huron is dangerous, as the ice is breaking up. The band has many calls these days. They are credited with furnishing excellent music.

ASPHYXIATED

Death of an Old Lady in Sarnia Who Blew Out the Gas.

Sarnia, Ont., Feb. 15.—Tuesday evening an old lady arrived here by the 7 o'clock train from London, and registered at the Hotel Vendome as Margaret Westcott, of Port Burwell, Ont. She was assigned a room, and nothing thought of the matter until yesterday forenoon, when, as she had not been seen, the bell-boy of the house went to her room, and getting no response to his knocking, entered the room. He found the odor of gas very strong, and the lady apparently unconscious.

Two doctors who were called found that the woman had been dead some time. She had evidently blown out the gas or not turned it off properly. Coroner Fraser decided that an inquest was not necessary, and the remains are here, awaiting instructions from Port Burwell, which place has been found to be her home.

MR. HUGH RYAN'S FUNERAL.

Toronto, Feb. 15.—The funeral of the late Hugh Ryan took place yesterday afternoon at St. Michael's Cemetery. The pall-bearers were J. J. Foy, M.P.P., E. B. Osler, D. R. Wilkie, Eugene O'Keefe, Col. Mason, W. S. Lee, Hon. S. C. Wood and John Long. There was a very large attendance. Commander Law represented the lieutenant-governor. The Ontario Government was represented by Hon. E. J. Davis and Hon. W. Harty, while Speaker Evans represented the legislature.

Steamship Arrivals.

Feb. 15.	At	From
Norwegian	Glasgow	New York
Manchester City	Halifax	Manchester
Manitowick	London	New York
Pretoria	Plymouth	New York
Cymric	New York	Liverpool
Norge	New York	Copenhagen
Sarnia	New York	Bremen
St. Louis	Southampton	New York
Vanconver	Liverpool	St. John
Amazyntha	Glasgow	St. John
Corcan	Glasgow	St. John

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Tupper at Clinton.

Sir Charles Tupper spoke in the Town Hall, Clinton, on Wednesday night, to a large audience. Dr. Montague also spoke, besides the Conservative candidate for West Huron. A complimentary address was presented to Sir Charles, and this formed the text for a speech in reply, which, as usual with Sir Charles, and not unnatural in a man in his 79th year, was largely reminiscent. He claimed, for example, that it was the Conservatives who had "made Canada a nation," and related how he had personally represented Canada at the Treaty of Paris, where he had "sat side by side with the representative of Germany, with the same powers and significance." He had also been plenipotentiary to negotiate with France, and again with the United States.

He declared that it was not possible to name one single act that went to the making of Canada a nation that had not been accomplished by the Conservative party, and made other assertions to the same effect.

Sir Charles then lauded the "National Policy," and proceeded to attack the Liberals for not destroying it when they came into power, in order to be consistent.

Sir Charles ridiculed Mr. Mulock's postal-reduction measure, and thought it would have been better had the tax on tea been reduced instead, and artfully appealed to the ladies' present in behalf of their favorite beverage. He also felt foul of the motto on the new 2-cent stamp, "We hold a vaster empire than has been." He said it was Great Britain, not Canada, that held the vaster empire alluded to. It would almost look as if Sir Charles regarded Canada simply as one of Britain's "Colonies," and the people of Canada merely the live-stock on the farm; whereas Mr. Mulock's conception is of Canada as part of the Empire itself, and not anybody's "Colony." Sir Charles, nearing 80 years of age, and living mentally in the past, is a whole generation behind Mr. Mulock in ideas. The one is the respectable but ancient mariner of the era of wooden ships; the other the wide-awake navigator in the age of steam and progress.

Coming to a Head.

The International Conference at Washington is near the stage where it will make a spoon or a spool. Our dollar-loving cousins south of the lakes are hard bargainers. If Canada can get a fair treaty, well and good. If not, we must turn with renewed energy to the task of taking possession of the markets of Great Britain.

A British Girdle Around the World.

Sir Sanford Fleming's Pacific cable project is winning official recognition and support as an essential feature of the great scheme of imperial unity. The general testimony of the British press is that the Pacific cable, apart from its inherent merits, would be the direct precursor of a "round the world" cable system for the empire. This is a magnificent conception. Great Britain has direct cable connections with Canada to begin with, but there is no cable across the Pacific. Such a cable would be the initiatory link in the chain of empire. Sir Sanford proposes to carry the cable from Vancouver to Fanning Island, a small British possession in mid-Pacific. From Fanning Island it would run to Fiji, and thence to Norfolk Island, bifurcating there to New Zealand and Australia. It would connect with the land lines in Australia, and would start anew from King George's Sound to the Keeling Islands, 600 miles south of Sumatra, where connections would be made with Ceylon, Singapore and Hong Kong. From Keeling Islands the cable would proceed to Mauritius, thence northwards to the Seychelles, and from there to Aden and Bombay, with branches southward and westward to Natal or the Cape. From the Cape a cable would be laid from Cape Town to Bernadina, with mid-ocean stations in St. Helena, Ascension and Barbadoes. As Bernadina is already connected with Halifax, the girdle of the earth would be complete. Every portion of the empire, every warship of the navy, would be in direct touch with the central authority in London. The strategic value of this in the event of war would be incalculable. "Such a scheme," says the London Times, "would render our communications unassailable except at great cost and risk to an assailant not in command of the sea, and the nervous system of the empire would thus be raised at once from the level of the mollusk to that of the mammal. The strategic and tactical potentiality of our fleets would at the same time be heightened to a degree hardly to be measured in terms of concrete naval force, and, at any rate, in a manner utterly unattainable by any other power in the world." The approximate cost is estimated at from £5,000,000 to £8,000,000 for 23,000 knots of cable.

Sir Sanford is devoting his energies primarily to the Pacific cable. If that is accomplished the rest will follow. He is confident that a state-owned Pacific cable would be self-supporting from the first year of its establishment.

He points out that 2,349,901 words were transmitted between London and Australia in 1897, on which a revenue of over \$2,500,000 was earned, the rate being 4s 9d per word. The volume of business in 1898 was only 1,275,191 words. By the time the Pacific cable came into working order—say 1902—the gross Australian-European traffic at the same tariff and the same rate of growth, would be 3,600,000 words, while there is good ground for belief that if the rate were reduced to 3 shillings per word the volume would be 4,000,000 words. There are reasons why the new Pacific cable would obtain a full share, certainly not less than one-half, of the whole business now transacted with Australia. By the present route a message has to be repeated ten times in the course of transmission, thus causing delays and increasing the chances of error. By the Pacific route, there would be only five repetitions, namely, at Canso, Vancouver, Fanning Island, Fiji and Norfolk Island. Again, the Australasian Governments being at the chief sources of traffic and possessing control of all the land lines would not only have it in their power to throw business to the Pacific cable, but as joint owners would be directly interested in so doing. A business of 1,800,000 words would yield a revenue of £180,000. The maximum annual charges are estimated at £158,673, leaving a surplus of £21,327. To this must be added the Australia-America business, the whole of which would pass to the Pacific cable. The net surplus would go on increasing every year, thus admitting of further lowering of rates.

We hope that Sir Sanford will live to see not only the Pacific, but the all-British cable round the world. It would crown a career which has been full of great and patriotic achievements.

The Conservative press reports a new deadlock every day at the Washington conference.

Sir Charles Tupper's language resembles his constitution. For so old a gentleman it is rather tough.

It is only natural that the new \$30,000,000 milk trust in New York should be accused of watering its stock.

The Canada Life has decided to remove from Hamilton to Toronto. It is a mistake. London was the place to remove to.

The maxims of the American declaration of independence are all right in their place, but our neighbors prefer applying a different sort of Maxims to the declaration of independence by the Filipinos.

The British Liberals are after the guinea pigs in the Cabinet, but it is doubtful whether they should make a campaign issue out of it. Ontario's experience is that a piggy policy doesn't pay.

Mr. Whitney's first act, if he came into power, says Mr. Hoyle, would be the creation of an Advisory Board of Education. Mr. Whitney had better organize one now. He seems to be sadly in need of advice on the subject of education.

It is phenomenal that the recent snowstorm over the border struck every State except California. It is even more phenomenal that Canada escaped. This country seems to be exempt from all the meteorological afflictions of the continent.

