

Births, Marriages and Deaths

DIED.
LOCKHART—On Jan. 15, William Percival Lockhart, aged 6 years.
 Funeral from his father's residence, Park avenue, at 3 o'clock Friday.
MULLIN—At 514 Horton street, Margaret, wife of the late Malcolm Mullin, of the G. T. R., aged 79 years.
 Funeral from the residence of her son, Alex. Mullin, 514 Horton street, on Friday, at 3 o'clock; services at 2:30.

Amusements and Lectures

Advertisements under this heading two cents per word each insertion. No advertisement less than 10 words.

MUSICAL SOCIETY BAND—SILPHUR Springs rink, to-morrow (Friday) evening.
PAULSTON—MATINEE SATURDAY, Jan. 25. Hear Alma, the juvenile star; a grand success; mothers bring the children. Prices, gallery 10c, balcony 20c, lower floor 30c, children 15c to any part of house. Secure seats early. Plans open Tuesday.

GRAND CARNIVAL QUEEN'S AVENUE rink, Tuesday, Jan. 23, Albert Wall, the European Padel Crying Warden, a sensational skatist act. Special attractions. Full band of the Seventh Battalion by permission of Lt.-Col. Lindsay and officers. Fine prizes. Coupons not accepted. 6c.
PENNER'S BOW in LONG and STRONG. See him wield it at First Congregational Church, Tuesday, Jan. 23, at 8 p.m. Best local talent will assist. Tickets, 10c; 25c, 50c, 75c.

BURNS' CENTENNIAL DINNER—CITY Hotel, Friday, Jan. 24, 1896, at 8:30 p.m. sharp. Tickets, 75c, to be had at City Hotel. J. W. Jones' auction rooms and members of committee. 5c.

WOMEN'S MORNING MUSIC CLUB—Piano recital by Miss Herkimer, late of Leipzig, Saturday afternoon, 3:30. Admission 2c.

85 DAYS ONLY TILL THE FIRST Allan Lister will sail from Liverpool for Montreal. Get information and tickets early and avoid the rush. FRANK B. CLARKE, agent, Allan Lister, Richmond street, next Advertiser.

CARNIVAL "BLACKPRIARS" RINK—Friday, Jan. 23. Good band. Splendid skating every afternoon and evening. 5c.

DRESS-MAKING SCHOOL REOPENS Feb. 10, in "Y" rooms, Mrs. Crow, of Toronto, teaches. Morning, afternoon and evening classes. System and instruction, 5c.

PALACE DANCING ACADEMY—NEW Year's term commences Monday, Jan. 6, Gentlemen Monday, ladies Tuesday; advanced class Wednesday evenings. Children Saturday afternoons. DAYTON & MCCORMICK.

PRIVATE LESSONS IN DANCING by Mr. R. H. Millard, at his residence, 345 Princess avenue. A thorough system of teaching the modern glide waltz and all fashionable dances guaranteed. Lessons given any hour.

Meetings.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

NOTICE THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Middlesex Reform Association, Oddfellows Hall, on Saturday, Jan. 25th, at 1 p.m. for the purpose of electing officers, etc., for the present year. R. H. KROSSLER, President; W. M. FRASER, Secretary. 120 41 WYVW

Male Help Wanted.

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200 MEN WANTED—TO BUY OUR made to order trousers, \$2, \$3 and \$4; suits \$12 and \$15. In style and workmanship. Repairing done. 291 Wellington street. R. H. KROSSLER, proprietor.

DYERS "OLD RELIABLE" INTELLIGENCE—Black and white. Good help. 201 Richmond street, phone 1121.

WRITERS WANTED TO DO COPYING at home. Law College, Lima, Ohio.

ORGANIZERS WANTED—PROFITABLE, permanent employment. Apply by letter. Grand Org. Oddfellows, 30 King street west, Toronto.

AGENTS WANTED—\$20 PER WEEK—Apply to GEO. MARSHALL & Co., tea importers, 238 Dundas street.

Female Help Wanted.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

WANTED—EXPERIENCED PAINTER—MAKERS for inside work; none other than experienced hands need apply. London Paints and Oils Manufacturing Company, 56 Dundas street.

Domestics Wanted.

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WANTED—EXPERIENCED GENERAL servant. Apply in the evening at 429 King street.

WANTED AT ONCE—GOOD DINING ROOM girls and chamber maids to go out of city; also general and girls for all kinds of work. Address: Intelligence office, 56 Dundas street. Phone 380.

Lost and Found.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

LOST—SATURDAY—SABLE COLLAR dog—Answers to the name of "Laddie." Reward. S. MURPHY, John Marshall & Co.'s, 65 Dundas street.

LOST—ON FRIDAY—A FOX TERRIER pup (black) and a fox. Return to 50 Craig street.

Business Chances.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

A BARGAIN FOR CASH ONLY. Jewellery and fancy goods, no opposition. Plate front, rent low, stock about \$1,000. Highest bid gets it. Address box 329, Thamesville.

Musical.

MRS. JOHNSON—SOPRANO-SOLOIST. wishes concert engagement. 43 Park avenue.

Jewelers.

REMOVAL J. T. WESTLAND, JEWELLER and engraver, removed to 240 Richmond street, next to Grigg House.

Brokers.

JOHN WRIGHT—STOCK BROKER, Richmond street, London.

The "Advertiser" Want Ads. are read.

Houses, Etc., To Let.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

TO LET—TWO NEW BRICK, 300 AND 252 York gas, bath, etc. W. SCARROW.

TO LET—733 COLBORNE STREET, \$8; three cottages, just over Kensington bridge, cheap rent. W. SCARROW, 16 Dundas street.

TO LET—DOUBLE ROOM WITH vault, first floor Albion Building; also ever sold. Four hundred agents. Apply T. H. CARLING, at the brewery. 331

TO LET—COTTAGE, CORNER RIDOUT and Craig streets, South London; rent \$18. Apply GEORGE C. GUY, barrister, 421

TO LET—RESIDENCE, 484 COLBORNE street, corner Dufferin avenue, 10 rooms, modern conveniences. Apply FRASER & FRASER.

Agents Wanted.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

AGENTS—"SKEPTICISM ASSAILED." The most powerful and convincing collection of facts ever produced against all forms of Christianity by Hon. Britton H. Tabor, introduction by Dr. C. H. Parkhurst, who says: "That view of the Christian religion of evidence therein it would seem a thousand times harder not to believe in the Bible." All sceptics are vanquished by evidence. No book ever sold so fast. Four hundred agents wanted. Don't miss opportunity to secure territory. Full particulars, J. L. NICHOLS & Co., Wesley Building, Toronto.

WANTED—AGENTS TO SOLICIT BUSINESS for the Home Life Association of Canada—assessment system. Good remuneration. Apply J. W. BURKE, Superintendent, No. 3 Masonic Temple.

Wanted.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

MISS ALDEN BROWN REQUIRES rooms over suitable store for first-class dressmaking parlors. 446 Wellington street.

WANTED—HOUSE with 3 to 10 rooms, moderate rent, by good tenant, who will take a lease of one or more years. Address 322 this office.

MESSERS. C. WELSH & CO. 3 TABERNACLE street, London, England, beg to solicit regular consignments of fresh oysters, fruit and other American produce. Lowest prices realized.

Laundries.

LAUNDRY CALLED FOR AND DELIVERED—All hand work. Best finish. 100, 102, 104 Dundas street.

Articles For Sale.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

FOR SALE—THOROUGHLY REFINED Bull Cal. Apply 509 Wellington street.

FOR SALE—CHEAP—SIX GLASS SASH—Suitable for glass partitions, show cases or hotbeds, at 183 Dundas street, London, Ont.

TWO SETS OF PAVING BLOCKS—Cheap. J. DARCH & SONS, 377-379 Talbot street.

LUMBER—WHOLESALE ONLY—CARPENTRY, or cargo lots; Spicers' extra. Rich. Columbia red cedar shingles; pine and Ontario cedar shingles; pine, hemlock, hardwood, cedar, lumber, posts, piles, etc. D. FERGUSON, Man. Agent, London, Ont.

Patent Barristers.

FETHERSTONHAUGH & CO.—PATENT Barristers and experts, Toronto; patents obtained in Canada, etc. London Office, Bank of Commerce buildings, corner Dundas and Richmond streets.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS—In the matter of R. S. Gage, of the village of Newburg, in the county of York, who is hereby given that the above named R. S. Gage has made an assignment to me under the provisions of Chap. 124, R. S. O., of all his estate and effects in trust for the benefit of his creditors. A meeting of the creditors of the said estate is hereby convened and will be held at the offices of G. H. Jones, Barrister at Law, 100, 102, 104 Dundas street, on Thursday, the 30th day of January, A.D. 1896, at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon, for the appointment of inspectors and the giving of directions with reference to the disposal of the said estate. All creditors of the said estate are hereby required to file their claims with my solicitors, Messrs. McKinnon & Harper, London, as directed by the said act, on or before the day of said meeting. After March 1, 1896, I shall proceed to distribute the said estate, having regard only to such claims as I shall have notice of and I shall not be responsible for the assets of the said estate or any part thereof to any person or persons whose claim or claims shall not have been filed. Dated the 21st day of January, 1896. R. S. GAGE, Assignor. Messrs. McKinnon & Harper, Solicitors for Trustee, London. C. B. ARMSTRONG, Trustee.

AUCTION SALE—HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE on ANTWER on JAN. 25, at 517 Pall Mall street. Mr. Neil Cooper has been instructed to sell contents of cottage, comprising in part carpets, oilcloth, sideboard, crockery, glassware, contents of three bedrooms, baseboard, cookstove, kitchen utensils, refrigerator, coal and wood, besides sundry other articles. Sale at 10:30. NEIL COOPER, Auctioneer.

