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TWO SHANTYMEN FOUND
DEAD NEAR FORT FRANCES.

William Watson, from Lanark, Found With His Throat Cut and Other Wounds—John Scott's Body Frozen Stiff.

Fort Frances, Ont., Jan. 14.—A terrible tragedy took place at Frog Creek, three miles north, some time last evening. Two men, William Watson and John Scott, engaged last week to cut wood for A. Dowler on the farm of James Mackay and were allowed to use the shanty adjoining the claim. Dowler visited them on Sunday, when Scott complained of being sick. On Monday night a gentleman named Cole passing by heard the doors shut, and that was the last heard of the two men. This morning Cole and another man passing by thought something was wrong, and going to the shanty, found it empty. On the floor they picked up a can knife and whetstone covered with blood and found the bed in the same condition. Near the house they found the body of Watson leaning against a stump dead, with a gash in his throat and his head knocked in. A little further on they found Scott lying in the snow, frozen stiff. No marks were apparent on him, and Scott had been dead for some time. How Watson could have received such terrible wounds is a mystery.

Watson is said to be from Lanark county, Ontario, and was about 40 years of age. Supposed to have a wife and family. It is not known where Scott comes from. He was about 50 years of age and clean-shaven. Both men were addicted to drink and had been hanging around town since New Year's. Dr. Moore, coroner, opened an inquest yesterday.

EIGHT PEOPLE KILLED.

Result of Elevator Accident at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 14.—A crowd of employees pressing against the elevator gate last night on the sixth floor of the Brown Shoe Company building at Eleventh street and Washington avenue caused the gate to give way, and ten persons were plunged down the shaft. Six were taken out dead and of the other four, who were hurried to the city hospital, two died there. The other two are seriously injured.

The employees were waiting for the elevator to take them down. The elevator was at the seventh floor when those on the sixth floor, eager to be first into the cage, began to push forward, breaking the gate, sending ten persons down the shaft.

All the dead are foreigners, with residence here. James Johnston, the elevator operator, was arrested. Johnston said the elevator gate did not break, but that it had been raised by employees, and that suddenly those in the rear pushed those in front down the well. Factory Superintendent Fray corroborated Johnston's story.

NOORDLAND DISABLED.

Red Star Liner Unmanageable in a Gale.

Portland, Me., Jan. 14.—The Cornishman, which arrived here yesterday from Liverpool, reports that on January 3 she sighted the Red Star Line steamer Noordland, Liverpool for Philadelphia, in a disabled condition. The Noordland was hove to during a gale, and displaying two red lights, signalling that she was unmanageable. The captain of the Cornishman said that the Noordland appeared to be weathering the gale safely, and he believed she must have had some temporary repairs. The Noordland sailed from Liverpool on Dec. 30, and the Cornishman left port the day following. The Noordland is two days behind her schedule.

ABEEL'S EXTRADITION.

Judge Wells Finds Against the Prisoner.

Welland, Jan. 14.—James N. Abeel, the young man from New York, who has been in jail here for some weeks, being charged with forging the name of the Second Vice-President of the Western Union Telegraph Company, New York, to a letter introducing himself to employees of the Western Union Telegraph Co. as J. Ogden Goelet, jun., which he presented to Miss Anderson, a telegraph operator, becoming acquainted with her and engaging to marry her, appeared in court to hear the decision of Judge Wells as to his extradition to New York. The young man did not get any money through his forgery and apparently did not try to get any, but the Goelet family are prosecuting to clear their name.

Judge Wells, in giving his decision, therefore, ruled that Abeel be remanded to Welland jail for fifteen days, when he will be extradited to New York city, unless appeal be entered. Mr. W. M. German, counsel for the prisoner since his arrest, states that the case will be at once appealed. Abeel will remain in Welland jail until it is decided.

Cold weather saves many people from freezing by not going out in it.

PREACHED 'CANADA FOR CANADIANS' IN THE MARTS OF YANKEELAND

Ex-Mayor Malcolmson did Patriotic Mission Work on his Recent American Tour—Success of Former Chathamites—An Interesting Interview

Ex-Mayor Hugh Malcolmson—a gentleman, who always travels with eyes and ears open, an entertaining conversationalist, who is thus able to take his friends with him on his many interesting tours—has returned from the west.

Mr. Malcolmson went to Minneapolis to spend Yuletide with his son and nephew and to meet Mrs. Malcolmson on her return from Winnipeg.

Mr. Malcolmson is a sturdy and enthusiastic believer in the great destiny of our magnificent country and ardently preaches the grand doctrine of "Canada for the Canadians" wherever he goes. And it must be confessed that he takes special satisfaction in enunciating his principles where they will have, perhaps, the most impressive effect—within the borders and the commercial strongholds of the neighboring republic.