Lord Charles Beresford is preaching the "open door" with much success in the United States, and he is in great demand by the various chambers of commerce. He could not have struck the United States at a better time. Naval heroes are popular, and Lord Charles is one of the greatest of them.

The city of Ottawa has \$602,000 back taxes unpaid. This is an alarming and creditable state of affairs. The Citizen hints that favoritism has been shown by city officials toward their friends, and suggests as one remedy that the assessment roll be published. That was tried here, and thousands of copies had to be thrown on the rubbish heap. Ottawa should reform its system of tax collection, as London did. We hear very little about overdue taxes now.

Dr. Montague last night had the bad taste to sneer at Mr. Fisher, the Minister of Agriculture, as not being "a horny-handed son of toil." The farmers of Canada know whom they prefer as the head of their department—a working, practical agriculturist like Mr. Fisher or a professional man like Dr. Montague, who hardly knows a silo from an oat bin. Mr. Fisher has done more for the farming interests already than Dr. Montague ever could do if he had remained Minister of Agriculture all his life.

The Grand Rapids Press protests that the people of the United States sincerely desire friendly relations with Canada; that Canadians have long been actuated by a feeling of hostility to their neighbors; that this hostility has found expression in unfriendly legislation, and that even after inviting the Americans to a conference, with the avowed object of securing closer relations, the desire to get the better of the United States has cropped out to such an extent that the object of the conference is apparently defeated. The United States, it declares, is independent of the Canadian market; but the American market is essential to Canada's

prosperity. The Grand Rapids Press was not thinking of the truth when these statements were penned. It was thinking of the Michigan sawmills, which will soon be empty and idle if our neighbors do not change their selfish policy. Until then our contemporary will continue to argue that no good can come out of Canada unless sawlogs come too.

Mr. Hoyle, the Opposition member for North Ontario, got his metaphor amusingly mixed in the House on Tuesday. Premier Hardy insinuated that his argument had not a leg to stand upon, whereupon Mr. Hoyle warmly retorted:

"We have two good, sound legs, very nearly evenly balanced, on this side of the House—legs which will not be ashamed to stand upon the acts of this side of the House, and of a mental calibre also—(Government laughter)—to criticize in a fair and honest manner the extravagance which we will endeavor to show is in existence upon the Government side of the House."

To say that the mentality of the Opposition is in its legs is hardly what one would expect from a good Conservative like Mr. Hoyle. Still he may have been telling the truth.

WHAT OTHERS SAY.

The Klondike's Need.

(Stratford Beacon.)

They have discovered platinum in the Klondike, but this is not likely to add to the richness of the miners' bill of fare. If anyone wants to become a millionaire up there, let him discover a potato mine.

Not Saying Much, But—

(Hamilton Times.)

Lord Salisbury is not saying much these days, but he probably knows what France is doing. If there is any really serious business on hand he won't send Joe Chamberlain out with a megaphone and a brass band to announce his policy.

Will Command Its Own Price.

(Woodstock Express, Ind.)

The government should not hesitate to preserve the forest wealth of the province for the benefit of the people through fear of a decrease of the revenues formerly derived from Michigan lumbermen who have been skinning our forest lands to keep the mills of that state running. A little patience in this respect will reap for this province tenfold reward in the long run. It will not be long before the pine of Ontario will command its own price on this continent.

The Gaspesia's Freeze-In.

(Toronto Globe.)

It is rather hasty to conclude that the freezing in of the Gaspesia proves that a line from Milford Haven to Paspesiac would be a failure. It must be remembered that we are passing through weather of unexampled severity, and that even the boats plying to New York have been delayed in their voyages. The Germanic was so laden with ice that she sank at her dock in New York. To draw any conclusions from something that has happened in the Gaspesia is to say the least of it, therefore, somewhat hasty.

LIGHT AND SHADE.

Safe Anyway.

"What does the weather man mean when he says it will be partly cloudy?" "Well, if it's cloudy part of the day and clear the rest of the day, or if it is not exactly cloudy, but merely hazy, or if it is cloudy in one part of the country and clear in other parts he hits it—don't you see?"

Sociable.

The Maid—I hope that yez be a sociable family.
The Mistress—Why, what for?
The Maid—Oh, at the last place I worked they wur that stiff they wouldn't pass things round among themselves even after Ol' hod put them on the table—New York Journal.

A Foolish Theory.

The grip germ in a canny beast, He grazes in his glen,
And make an epicurean feast Of oils and flax-seed tea.

To him it is a perfume sweet That fery camphor flings,
He revels in the quick, hot salvage he, A mustard plaster brings.

And ginger and like torrid herbs A regal banquet make,
His appetite he never curbs—Quinine he loves to take.

And he is such a clamorous ex, His claims you cannot question—
You let him over-eat himself And die of indigestion.

About Worry.

There are two reasons why man should not worry, either one of which must operate in the case of every man because he cannot prevent the results he fears. Second, because he can prevent them. If he is powerless to avert the blow, he needs perfect mental concentration to meet it bravely, to lighten its force, to get what salvage he can from the wreck, to sustain his strength at this time when he must plan a new future. If he can prevent the evil he fears, then he has no need to worry, for he would be so doing he dissipating energy in his hour of need.—Saturday Post.

Our Canny Laurie.

The Scotch claim everything. Now Commissioner Ogilvie, speaking at Dawson City on St. Andrew's Day on behalf of the Canadian Scotch, claimed Sir Wilfrid Laurier, by explaining that his name was only another way of spelling Laurie.—Moncton Transcript.

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The Barnum & Bailey Wonders Find a New Name.

Interesting Christening at "Olympia," the Present Home of the Aggregation.

Series of Strong Resolutions Adopted—Stirring Addresses by the Bearded Lady and Lightning Calculator—Marvelous Popularity of the Great Show.

Whether Barnum & Bailey's circus is really to make London, England, its permanent home, as announced by cable, or whether the "news" is simply a stroke of advertising by Mr. Toddy Hamilton—the clever press agent of "The Greatest Show on Earth"—it is certain that the exhibition is immensely popular.

PROTEST OF THE "FREAKS."

In this connection, however, it may be stated that a widespread and deep-seated feeling has been developed among the human curiosities and gauds of the term "Freak." Miss Annie Jones, the Bearded Lady, and her companions who constitute the "abnormal" department of the Barnum & Bailey show at Olympia, are in a highly indignant state of mind at the use of the word "freak" to describe their peculiarities, and they recently held a meeting at which they vigorously discussed methods for finding a synonymous, but more euphonious, word than "freak." They are scarcely in open revolt; they have not even threatened to strike; indeed, they have the sympathy of the organizers of the show at their back, but there exists a powerful and unanimous resentment among them against the word "freak."

STRONG RESOLUTIONS.

After a long discussion of the subject, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted by the meeting, and signed by nearly all including Hassan Ali, the giant, who did not understand much, but nevertheless appended his name in Arabic, and old Zip and the Wild Men from Borneo, who made their mark:

"Whereas the press and public of both hemispheres, without just cause, have for many years past gratuitously and voluntarily bestowed the term 'freak' upon all human beings differing in any way from ordinary mortals, and

"Whereas the term 'freak' is opprobrious, and without any specific meaning in an anatomical sense, and

"Whereas we feel that the term so unjustly conferred upon us, without our consent, is an indignity, and

"Whereas, because, fortunately or otherwise, we are possessed of more or less limbs, more or less hair, more or less bodies, more or less physical or mental attributes than other people, and which might be taken as additional charms of person or aids to movement, as the case may be, and

"Whereas, because we, differing so from the ordinary or regulation human being, in that we have certain marked and distinctive characteristics of mind or body, we hold that to be no reason whatever for being called 'freaks'—therefore be it

ANOTHER MEETING.

The London Leader thus describes the last meeting of the "Abnormals": There was a christening at Barnum & Bailey's Olympia yesterday—a christening, rather—which embraced a large number of eminent persons.

The ladies and gentlemen of their resolution to get a summary divorce from the odious appellation "freak," met together to rechristen themselves and assume some designation more in accordance with their sense of dignity and the general fitness of things. The purpose animating them all was evident. The eight-foot giant looked as if bowed down to the earth under the heavy ignominy of his title "Freak" and "What is it?" signified his fierce aspect that he might be anything, but he certainly was not a "freak."