NOTICE

IS HEREBY GIVEN that application will be made by the Corporation of the City of London to the Legislature of Ontario at its next session for an act to amend and consolidate "The London Waterworks Amendment Act, 1874," and to empower the corporation of the City of London from time to time to issue debentures to borrow money for the purpose of paying for the extension of the water mains and the additions and improvements to the time to time to the plant and property of the Corporation used for waterworks purposes, and for such other purposes as may be necessary or advantageous to enable the Corporation of the City of London to carry out the purposes aforesaid. Dated this 15th day of January, A.D. 1896. C. A. KINGSTON, City Clerk.

PARLIAMENTARY NOTICE.

Friday, the twenty-first day of February next, will be the last day for receiving Petitions for Private Bills.

Friday, the twenty-eighth day of February next, will be the last day for introducing Private Bills.

Thursday, the twelfth day of March next, will be the last day for receiving Reports of Committees on Private Bills.

CHARLES CLARKE, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Toronto, Jan. 15, 1896. 4k w

SAWLOGS WANTED.

LARGE QUANTITY OF ELM, MAPLE AND ASH SAWLOGS WANTED. For particulars and prices apply ADAM BECK, Albert Street, London.

Mayor Little's Latest Service to the Whole People.

Moderate-minded Liberals and Conservatives alike uphold Mayor Little in his determination, as representative of the whole city by acclamation, to be no party to any proposed arrangement by which one-half of the City Council — representing considerably more than one-half of the population, the businesses, and the tax-paying of London—shall be gerrymandered into anything less than exactly one-half of the representation on the principal committees of the Council.

Mayor Little is upheld by public opinion, because the taxpayers know that the civic interest cannot be served by the perpetuation of partisanship. It is not the one-half of the City Council to whom fair play is being denied who have introduced partisanship. It is not they who have seized on practically every position in the city service.

Mayor Little has dealt a staggering blow for all time to political partisanship in the management of municipal affairs in London. His last year's occupancy of the Mayor's chair was a record of able and brilliant achievement. We venture to predict that his record for 1896, when it is completed, will be not less useful and brilliant, nor less in the interest of citizens as a whole.

Among these services, none is likely to be more useful, or far-reaching in future good to the city, than the crushing blow he has administered to the spirit of unfair play which has led an exact one-half of the City Council, to presume to demand that the other half, fully as worthy of public confidence as themselves, should consent to be gerrymandered out of their rights, their self-respect, and their duty to those by whom they were elected.

As to the fear of some that a policy of obstruction may be followed throughout the year by the deniers of fair play, there need be no apprehension. The conditions for successful obstruction do not exist.

THE CUBAN CONFLICT.

Cubans Said to Have Lost 200 Men at Havana.

Havana, Jan. 22.—Gomez has arrived at Guayabal, which is only 15 miles south of Havana, and near the line of Pinar del Rio Province. The movements of Gomez westward again are believed to be due to a call from Maceo for help to relieve him from a critical situation in Pinar del Rio.

The Spanish troops are reported to have won a complete victory over the guerrillas in the country of Matanzas. The Cubans are said to have lost 200 killed. The bodies of 170 dead insurgents were found afterwards. It is reported, in different parts of the ground abandoned by the insurgents.

Advices from the province of Matanzas say that Col. Vicens met the insurgent Perez and 1,200 Cubans near Pedrosio yesterday. There were losses on both sides, but the insurgents, it is said, were defeated.

Steamers Arrived.

Jan. 22. At. From. Nordland.....New York.....Antwerp. Teutonic.....New York.....Liverpool.

Hot water bottles, sponges, etc., cheap. Anderson & Nelles' drug store.

A Nuisance.

To a great many people are Babies and Baby Rockers. We have hundreds of them, and as they are no use to us and greatly in our way we have decided to sell the lot, so come along and take your choice, KEENE BROS., 121 King street.

Artists.

MISS EMILY M. GUNN, STUDIO 188 Dundas street, receives pupils in all branches of art.

MISS LAURA DOUGLAS RECEIVES pupils in oil and pastel painting at 243 Dundas street, upstairs.

Accountants.

W. MAGEE, ACCOUNTANT, 413 Richmond street, or 640 Talbot street, London.

GEORGE W. HAYES, ACCOUNTANT-AT-LARGE, Insurance Agent—Representing Northern Assurance Company, Keystone Insurance Company, Equitable Loan and Savings Company. Agents wanted to loan. Call on me for particulars. All business promptly attended to. Money to loan. GEO. W. HAYES, 533 Queen Temple Building, York.

ALFRED A. BOOKER, ACCOUNTANT—138 Elmwood avenue, South London. Telephone 1000.

WILL BE SOLD

BY PUBLIC AUCTION by Mr. J. W. Jones, a his rooms, Dundas street, London, on Friday, the 23rd inst., at 2 o'clock, the stock of F. R. & D. Collins, Kincardine, as follows:

Dress Goods, Staples, Tweeds and general Druggists.....\$2,700 00 Hats, Caps and Furs.....4,300 00 Iron Safe.....300 00 Shop Furniture.....50 00

Total.....\$8,200 00 Terms—One quarter down; balance 2, 4, 6 and 8 months, with interest at 7 per cent, approved paper. Stock list with the vendors' solicitors and on the premises. GIBBONS, MURKIN & HARPER, vendors' solicitors; C. B. ARMSTRONG, Trustee.

INSURE IN THE

Liverpool & London & Globe Ins. Co (FIRE).

Capital and Assets.....\$54,000,000 EDWARD TOWSE, agent, Office over Bank of Commerce, London.

Money to loan at 5 per cent. Telephone, No. 507. ywt

Britain's Army.

All Branches of the Service to be Raised to Full Strength.

Arrangements for the Trial of Jameson's Colleagues.

Brazil Says That She Is the Best of Friends With Britain.

Story of Italy's Defeat in Abyssinia Denied—The Report of Prince Bismarck's Death Proved Baseless—Turkey Still Refuses to Allow Armenians to be Relieved.

FRANCE GOBLES MADAGASCAR.

Paris, Jan. 22.—It was announced today by the terms of a treaty signed Jan. 18, the Island of Madagascar is declared a French possession.

ITALY'S DENIAL.

Rome, Jan. 23.—The Government denies that there is any truth in the story circulated by the Figaro of Paris to the effect that Makale has been captured by the Abyssinians.

THE MISERABLE TURK.

Constantinople, Jan. 23.—In spite of the urgent representations of the United States Minister, Mr. Alexander W. Terrell, the Turkish Government still hesitates to accord permission to the American Red Cross Society to distribute relief to the sufferers in Anatolia.

"KILL THEM!"

The China Mail says: Another proclamation of the vilest nature has been posted throughout the Province of Yunnan, inciting the murder of missionaries. The powers ought to insist upon the punishment of the officials of the province.

MORE WORK FOR SHIPBUILDERS.

London, Jan. 23.—A dispatch from Kiel says that the German Government has decided upon the construction of twenty torpedo destroyers with a speed of 30 knots, and that orders for twelve of the boats have already been placed in England.

INCREASING BRITAIN'S ARMY.

London, Jan. 23.—The Marquis of Lansdowne, Secretary of State for War, in a speech at Salisbury, county of Wilts, last evening, said that both the horse and field artillery would be raised as rapidly as possible to its full strength, making a total of 318 guns, besides the army reserve force.

A QUEEN'S MURDERERS HANGED.

The Japanese Gazette says three Koreans, tried for complicity in the murder of the Korean queen were found guilty Dec. 23, and hanged the same evening. Pak Sen, one of the trio, was found guilty of having cut down the queen's body, pouring oil upon her, and then cremating the body.

CITIZENSHIP FOR OUTLANDERS.

London, Jan. 23.—The Standard's Berlin correspondent says: The semi-official newspaper publishes a dispatch which says that President Kruger has granted citizenship to the Outlanders who supported him in the recent crisis. There are very few Englishmen among them.

BRAZIL IN HOT WATER.

Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 23.—It is stated that a rupture between Brazil and Italy is imminent owing to Brazil's tardiness in satisfying Italian claims arising out of the civil war in Brazil.

It is reported that the warship Benjamim Constant has started to occupy the Island of Trinidad. The Constant is a protected Brazilian cruiser of 2,750 tons displacement.

NEW GUNS FOR CANADA'S MILITIA.

London, Jan. 23.—Lieut.-Col. Lake, quartermaster-general of Canada, is here in close consultation with the Colonial and War Offices. It is understood the Dominion Government is negotiating for English rifles. The weapons combine the Martini lock with the Enfield barrel.

NO WALKOVER THIS TIME.

London, Jan. 23.—The election to fill the seat in the House of Commons for North Belfast, made vacant by the death of Sir Edward James Harland, Bart., Conservative, resulted in the return of James Haslett, the Conservative candidate, by a vote of 2,556 to 2,438 for Adam Turner, Independent.

At the last election Sir Edward James Harland was returned without opposition.

NEW ZEALAND'S POSITION.

Wellington, New Zealand, Jan. 23.—Hgn. R. J. Seddon, Prime Minister of the colony, in a recent speech, said that New Zealand was specially interested in the Venezuelan and Transvaal disputes, owing to the American and German interest in Samoa.

The colony, he added, was thoroughly British, and the practical way to strengthen the Home Government was to begin at once to defend the colony's rights and to prepare for the worst.

TO RIVAL BRITAIN'S NAVY.

London, Jan. 23.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says 18,000,000 roubles has been appropriated by the Russian Government for naval construction during 1896. The main object of Russia, according to the dispatch, is that for every new warship, especially of the cruiser class, which England shall add to her fleet, Russia will produce one equally as good or superior.

The dispatch adds that seven vessels are now in course of construction for the Russian navy.

NOT BELIEVED.

London, Jan. 23.—A report from Rio de Janeiro that the Brazilian Government has dispatched the cruiser Benjamin Constant to occupy the Island of Trinidad, concerning the possession of which a dispute has existed for some time past between Great Britain and Brazil, is not believed at the Brazilian legation here or in other official quarters. It is stated that

on the contrary the negotiations between Great Britain and Brazil are continuing on the most friendly basis.

RUMOR OF BISMARCK'S DEATH.