Yesterday The Planet secured an interesting interview with Mr. Malcolmson, soliciting his impressions of the western American cities and their leading business men.

Through his nephew, who has been an active member on the corn exchange for ten or twelve years, Mr. Malcolmson was introduced to many of the leading men and largest operators and was thus able, to a large extent, to lay his hand upon the pulse of commercial opinion. Between the twin cities, Minneapolis and St. Paul, there is a keen rivalry and by-the-way—it is astonishing, comments Mr. Malcolmson, to see the number of Canadians who are forging their way to the front in the marts of commercial supremacy, several old Chathamites among the number.

"In St. Paul," continued Mr. Malcolmson, "I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Geo. S. Deeks, formerly of our Collegiate staff here. Mr. Deeks has been most successful and is one of the city's wealthy and prosperous men. He is a contractor for railway construction mostly in rock work and concrete, and is now handling several large contracts for the Great Northern Railway. He has also large interests in the mining operations in Alaska and the day I was there received an offer for the purchase of the same for \$80,000. Mr. Deeks entertained me most elaborately. In his carriage he drove me over the beautiful city of St. Paul, and in the evening took me to one of the best clubs in the city to dine and introduced me to a number of the leading men.

"I found in the west almost invariably the first question the American would ask, when he found I was a Canadian was, 'What are the prospects for closer business relations with you people?' One enthusiast said, 'We must have it! Some west even farther and asked if there were any possibility or likelihood of political relations. 'Invariably my answer to the proposition for closer business relations was that they had in the past abruptly surrounded themselves with an impassable wall of protection, making, perhaps, for the time being, Canadians to feel out in the cold, but that my opinion was, judging from developments, it was the best thing that ever happened the Canadian people. It only aroused their northern blood to further self-development and the finding of other markets for the products of forest, field and mine, and I was proud to say they had been eminently successful. To-day, Canada was the keenest competitor the States had in the British market. I emphatically told them that closer political relations were simply an impossibility. The politician or individual who would speak of closer political relations would do so by taking his life in his hand. I told them the only way they could successfully operate against Canada was in the pirating away of many of our fine young men. I pointed out that even in their own city were many Canadians, all reaping the advantage of their good Canadian, moral training, as well as their scholastic accomplishment. They all admitted that Canadian employees were second to none.

"One enthusiast still pressed the point, 'We must have closer business relations.' I replied with some pleasure that our experience was that we had offered fair and equitable propositions whereby commercial arrangements might exist freely between the two peoples. Both were turned down so effectively that there is no tittle of sentiment in Canada to renew negotiations. We did the begging twice, and now, as you say

in the west, 'it's up to you.'

"I asked with some interest," continued Mr. Malcolmson, "why the American people in the west were so extremely anxious for reciprocal trade with Canada. Their answer was that the Canadian wheat fields of the west had developed so marvelously in the last few years that the time seemed not far distant when Canada would control the grain market of the world. The immense mills planted around St. Anthony's Falls require a wonderful quantity of grain to keep them going. Why, one mill alone grinds 16,000 bushels of flour per day. The requirements of the many mills are millions of bushels and it can thus be seen why they are anxious for closer relationships.

"Another gentleman told me he had acquired a tract of land somewhere near the foothills of the Rockies for raising sheep. He spent his summers there and his winters in St. Paul. He spoke in the highest terms of the Canadian people, their laws of order, their morals and how impartially their laws were administered. One gentleman asked if I did not think, in consequence of the immense migration from the Western States to Canadian territory the Americans would exercise some political influence for closer relations. I replied that I didn't suppose our American friends would really know they were out of the States unless they were forcibly reminded of it by the better law and order and morality of the people. As far as annexation was concerned, it was simply impossible, unless it was the gradual annexing—thousands every year of Americans to Canada. There never was a time in history when Canada was more closely drawn to the mother country purely on sentiment."

Speaking further of his trip Mr. Malcolmson said, "I went west to Lexington, Neb., about 600 miles south-west of Minneapolis, entirely through Iowa in daylight. I had thus an opportunity of seeing part of the State of Minnesota and the entire State of Iowa. I did not see a semblance of snow, the ground was dry and the temperature about 30 above. The farmers complain of the lack of snow as injurious to the winter wheat. From Omaha to Lexington, about 240 miles, the same conditions existed."

"I met a man on the train in Iowa, Yankee-like, he came to the smoker and before five minutes had elapsed had told me who he was, where he was going and his occupation. He said he had been a banker for nine years, had made money and sold out for a bonus of \$8,000. He was now moving to Washington Territory for the benefit of his health. He said that scores of farmers were moving to the Northwest Territories, so much so that they are making the banks in their old district hard up. The moving farmers took with them all the cash they could control, and many who left their farms borrowed as much as they could on time and took the money with them."