The Bearded Lady wore a black wrap across the lower part of her face, as if ashamed to meet the gaze of the world while the style and title "freak" yet besmirched her, and Sol Stone, the Lightning Calculator, looked as if he didn't and couldn't "count" socially until he was renamed.

Sol Stone took the chair amid general acclamation, and Mr. Frupp, the gentleman who writes with his toes, was appointed secretary of the meeting. The first business was the reading of letters from sympathizers with

THE REVOLVED FREAKS.

Canon Basil Wilberforce, by the way, was among the letter-writers. Each letter contained an alternative suggestion to the incriminated word "freaks." There were some awful proposals, and the "freaks" paled visibly when there were read out. "Neither one thing or the other" sent a shudder along the table, and "surprise-servers" served to elicit looks of surprise and indignation. "Vagaries," "unascertainments," "unintelligibilities," "wonder strikers," "medical bafflers," "whan-whans," "capitulations," "startling differentials," "differentials," "peculiarities"—to all of these the freaks turned a scornful ear. Some of them, struck with the awful horrors of the suggested alternatives, were on the point of leaving the meeting and remaining freaks for evermore, but were persuaded to stay, on the chance of something better turning up.

Then Miss Annie Jones rose and made a speech. She wore a wrap and a beard, and plumped for "Human Curiosities" in a speech full of sincerity, and, in its way, eloquent.

SOL STONE SPEAKS.

Mr. Frupp, the secretary, spoke in passionate terms of the fearful misery of going through life as a "freak," and then came the chairman, Mr. Sol Stone. He would be heard even in the French Chamber of Deputies. "I'm not a curiosity," he thundered. "I'm not a 'freak.' You would not have called the late Mr. Gladstone a freak, nor would you now call Sara Bernhardt or Henry Irving freaks. Of course, I can't com-

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Men's and Boys' Fedora Hats, in black and brown, with silk trimmings, leather perspiration bands, etc., sizes 6 to 7½, were 50c, 65c and 75c, on sale today **25c** and until sold, for **10c**

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pare myself with those people, but I'm not a freak"—and here his voice rose to a pitch—"I'm a mathematician. Mr. Bailey has got his signboards all over the place: 'This way to the Menagerie and the Freaks.' Is there a newspaper man here who would like to be called a freak? See here—I'm not a freak. I'm a marvel."

Stone next adverted to the ill-omened suggestion that the freaks should be called "WHANS."

This low expression "Whan" roused him to a magnificent fortissimo passage. "I don't want to be called a 'Whan.' What is a 'Whan'? Might as well be called a snake." (Loud and feeling applause.)

Hereupon Mr. Stone submitted that the freaks should decide upon calling themselves marvels.

The Human Pincushion held the view that the word freak ought to demean a body of meritorious artists, as with the chairman he besought Mr. Bailey to remove that objectionable sign, "To the Freaks." His fancy in nomenclature was "Marvels."

A ballot was taken as to the name that should be adopted, and on a count it was found that prodigy was favored over all others by an overwhelming vote. "What is it?" signified his reverence aspect that he might be anything, but he certainly was not a "freak."

A deputation of prodigies will wait upon Mr. Bailey and ask him to accept the word prodigies for freaks. The legend will then read, "To the Prodigious." But how long the prodigies will rest content with the proximity of a vulgar menagerie remains to be seen.

ORIGIN OF THE DISTASTEFUL TERM.

While considerable exception may be taken to the use of the word "freak," it is plainly hard to find the substitute. And, again, it is a time-honored word and used by the poets. The old English word "froke" meant a bold man—a warrior eager for the fray. In Piers Plowman we read the line, "I walke, I freke, that fre were, forth gan I walke." It was in Spenser's time that its meaning changed, and was made to denote a sudden and capricious change of mind, a wilful whim or vagary. "Oh! but I fear the fickle freaks are," "Oh! but I fear the fickle freaks are," quote Spenser, in the "Faerie Queene." Moreover, the dictionary distinctly states that a "freak" in the variety show business is a person or an animal on exhibition as showing some strange deviation from nature, as a bearded woman or an albino. It is to be feared, moreover, that whatever word does displace the existing unfortunate one, the great majority will still be inclined to say, "A freak's a freak for all that."

65,541 VISITORS ON ONE DAY.

In speaking of the performances at Olympia on "Boxing Day," the London Daily Graphic says:

"As may well be imagined, the 'second glorious season' of the 'most remarkable and extraordinary exhibition since the time of Noah and the Ark' was well patronized yesterday, and every one of the thousands who made their way to Olympia got the full value of his or her money. For the children no money can represent the value of the Greatest Show on Earth; it is cheap at any price. Two menageries, triple circus, displays in the air, displays under the water (for so we may term the great naval conflict of Santiago and the Day

Boys' 3-piece Knicker Suits, in All-wool Scotch, Tweed, light and dark colors, 26, 27, 28, 29, regular price \$3 50 to \$4 50. We let them go like this:

LOT No. 1—Boys' 3-piece Suits, sizes 26 and 27, regular \$3 50 to \$4, commencing Friday and until sold **\$1.45**

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Men's Odd Pants, in extra heavy all-wool tweed, sizes 32 to 38, waist measure, were \$1 50 and \$1 75, to clear **\$1.00**

Men's Odd Pants, light and dark gray tweed, were \$1, to clear at **75c**

Men's Heavy Socks, all wool, regular 15c or two for 25c, to clear at, per pair **10c**

Shoes.

Ladies' Felt Slippers, regular 25c, Friday 2 pairs for **25c**

Thirty pairs of Ladies' Dongola, button and laced shoes; special **\$1.00** Friday

Misses' Shoes, in grain and pebble, button and laced, with heels; Friday, special **75c**

Our Special Oil Shoe Dressing, regular 20c size, two bottles on Friday **25c**

Men's Low Cut Granby Rubbers, first quality; we have sizes 6, 7, 7½, 8; regular 70c, per pair only **25c**

Men's Shoes, laced and gaiters, in dongola, buff, heavy and light soles, round **\$1.25** and pointed toes; special at **10c**

at Coney Island'), three herds of elephants, 20 clowns, acrobats, athletes and gymnasts numbered by the score—and even this is but an incomplete enumeration of Barnum & Bailey's holiday sights—what could appeal more to a "Boxing Day" audience, young and old? To Barnum & Bailey's in the afternoon, to the pantomime in the evening—that was the mot d'ordre for yesterday for all whose holiday purses could stand the racket. The water displays are the special feature at Olympia just now. There is the peaceful frolic in the vast tank which extends along the far side of the arena, representing a merry day at Coney Island—high diving, swimming races, and a regular rough-and-tumble "rally" which causes endless amusement. Then changing from peace to war, the place of the Coney Island Merry Makers is taken by swift model ironclads, and the destruction of Admiral Cervera's fleet is shown with a full accompaniment of firing and explosions and smoke. Morro Castle, the sinking of the Merrimack, the harbor-mouth by the gallant and much-killed Hobson, the dynamite ship Vesuvius, the attempted escape of the Viscaya, Oquendo, and Colon, and their destruction—all this is shown, much after the fashion of last season's naval display at Earl's Court, but with even more realistic interest. The number of visitors who passed the turnstiles up to 9 o'clock was 65,541.

TWO CENTENARIANS DEAD.

Chippewa Falls, Wis., Feb. 16.—Sever Forcier, 100 years of age, and the pioneer settler of Northern Wisconsin, is dead. He conducted the first hotel erected in the northern half of the state. He was born in Montreal in 1799.

Parito, believed to be the last Yaqui Indian in California, is dead. He was 108 years old, according to the record kept in pioneer days.

AFRAID SHE WOULD LOSE HER BOY.

He was wasting away with a terrible Cough. Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup cured the Cough and restored his health.

It takes the life out of a mother to see her child—the idol of her heart—slipping away, succumbing to a cruel Cough that all the remedies she has tried won't cure. Mrs. Jasper Singer of Burgessville, Ont., went through a trying experience and gladly gives an account of it for the benefit of Canadian mothers. It is this what she says: "My little boy of a year and four months old took down with a heavy cold last fall. He got so thin he was nothing but bones and hardly ate anything. I thought quite a few times I would lose him, till I tried Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. The first bottle helped him wonderfully and the third bottle completed the cure."

"I would advise all mothers to give their little ones Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup as it is so pleasant to take and so effective." Price 25c. All dealers.