Berlin, Jan. 23.—Although the mischievous rumor of Prince Bismarck's death proved to be untrue, the report emanated from such reliable persons that even President Von Koeller, of the Prussian Landtag, was impelled to telephone to the Emperor's Cabinet, the Foreign Office and the Chancellerie inquiring for particulars, and was surprised to learn that nothing was known of the reported death of the ex-Chancellor at any of those places.

This is the third rumor of Prince Bismarck's death that had been circulated in Berlin within a week.

ANOTHER LIE NAILED.

London, Jan. 23.—The Brazilian legation in this city has made public the following dispatch, received from the "Brazilian Government."

"Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 22.—The Brazilian Government denies officially the reports spread in Europe during the past few days by telegrams from Rio de Janeiro and New York. The relations of the Brazilian Government with the Minister of Great Britain are of a friendly character, and the claims of Italy are in course of settlement. The cruise of the Benjamin Constant has no connection with the Island of Trinidad."

DIED IN THE MOUNTAIN SNOWS.

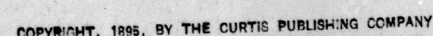
Christiania, Jan. 23.—Lieut. Eyvind Astrup, the Arctic explorer who took part in Lieut. Peary's Greenland expedition, was found dead on Tuesday in the Lilleveid valley, near Jerkin, which he left shortly before Christmas on an expedition into the mountains.

He had not been seen since, and 25 men on snowshoes started in search of him on Sunday last, with the result just announced. In the spring of 1894 he undertook a sleigh journey from the headquarters of the Peary expedition in Ingfield Gulf, round the Prudhoe peninsula, which separates that gulf from Melville Bay. This peninsula is the home of so-called Arctic Highlanders, who were discovered in the beginning of the century by Sir John Ross.

JAMESON.

London, Jan. 23.—A dispatch from South Africa says that Dr. Jameson and the officers who accompanied him upon his invasion of the Transvaal have embarked for England.

TAKE DIAMOND DINNER P
Stomach Troubles. 25c. a Box.



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New York.
For further information apply to
EDWARD DE LA HOO
SOLE AGENT FOR LONDON.
Clock corner Richmond and Dundas

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The Scrap Bag

"It makes all the difference in the world what a person marries for. I'm so thankful that I didn't make any mistake," said a small, shabbily-dressed, tired-looking woman, who was seated in a chair at a house where she had asked for work. Her tongue was as nimble as her fingers, but her views on all topics were so cheery and hopeful, notwithstanding her manifest poverty, that her garrulity did not become tiresome. Her opinions on marriage, coming as they did from a woman to whom marriage had brought poverty and unceasing labor for an invalid husband, were refreshing, and had the ring of a true heart.

"Yes," she said, "folks that marries but for one thing makes a dreadful mistake. I often think to myself, 'What if I had married for anything in the world but love, real, genuine, sure-enough love! What a fix I'd be in to-day!'"

"You see my husband's been an invalid for nine years. He went into slow consumption four years after we were married, and he ain't worked six weeks, all told, since; and I've had all the support of him and our three children for nine years, and I've done it by trailing round from house to house cane-seatin' chairs; and all the feelin' I've had about it has been one of thankfulness that I was able and willin' to do it."

"S'posin' I hadn't married for love? S'posin' I'd married for riches, and they'd taken wings and flew away? S'posin' I'd married for beauty, and sickness and misery had robbed my husband of his good looks? Wouldn't I be in a nice fix?"

"But I didn't marry for a thing on earth but respect and love for a good man, and I ain't regretted it, and I ain't a bit unhappy or discontented, exceptin' in the sorrow that comes from the certainty that I ain't goin' to have my husband with me much longer."

"He's fadin' fast now, poor dear! I ain't never looked on him as a burden, I ain't throwed it up to him that I've had the livin' to make. I ain't fretted nor complained, nor done any of the things I surely would have done if I'd made the dreadful mistake of marryin' for anything but real affection."

"Folks that marries for anything else has got a lot of unhappiness before 'em that I don't know anything about."

When heaven is about to confer a great office on any man, it first exercises his mind with suffering, and his sinews and bones with toil. It exposes his body to hunger, and subjects him to extreme poverty. It confounds his undertakings. By all these methods it stimulates his mind, hardens his nature, and supplies his incompetencies.—Mencius, Kaou Tze (pt. II, ch. XV.).

Hungerford—Do you believe, doctor, that the use of tobacco tends to shorten a man's days? Dr. Powell—I know that it does. I tried to stop once, and the days were about 90 hours long.—Truth.

Too much curiosity, says the Baltimore American, has been the means of getting Miss Jennie Raubenstein, the pretty 17-year-old daughter of the postmaster at Raubenstein's postoffice, near Hanover, Penn., into serious trouble. For the past six months the lads and lasses living in that neighborhood have been having a world of trouble with their love letters. Frequently an envelope addressed to one person would contain a letter intended for another, and in some cases an anxiously-expectant young lady would find only a blank sheet of note-paper upon tearing open the envelope which she supposed contained a tender missive from her lover. There were lovers' quarrels innumerable, and the young folks thereabouts were continually in hot water. The matter was finally reported to the postal authorities, and Postoffice Inspector Malone arrested the astonished and frightened young lady on the charge of tampering with the mails. She made a full confession, and was held in \$500 bail to await the action of the United States Court.

"Everything," said the corn-fed philosopher, as he began his daily lecture, "is of educational value."

"Even prize-fights?" asked the freshest youth.

"Yes, even prize-fights. Hath not pugilism taught us the names of the Governors of Texas and Kansas?"—The Journal, Philadelphia.

"What shocking customs the Pilgrim Fathers had!" remarked the very modest girl.

"Their names were austere."

"Yes, but they seem to have had no sense of propriety in dress. I have just been looking at pictures of them in a history. It seems almost incredible, but in those days the men wore the bloomers.—Washington Star.

DAILY HINTS TO HOUSE-KEEPERS.

The tidal wave of deeper souls into our inmost being rolls, and lifts us unawares out of all meaner cares.—Longfellow.

BREAKFAST—Oranges, Beefsteak, Browned Oatmeal, Warm Rolls, Canned Berries, Graham Wafers, Coffee.

DINNER—Lamb Chops, Mashed Potatoes, Stewed Tomatoes, Beans, Celery, Pear Sweet Pickles, Bread, and Butter, Apple and Squash, Pies, Cheese.

LUNCH—Crackers and Milk, Bread, and Butter, Quince Jelly, Cookies, Tea.

BAKED BEANS.—One pint small white beans; soak over night, parboil twice with a fourth teaspoon soda in first water.

Put in covered, steep with one-fourth pound salt pork; on tea-spoon salt, two of molasses, one of mustard. Bake five hours. Serve meat on separate dish.

The very latest wrinkle of Dame Fashion's, a costume with a full ripple blouse, is here illustrated. The bodice is made with a gathered front and a plain seamless back. The fancy jacket cut in points over the sleeves, can be of the dress material, or if a more elegant effect is desired, plain or fancy velvet, broadcloth, satin brocade or silk can be used. The full ripple is cut in one piece and sewed on to the bodice at the



waistline. The joining is hidden by narrow folds of velvet. A crush collar fastening under a stylish bow finishes the neck. The attractive sleeves show full puffs made over a fitted lining. The eight gored skirt is cut with three box plaits in the back.

Burdie cloth, plaid, serge, Henrietta, ladies' cloth, camel's hair, silk and wool novelties or almost any fashionable fabric in the market can be used for this costume, and may be attractively combined with full fronts of plain or fancy silk satin, brocade or velvet.

Selecting a Trousseau.—The preparation of a trousseau is always a matter of delight to even the girl who must economize in the piles of dainty linens and the various pretty trifles so dear to her feminine heart. The romance is not always taken out of the task when carte blanche is given a big firm to prepare everything, for there are dozens of small details which no outsider can manage to the entire satisfaction of a prospective bride. But it is the girl who is able to supply herself with what she desires, but who must attend to the buying and selecting herself, for whom the duty has the supreme delight; although to an economical little woman, whose mind dwells more on the love stitched into the pretty garments than on their intrinsic value, there are hours of pleasure in preparing the simple trousseau, which cannot be equaled by any other joy of courtship.

A word of advice to these latter maidens, and to those whose purse is not unlimited, is to the effect that quality is better than quantity in this little incident of life, as well as in all others. A few pretty nightgowns, well made and daintily adorned with lace, are better by far than a dozen cheap, flimsy ones. Two well-made gowns better than six cheap ones. And so on through all the orders of garments to be provided. The state of life is to be considered at this time even more than at another, for on the beginning depends much, and, though so small a matter, clothing is not without its effects on the happiness of the first few weeks of married life. If the new home is modest, then the trousseau ought also to be modest, and if the household duties are numbered among the tasks of the new life the collection should not be destitute of gowns suitable for any and every department. Better out down the expenses of the dainty dress and of the pretty evening gowns than in the necessities, which are prosaic, but none the less necessities.

Fancy Slippers.—Every woman should desire to make her foot look as well as possible; our grandmothers would have said, as small as possible, but the day for that is past. At the present time the woman with the long, narrow foot thinks herself much better off than the woman with the short and pudgy one, and she is certainly right from an artistic standpoint.

There is no excuse for American women not being the best booted the world over. No one who has struggled with French, English and German boots can fail to appreciate our superiority on that point. We are open to the accusation of wearing too thin soles, but sensible walking boots always have a mediumly thick sole, and for wet weather our pointed rubbers are far from being ugly.

The English woman boasts of never wearing an overshoe, and the article answering to that description is a most fearsome object indeed.

If your foot is long and narrow and boasts an instep, affect button boots and slippers without straps. If on the contrary, your foot is short and plump, wear laced boots in the street and avoid slippers in light colors. By the way, black satin slippers are the sweetest things there are for house wear. A tiny out-stool buckle may be added. A novelty for this winter is a white satin slipper with red heels, a very French combination. The heels are very high in all the slippers. It is still very stylish to have your slippers match your evening gown, and there are one or two shops where you take a piece of your frock and have a charming pair of satin shoes made for the small sum of \$2.50.