"I called to see Mr. Willoughby, here. He is well, prosperous and much respected by his employers. I had twenty minutes' conversation with the vice-president and he told me Mr. Willoughby was doing admirably. 'We'll take all the young men you send from Canada like Willoughby,' he declared. 'Our best young men are from Canada.'"

Mr. Malcolmson was much impressed by the beauty of many of the American cities he visited, but returned with the conviction stronger than ever that Canadians are wise to stick to Canada and develop the grand possibilities of our magnificent Dominion.

CARTIER KILLED

Word was received in the city yesterday morning of the death of Melvin Cartier, a brother of John Cartier, of C. Austin & Co.'s store, of this city.

Melvin, who has been working in Charlevoix, Mch., was struck by a train and was almost instantly killed.

He was, before leaving Chatham, employed with Morley & Co., tailors of this city. He was deaf and dumb. The remains will be brought to Chatham for interment.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

Ross Outlines His Program at the Ontario Legislature Opening To-day.

Alludes to Proposed Measure 'For Improvement of the Census Laws' and Other Matters.

Special to The Planet, via C.P.R. Toronto, Ont., January 14, 1904.—The Ontario Legislature opened this morning at Toronto. The visitors' gallery was well filled and much interest was taken in the opening. The following was the speech from the throne.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly.—I take great pleasure in again meeting you as representatives of the province in parliament assembled. The important subject of municipal assessment will engage your further attention. Having the advantages derived from the report of the Royal Commission already in your hands and the careful and painstaking deliberations devoted to the difficult questions involved by the select committee appointed during the last session of the Legislature. Closely connected with this subject and prominently brought before public attention by farmers' associations, will be the question of railways and the determination of a reasonable basis of division of revenue received from this source as between the municipalities and the Province. It affords me much pleasure to notice the continued efficiency of the asylums, hospitals, and other public institutions of the Province, for which the Legislature has made such liberal provision for many years. You will be pleased to know that buildings to be used as a hospital for epileptics are in process of erection, and are expected to be ready for the reception of patients during the current year. It is, too, gratifying to notice that several counties that have not yet established houses of refuge for the indigent are preparing to do so. The generosity of the municipalities in this respect is worthy of the highest commendation. The means adopted for the protection of the public health against contagious diseases have been effective in their results, and the general measures taken to improve the sanitary conditions of all parts of the Province have received the cordial co-operation of the local authorities. Through Divine goodness, the blessings of a bountiful harvest have been vouchsafed to the husbandmen in every portion of the Province, and it is an additional cause for gratitude that prices for all the products of the farm, and especially for those of the dairy and orchard, have been very satisfactory during the past year. The signs of continued prosperity, not in agriculture alone, but in every important branch of business and industrial enterprise gives cause for hearty congratulation.

The attendance at the agricultural college continues to increase steadily. The building erected through the generosity of Sir Macdonald are appreciated and complete and for the first time in the history of the Province, instruction is provided for the daughters of Ontario farmers. The rapid increase of the membership of Women's Institutes shows that this instruction will be appreciated. It is satisfactory to be able to state that the labor industry has continued in a prosperous condition during the past year. The strongest evidence is afforded by the recent timber sale at which, notwithstanding that the dues and ground rent were almost doubled, the prices were in excess of those received at any previous sale. In order to further protect the forest wealth of the Province, large additional tracts of timbered lands—non-agricultural—have been interchanged, and have been set aside as forest reserve, from



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which settlement will be excluded, and in which it is proposed to apply firm conditions as to the cutting and conservation of the timber. Progress continues to be made in the developing of the mineral resources of the Province, and recent discoveries of new and valuable ores emphasize at once the latent wealth of our northern regions and the wisdom of providing railway facilities to render them accessible.

Owing to the deficiency of farm labor in the Province, and consequent embarrassment to agriculture, special efforts were made by my government to induce immigration of agricultural laborers from Great Britain, with the result that many farmers were supplied with much needed assistance during the harvest and autumn season.

Satisfactory progress has been made with the construction of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway, and the advantages which have already resulted to the Province demonstrate the great value of the undertaking. The surveys made during the past year, show that the railway may be profitably prolonged at moderate cost, through the centre of the rich agricultural district northwest of Lake Temiskaming, as far as the proposed line of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. A measure enabling the government to proceed with the extension, will be submitted to you.