The Nicaragua Canal Bill was thrown out by the House of Representatives at Washington.

Remnants.

Although they have been selling fast we have still a few choice remnants of WALL PAPER left. Secure one and have that room papered before the busy season sets in and prices advance.

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To Whom She Said "Yes."

CHAPTER V.

When the barracks at Aldenby were full the last comers were generally drafted into tents in the summer, and long rows of huts in the winter—low wooden erections dating from the Crimean war, and certainly neither comfortable nor picturesque; although many efforts were made to redeem their ugliness by laying out the surrounding space in flower beds, and covering the walls with climbing plants.

In one of these huts, of which the furniture was sparse, and all of that portable nature which is handiest to a military man, sat the original of Verma, Merstham's sketch of Romeo. His American folding-chair was tilted back to enable him to rest his legs on the table; his eyes were riveted on the novel he had snatched up half an hour earlier when he had come in from a long morning on the parade ground, and he was smoking a quaint little pipe, the gift of an Indian chief.

His dress was as degage as his attitude, for his sword belt had been unbuckled and tossed aside with his cap; his tunic was unbuttoned, and his boots exchanged for slippers. He might have sat there till it was time to dress for dinner, if his solitude had not been invaded by a brother officer, the Major Halliss, whom Mr. Streby had mentioned when conversing with Mrs. Merstham.

"Just as I expected," said the major with a twinkle in his merry eyes. "If you don't get lazier and lazier every hour of your miserable life. You'll grow to that chair some day. Is this the way you keep your promises?"

"To myself, yes," was the reply, as the young man dropped his book, and leaning back to yawn more comfortably, folded his arms behind his head.

"I made up my mind to have a quiet afternoon, to contemplate the fagging old Fitz gave us this morning. Why did you come and disturb me?"

"Because you are due at Streby's in half an hour. I told him to expect you about 3 o'clock. His rink is ready for use and we shall have a jolly time of it. Come, Frank, slip into your colored clothes and be quick about it."

"But, my good fellow, I never agreed to go," his friend remonstrated without stirring except to dodge the nut-shell slipped from his nose.

"Never mind that, promised and vowed it for you. I told Streby I should be obliged to bring you with me, for you were never happy away from your beloved brother-in-arms, and he was quite touched at such a proof that your wife was sprouting as well as your mustache."

"How far is it to 'The Beeches'?" asked Frank Lyssendon, glancing irresolutely at the window, through which the sun of a January day was shining.

"Three miles—not more."

"Not more! The coolness of asking one to walk three miles, and then rink for a couple of hours, after what I have ploughed through today. Get you to some greater flat than myself, Jimmie Halliss, for I'll none of you."

He stretched out his hand for his book, but with a switch of the major's cane it was jerked beyond his reach.

"Frank, don't be a fool!"

"No, no, my dear boy, I leave that to you."

"Then you're an idiot, and that's worse; do you know the consequences of lousing about like a woman, reading novels, and smoking bad tobacco? Look at me and tremble! I used to indulge in such habits, and now it's the trouble of my life to keep my weight down. I'm so horribly plump that I shall have to starve myself if there isn't an alteration. Neither my daily labors at the gymnasium nor on my bicycle, nor the rides I take, suffice to reduce my figure to its proper proportions. A little embonpoint is not unbecoming to me; but it would convert you into a fright; so take warning. You're not much to look at now, but you might be worse; so dress, and be thankful that you've a friend at your elbow always ready to point his precepts with example."

"Who's going beside you?" said Frank, raising himself into a sitting position.

"Sweet William—I like the boy, although he is the greatest blunderer that ever existed—and Vinson. I saw him before his looking-glass, oiling his hair, about an hour and a half ago, so I daresay he's nearly ready by this time. I wish you wouldn't put me to the trouble of talking so much; it makes me so thirsty. Got any soda or seltzer?"

"There's a couple of bottles in that cupboard, and some sherry. Vinson and Whittington are going with you. Ah! then you'll not want me. Drink your soapuds and depart. Bless you, my boy, and farewell! Hand us that book before you go, and let me be happy in my own way."

"With pleasure," said Halliss, jerking the volume to the end of the room; but I'm not gone yet. As soon as I have swallowed all your sherry, I shall read you a lecture on the sin of ingratitude. Streby was like a father to you, you young beast! when you first went to Canada; and now you think it too much trouble to walk three miles to shake hands with him."

"Oh, bother!" cried Frank, springing to his feet, and kicking off his slippers.

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pers: "I suppose I shall have no peace if I don't go with you. But no, I won't," and he sat down again. "Look here, Jimmy, I like the Strebys, one and all, and I should be pleased to renew the acquaintance; but there's a relative of mine living in their neighborhood, whom I don't care to meet."

"Then come with me, by all means. Don't you know that if you try to keep out of the way of a bore, you're certain to rush into his arms? but if you go where you make sure of meeting him, it's nine chances to one if you do."

Frank laughed, and began pulling off his regimental tunic.

"You may be logical reasoning; but it isn't very convincing. However, I'll be guided by it for once; so here goes."

"If it's an affair of money," said the major, "I've often declared that I'd share my last shilling with you. I'd rather you did not ask me to do so today, because I'm not quite certain whether there's one left in my purse to share! But I shall be in funds again next week, and if a loan

"Thanks," cried Frank Lyssendon, coloring high; "but it's not a question of cash. Say no more. There's those fellows at the door. Let them in and I'll be ready in a few minutes."

The major admitted his friends, and, having accompanied them to the only chairs the hut contained, returned to his own seat on the table. From that post of observation he surveyed them, and admired the camellia in Vinton's button-hole, making that gentleman turn pale with suppressed anger by inquiring confidentially if his washerwoman's daughter sent it home in his clean linen. But he did not venture on any further jesting with him, having learned by experience that it was dangerous.

Capt. Vinson was a very polite little man, always precise, always punctual, very moral and discreet, and never in debt or disgrace. Col. FitzGeorge was wont to say that he was quite a credit to the regiment; yet no one really liked him, and it was well known that an offense given to Basil Vinson was neither forgotten nor forgiven until an opportunity had occurred for repaying it with interest.

But the mess Jimmy, who could bear the sharpest cuts with a good humor, and was always the first to laugh at his own mistakes, could not be quiet long; so he turned his attention to the young ensign, whom he dubbed Sweet William, asking him seriously if he thought his mustache would approve of his visiting at a house where there were half a dozen unmarried daughters! and asking if he were aware that Mr. Streby had fought no fewer than twenty duels with promising youths who had ventured to shake hands with them and then protested that they had no intentions!

Finding that Ensign Whitting was not to be daunted by these mysterious remarks, he was doing his best to make the lad unhappy by discovering that his coat was not cut properly, and that he had seen the ring and breast-pin he had just bought, worn the previous week by a Jew clothesman, when Frank Lyssendon pronounced himself ready to start.

As they quitted the hut, Ensign Whitting, encouraged by the sly chuckles of the major, contrived to get behind Vinson, and mimicked, with boyish mischief, the walk and gestures of the apologetic, unconscious officer. But his mirth was followed by an exclamation of pain and an impromptu dance on one leg, for Vinson suddenly stepped back, affecting to stumble, and placed the heel of his neat boot on the lad's toe with a shuffling force.

Nothing could be more civil than his apologies. He was so profuse in his expressions of astonishment and his own clumsiness, and his hopes that he had not been so unlucky as to trip on a pet corn, that Whitting, after his first and contortions of merriment, stifled his feelings, and heroically declared that it was not worth mentioning—that he was scarcely hurt at all; but as he limped beside Frank, he whispered the question:

"Don't you believe that he did it on purpose? I do. I forgot that he could see me in that glass that hangs over Lyssendon's stove. I gave him a poke in the ribs with a foil at the Gym, the other day—just in fun, you know—and he appeared to take it quite pleasantly. But he challenged me yesterday to a bout at singletick, and I was fool enough to feel flattered by his selecting me; but, by George, I never had such a drubbing before; my arm aches when I think of it; and I was so simple as to take it all in good part, till Filder—the captain of the Gym, you know—says to me when he'd gone, 'You got it hot and strong, then, young 'un. What had you done to offend him?'"

(To be Continued.)

In Calgary, on Tuesday, Judge Roleau gave judgment allowing the disputed ballots in the Banff election case, thus electing Dr. Brett over Mr. Sifton by 4 votes.