Carriage boots are as fascinating as the dainty shoes they are meant to shield. They are pointed and heeled, made of tan leather or the latest shades in satin and edged with beaver or ermine. It may not be inappropriate to say a few words as to the care of all this attractive footwear. If you have been out on a wet day and your walking shoes are damp and muddy, first let them dry, and having brushed off the mud, rub them well with machine oil until all stiffness has vanished, and then blacken.

For patent leather some vaseline rubbed on renews its pristine brightness. You can keep your light kid slippers clean with pipe clay and a special blacking comes for such shoes. The result is that many a woman will be complimented on her pretty feet because she is exquisitely shod, and that, with a little judgment and care no one need have noticeably ugly feet.

They Dined.

The Sergeants of the Seventh and Numerous Guests.

Annual Dinner of the Mess—Sister Corps Represented—The Toast List—Patriotic Speeches—New Drill Shed Needed—Also New Clothing, Etc.

The annual dinner of the sergeants of the Seventh Battalion was held in the London House last night, and was attended by about 40 of the sergeants and their invited guests from sister corps. Sergt.-Major McCrimmon was assigned chairman for the evening, and he had on his right Lieut.-Col. Lindsay, Major Beattie and Capt. John Graham; on his left Lieut.-Col. Payne, the former commander of the Seventh, Major George Hayes, Adjutant H. A. Kingsmill, and Surgeon Mitchell. Among the invited guests were noticed Sergt.-Major McCrimmon, Thirtieth Battalion, Walkerton; Color-Sergt. Fleming, Staff-Sergt. Kitcher, and Staff-Sergt. Moore, of the Thirtieth Battalion, Dufferin Rifles, Brantford; Sergt.-Major J. T. Cox, Tenth Royal Grenadiers, Toronto; Thomas A. World, president sergeants' mess, Queen's Own Rifles, Toronto; Sergt. F. Stewart, Thirtieth, Hamilton, and Drill-Sergt. Frank E. Davis, Color-Sergt. A. T. Cooper, Quartermaster-Sergt. Kennedy, Corp. E. H. Price, of No. 1 Company, R. C. R. I. Those of the Seventh in attendance were Sergt. Gould, D Company; Sergt. J. McKenzie, C Company; Sergt. Foutit and Color-Sergt. E. J. Freeland, A Company; Hospital-Sergt. Macgregor, Bandmaster A. C. Tresham, Quartermaster-Sergt. Milligan, Color-Sergt. Hayman, Color-Sergt. J. D. Jacobs and Sergt. Galbraith, C Company; Sergt. Erskine, D Company; Paymaster-Sergt. A. V. Becher, Sergt. J. M. Scarlett, Color-Sergt. Stein and Sergt. Stadman.

The song "My Boy" was a decidedly jovial one, and made the evening the most enjoyable spent together by the sergeants of the battalion at an annual dinner. The host of the evening, Mr. J. W. Humphries, did his share to add to the pleasure. He provided a well-prepared dinner, and also had the large dining room prettily decorated. At one end of it was hung a monster Union Jack, over which was placed a large picture of Queen Victoria. At the other end was also a large British flag, bearing a suitable motto, while the side walls were decked with smaller flags and red, white and blue streamers. The tables were laid out in the shape of a figure 7, and were adorned with many trophies won at the rifle ranges. When the dinner was over, the toast list was introduced by Sergt.-Major McCrimmon, who asked the company to drink to the health of the Queen.

"Kings must come down and emperors frown, When the widow at Windsor says 'Stop!'"

The toast was honored by the hearty singing of the National Anthem, "Canada, Our Dominion," was introduced by Quartermaster-Sergt. Milligan, who considered the toast as second country as the greatest on earth. He read letters of regret at inability to attend from Lieut.-Col. Smith, D.A.G., Lieut.-Col. Gartshore, Capt. Moore, Mayor Little, Fred. W. Tresham, sergeant-major Seventy-seventh, and Rev. W. S. Ball, the battalion chaplain. Mr. Ball's letter read: "This is the time for all true Britons to stand together. The Seventh may be sure that if there is any work to be done, the old chaplain will be with them."

To the toast, "The Queen," responded briefly to the toast, "The Queen," by necessity of continued and increasing interest for the advancement of the Seventh. He regretted the fact that many promises had been made to furnish the Canadian militia with new supplies, but that they were not forthcoming.

Capt. A. H. Kingsmill also responded. Bandmaster Tresham introduced the toast of "The Canadian Militia" with a pretty little speech. "I have traveled in South Africa, the West Indies and England," said Mr. Tresham, "but all my travels I have failed to meet more loyal soldiers than those of the Canadian militia. (Applause.) They possess just what is wanted—a strong determination to conquer or die in the attempt."

Major George Hayes, one of the ever popular officers of the battalion, was given a rousing reception as he arose to respond to the toast.

"United to a man in defense of their homes, Their Queen, their country."

"That quotation is from the pen of a Scotchman," said Major Hayes, "a member of a race who are not in any sense of the word considered as Britons, but who are the grandest fighters in the ranks of the British army. (Applause.) Do you know of a more long-suffering body of men than the Canadian militia? Rotten knapsacks, rotten coats, rotten everything, and yet they have been good enough for us. We have got the best shots, men with stamina, but not the necessary arms and clothing. Why, we can beat the Boers in shooting. Out of the Canadian militia we can pick 10,000 marksmen who can not be surpassed in the world over. (Cheers.) And why should we not be furnished with proper accoutrements?"

Capt. Graham, a veteran of the Northwest rebellion of 1885, happily replied, making special reference to the loyal manner in which the Canadian militia had always responded to the call to duty.

Quartermaster-Sergt. Milligan sang "The Old Brigade," and was vigorously applauded. Sergt. Freeland proposed "The Commanding Officer and Staff," and for the enlightenment of the visitors he gave a very humorous description of the Seventh's drill shed. "It reminds me," said Mr. Freeland, "of a barn with two lean-tos added as an afterthought. It is in such a miserable condition now that when the battalion is going on a route march the colonel is afraid to open the front door and march us out that way for fear the end of the building will fall in and kill half of the boys."

Col. Lindsay was heartily greeted with a hand-clap and a verse of "See Him Smiling." He spoke of the great pleasure it afforded him to be with the sergeants, and also touched upon the position of the mother country at the present time. He also urged that more sergeants should be secured for the battalion, and asked each member of the mess to endeavor to secure another enlistee before the battalion went

to Hamilton to celebrate the Queen's birthday.

Major Beattie also replied to the toast.

"Sister Corps" was coupled with the names of a majority of the visitors. "Our Guests," "The Ladies," "The Press" and "Our Host" were also honored, and the gathering broke up, interspersed with the speeches were songs by Major Hayes, Sergt. Cooper, Sergt. Jacobs, Paymaster-Sergt. Becher, and Sergt. Freeland, and a duet by Quartermaster-Sergt. Milligan and Paymaster-Sergt. Becher.

Marriages and Births.

Vital Statistics Prepared by the Ontario Authorities.

A Notable Falling Off in Both Instances—How We Compare With Other Countries in This Particular Regard—A Number of Interesting Figures on the Subject Prepared by the Health Department.

Ontario's birth rate is rapidly falling off; indeed, in no country on earth, even France, has the number of births per 1,000 decreased so rapidly within recent years as in this Province. This may be a startling statement, but it is true nevertheless, being fully borne out by Dr. Bryce's vital statistics for 1894, to be submitted to the Legislature at the pending session.

So small was the birth rate during 1894, that the births for the year exceeded the deaths by only 1 per cent. The decrease in births in the Province from the previous year was 343. If we take the cities alone the falling off has been even more marked. The decrease in Ottawa was very large for the while, Kingston's births fell off by 120, Hamilton's by 81, Windsor's by 47, etc. Strange to say, Toronto's births for the twelve months of 1894 showed an increase of 48.

That these decreases were not characteristic of one year alone is proven by the Ontario city birth rate returns, for the past six years, showing that between 1889 and 1894 the births in Ontario cities decreased to the extent of 9 per 1,000.

COMPARISONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES.

"With a steady decennial decrease," continues the report, "of births in the Province as a whole, most interest at the cities, it will be of interest to make a comparison with the birth rates of other countries, in order that we may see whether such a condition exists elsewhere, and, if so, to inquire wherein lie the causes of such a phenomenon."

"Within the past ten years England and Wales show a decrease in the birth rate per thousand of population from 33.5 to 29.8; Scotland 32.5 to 31.0, and France 24.8 to 22.1. In the same period Ontario's rate fell from 23.1 to 19.2. The alarming nature of these figures is added to when it is remembered that the decennial census of 1880 gave a birth rate of 38.15 per 1,000, i.e., the number of children born in Ontario today in proportion to the population is about half what it was 35 years ago.

"What is at once apparent, therefore, is that the birth rate in every country of Europe and America, where a system of vital statistics has been established, has seen a decline more or less marked in each, and nowhere more marked, perhaps, than in Ontario. Assuming the registration in recent years to be at least as complete as ten years ago, it is apparent that some cause or causes are operant to produce a decline of birth rate so enormous, in a still thinly settled province, as to call for the attention of all interested in the moral, social and economic welfare of the people.

"Another table will prove interesting to women who want to know what chance they have to procure a husband at different ages, and also what will be the prospect of their becoming mothers. It gives the number of marriages and births by age periods of females:

Marriages: Age period, 15-20, 145; 20-25, 571; 25-30, 281; 30-35, 36; 35-40, 37; 40-45, 20.

Births: Age period, 15-20, 49; 20-25, 193; 25-30, 93; 30-35, 17; 35-40, 6; 40-45, 3.