There will be laid before you the report of the select committee, appointed at the local session of the House for the purpose of collecting reports of committees or commissions or other authorities on the subject of municipal trading, or municipal ownership, or the operation of public utilities as well as other authoritative deliverance on these subjects. Measures will be submitted for the improvement of the license laws; the amendment of the assessment act; the conservation of the timber resources of the Province; a bill to enable municipal councils in cities, towns and villages by-law to substitute own board of trust and for the existing high school board, public school board, and library board; a bill to amend the election act and the act respecting the supplementary revenue of the Province. The estimates for the current year, prepared with as great regard to economy as is consistent with the efficient service and the growing wants of the Province, will be submitted for your early consideration.

BADLY BURNED

Mrs. Chas. Runkle met with a nasty accident last evening about 9 o'clock. She was taking a vapor bath, when the curtain around the bath caught fire. Mrs. Runkle was very severely burned and her husband had his hands badly burned while extinguishing the flames. Some of the furniture of the room was also destroyed. Mr. and Mrs. Runkle were both confined to the house to-day. Mrs. Runkle's injuries are quite serious.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 14.

MR. STEPHENS AND THE REGIMENT.

Our excellent young military friend, Lieutenant Will A. Coltart, the energetic and capable adjutant of the 24th Regiment, yesterday favored The Planet with an interesting letter setting forth the services of Mr. George Stephens, M. P., to the Regiment.

Mr. Coltart is a capital writer and the fact that he pronounces his politics G-r-r-r-r-r-it does not detract from the vehemence of his correspondence on Mr. Stephens' behalf. It was a spirited letter and we have no doubt Mr. Stephens enjoyed re-reading it in print in the columns of his great home journal.

While The Planet would have liked to see the diligent services of Mr. Tarte, Colonel Rankin, Major Scholfield and others including Lieutenant Coltart himself recognized in these matters, it is quite content for its part to let Mr. Stephens shoulder all the credit. He appears to need it most badly.

Then, again, it would be such a pity to introduce matters of petty politics into our regimental affairs—even for the sake of as excellent a gentleman as Mr. Stephens.

ELECTION OR SESSION.

Says the Ottawa Citizen:

There is much speculation at present as to whether the Dominion Government will hold another session or appeal to the country. From the differences of opinion among people who should be well informed here at the source of information, there is good ground for the belief that the Cabinet is in a quandary and has not yet decided upon either course. There is no doubt a strong feeling in favor of going to the country at the earliest possible moment when the evil days come not and the Ross Government is yet able to hang on to its precarious lease of life. The control of the election machinery and the liquor vote in Ontario is no small factor in the problem. Besides times are good and the Government would prefer, if possible, to avoid the possible revelations of another session regarding the manner in which it is dealing with the public money.

But opposed to the manifest advantage of an early appeal to the people, is the rather awkward position in which the Government finds itself in regard to the only real manifestation of policy of which it has been guilty during its eight years of office, namely, the Grand Trunk Pacific scheme. One of the chief incentives to the hoholus acceptance of the project and its railroading through the house was the alluring prospect of a fat campaign fund. Optimists talked largely of a million dollars as a not unreasonable evidence of gratitude on the part of the promoters whose reluctance to wait forced the Government into fathering a half-baked, and, it would appear from the financiers' point of view, an undigestible scheme calling for a very heavy expenditure of money. While the Government was able to make its supporters open their mouths and shut their eyes to bolt the proposition, the projectors of the enterprise do not appear to have been equally successful in dealing with the British financiers on similar lines. When the canny Britisher opens his pocket he wants to know something more definite in the way of details about a huge enterprise of that kind. The projectors might not be able to wait for a parliamentary scrutiny of their scheme, but their impetuosity does not find such ready sympathizers among the men whose opinion of a scheme depends on the cold facts on which may be founded the judgment of prospective dividends.

That the Grand Trunk Pacific is having difficulty in financing its project is apparent from the inability to put up the deposit of five million in cash as agreed, and the acceptance by the Government of mortgage bonds instead cannot be legal until it is endorsed by Parliament, which endorsement would of course, involve another session. A prominent London financier writing a gentleman in Ottawa says: "The company has certainly broken its contract with the government and I am practically sure it cannot keep it, even if backed by the Grand Trunk. The board of the latter have had several stormy meetings since the passage of the Grand Trunk Pacific bill, and when Mr. Hayes was here there was much recrimination. The Times correspondent cabled from Ottawa (Times, Dec. 19) that Sir Wilfrid Laurier told him that the Grand Trunk had deposited with the government \$1,000,000 mortgage bonds of

the Grand Trunk as a guarantee that the contract would be carried out, but that the deposit had to be confirmed by a public meeting of the Grand Trunk shareholders. The shareholders of the Grand Trunk are, I believe, not disposed to ratify such a deposit, as they do not see how the Grand Trunk can make any money out of the scheme as devised. The financial world here will not back it. They have no millions to toss into what they consider more a political than a commercial venture. The engineering world condemns the project as very badly devised and the military authorities at the war office are opposed to accentuating the present weak strategic position of Canada. Thus it looks as if the scheme would fall to pieces."