DISGUISED DANGER.

Hunters sometimes hide themselves in the disguise of a cow, and thus make their way into the very midst of the most dangerous game. The mode of operation is shown in the

picture. In a similar manner consumption hides itself in the disguise of a throat or bronchial affection, making its way finally to the lungs, where the insidious germs eat away the victim's life. A stubborn cough, bronchitis and other throat troubles are the first steps toward this deadly malady. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery will prevent consumption, curing every contributing cause. Time and time again, it has cured what local physicians have pronounced well-developed consumption. It makes the stomach healthy. It is the liver healthy, the blood healthy. It is a rejuvenating tonic, which makes the weak strong; puts ambition into tired people, puts flesh on thin bodies, and vigor into sluggish veins. It is a peculiar medicine in that its properties are preserved in any climate without syrup, sugar or alcohol entering into its composition. It does not create craving for injurious stimulants. It is the personal prescription of Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., whose widespread experience and success are at the service of the public without cost. Anybody, anywhere can consult him free by mail.

"I will write you what Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery has done for me," says George H. Belcher, Esq., of Boston, Pico Co., Ky. "Thirteen years ago I was wounded by a ball passing through my lung. I have had a bad cough almost ever since with shortness of breath, and it was very easy to take cold; the slightest change of weather would cause the cough to be so bad I would have to stop in bed all day. Could not work at all. A few months ago I began using Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. Have not used more than two bottles and now can eat, sleep, and work and I feel like a new man. I cannot find words to sufficiently recommend Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, or tell the good it has done me."

The no-grip remedy for osteitis is Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets.

MYSTERY AS TO MISSIONARIES

Hope for the Safety of the Missing Rijnhart.

Once Before Both He and His Were Reported Murdered.

Traveler's Tale About Them and Their Surroundings.

Wonderful Monastery of Kumbum in Which Are 4,000 Priests.

The news that Mrs. Rijnhart (nee Carson) has escaped from Tibet and will return to Canada, will be heard with much relief by her friends in this vicinity. So enthusiastic were the native chiefs over the effective surgical operations of our former fellow-townswoman that Mr. Rijnhart in his letters said he was somewhat afraid lest one or other of these warriors would deem it excellent policy to carry her and her medicine chest off to their mountain fastnesses, so that they might thereby secure a monopoly of her services! It must be borne in mind that these uncouth Tibetan warriors have no very strong convictions on the rights of property, and they are just as ready to steal a man's wife or daughter as they are to buy or exchange a horse.

With this knowledge of the predatory instincts of the people among whom they labored, it must have required more than ordinary courage for the missionaries to remain in the wilds of Tibet all these years. But such courage they both undoubtedly possessed, and it may be that they extended their numbers to the people among whom they labored, and where the native population seized the opportunity to capture Mr. Rijnhart, with the object of profiting by his captivity, and mayhap death. That the missionaries were actually taken captive is what Capt. Welby says of the people among whom they labored, and where the native population seized the opportunity to capture Mr. Rijnhart, with the object of profiting by his captivity, and mayhap death. That the missionaries were actually taken captive is what Capt. Welby says of the people among whom they labored, and where the native population seized the opportunity to capture Mr. Rijnhart, with the object of profiting by his captivity, and mayhap death.

Reference is made to the story of the remarkable feat of Capt. M. S. Welby, of the Eighteenth Hussars, who, with Capt. Malcolm, of the Ninety-Third Highlanders, made the journey through Tibet, that was practically unknown territory, to China. These explorers covered a distance of 2,000 miles, and traveled for nearly five and a half months. He was in the territory in which Mr. and Mrs. Rijnhart were laboring and of the remarkable surroundings in which he and his fellow-traveler found the missionaries.

We traveled along the north edge of Koko Nor, where we overtook a caravan of traders, who were carrying wool and salt, on their way to China. There was fine grass land throughout, and great numbers of black tents of the Bana tribes. While marching along the shore we had just been able to make out the yak, laden with goods, on the south side, but no two men gave the same account about the inhabitants, and travelers have varied in their accounts about it. Later on we were able to get a reliable statement about this land, which is what Capt. Welby says of the territory in which Mr. and Mrs. Rijnhart were laboring and of the remarkable surroundings in which he and his fellow-traveler found the missionaries.

The town was crowded with Chinese, and a sprinkling of Mongols and Tibetans. Tankar lies in a kind of hollow, commanded from all quarters by his and rising ground. The chief importance of the town is its being the most westerly town of the Province of Kansu, and commanding the roads to Koko Nor and Lhasa. The merchandise imported there is carried further on to Lanchau and Peking, etc. Tankar, a missionary, who was living at Tankar with his wife, we rode on to the monastery at Kumbum. He had spent two years at Lhasa, and ten months in the monastery itself, and had made friends with a very large number of its inmates, more especially Mina-Fuyeh, one of the greatest incarnate saints in the place, and in whose house we were to spend the night. For the first 15 or 20 miles along the left bank of the Si Ho, the country was all hills, and the road was a series of steep ascents and descents. The road was a series of steep ascents and descents. The road was a series of steep ascents and descents. The road was a series of steep ascents and descents.

Every village that we passed had loopholed walls and flat roofs, and had been speedily erected. Rich and fertile though this little bit of Kansu is, with its crops of wheat, barley, oats, millet, peas, linseed and opium, it will be two years before it can recover from the trying times it had passed through. The road was a series of steep ascents and descents. The road was a series of steep ascents and descents. The road was a series of steep ascents and descents. The road was a series of steep ascents and descents.

Our continual knocking at the great wooden gates of the monastery sounded loud in the still frosty night air, but at length they were opened by a man in a white robe, who, on seeing Mr. Rijnhart, was led to Mina-Fuyeh, we busied ourselves with our horses, and soon afterwards mounted the stone stairs, and, after crossing an open court, were ushered into the presence of one of the highest men in the eastern border of Tibet. On arrival at the monastery, we received every kindness from the saint Mina-Fuyeh, a man of 27 years of age, and who is now in his sixteenth or twenty-second lifetime. He is a man considerably below medium height, of slight build. He has a very pleasant face, especially when lit up by a happy smile, as it often is. His explanation of how he came to be recognized as the reincarnation of the previous Mina-Fuyeh shows how convincing the proofs of identity are to one who has been brought up to accept and believe in the theory. He relates how, when very small, various articles had been laid before him from which to select those he had used in his previous lifetime. Amongst these were a number of "rosaries" from which he had no difficulty in choosing his own. "For," he says, "I had used daily for years. How is it possible that I should not know it amongst all these others?" So on with other articles. His identity was established without a doubt, and he became the heir to the accumulated property of fifteen former lifetimes. He talks freely of his last lifetime, pointing

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out the site of the house in which he lived, and which was burned down about two years before his death. "It was," he says, "a far finer house than the one I now occupy." In Kumbum there are about seventy of these "incarnate saints," and Mina-Fuyeh is the sixth or seventh. He was a liberal-minded man, and told us about the monastery, and told us to go wherever we chose, and take pictures of whatever we wanted.

Kumbum itself lies at the junction of two small valleys, one coming from the east, the other from the south, the buildings lying to the south of the former, while on the north is the "Precious Hill," which keeps off all evil influences. On the east side of the other valley are most of the private dwellings, while on the west are the temples. Altogether, in Kumbum there are close on 4,000 priests, about 70 per cent of which are Tibetans, 20 per cent Mongols, and the remainder Chinese. It has, I believe, been stated that Kumbum is entirely Chinese in its government and organization. That this is not the case needs no further proof than the fact that in all things temporal it is under the Tsong Tu, or Prince of Koko-nor, a mandarin appointed by the emperor to govern all his Tibetan dependencies in this direction. He lives at Sining, and is known among Tibetans and Mongols as the "Selling Amban;" on the other hand, if Kumbum were really Chinese, it would be governed by the Fu Tai.

There is, moreover, a distinct boundary line, separating the territory which comes under the Tsong Tu; that which comes under the Fu Tai from that which comes under the boundary paying taxes to the monastery, while those outside pay to Sining Fu.