These figures show that in the first three quinquennial periods of productive female life, 87.3 per cent of all marriages took place, leaving 12.7 per cent for the remaining 15 years. They further show that of the total births, 92.67 per cent took place in the first 15-year period, and but 6.3 per cent in the second. They further show that relatively the three-year periods 15-20, 20-25, 25-30, have a greater percentage of births by 0.8 per cent, 3.4 per cent, and 1.17 per cent, compared with the total births than the marriages for these periods compared with the total marriages. In short, unless a woman marries before she is 30 years of age she stands a comparatively poor chance of ever becoming a wife, and hence a poor one of obtaining the rank of motherhood.

"No births at all are recorded for marriages of females over 40 years of age. Statistics of marriages and births in England and Massachusetts are here introduced, and compared with the figures in the above tables, with the result that marriages in Toronto, and even in all Ontario, are found to be far less productive than in either the old country or the new in question.

"Dr. Bryce, from which we examine the marriage and birth returns of the population of Toronto, there seems to be but one conclusion, which is that the marriage rate is for such a population abnormally low, and that the birth rate in relation to those marriages which take place is proportionately still lower.

ONTARIO'S MARRIAGE RECORD.—The total number of marriages recorded in Ontario in 1894, as seen in the report, was 14,341, or 28,682 persons. This is a rate of 6.5 per 1,000, and a total decrease of 134, as compared with 1893. This decrease has taken place in the counties as distinct from the cities, there being an increase in the latter of 171. Subtracting Chatham, which has been added to cities, in 1894 there was a total increase in cities of 40. As regards the districts in which the greatest decrease occurred, the county of Lambton shows a decrease of 110, and York 97. This latter decrease took place almost wholly in the city of Toronto, which shows a decrease of 55. Other cities showing decreases are London, with 21; Kingston, 48; St. Catharines, 41; and Brantford, 8. On the other hand, Ottawa shows an increase of 218; Belleville, 60; Hamilton, 37, and Windsor 50. The marriages in Windsor were 551, or 51.7 per 1,000. This abnormal increase of marriages in Windsor may be accounted for, it is suggested, by its proximity to Detroit, a large city, famous for its number of divorces.

HOW WE COMPARE WITH OUR NEIGHBORS.—A marked decrease in the marriage rate has occurred within the past ten years, it being in 1894, 6.5, as compared with 7.9 in 1884. It is shown that the marriage rate in the New England

States, with a climate and conditions like our own, is very much higher than in Ontario.

However, in making such a comparison, the abnormal number of divorces obtained in these States must be considered, for while only 22 marriages have been dissolved in Ontario within ten years, exactly 2,553 such severances of the nuptial tie took place in New England during 1892 alone. The rate per 1,000 of marriages in these States, as corrected, after subtracting the divorces, would, therefore, be 8.74, since it is found that a very considerable percentage of divorced persons have married again.

On taking New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Connecticut alone, it is found that for every 25 persons married in a year, one person has been married twice. It is of interest to notice in connection with the abnormally high marriage rate in these States, the relation thereof to the birth rate. In 1892 New Hampshire's birth rate was 19.1 per 1,000, Rhode Island's 24.5, and Connecticut's the same.

In other words, we have the consolation of knowing that the birth rate for all Ontario is exactly 25 per cent higher than the average of that of these three States. We should be thankful that Ontario is at least one removed from the tail of the procession.

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Trade Loyalty to Great Britain.
"Inasmuch as Great Britain admits the products of Canada into her ports free of duty, this House is of the opinion that the present scale of duties exacted on goods mainly imported from Great Britain should be reduced."

The above resolution was proposed in the House of Commons at Ottawa by Hon. L. H. Davies, and supported by every Liberal in the House. It was voted down, at the bidding of the men in power, by the unanimous vote of the Conservatives in the House.

Death of Parliament.

In several interviews with friends recently, members of the Dominion Government have asserted that the Dominion general elections will be on in a few weeks. Whether or not they are candid in this declaration, there is no reason for doubting that the present Parliament cannot legally sit after April 23 next. That was the date on which, five years ago, the present Parliament assembled, and as the Imperial Act of Confederation provides that Parliament shall continue for five years and no longer, Parliament ends on that date.

It is true that some contend that because the Dominion Parliament passed a statute providing that the election for Algoma should not be held till the following summer, therefore Parliament was not actually completed with the date upon which the election in that northern district was held and the writ returned. If that view were to prevail, then the absurd conclusion would be established that a statute passed by the Canadian Parliament should override the Imperial Act which gave the Canadian Dominion being. There is not a constitutional authority worthy of the name in the British Empire who would so contend.

By calling Parliament together on April 23, the men in power declared that they regarded Parliament sufficiently complete to begin business without the belated representative from Algoma. If their action was then illegal, then every act passed by the House prior to the return of the writ for Algoma would be illegal. This is the opinion of Dr. Bourinot, clerk of the House of Commons, who has made a study of parliamentary law and procedure. It would be supremely foolish, therefore for any Government to keep the House sitting a day longer than the legal life of the Parliament, for every act performed thereafter would be subject to successful attack in a court of law. Nor do we believe that the Governor-General, as an Imperial officer, would calmly stand by and see the Canadian constitution trampled upon to secure a partisan advantage.

If the present Parliament does not come to its end by the defeat of the Government, or by its collapse in some other way, between now and the 29th April, it will die a natural death at midnight on that day, and the general elections will be held within six weeks thereafter.

Trust Him Not.

Sir Charles Tupper is now in Cape Breton seeking election. He was offered constituency in Ontario, which at last general election gave a Conservative majority of 300, but the wisely sought one where the majority in favor of the high tax candidate was then over 600. He is now in Cape Breton making all sorts of fancy promises as to what he and his friends will do if that constituency will add him in getting the high tax leaders out of a hole. But he is not a safe leader—he is a most erratic prophet. It was in Cape Breton that in 1878, as pointed out by the Halifax Chronicle, this professional office-seeker bewailed the expenditure of the Mackenzie Government—\$23,500,000—as wholesale extravagance, and promised that if the Tories were restored to power they would carry on the business of the country for \$22,500,000, a million dollars a year less. When he went to England as High Commissioner in 1884, he and his friends had run the expenditure up to \$31,000,000, and by the end of the last fiscal year they had run it up to \$33,000,000. A gap of \$14,500,000 between the promise and the performance is something that Tupper should be called on to explain.

It is said that the first Hebrew to be made an English peer was Sir Sampson Gideon, who was created Lord Randolph in 1789 by Mr. Pitt.

Off With His Head!

A few evenings since, Premier Bowell for the second time indignantly repudiated the statement made by a Conservative M. P., that he had been compelled to resign the Conservative leadership in favor of Sir Charles Tupper. Another denial is now due, for the Nova Scotia Legislature have also put themselves publicly on record as holding that the conspiracy against Bowell has succeeded, and that Sir Charles Tupper has usurped his place.

Poor old man!
The "nest of traitors" seem to have sent some of their brood down to Nova Scotia to mislead the people by misrepresenting Premier Bowell, and by pushing Sir Charles Tupper into the place of chief patronage dispenser, to aid in securing votes for Sir Charles Tupper in the Cape Breton bye-election.

Principal Grant on Canada's Relations With Great Britain.

Principal Grant continues the discussion of "The Cost and Profit of Liberty" in the current issue of the Toronto Week. Dr. Grant is a firm believer in freer trade relations with Great Britain, and he has no fear about the revenue if the Dominion tariff is so adjusted as to promote commerce with the motherland, instead of to prevent it, as is the ruling policy now, and as has prevailed since the high tax party came into power in 1878. The principal thus discusses the revenue question:

"Why, how does Britain get a revenue fifteen times as great as ours, though her population is only eight times as great, not a single article of general consumption taxed save tea, and that as cheap as it is in Canada? How does New South Wales propose to raise a revenue without taxing even tea? Of course we must have a revenue of \$35,000,000, seeing that we are steadily adding to our debt and need fifteen or sixteen men in the Cabinet, while our big neighbor gets along with seven. Of the \$35,000,000 about \$8,000,000 come from customs, and no one proposes to sweep all those millions away. Every Finance Minister knows the elementary principles of his craft, and that the way to get more revenue is—with certain limits—not by increasing but by lowering duties. A small duty on tea or sugar will bring in more revenue than a high duty. In the same way, if we lowered the duties on British goods, say to one-half of what they are, we would get more revenue in a year or two than we get now from that source. Our ships, too, would have return cargoes, freight would be lower, our merchants would thrive, consumers would smile, and no legitimate manufacture would suffer."

Under the system of better treatment of the motherland, which now takes all we offer her at market prices, and without tax, Dr. Grant asserts that trade would flow into natural channels. If the United States desires to be included, so much the better. "We would," he concludes, "be really free. Now, we allow a few gentlemen in Ottawa, who would not be trusted with the management of any one of our great industrial establishments to arrange and disarrange the whole business of 5,000,000 of intelligent enterprising people. This would be incredible, were it not a fact. These gentlemen are entrusted with the power of 'binding and loosing on earth,' to an extent which Hildebrand never dreamed of. They can make favored individuals, companies or rings wealthy by inserting a clause, and impoverish them by striking it out, and this is actually boasted of as a patent for making everybody rich. Of course, the work is not actually done by those gentlemen. They consult with those favored parties, and the machine is hammered into shape at their dictation."

This is a pen picture by a not unfriendly hand that cannot be successfully met. It shows the necessity for a change of men and measures at Ottawa.

By the Way.

Sugar has again been advanced in price. On May 3 last year, the duty was nearly doubled, and the total duty collected for the year to June 30, 1895, was \$244,544. The duty is now 38 per cent. The Canadian consumer and the British people would be benefited if this tax were cut down one-half.

The statistics of marriages and births in this province, given in another column, should set many people thinking. Whether through inability, or indisposition, the number of marriages in Ontario seems to be on the decrease. The returns with regard to births are also noteworthy.

Sir Isaac Pitman, the inventor of the phonetic system of shorthand, recently attained his 83rd year. Pitman's system of shorthand is now by far the most extensively used in verbatim reporting. Its author is still hale and hearty, though last year he had the good luck of being able to read many flattering obituary notices of himself, penned by his disciples, who are to be found in every part of the world.