In the face of this project it does not appear opportune for the government to appeal to the country. Its only claim to public approval appears to have ended in a fizzle, or what is much more to the point, the projectors are for the present, at least, not in a position to come down with that handsome campaign fund when their financial resources are not equal to putting up the initial deposit for the scheme.

It looks like a session.

ROSS MAJORITY

The Globe considers that Hon. George W. Ross has a perfect right to call the legislature together because he has a majority of two in the legislature. But how long would he have that majority if he had not, by his action in summoning the legislature to meet on Jan. 14, necessitated a postponement of the election trials? Not one of the Grit members whose seats have been attacked was willing to go on with the trials while the legislature was in session. In referring to Mr. Ross' position on the St. Thomas Times says:

A majority of the electors of Ontario have decided against them. They are there through fraudulent use of the numbered ballot, through intimidation and wholesale bribery, through resorting to all manner of trickery, through muzzling the law. The result in North R. drew justifies the belief that had the election trials been allowed to go through, four or five constituencies would have opened in every one of which, by a square election, opponents of the government would have been returned.

Has a member fraudulently elected a moral right to sit and vote in the legislature? The honest electorate of the country will say No. If the members for the four Norths and Sault Ste. Marie are there by fraud they do not represent the people of those constituencies; and every vote they record in the House is a vote for the benefit of a Cabinet discredited by a majority of the people, and not a vote for the people for whom they presume to sit. The Ross government is in a minority so far as the popular vote is concerned, and would be in a minority in the legislature if the wishes of the people had not been thwarted by agents paid by the government to debauch and defraud the electors.

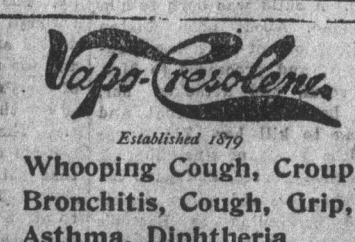
Had Mr. Ross been honest with the people he might be excused for hanging on to the last, but he has no right to hold on with the popular vote against him, and being supported by the votes of members whose right to sit has been impeached by actions in law, and who, in fact, have no right to sit in the house.

Mr. Ross may wriggle and defy the will of the people a little longer, but the beginning of the end is in sight. He would have preserved his dignity had he surrendered office when he found a majority of the electors against him, or had he scraped the barnacles off the ship of state when they were found. He chose to tolerate the barnacles, and even defend them. Having assumed that attitude he must submit to the penalty and go down with the disabled ship. The sturdy, faithful, honorable Liberals who have believed in and supported Mr. Ross for a generation are aroused, and will stand by him no longer.



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Pardo, Grit M. L. A., says Ross is in deep water. I suppose he is afraid to get into shallow water for fear some of the barnacles got scraped off.—Hamilton Spectator.

Pardo, M. L. A., at Chatham the other day said Mr. Ross "is in deep water now." Mr. Pardo also said, "I am glad the people have confidence in Mr. Ross." Now, who are "the people?" About 8,000 majority of the electors of Ontario have said they have no confidence in Mr. Ross.—Stratford Herald.

Those are real cruel cracks that the Bannier is taking at the aldermen these days. Ald. Pigott got his petty personal jab the other day and resented it personally at the Council Board. Now everyone will be wondering how Ald. McCog will digest the dose of physics the hill-top editor dished up to him last night.

MORNING FOG

There was a heavy fog in this city yesterday morning. The early risers were all worrying over the mist as they recalled the ancient adage, "A winter fog will freeze a dog." Many there were, who, as they walked along, peered this formula that foretold cold weather. Some there were, however, who found solace in this, "There are times when all signs fail."

One old resident remarked that there was an adage to the effect that a fog in January meant a frost in June. Nearly everybody found consolation in the proverbial January thaw.

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SUCCESSFUL CANADIAN

Peter McArthur will be manager of William T. Stead's new paper, in London, Eng. Mr. McArthur, who is a native from Exford, Ont., has been in England for some time, and has been contributing to Punch, and is about to publish a book consisting of humorous reflections from the colonial point of view on the manners and methods in England. Mr. McArthur did his first writing for the press as correspondent for the Glasgow Transcript while attending the Wardsville High School in the eighties, and was at one time a correspondent for this great home journal.