All the private houses at Kumbum are supposed to be whitewashed annually, but like many other things, had been neglected, owing to the rebellion. The method of whitewashing seems strange to us, for the custom is to mix the wash, then to ascend the roof and pour it down over the walls. The result is not quite satisfactory, but customs like this cannot be altered. We visited each temple and hall in succession. Perhaps the chief feature of the place is the "Gold-Tiled Temple," the shrine of Eastern Tibet, the sacred shrine of Tsong Kaba. At the entrance to the shrine were a few lamas kotowing, and the boards in front of the doorway had been worn away to the depth of three or four inches. Most of these lamas knew Mr. Rijnhart, and stopped in their devotion to speak a word of welcome to him; and one of the door-keepers asked why we did not knock our heads before entering. To this Rijnhart replied that it would be no sign of respect on our part, as our custom was to remove our hats on entering a sacred place, and he did not want to do so. The figure of "Tsong Kaba" is considerably above one, in a sitting position, and not easily seen in the dim religious light. It is about eight feet high, I should say, and very richly gilt. Below and in front of him is the shrine, with the usual holy vessels and butter lamps, with handsome gold and silver lamps on either side, and a fine pair of elephant tusks. Next in interest to the golden image, among the relics in the temple, comes the stone on which King Tsong Kaba's mother sat when delivering her son, and which is now kept in the monastery. We then ascended to the second floor, where we were on a level with the image. There was yet another story, from which we looked down on to the lower portions of the gilded roof. The priests say there is a quarter of an inch of gold above the roof, and, even deducting a great deal, it must be of immense value, and one could not help wondering how it had escaped the two rebellions in the last 30 years. One would have thought they would have risked anything to secure such loot, and to do such a thing to the rival religion as the sacking of this temple would be.

On the right of the gold-tiled temple were two small temples of Sakya Muni. There is nothing in them peculiar, merely the ordinary ornaments and lamps that are common to all the original "Sacred Tree," which sprang, according to some, from Tsong Kaba's hair, according to others, from his swaddling clothes. However this may be, the fact remains that on its leaves a true believer can distinctly trace the figure of Sakya Muni, or the ex-lama, a Tibetan character. Some priests say that one thing is to be seen, and some another, but Mina Fuyeh says that on some leaves the figure may be seen, on others the characters. As only firm believers can trace anything, the question is likely to remain in doubt, in spite of Abbe Huc's assertion that he detected images. Mr. W. W. Rockhill states that he was informed by Mr. W. B. Hemslay that this tree is the white sandalwood.

From the public reading-hall we went

into that for private reading—a fine room with rows of low forms about six inches high, comfortably cushioned, and big enough to hold 2,500 priests. In front of this is another courtyard, in which we were told, it is no unusual sight to see 1,200 or 1,500 pairs of shoes belonging to students inside. How any one can find his own again on coming out is a mystery.

EXIT THE CANTEN!

Sale of Malt or Alcoholic Liquors on Board U. S. Warships Forbidden.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The canteen aboard ship is a thing of the past. It never obtained a strong hold in the service, of late the only vessels in the navy permitting the sale of even beer aboard being the New York and Indiana. It cannot be gathered that the operation of the canteen aboard these ships has been the subject of any ill-report, but even there the sales of beer have been ordered stopped in the following order by Secretary Long, dated Feb. 3, but just published:

"After mature deliberation, the department has decided that it is for the best interest of the service that the sale or issue to enlisted men of malt or other alcoholic liquors on board ships of the navy, or within the limits of naval stations, be prohibited. Therefore, after receipt of this order, commanders, officers and commandants are forbidden to allow any malt or alcoholic liquor to be sold to or issued to enlisted men, either on board ship or within the limits of navy yards, naval stations or marine barracks, except in the medical department."

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Mr. Alex. Drummond, 24 Palace St., Tells How Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills Cured His Wife—Enriched Her Blood, invigorated Her Nerves and Built Up Her Health.

Insufficient quantity or poor quality of the blood is one of the evil results that usually follow any disease or disorder of the heart. If the heart becomes weakened in any way, it cannot pump the blood to the lungs as it should, there to be purified and impregnated with the life-giving oxygen.

As a result, the blood soon loses its nourishing, vitalizing, health-giving qualities. Every organ of the body suffers in consequence. The face becomes thin, pale and waxen, the lips bloodless and the hands and feet cold.

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Mr. Alex. Drummond, 24 Palace street, London, bears out the foregoing statements in regard to this remedy by the following account he gave of his wife's case:

"My wife had been ailing for a long time. Her nerves and impoverished blood, when she commenced taking Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills, were wonderfully improved. She was able to do her usual work, and I am only too pleased to commend their use to other sufferers."

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All the private houses at Kumbum are supposed to be whitewashed annually, but like many other things, had been neglected, owing to the rebellion. The method of whitewashing seems strange to us, for the custom is to mix the wash, then to ascend the roof and pour it down over the walls. The result is not quite satisfactory, but customs like this cannot be altered. We visited each temple and hall in succession. Perhaps the chief feature of the place is the "Gold-Tiled Temple," the shrine of Eastern Tibet, the sacred shrine of Tsong Kaba. At the entrance to the shrine were a few lamas kotowing, and the boards in front of the doorway had been worn away to the depth of three or four inches. Most of these lamas knew Mr. Rijnhart, and stopped in their devotion to speak a word of welcome to him; and one of the door-keepers asked why we did not knock our heads before entering. To this Rijnhart replied that it would be no sign of respect on our part, as our custom was to remove our hats on entering a sacred place, and he did not want to do so. The figure of "Tsong Kaba" is considerably above one, in a sitting position, and not easily seen in the dim religious light. It is about eight feet high, I should say, and very richly gilt. Below and in front of him is the shrine, with the usual holy vessels and butter lamps, with handsome gold and silver lamps on either side, and a fine pair of elephant tusks. Next in interest to the golden image, among the relics in the temple, comes the stone on which King Tsong Kaba's mother sat when delivering her son, and which is now kept in the monastery. We then ascended to the second floor, where we were on a level with the image. There was yet another story, from which we looked down on to the lower portions of the gilded roof. The priests say there is a quarter of an inch of gold above the roof, and, even deducting a great deal, it must be of immense value, and one could not help wondering how it had escaped the two rebellions in the last 30 years. One would have thought they would have risked anything to secure such loot, and to do such a thing to the rival religion as the sacking of this temple would be.

On the right of the gold-tiled temple were two small temples of Sakya Muni. There is nothing in them peculiar, merely the ordinary ornaments and lamps that are common to all the original "Sacred Tree," which sprang, according to some, from Tsong Kaba's hair, according to others, from his swaddling clothes. However this may be, the fact remains that on its leaves a true believer can distinctly trace the figure of Sakya Muni, or the ex-lama, a Tibetan character. Some priests say that one thing is to be seen, and some another, but Mina Fuyeh says that on some leaves the figure may be seen, on others the characters. As only firm believers can trace anything, the question is likely to remain in doubt, in spite of Abbe Huc's assertion that he detected images. Mr. W. W. Rockhill states that he was informed by Mr. W. B. Hemslay that this tree is the white sandalwood.

From the public reading-hall we went

into that for private reading—a fine room with rows of low forms about six inches high, comfortably cushioned, and big enough to hold 2,500 priests. In front of this is another courtyard, in which we were told, it is no unusual sight to see 1,200 or 1,500 pairs of shoes belonging to students inside. How any one can find his own again on coming out is a mystery.

EXIT THE CANTEN!

Sale of Malt or Alcoholic Liquors on Board U. S. Warships Forbidden.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The canteen aboard ship is a thing of the past. It never obtained a strong hold in the service, of late the only vessels in the navy permitting the sale of even beer aboard being the New York and Indiana. It cannot be gathered that the operation of the canteen aboard these ships has been the subject of any ill-report, but even there the sales of beer have been ordered stopped in the following order by Secretary Long, dated Feb. 3, but just published:

"After mature deliberation, the department has decided that it is for the best interest of the service that the sale or issue to enlisted men of malt or other alcoholic liquors on board ships of the navy, or within the limits of naval stations, be prohibited. Therefore, after receipt of this order, commanders, officers and commandants are forbidden to allow any malt or alcoholic liquor to be sold to or issued to enlisted men, either on board ship or within the limits of navy yards, naval stations or marine barracks, except in the medical department."

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into that for private reading—a fine room with rows of low forms about six inches high, comfortably cushioned, and big enough to hold 2,500 priests. In front of this is another courtyard, in which we were told, it is no unusual sight to see 1,200 or 1,500 pairs of shoes belonging to students inside. How any one can find his own

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MAINED FOR LIFE

Two Accidents the Result of Being Caught in Machinery.