In 1894, Canada exported \$1,296,814 worth of butter. Last year, the value of our butter exports declined to \$697,476. In 1894, the Dominion Government was not pretending to be helping the butter export trade; last year they spent public money with that as their alleged object. The country needs a change.

If the Queen lives through this year—and we all hope that she will live for many a day yet—hers will become the longest reign of any sovereign who has ever sat on the British throne. Hitherto the longest reign has been made by George III., who ascended the throne on Oct. 25, 1760, and reigned until Jan. 29, 1820, though for nearly ten years of that time he only reigned in name, as he was a mental and physical wreck, and the country was under a regency. He thus reigned for 59 years and 96 days. Queen Victoria began to reign on June 20, 1837. In her case 59 years and 96 days will expire on Sept. 24, 1896.

THE S. A. CHANGES.

The Recall of Ballington Booth Calls Forth a Protest.

New York, Jan. 23.—The peremptory order relieving Ballington Booth of the command of the Salvation Army in America has called forth a protest from 30,000 soldiers who fairly worshipped the commander and his wife. The army was stunned by the news. It asked for an explanation, a reason why its leader should be taken away. He answered sadly that he knew nothing more than what the brief order contained. Not a word of information accompanied it. There was no news of where he was to go or who would be his successor.

"I am a soldier. I must obey," said the commander. "I ask you all to help make my burden as light as possible." The army refuses to listen to his entreaties or to accept the order. Meetings are being arranged in every part of the country. Protests and petitions of all kinds will be forwarded to the international headquarters in London.

IN ASHES.

Wednesday's Blaze in Toronto—Loss \$40,000 to \$50,000.

Toronto, Jan. 23.—The fire that broke out yesterday in the grain warehouse of P. Mackintosh & Sons, 108 Front street, raged furiously for over two hours, the firemen directing their efforts to prevent the adjacent buildings from catching fire. The front warehouse of the Mackintosh firm, however, was completely gutted, and the fire spread thence to the thin walls into the premises of Park, Blackwell & Co., pork packers and provision merchants, where considerable damage was done by smoke and water. The loss of Messrs. Mackintosh & Sons will be in the neighborhood of \$25,000, and their insurance is \$8,000, while the damage to the building will be \$5,000. Park, Blackwell & Co.'s loss will be about \$5,000. The total damage caused by the conflagration is said to be in the neighborhood of \$40,000 or \$50,000.

TROUBLE FOR BEN.

Mrs. McKee Resents the Approaching Marriage of the Ex-President.

Washington, Jan. 23.—The announcement of the engagement of ex-President Harrison to Mrs. Mary Lord Dimmick, brings to light a family skeleton. The friends and relatives of the ex-President are already in possession of the facts in regard to a rupture existing between Gen. Harrison and his daughter and son. Mrs. McKee will start today, or early in the week, for Indianapolis for the purpose of collecting every article of furniture and personal property from the house that was once such a happy home to her. This done, Mrs. McKee will not again cross the threshold of her father's Indianapolis residence, unless in some unlooked-for manner a reconciliation is brought about.

CRAZY CARACANS

Shoot Salisbury's Enemy—Anti-English Sentiment Still Popular in Venezuela.

New York, Jan. 23.—A dispatch to the World from Caracas says: Anti-English sentiment continues popular. An effigy of Salisbury was prepared and carried through the streets, the multitude jeering it. The procession stopped at the plaza, where a mock trial was held. The effigy was sentenced to death and shot. People pulled the clothing from the figure and tore it into pieces, which were distributed among the crowd. A church in the town of Camaguana was robbed and the sacred images spoiled. Two Englishmen were arrested on suspicion. The releasing of political prisoners continues. Leon Ponce, editor of El Pregonero, who was imprisoned a month ago for publishing an interview in the London Times relating to the attitude of President Crespo in the Ururan district, was liberated today.

A Paris cable says that England desires a pacific solution of the dispute and will attempt to renew diplomatic relations with Venezuela to effect a direct settlement with the intervention of the United States. Venezuela will never consent.

JUST A RED RAG.

The Davis Resolution Will Probably Be Pigeon-Holed.

Washington, Jan. 23.—A canvass of the house committee on foreign affairs indicates that if the Senate adopts the Davis resolution reaffirming the Monroe doctrine, the house committee will pigeon-hole it. They feel it is pushing things too far in the present crisis and at the same time wish to avoid any discussion showing lack of harmony between the two houses.

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Rheumatism in various forms is one of the most common diseases there is. It arises generally from impure blood and a broken down system. In the limbs it is painful; in most of the internal organs dangerous, and in the heart usually fatal. The experience of Mr. S. Mann, the well-known general merchant of Stittsville, is interesting:

"Last winter I was badly afflicted with rheumatism. I decided to try Dr. Chase's Pills. To my surprise, I got immediate relief, and before I had used one box my affliction was gone. I was also troubled with biliousness for years, and at intervals of three or four weeks would be laid up with a severe headache and sick stomach. Since using Chase's Pills I have not had an attack of either. "I may add that Dr. Chase's Ointment for piles and skin diseases is just as effective as Dr. Chase's Pills for blood troubles. I have a clerk who suffered terribly from bleeding piles. He tried Chase's Ointment, and in a few days was completely cured." All dealers and Edmondson, Bates & Co., manufacturers, Toronto. 25c.

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FRIDAY BARGAIN DAY

CHAPMAN'S

January 24th, 1896.

1st—Seven pieces Tweed Dress Goods, regular price 44c, Friday for 20c.

2nd—Five pieces Tweed Mottled Dress Goods, regular price 25c, Bargain Day 15c.

3rd—Eight pieces Tweed Dress Goods, regular price 38c, Friday 25c.

4th—Seven pieces All-Wool Scotch plaids, worth 50c, today 25c.

5th—One lot Dress Goods, worth 45c, 50c and 60c, your choice on Friday for 25c.

6th—One table Remnants Dress Goods from 25c to 40c per yard; your choice for 15c today.

7th—One table Remnants Dress Goods, worth from 35c to 75c; your choice on Friday for 25c.

8th—Fifteen pieces 40-inch Amazon Twills, regular price 25c, Bargain Day, for 15c.

9th—Forty pairs Chenille Curtains, 3 1/2 yards long, wide dado and heavy fringe, a great snap, Friday for \$3 25.

10th—12x4 Honeycomb Quilts with fringe, worth \$2 25, for \$1 69 Friday.

11th—Imported Twill Sheet, 2 yards wide, worth 45c for 29c.

12th—Cretone Fringes, plain and fancy, worth 12 1/2c, 15c and 20c yard, your choice Friday 5c.

13th—Bleached Damask Table Cloths, 2 1/2 yards wide and 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 yards long, worth \$6 50 to \$10, for \$4 50 today.

14th—Cream Table Damask, 64 inches wide, fine quality, worth 45c, for 35c.

15th—Reversible Cretone Drapery, double fold, fancy border, worth 35c, for 25c.

16th—Fine Polka Dot Sateen Dress Goods, in electric and navy blue shades, worth 18c, for 12 1/2c.

17th—11x4 American Quilts, white toilet patterns, worth \$1 25, for \$1.

18th—Colored Quilts, 2 1/2 yards long, fast colors, worth \$1 to \$5, for 90c Friday.

19th—Best Feather Ticking, worth 25c, for 18c today.

20th—Tezel Cloth, German make, for ladies' wrappers, worth 25c, for 12 1/2c.

21st—Best Wash Silks, worth 4c, Skein today 10c.

22nd—Best Canadian Yarn, worth 50c lb, today 35c.

23rd—Ladies' Plain Wool Hose, double heel and toe, worth 25c, for 20c.

24th—Ladies' Fine Ribbed Wool Hose, worth 60c, for 40c today.

25th—Ladies' Heavy Ribbed Cashmere Hose, double soles, heels and toes, grand value at 60c, Friday for 42c.

26th—Ladies' All-Wool Ribbed Cashmere Hose, double soles, heels and toes, worth 40c, Friday for 27c.

27th—Fancy Guipure Lace Collars, worth 50c, for 25c.

28th—Boys' Heavy Ribbed Wool Hose, worth 25c, for 20c Friday.

29th—Ladies' All-Wool Scotch Ribbed Vests, worth 90c, Friday 62c.

30th—Ladies' Ribbed Wool Combination Suits, worth \$1 50, for \$1 10.

31st—Ladies' Fine Flannelette Night Dresses, silk embroidery trimming, worth \$1 25, for 82c.

32nd—Fancy Work Baskets, with or without covers, worth 35c, Friday 10c.

33rd—Men's Twilled Navy Blue Flannel Shirts, worth 90c, for 50c.

34th—Misses' Sealtie Capes, worth 75c, Friday for 50c.

35th—Men's Fleece-Lined Kid Mitts, worth 75c, Friday 45c.

36th—Men's Heavy Knitted Top Shirts, worth 50c, Friday 39c.

37th—Men's Heavy Cardigan Jackets, worth \$1 25, Friday 89c.

38th—Men's Heavy Mufflers, worth 25c, Bargain Day 13c.

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A Winner!

Will Be London's Ball Team This Season.

A Curling Bonspiel in the City—London Wins.

A Four-Cornered Contest—More Curling Today—Other Sporting News.

CURLING.

LONDON CURLERS WIN.
At the Simcoe street rink the London Curling Club entitled itself to compete in the finals for the Western Ontario tankard. The Londoners first won from Woodstock by 15 shots and then turned around and defeated the Petrolia team without any difficulty. The ice was in fine condition, and the competition (which was for supremacy in the London group for the tankard), created a fine day's sport. Glencoe rather unexpectedly sent two rinks to the competition, and Petrolia and Woodstock were the other competing visitors, the latter proving the most formidable.

As a result of the victory, the London club are entitled to play at St. Mary's in the finals. Ingersoll, Elmhurst and Forest City rinks play here today, and the winners of this group also go to St. Mary's.