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WORLD OF SPORT

THE RING

GANS GOT JUDGEMENT.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 12.—"Joe" Gans, the light-weight champion, was given a well-merited decision over "Willie" Fitzgerald, of Brooklyn, at the end of their tenth round of the bout before the Metropolitan A. C. to-night. He knocked Fitzgerald down four times, forced the fighting the major portion of the time and landed more effectively and more powerful blows. Fitzgerald had the fifth round checked in the colored man's jaw, making the latter groggy. Fitzgerald, instead of following his advantage, swung repeatedly for Gans' head and missed, enabling the colored man to recuperate. Again, in the last half minute of the ninth Fitzgerald landed a hard left swing on Gans' head without result. In all of the other rounds Gans showed a decided superiority. He knocked Fitzgerald down in the first round with a short right swing on the jaw; in the fourth with another punch on the jaw; in the sixth with a terrific swing to the same place, and again in the eighth with a left-hand blow on the jaw. He forced the fighting. In the ninth round Fitzgerald's seconds were crying to him to play for Gans' body, but the call went unheeded, and Fitzgerald lost his one opportunity.

CROUP.

The peculiar cough which indicates croup, is usually well known to the mothers of croupy children. No time should be lost in the treatment of it, and for this purpose no medicine has received more universal approval than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For sale by all druggists. Tuesday, Jan. 12.

Mr. J. Y. Hemming

MARKS BROS AT THE GRAND.

Marks Bros' bill last night was The Redeemed Pledge, and was one of the best of the week, and the house was comfortably filled. The drawing power of Marks Bros. is simply wonderful. In their two weeks' engagement here, they have not had a single bad night.

BRITISH PRESTIGE FAILING.

The London Times' Correspondent at Shanghai Cites One Reason.

London, Jan. 13.—The correspondent of the Times at Shanghai illustrates the decadence of British commercial prestige in China by citing the action of two British electric companies with reference to a tramway contract at Shanghai. They have abandoned the contract, alleging the impossibility of raising capital owing to the uncertainty of the political outlook. Their action, the correspondent says, emphasizes the criticism recently directed against the methods of British financiers in the far east.

Coughs, colds, hoarseness, and other throat ailments are quickly relieved by Cresolene. Tablets, ten cents per box. All druggists.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed, bulk or separate tenders will be received at the offices of the undersigned up till 7 p. m. Saturday, January 24th, 1904, for the several trades required to erect and complete a two-story brick veneer residence, with concrete to water-tight. Location of building in Raleigh Township, for A. R. Mummery, Esq. Proprietor furnishes all bricks, sand and stone required.

Plans, specifications and details can be seen at the architects' offices. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

JAS. L. WILSON & SON, Architects.

A. R. MUMMERY, Proprietor.

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QUICK CLEAN-UPS

In every stock is the order of the day now. All lines of winter goods, surplus stocks, odd lengths and left-overs have put prices of these and many other lines that will mean a quick clean-up in every department. If you want your dollars to do double duty be on hand

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Rich Silks at Less than Half-Price—About 200 yards beautiful Silk in rich Jacquards, Taffetas, Foulards, Satins, Crystal Cords, etc., choice range of designs and colorings, regular 65c, 75c, 90c, \$1.00 and \$1.25 a yard, clearing up Friday at 49c.

25 Pieces Fancy Strips Chiffons, Chenille Spot Chiffons, Fancy Lisse Sequin Nets, Plain Nets, and Fancy Embroidered Nets in large range of light evening shades, 42 to 46 inches wide, regular 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 a yard, clearing up Friday at 49c.

25c. Flannellette Sheetings at 18c. Yard—1 piece Heavy, White Flannellette Sheetings, full 2 yards wide, soft, fleecy finish, regular 25c. a yard, clearing up Friday at 18c.

10c. and 12-12c. Gingham at 8-12c. Yard—5 pieces fine quality Scotch Gingham, in pretty checks and stripes, blues, pinks, reds, etc., fast colors, regular 10c. and 12-12c. yard, clearing up Friday at 8-12c.

Two dozen Children's Bonnets and Tams—in velvet, plush, felt, etc., pretty styles, trimmed in range of colors, clearing up Friday at Half Price

3 dozen Ladies' Felt Hats—Ready to trim styles in good range of colors and shapes, regular price up to \$1.50 each, clearing up Friday at 15c.

6 pcs. Fancy Waistings—Pretty American patterns and colorings, fast dyes, wide widths, regular 25c and 30c a yard, clearing up Friday at 18c.

3 dozen Men's Top Shirts—Fancy heavy all wool quality, in navy stripes, regular \$1.00 each, clearing up Friday at 75c.

4 dozen Men's Heavy Wool Mitts and Gloves—Mule skin facings, regular 50c to 60c a pair, clearing up Friday at 38c.