Samuel Snyder, aged 15, an employee of the London box factory, while operating a rip saw yesterday had his right hand badly cut and crushed by having it caught in the machine. The thumb and first two fingers were amputated.

John Parkhouse, son-in-law of J. T. Smith, Dundas street, met with a similar accident at the Bennett Furnishing Company's works a little later in the day, while working a combination jointer his left hand became caught, and three fingers were taken off.

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METEOROLOGICAL.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 15, 8 p.m.—Pressure is highest along the Atlantic coast and lowest in the Northwest Territories. Milder weather has set in in all localities and the general outlook is still for a spell of mild weather. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 44—48; Kamloops, 34—44; Calgary, 28—42; Qu'Appelle, 16—24; Winnipeg, 8—30; Port Arthur, 6 below—22; Parry Sound, 4 below—28; Toronto, 15 below—23; Ottawa, 6 below—28; Montreal, -24; Quebec, 6 below—18; Halifax, 4—26.

Local temperatures—The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the observatory on Wednesday, Feb. 15, 1899, were 32 degrees above and 14 degrees above.

Today sun rises at 7:14 a.m.
Today sun sets at 5:50 p.m.
Moon rises10:08 a.m.
Moon sets12:37 a.m.

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A LOCAL BUDGET

—Mr. E. O. Runlans is round again, after being confined to his room with a gripe.

—Mr. J. H. Ash, of East London, has left for British Columbia, where he has secured a good position.

—Mr. Thomas Hanlon, G. T. R. baggage-master of this city, is at Woodstock for two weeks' holidays.

—In consequence of the scarcity of coal local dealers have advanced the price 50 cents per ton, making it \$6.

—Rev. W. J. Ford, of the Centennial Methodist Church, will preach in the Methodist Church at Walkerton on Sunday.

—The officers of the Amasa Wood Hospital have passed a resolution of condolence with Mrs. Wood on the death of her husband, Amasa Wood.

—Mr. Leonard M. De Gex, clerk in the Bank of Commerce here, has been transferred to the branch at Skagway, Alaska, and will leave at once for his new post.

—Miss Riddell, sister of Fireman James Riddell, a most estimable woman, died at the residence of her mother, Hamilton road yesterday, of pneumonia.

—Mr. George Sanson, 268 Grey street, who had for the last ten months been suffering from consumption, died yesterday, aged 24. He leaves a widow and two small children.

—Mrs. Maria Pick and daughter, widow of the late Peter T. Pick, of Port Rowan, are visiting their relative, R. N. Curry, J.P., of 272 Talbot street, who lies dangerously ill.

—Mr. Edward Rowland, of the inland revenue department, St. Thomas, father of Mr. Malcolm Rowland, manager of the Canadian Savings and Loan Company, of London, is seriously ill.

—Robert Holbin, of London township, was before Justice J. B. Smyth yesterday, charged by Jennie McLees with non-payment of wages. Squire Smyth, after hearing the case, gave judgment in favor of the plaintiff for \$4.20.

—Miss Eleanor Edwards, of Ealing postoffice, pupil of Mr. W. H. Hewlett, of this city, passed successfully with

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honors, the junior theory and junior piano examinations recently held at the Toronto Conservatory of Music.

—Port Huron Times: Invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Stella Gregory and Sidney C. Ferris. The ceremony will take place on Tuesday evening next. The young people will take up their residence in London, Ont.

—St. Thomas Times: Dr. Carson, V.S., has purchased four saddle horses for Adam Beck, of London, paying \$135 on the average. The doctor has also purchased sixteen horses to be shipped to his brother in Nepeawa, Man. The horses weigh 1,400 pounds each and cost \$88 apiece.

—John S. Lester, who resigned his position with Robinson, Little & Co., to accept a position with the firm of G. A. McGillivray & Co., was made the recipient of a handsome gold locket, with diamond setting, by his fellow-employees of Robinson, Little & Co., who wish him success in his new position.

—A few days ago two cameras were stolen from the Y. M. C. A. building, and the theft was reported to the police. Detectives Rider and Nickle discovered the missing articles and arrested the young culprit who stole them. He was brought before the police magistrate this morning and allowed to go with a warning.

—At the police court this morning Magistrate Parke sentenced Elizabeth Reeves to thirteen months in the Mercer Reformatory for stealing a pair of gaiters from the store of Graham of the Salvation Army Refuge. Patrick Shields was fined \$5 or one month for vagrancy, and Wm. McCoe \$2 or ten days for being drunk.

—Thomas Bradshaw and Frank Cahill, were charged before Squire Lacey yesterday with using abusive and insulting language toward Hannah Summers, of London township, on Dec. 18. The case was settled by the accused men paying costs. Bradshaw and John McDonald, who were charged with trespass by W. F. Bradshaw, also settled their cases by paying costs.

—Samuel Radmore, of Oil City, died there yesterday, aged 83 years. He was well known in London, where he lived for many years. His remains will be interred at Mount Pleasant Cemetery on arrival here of the M. C. R. noon train. The deceased leaves one son, four daughters, and a large family in London township; Mrs. McKinnon, East London; Mrs. Meyers, Oil City, and Mrs. Gough, California.

—A congregational meeting was held in the Church of St. John the Evangelist last night, with a view to making arrangements for the celebration of the centenary of the birth of John the Baptist, which is to be caused by the contemplated six months' visit of Rev. W. T. Hill to England to seek medical advice and recuperate his health. The matter was left to a special committee, composed of Messrs. J. P. Compier, George Elliott, J. G. Boucher, Henry Macklin, S. Grant, H. B. Archer, A. B. Cox, Henry Johnston and W. J. Imlach, who will consult with the churchwardens.

—St. Thomas Times: "Held by the Enemy" received its second production by the Catholic Dramatic Club at the new Grand Opera House last night before an audience that filled the theater in every part. Among the audience was a delegation of about 100 from London, who came here and returned by special train. During the first act Miss Mona Dunn, who gave an excellent representation of the character of Rachael, was presented with a handsome bouquet of red roses. The lady, however, was not the only recipient of this favor. A party of old and bald-headed bachelors from London occupied a portion of the lower boxes, and the manager of the Grigg House, London, was presented with a mammoth bouquet of evergreens, with a card attached, stating that the gift was from his lady (and marriageable) admirers in St. Thomas. Mr. O'Meara gallantly bowed his acknowledgments. The result of the two performances will be to increase the funds of the Catholic Club by several hundred dollars.

"HOGAN'S ALLEY" TONIGHT.

"Hogan's Alley" will be at the Grand tonight with a large company. Since last seen here on its mission of making the moments fly merrily, the comedy has undergone numerous changes for the brighter. Many novel situations, the latest songs, lively music and like essentials for a good time having been incorporated in its three acts. The manager of the "Hogan's Alley" does not guarantee that any remarkable evidence of either tragic, pathetic or emotional qualities will be found in the story or the characters, but at the same time is willing to take affidavit that if there is health and happiness in a lot of jollity it is curative from the curtailment of its fall.

CLARKE—HAZEN.

An exceedingly pretty home wedding took place on the evening of Feb. 9 at the residence of Mr. H. W. Hazen, Walsingham Center, when his daughter Tillie was united in matrimony to Mr. W. A. Clarke, only son of Mr. Adam Clarke, J. P., of Melbourne, Ont. The interesting ceremony being performed by Rev. G. N. Hazen, E.A., of Walsingham, brother of the bride, in the presence of a few of the immediate relatives and

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friends of the contracting parties. Miss Grace Clarke, sister of the groom, acted as bridesmaid, while Mr. Clarke was supported by Mr. Charles G. Begg, of Toronto, and little Rhea Denton, of Tillsonburg, cousin of the bride, was the pretty maid of honor. The happy couple left for a trip to western points, and will be at home at Maple Villa farm, Melbourne, after the 22nd inst.

SHENANGO, NUMBER ONE.
The L. E. and D. R. R. are making vigorous efforts to release their coal boat, the Shenango, from the ice, and there appears to be every hope that she will soon be clear. When free of the ice the boat will be taken to Port Stanley and unloaded, and will continue to make regular trips across the lake.

WESTERN FAIR ASSOCIATION

Ex-Mayor J. W. Little Elected Vice-President.