Petrolia and Glencoe and London and Woodstock played together respectively in the afternoon. Glencoe fell an easy victim to the oil men, but London found their task more difficult. London then played the Petrolia, the game being concluded at 10:30 p.m., with a victory for the home rinks.

Following are the scores:

GLENCUE.	PETROLEA.
J. F. Luckham, Rink No. 1.	R. D. Noble, Rink No. 1.
J. H. Mitchell, Rink No. 2.	R. D. Noble, Rink No. 2.
G. C. McDermott, Rink No. 3.	W. F. Cooper, Rink No. 3.
S. J. McCreery, Rink No. 4.	W. F. Cooper, Rink No. 4.
R. B. McKellar, Rink No. 5.	R. J. Bradley, Rink No. 5.
R. Code, Rink No. 6.	W. F. Noble, Rink No. 6.
J. H. Brownlee, Rink No. 7.	M. J. Woodward, Rink No. 7.

Majority for Petrolia, 30 shots.
WOODSTOCK.
C. McQuaig, Rink No. 1.
F. Millman, Rink No. 2.
S. J. Cole, Rink No. 3.
W. C. Wilson, Rink No. 4.
D. Hutchinson, Rink No. 5.
John Perry, Rink No. 6.
C. O'Grady, Rink No. 7.
D. W. Karm, Rink No. 8.

Majority for London, 13 shots.
LONDON.
W. J. Walker, Rink No. 1.
T. A. Brown, Rink No. 2.
H. Beaton, Rink No. 3.
C. W. Andrus, skip, Rink No. 4.
D. B. Dewar, Rink No. 5.
R. C. Macle, Rink No. 6.
T. Gilman, Rink No. 7.
J. P. Evans, skip, Rink No. 8.

Majority for London, 20 shots.
LONDON.
Mr. C. W. Davis umpired most satisfactorily.

A FRIENDLY GAME.
Two rinks of Forest City and Glencoe curlers played a friendly game last evening, and the city rinks easily defeated the visitors. The rinks were:

FOREST CITY.	GLENCUE.
Loughead, Rink No. 1.	Luckham, Rink No. 1.
McIntosh, Rink No. 2.	R. D. Noble, Rink No. 2.
Goodwin, Rink No. 3.	R. D. Noble, Rink No. 3.
Ingles, skip, Rink No. 4.	W. F. Cooper, skip, Rink No. 4.
Stevley, Rink No. 5.	W. F. Cooper, skip, Rink No. 5.
Bartlett, Rink No. 6.	W. F. Cooper, skip, Rink No. 6.
Macdonald, Rink No. 7.	W. F. Cooper, skip, Rink No. 7.
Reid, skip, Rink No. 8.	W. F. Cooper, skip, Rink No. 8.

Majority for Forest City, 37 shots.
SARNIA DEFEATS FOREST.
Forest, Ont., Jan. 23.—Two rinks of Sarnia curlers visited Forest yesterday. The game was one of the most interesting and exciting games of the season, resulting in a victory for Sarnia by 16 shots. Score: Sarnia, McGibbon's rink, 19; Chester's rink, 25-44. Forest, Totten's rink, 15; Petty-piece's rink, 14-29.

BASEBALL.
LONDON'S OPPORTUNITY.
The lovers of baseball in London, and they are legion, have now an opportunity of displaying their local pride and sporting enthusiasm, and giving London the championship this year. Manager Arthur Sippi has determined to win the pennant by thoroughly reorganizing the Alerts and introducing new blood if necessary. To do

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Is very particular about his suit. Ordinary tailors do not appreciate the slight changes being constantly made. Our workmen are in close touch with the very newest styles.

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this the club must have some financial backing, and public-spirited citizens are being asked to subscribe towards that end. If the people here want the pennant they can have it, Snyder, of Guelph, the best player in Canada, and clever Daddy Downs, who distinguished himself with Fort Huron last year, are as good as signed by the Alerts. Jimmy Plummer, of Boston, who was Port Huron's crack pitcher last season, will probably twirl in London. Manager Sippi is also in communication with a score of good ball tossers in the United States and will soon have the team complete. A 16-year-old Bothwell phenomenon named Chas. Depew, who won sixteen games and lost none last year, will be given a trial. All the local players will be given a chance early in the season, but if a winning nine cannot be picked out of London the club will follow the example of its rivals and go abroad for men. They come high, but the city must have them. London is a good ball city, and a victorious team would make money. The fine grounds and grand stand accommodation will be advantages this year not possessed before. Messrs. Sippi and Sheere, who are circulating the subscription list, are meeting with much encouragement.

The Alerts have already signed the following: Burton, first base; Hind, center field; Thorpe and Sharpe, catchers; Sheere, pitcher; and Sippi, second base.

AQUATIC.

THE TORONTO OARSMEN FOR ENGLAND.
Toronto, Jan. 3.—Rowing clubs of this city are making arrangements by which an eight as well as a four-oared crew may be sent to Henley next summer. Hanlan believes that teams can be secured in Toronto capable of making a creditable showing against Englishmen, and members of the proposed crews will be selected at an early date. Thompson and Muntz brothers, who represented Toronto in England last year, are certain to go again this summer.

HOCKEY.

The London Hockey Club will play in Ayr tonight.

Varsity, of Toronto, is booked to play London at the Queen's avenue rink, on Jan. 31. The Trinity team will also visit London shortly afterwards.

L. C. I. VS. SOUTH LONDON.

The hockey match in the Princess Rink last night between the Collegiate Institute and South London teams was won by the former—3 to 4.

LISTOWEL VS. STRATFORD.

Listowel, Ont., Jan. 23.—In the League game at Stratford Tuesday evening Stratford defeated Listowel, but an exhibition game was played between a combination of the seniors and juniors of Listowel, which resulted in a victory for Stratford by four goals to one.

THE WHEEL.

FRANK LENZ'S DEATH.
Sachleben has cleared up every bit of mystery in connection with the murder of Frank Lenz, the globe circling wheelman. Lenz passed his last night at the house of Ava Pasha, an Armenian, at Tecklekanl. Some Kurds were present. When unpacking his traps his revolver dropped to the floor. One of the Kurds picked it up and wanted to keep it. After some difficulty Lenz recovered it. His car was also attracted attention, and the curious Kurds thought the metal parts were of great value. Next morning he started on his way. Half an hour later he was dead. That was on May 10, 1894.

With Perjury.

William Meaden Charged Before Police Magistrate Parke

And Sent for Trial—Alleged to Have Sworn Falsely in an Affidavit—W. H. Bartram the Complainant.

Wm. Meaden, an engineer at John Ferguson & Sons, and a resident of the city for a quarter of a century, was sent for trial by Police Magistrate Parke this morning on a charge of committing perjury.

W. H. Bartram, barrister, is the complainant. Meaden has a daughter married to Edward Jure, of London West, and last summer she began a suit against her husband for alimony. On Oct. 26 an affidavit was made by Meaden to the effect that Mrs. Jure had instructed Mr. Bartram to bring the alimony action, and have her husband arrested, as she believed he was about to go to England. The affidavit was made before E. T. Essery, and drawn up at Meaden's house.

Mr. Bartram alleges that the affidavit contained three paragraphs. On Nov. 3 Meaden made another affidavit, in which he stated that part of the second and the whole of the third paragraph of the first affidavit had been added unknown to him, and that a large blank space had been left on the paper between his signature and the affidavit. He then made an application to Justice R. M. Meredith to have the first affidavit removed from the files. The application was refused and an appeal made to the court in Toronto.

The second affidavit is alleged to have cast a reflection on Mr. Bartram and Mr. Essery, and Meaden's appearance in court is the outcome. Both affidavits were produced by Col. Shanley, and sworn to as being those sworn to and signed by the accused, Meaden was sent for trial, bail being accepted in \$200.

The case of Robert Stanley was withdrawn. Stanley was charged with removing earth from the street.

Sparks from the Wire.

A mild form of grip has struck Ottawa. The deficit in the Cuban budget for 1895 is estimated to exceed \$8,000,000.

Major and Brevet Brigadier-General Joseph Horace Heaton, United States army, is dead, aged 80.

Mr. George Johnson, merchant of Clarence street, Ottawa, and his family, narrowly escaped being victims of a fire which destroyed all the contents of his store and damaged the household furniture, on Tuesday morning. Mr. Johnson is a sufferer in terrible agony from burns he received while rescuing his family from the flames. Mrs. Johnson and the servant, Sadie Crozier were also severely injured.

Chest protectors, chamois vests, etc., cheap. Anderson & Nelles' drug store.

Steady rain has been falling in the Lower Missouri Valley for over a week, and reports from various points state that farms have been inundated, fences destroyed and bridges swept away.

Give Holloway's Corn Cure a trial. It removed ten corns from one pair of feet without any pain. What it has done once it will do again.

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Another War Cloud

An Alliance Between Russia and Turkey Concluded.

France May Be Included—Great Britain Likely to Object for All the Is Worth.

London, Jan. 23.—A dispatch to the Pall Mall Gazette from Constantinople says that an offensive and defensive alliance has been concluded between Russia and Turkey. The Pall Mall Gazette correspondent adds that the treaty was signed at Constantinople and that the ratifications were exchanged at St. Petersburg between Aaref Pasha and the Czar.

The basis of the treaty is declared to be on the lines of the Unkarskeless agreement of 1833, by which Turkey agreed, in the event of Russia going to war, to close the Dardanelles to the warships of all nations. The Pall Mall Gazette correspondent then says that the treaty will soon be abandoned, owing to the refusal of the powers to recognize it. He also says that the French ambassador, M. Cambon, conferred with the Sultan yesterday, and that it is probable France will be included in the new alliance. The Gazette, commenting on the dispatch, says:

"We regard the news as true, and the result of the treaty is that the Dardanelles is now the southern outpost of Russia, and Turkey is Russia's vassal. We presume the British Government will protest against the treaty for all it is worth. The information is plainly of the VERY GRAVEST IMPORTANCE."