50c and 60c Underwear at 30c—Fifty dozen Men's fine all wool Scotch knitted heavy all wool rib and sanitary wool fleeced shirts and drawers, regular 50c to 60c each, clearing up Friday at 30c.

3 dozen Men's Fine Lamb's Wool Shirts and drawers—Plain knit, neat stripes, elastic rib skirt, cuffs and ankle bands, saten facings, on special 75c price, clearing up Friday at each 58c.

Ladies' Waists—Pretty styles in Etamine, Kimono Flannel and rib satins, black and colors, sizes 32 to 42 inches, regular \$1.25 to \$1.75 each, clearing up Friday at 99c.

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Ladies' Fur and Cloth Coats, a Quick Clearing up Prices, Friday.

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Ladies' Felt Shoes, fur topped, very warm and comfortable, in sizes 5, 6, 7, reg. \$2.00, now \$1.00.

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PROBABILITIES.

Special per G. N. W.

Toronto, Jan. 14.—11 a. m.—Strong west to north winds, mostly fair; light local snowfalls or flurries; much colder. Friday, fair and quite cold.

The following figures were registered to-day at seven a. m. at Turrill's weather bureau:

Barometer 29.69.
Thermometer 22.
Highest yesterday 30.
Lowest yesterday 20.
Direction of wind, southwest.

THE LOGAL BUDGET

Hear Dwight Edwards, the famous baritone, on 21st.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Montgomery, Joseph street, are both seriously ill.

Frank G. Jowers, of Blenheim, spent yesterday with his Chatham friends.

Samuel I. Slade arrived in the city this morning. He will be present at the "Robin Hood" rehearsal to-night.

Skating for the children at the new rink on Saturday from two until five o'clock. Admission 10 cents.

The by-law governing the entrances to places of public entertainment is being prepared by city solicitor Wilson.

Six rinks of curlers go to London to-morrow via C. P. R. at 3.30. The rinks will be arranged at the club house to-night, and any players wishing to go who cannot meet this evening should notify the executive at once.

Harry Knott, of Pontiac, has arrived in the city and has accepted a position in the Chaplin Wheel Works. Mr. Knott was a Pontiac fireman and he thinks the local department is far ahead of the one in Pontiac.

There will be no shortage of ice this year. The crop has been alright and the public need not take no excuses to make them. J. L. Scott and Brundage Bros. both have their ice houses filled and there will be plenty of ice next year. The young man with the girl need not worry about the report that ice cream would be 10 cents next year. The ice dealers are doing their best to keep the price down.

"I was in London yesterday," remarked Detective Archie Skirving, of the Lake Erie R. R., this morning, "and at the jail I saw the club, axe and other exhibits used at the trial of the Freemans for the murder of Policeman Rankin. They don't want these things at the jail in London, and if the city police desire them they can easily secure those gruesome relics of a tragedy. They are probably worth preserving as mementoes of the foulest crime in the criminal annals of this country."

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When the tug Holyoke picked up the Clallam, about 10 o'clock, a number of passengers asked Captain Roberts to put them on the tug, but he refused. The sea had gone down somewhat, and the passengers could have been transferred. No one was taken from the steamer when she careened and rolled over at the climax; all who were rescued by the tug were taken from the water.

The funerals of Mrs. and Miss Galletley, wife and daughter of the Manager of the Bank of Montreal, took place from Christ Church Cathedral, the edifice being packed with a sorrowful congregation. A number of other funerals, including Capt. Livingstone Thompson's, who was given full military interment, were held this afternoon.

FARM FOR SALE
Fifty acres in 3rd concession of Harwich Township, house, stable, granary, brick milk house, etc., good fences, good well, etc. Owner having purchased a large farm, is willing to sell the above for far less than its value. Would pay you to investigate.

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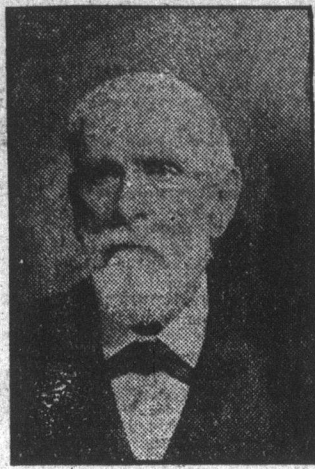
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A. I. McCall & Co., Ltd.,
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Druggists.

JOHN LYMAN DEAD.

Well-known Wholesale Druggist Passes Away in Syracuse.

Toronto, Jan. 14.—Mr. John Lyman, President of the Northrop & Lyman Company, Limited, wholesale patent medicines, Toronto, died on Tuesday in Syracuse. Mr. J. H. McKinnon, Vice-President of the company, received a telegram yesterday from Mr. E. D. Howe, Secretary of the company, who is in Syracuse, announcing the sad news. Neither Mr. McKinnon nor his friends here were aware that Mr. Lyman was ill. Mr.