The Old Board Re-Elected With One Exception—President Gartshore's Remarks—Their Excellencies the Earl and Countess of Minto Will Be Asked to Open the Fair.

After the adoption of the annual reports published in yesterday's Advertiser, the Western Fair Association took up the election of officers. The meeting was a very harmonious one, and there was only one change made in the directorate, ex-Mayor Little's name being substituted for that of Wm. Yates, who would be unable to fill the position on account of other matters occupying his time.

Col. Gartshore, the president, occupied the chair, and Mr. Thomas A. Browne acted as secretary. The members present were: Messrs. J. S. Scarff, Woodstock; James Henderson, Belton; Charles E. Mason, Brucefield; A. B. Greer, A. St. L. Mackintosh, J. M. Dillon, John Deane, A. Robinson, London; Thomas, Leamington; Walter, Geo. E. Lafford, Kent Bridge; C. A. Mayhew, Thamesville; Wm. McNeil and Richard Oke, London; J. N. Humphrey, London; George Green, Fairview; D. DeCoursey, Bornholm; J. H. Saunders, London; John Murdoch, Brucefield; R. E. Hland, S. K. Davidson, Wm. Gammage, J. S. Pearce, T. B. Miller, R. Shaw-Wood, James H. Brown, George Taylor, J. W. Jones, London; Allan Bogue, Westminster; Wm. Moore, London; John Kennedy, Ilderton; C. E. Trevelock, The Grove; J. Lillaw, Wilton Grove; G. Scatcherd, Wyton; D. Mackenzie, Hyde Park; R. H. Harding, Thorndale; J. H. Tennent, V.S.; J. D. O'Neill, V.S.; Dean Innes, London; James Dol-

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Following are the officers who will look after the interests of the Western Fair in 1899:

President—Col. Gartshore.

First Vice-President—J. W. Little.

Second Vice-President—Allan Bogue, Westminster.

Secretary—Thos. A. Browne.

Treasurer—D. Mackenzie.

Directors—Messrs. Gartshore, Col. Leys, A. M. Smart, J. H. Brown, J. S. Pearce, W. J. Reid, George Taylor, W. M. Spencer, W. R. Hobbs, R. A. Carrothers, R. Shaw-Wood and J. W. Little.

Chairmen of Committees—Gates and tickets, W. M. Spencer; grounds and buildings, Jas. H. Brown; attractions, W. J. Reid; finance, A. M. Smart; printing, W. R. Hobbs.

Col. Gartshore, the president, made a few remarks in presenting the annual report. The fair since its inception, he said, had been an uninterrupted success. He attributed the success of the Western largely to care and economy on the part of the directors, though, of course, cheap fares and fine weather were important factors. The speaker went on to say that while the directors of recent years, under the presidency of Capt. Porte and Lieut. Col. Leys, were entitled to great credit, such men as John Campbell, Jas. Cousins, Wm. McBride, Sunnyside Johnston and others, who fostered the exhibition in its infancy, were also worthy of great praise. The association owed them a deep debt of gratitude. It was expected that the Earl and Countess of Minto would be in attendance at the fair of 1899, and open the proceedings. Correspondence had already passed between the board and their excellencies in the regard. He also hoped that the excursion from Conneaut would become an annual affair.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

The meeting approved of the action of the directors in setting apart \$5,000 as a reserve fund.

The Canadian Horticultural Association asked that they be allowed a representative on the board of directors.

Western Ontario gave notice of their annual grant of \$50, and the beekeepers their grant of \$10 to the fair.

The new board will deal with requests from Chas. Fahnen, Crediton; J. P. Mulock, Crediton; Dugald Campbell, St. Thomas, and T. G. Davidson, of Collingwood, for the placing of Victoria swine in the prize list; from H. E. Moore, North Morningside, Mich., asking for a class for Merino sheep; R. J. Hine, Dutton, asking for some changes in the rules governing the exhibition of sheep.

Mr. C. M. Simmons informed the association that the Shorthorn Breeders' Association had decided to give \$500 to Toronto or London fair—which ever would offer the best inducements to bring the shorthorn breeders to their exhibition. The grant was to be given in prizes for shorthorn cattle only, and it was anticipated that exhibitors would come from all parts of Canada and many parts of the United States.

P. W. Hodson, secretary of the Live Stock Breeders' Association, wrote that the next winter fat stock show would be held either in Toronto or London, and he asked if London would be prepared to stand by the offer made recently. Mr. Browne will inform him that the offer is still good.

COLD WEATHER IN THE YEAR '81

Temperature 83 Degrees Below Zero in This City During That Winter.

A correspondent writes calling attention to an extract from The Advertiser's columns of Feb. 2, 1881, in connection with the statement that the recent cold snap—25° below zero—was the coldest weather in 25 years. The extract follows:

"The intense cold of the past two nights has penetrated dwellings and buildings generally, making them in many cases uncomfortably cold. Water and gas pipes are reported to have been frozen up in all directions. The thermometers in the city and suburbs at an early hour this morning registered as low as 25° below zero. Mr. W. Y. Brunton's showing that, on Talbot street, near John Kent's thermometer, located on the north side of his residence in London South, marked 24° below zero at 6:30 o'clock a.m. Mr. G. S. Birrell, whose house is situated on Craig street, has a self-registering thermometer, which showed the greatest degree of cold during the night to have been 24° below zero; several others gave the same figure. Mr. John Pennington, of Pall Mall street, gives it as below 30°, and a gentleman who owns a market garden

on the Proof Line road, near the Ladies' College, says five thermometers belonging to him registered this morning 38° below zero.

This is evidently considerably colder than last week.

JAMES WRIGHT AT REST

Well-Known and Public Spirited Citizen Passed to the Great Beyond—After an Illness of Several Months—Sketch of His Life.

After ailing for some seven months, Mr. James Wright, of the hardware firm of James Wright & Co., passed quietly away at his residence, 586 Wellington street, at an early hour last night. Since July last he had been in somewhat poor health, and in November had to take to his bed, with Bright's disease. He has since that time been gradually sinking, and his death was hourly expected for some days before the end came.

Mr. Wright was one of the ablest and most highly esteemed businessmen of London, and was well known throughout Ontario. He was born in Scotland in 1832, and was reared in his native country, receiving a liberal education in the normal school of Glasgow, and afterwards engaging in teaching for several years. In 1858 he came to Canada, purchased 200 acres of land, and engaged in agricultural pursuits. This, however, he continued for a short time only returning to teaching, and occupying a position on the London public school staff for three months, and for five or six years on the staff of the old grammar school. In 1864, he engaged in the retail hardware business with Mr. Jas. Cowan, and on the dissolution of that partnership, went into the wholesale trade, subsequently taking the late John Bland into partnership with him. No firm attained a more enviable reputation. From his first settlement in London, Mr. Wright took an active part in everything tending to the substantial growth of the city, and while firm in his convictions and of decided opinions, his career has been such as to meet the approval of all good thinking men. In educational matters he always took a deep interest, and for twenty years served on the school board. The deceased was at one time a member of the Established Church of Scotland, but when the congregation of that denomination in this city disbanded, he joined the Church of England, remaining a constant and consistent member of the Memorial Church ever since. His wife, who was a daughter of Joseph Hayes, an early settler of the county, died three and a half years ago, and Mr. John Bland, his business partner for many years, passed away about a year since. Mr. Wright leaves a family of four daughters and two sons.

The funeral will take place on Friday afternoon from his late residence. William, the eldest son of deceased, will carry on the business.

MR. HOUSE, OF BERLIN.

Cured of Lumbago by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Berlin, Feb. 15.—Everyone in Berlin knows Andrew House. He is a respected and prosperous resident, who numbers his friends by hundreds.

For over a year past Mr. House was tormented by severe pains in his back, which increased in severity in spite of doctors and their medicines. He was advised to try Dodd's Kidney Pills. He did so. That night he felt less pain. Daily the pains abated, and in less than two weeks, Dodd's Kidney Pills had cured him thoroughly.

There is only one sure and unfailing cure for Backache. That cure is Dodd's Kidney Pills. Experience has proved this thousands of times.

Boston's most popular cemetery is Mount Auburn. Its record is 22,415 interments.

Persic Dog Wash.

A most effective and refreshing application for dogs and domestic animals generally. Destroys fleas, lice, ticks and parasites, puts the