"The first intimation reached us four days ago, but we withheld it until the arrival of strong confirmation this morning. This brings Russia into the Mediterranean with a vengeance, and may necessitate the strengthening of our fleet in those waters. Politically, the effect will be far greater. The treaty means that Turkey has realized her own impotence against disorders both from within and without, and has decided to throw herself for safety into the arms of Russia. She is now Russia's vassal, and Russia is entitled to dispatch troops to any part of the Sultan's dominions whenever there is the least breath of disorder and when there is no. We presume the armistice will give the Russian satisfaction to the Anglo-Armenian section of our people. With them lies the chief blame for the complete alienation of Turkey, though it must be owned that it has been sedulously fostered by a long term of weak policy at Constantinople."

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Battenburg's Last Hours.

Died Peacefully, Leaving Kind Messages for His Relatives.

Story of His Illness—He Fought Against It Too Long—His Wife Wanted to Nurse Him.

London, Jan. 23.—Prince Henry of Battenburg, the Queen's son-in-law, arrived at Mansu, Ashantee, in company with Sir Francis Scott, states and Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, from Akrofi, on the evening of Dec. 23, after an arduous march of 21 miles. The road, for a great part lay through forest and bush, and the heat was very oppressive. Prince Henry accomplished the journey in safety, although he complained of the heat. The next morning, in order to avoid the heat as much as possible, Prince Henry started in advance of the staff with Prince Christian, but otherwise the two princes were treated exactly in the same manner as the other officers, all of whom traveled in hammocks. The prince, however, the bearers being changed at intervals. At Nyisa, some days later, Prince Henry began to suffer from swamp fever, and on Jan. 9 it was deemed that he would not survive the journey. The prince, however, recovered, and it was only when his condition became really dangerous that he consented to go to the rear in charge of a special surgeon, and with a small escort. In order not to alarm her Majesty and Princess Beatrice, the real condition of the prince's health was not made known to them. It was stated that he was only suffering from a slight attack of fever, and that his speedy recovery was anticipated. The prince, however, grew worse, and neither the care and attention bestowed upon him at the hospital ashore nor on board the steamer, did him any good, and it was finally determined to send him to the island of Madeira on board the British cruiser Blonde. The prince, however, somewhat recovered, but the fever had obtained such a hold upon him that a relapse followed Tuesday, and in spite of everything done to save him, the prince expired at 9 o'clock in the evening. The Blonde thereupon put about to sea, and the prince's death was cabled to England. The prince died peacefully, leaving kind messages for those at home.

THE MCCORD CASE.

His Disease Pronounced Diabetes and Incurable—Given Up by Himself and Friends—Cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Richmond, Jan. 20.—The talk of farmers and others in town is mostly about the astonishing cure of Wm. McCord, a farmer near here. His presence made assurance visible, and he said: "After the doctors had pronounced my trouble Diabetes no one thought recovery possible. I was partially paralyzed, was nine months in bed and I ran down until I was a mere shell. When I commenced taking Dodd's Kidney Pills I stuck close to directions. One box helped me and nine boxes cured me. Am 60 years old and have lived here 40 years." Dodd's Kidney Pills are sold by all druggists and dealers. Price 50 cents a box.

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E. & E.

THE WEATHER TO-DAY.
Cloudy, snow, rain or sleet.

Why Can't You See

What we are doing now for our lady customers. We are always offering something worth securing. Whether you secure it or not is another thing. Sometimes you arrive too late, that's why we impress upon you now the necessity of calling early.

OUR WHITEWEAR SALE

Should draw a large concourse of customers while it continues, which depends entirely upon how long you leave these wonderful opportunities untouched.

Gowns, good cotton, insertion set in front, 24 tucks, double full down front, also on sleeves and neck. 39c

Gowns, splendid cotton, insertion set in front, cluster tucks, double with full down front and sleeves, turn collar, full sleeves and skirt. 50c

Corset Covers

Plain, but good, 10c.

V Shaped Corset Covers, trimmed, wide embroidery, feather stitch, heading, perfect fitting. 25c

A few odds and ends of more expensive Covers, slightly soiled from handling, were sold at 60c, 75c and 80c, just to clear at. 35c

A splendid range, comprising several styles and shapes, square cut, V shape, etc., at. 50c

We have a splendid line of Drawers at 25c. Though very cheap they are of good cotton, trimmed with frill or embroidery, good full sizes, cluster tucks, both closed and open.

We have a few odd pairs at 35c that we formerly sold at 65c and 75c. At 50c we have a line of extra heavy cotton, six fine tucks, trimmed, wide embroidery, the 75c kind.

Be sure and examine our stock of Whitewear before you commence to make yours up.

SMALLMAN & INGRAM

149-151 Dundas St.

A FIENDISH FATHER.

Fowler, Ind., Jan. 23.—Albert Tollis, of Brook, has been brought here by the deputy sheriff and lodged in jail to prevent his being lynched. Sunday night Tollis was annoyed by the crying of his 8-months-old baby. He seized it and squeezed its head between his knees until blood gushed from its ears and nose. The child died next day, and a charge of murder was preferred against the father.

Piles! Piles! Itching Piles!
SYMPTOMS—Moisture; intense itching and stinging; mostly at night; caused by scratching; if allowed to continue tumors form, which often bleed and ulcerate, becoming very sore. Swayne's Ointment stops the itching and bleeding, heals ulceration, and in all cases removes the tumors. At druggists, or by mail, 50 cents. Dr. Swayne & Son, Philadelphia, Lyman, Sons & Co., Montreal, wholesale agents.

Connoisseurs of driving patronize Overmeyer's livery, Richmond street north, as he has only the latest style of rigs. "Phone 423.

Ladies, our steel engraving effects are as fine as can be made. Cooper & Sanders, photographers, corner Dundas and Richmond, over C. P. R.

Have you been disappointed

In using Fibre Chamois?

Always Cut Across the Goods

For the Following Reasons:

In a skirt for instance, the fine creases or wrinkles that run lengthwise of the goods should always run around, never up and down.

They will thus act as so many little wires, giving splendid support and stiffness. The drag and strain will also be across the grain which is much tougher that way.

No. 10, the light weight, used in this way will be found ample support for all skirts and sleeves and the weight will not be felt. A few inches of the No. 30 around the hem may be necessary in a street skirt.

No. 20, the medium, is best for giving body and warmth in coats, capes, etc.

No. 30, the heavy, should only be used either single or double, in collars, belts, lapels, etc.

To keep all in place and bring the strain equally on lining and interlining

Tack Securely to the Lining.

The name and number is on every card to protect you. Now read again carefully and remember it or out it out.

Used as above satisfaction is positively certain. Redfern approves, so do Lillian Russell, Mrs. Jennie Miller, Mrs. Frank Leslie and thousands of others.

Then you have not cut it properly, Have used the wrong weight or have been induced to try the "Just as good" imitations.

Town and Country

News of the Day Gathered by Advertiser Correspondents.

STRATHROY.

Strathroy, Jan. 23.—One of the pleasant events of the season was the leap year reception given in the Lyceum last evening by the young ladies of Strathroy, about 60 couples being present. The hall was tastefully decorated with flags, bunting, etc. The music furnished by the London Harpers was excellent, and dancing was kept up until a very small hour. One of the most pleasant features of the evening was the presence of many welcome guests from outside the town. The complete success which attended the committee's efforts is a tribute to their energy and powers of management. Mr. Will English is visiting friends in Toronto.

Miss Harris left yesterday morning on a visit to her sister in Boston.

Miss Kate Macdonald, of Watford, is visiting Mrs. (Dr.) McCabe, Front street.

Miss O'Mara, of London, is visiting Miss Mary Crotty, of this town.

Mr. Wm. Thomas, a resident of Arkona, passed away last Friday at the age of 61 years. The funeral took place last Monday.

Mr. Wm. Bernard and daughter Nellie, of London, spent a few days with Mrs. Wm. Murby, Canadian street.

On Tuesday evening next, Jan. 23, a reception will be held in the parlors of the "Olympic Club." (Committee of management: Messrs. W. Wilson, J. D. Meekison, and A. H. Charles. Dancing at 8:30.

Rev. Mr. Jordan will conduct preparatory services at Beechwood, on Saturday morning, Jan. 25. He has also consented to preach the anniversary services at Bridgen on the first Sabbath of February.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Best, of this town, left yesterday for Windsor, where they will in future reside. Mr. Best has for some time held the position of traveler for the British American Browning and Walling Co., of that city, and finds it more convenient to that account to live in that city.

The death of Michael Regan, which took place at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Collins, Campbell street yesterday morning was an event worthy of notice, as the old gentleman had reached his 106th year. During his long life he had enjoyed excellent health and it was only on the last three months that the end had been looked for. The funeral took place this morning for the Strathroy cemetery.

FOREST.

Forest, Jan. 23.—There is some talk of establishing a flax mill in town this year.

At Theford it is in the wind that Duncan Weir is about to rig up another flax mill in that town. "Opposition is the life of trade."

The Endeavorers have endeavored, and as a result the Congregational Church, of Lake Shore, Bosanquet, is nicely cleaned up and the sweet strains of the new organ will (D. V.) be heard first Sunday morning. Now they will soon be endeavoring to collect the dimes so as to enable them to purchase it out and out.

LUCAN.

"Advertiser" Agent, Willard Hodgins. Little Molley Fox, daughter of Mr. John Fox, banker, slipped on the sidewalk a few days ago and fractured her collar bone. The little girl is not suffering very much pain and will soon be around. Dr. Shaw is the attending physician.

At the close of the service in Holy Trinity Church on Wednesday evening the young people of the congregation were asked to remain for the purpose of organizing a Young People's Working Society. Two committees were formed, viz, social and visiting. Mr. F. Fox was appointed convener. The meetings will be held once a month.

A little girl belonging to Mr. C. Quigley met with a painful accident a few days ago. The cellar door fell heavily on and caught the child's fingers between it and the floor, breaking them badly. The fingers were amputated.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria. When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

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