THE LATE JOHN LYMAN.

Howe, who is a nephew of the deceased, left here Monday for Syracuse to visit his uncle, and a postcard was received from him by Mr. McKinnon on Tuesday stating that Mr. and Mrs. Lyman were both well. The telegram, therefore, came as a shock.

WESTERN DAIRYMEN.

Prizes Awarded For Cheese and Butter.

St. Thomas, Jan. 14.—The Western Dairymen met again yesterday. In the morning cleanliness and sanitary conditions of factories were discussed in a paper by Mr. W. G. Medd. Cement in flooring and construction generally was advocated. President Harrison presented some bacteriological notes on butter and cheese. Prof. Ruddick contributed some hints on the cold-curing of cheese. Frank Herne read a technical paper on the use of the acidometer, and also touched upon the testing of milk.

The judges of the butter and cheese exhibit in connection with the dairymen's convention made their awards to-day as follows:—Butter, white creamery—1, Wm. Waddell, Kenwood, 96; 2, W. A. McKay, Courthouse, 94; 3, W. A. Bothwell, Hickson, 92. Winter prints—1, W. A. Bothwell, Hickson, 95; 2, W. A. McKay, Courthouse, 94; 3, Wm. Waddell, Kenwood, 92. October, in boxes—1, James Bristow, St. Thomas, 96. 1-2; 2, Thomas Balkwell, Lafontaine, 93; 3, John McQuaker, Owen Sound, 90. 1-2. Alderney butter, colored—1, W. M. Waddell, Kenwood; 2, G. M. McKenna, Lakeside.

Cheese, sweetbakes—1, R. H. Green, Trowbridge, 99. September white—1, R. H. Green, Trowbridge, 99; 2, W. J. Goodwin, Brussels, 98; 3, A. C. Gracey, Dorchester, 97. 1-2. October white—1, W. Stacey, Fullerton, 98; 2, J. S. Leary, Paisley, 97. 1-2; 3, R. H. Green, Trowbridge, 97. September, colored—1, Frank Boyce, Kingsmill, 97; 2, George A. Boyce, Putnam, 96. 1-2; 3, J. D. Doan, New Sarum, 96.

October, colored—1, Hugh Wilson, Keyser, 98. 1-2; 2, R. L. Biddy, Woodstock, 97; 3, John Francis, Eden, 96. 1-2.

The trophy was awarded to R. H. Green, Trowbridge, winner of sweetbakes. After the prizes had been adjudged the sale of the butter and cheese on exhibition was proceeded with at exhibition hall. All the cheese was sold to the Ingersoll Packing Company at 5-6 cents. The butter prints were sold to the Grand Central Hotel at 20 cents. The winter boxes of butter were sold to I. W. Steinhoff of Stratford at 19 cents, and the October make at 16 cents.

MISER TODD'S MONEY.

People at Utica, N.Y., Are to Get Some of it.

Utica, N.Y., Jan. 14.—In December of 1873 Geo. W. Todd, a peddler who pushed his wares about the country in a wheelbarrow, reached the house of George Crawford, in this county, badly frozen. Crawford and his sister, then children, took care of the man, and when he left in three weeks he had them write a contract in a book, agreeing to pay each \$5,000 on his death. Todd died last year at Hamilton, Can., leaving \$50,000 in cash. Recently Jennie, Crawford's widow, secured a verdict of \$5,000 against the estate in settlement of her claim, and to-day her brother was given a verdict in like amount.

Turkish Troops Mutiny.

Constantinople, Jan. 13.—A serious mutiny broke out recently among the garrison of Van, Turkish Armenia, owing to their pay being in arrears. About five hundred armed soldiers plundered shops and attacked Armenians. The mutineers finally made an attack on the palace, from which the commander of the garrison fled on the first shot.

Manager of Union Bank.

Quebec, Jan. 13.—Mr. C. H. Balfour, formerly local Manager of the Union Bank of Canada at Montreal, has been appointed General Manager of that institution, in place of the late Mr. E. R. Webb.

NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE.

THE PROGRESS OF THE RUSSIAN REINFORCEMENTS.

Japan Well Prepared—Reported Impass of Transports—Panic at Seoul.

London, Jan. 14.—A despatch from Tokio to Reuter's Telegram Company says that Japan's answer to the late Russian note was handed yesterday to Baron de Rosen, the Russian Minister, and that negotiations will be continued without any time limit being set for their termination. The demands which Japan is said to have made, according to reports published abroad, have caused some surprise in Tokio, the despatch says, and it is now stated that Japan never asked for the evacuation of Manchuria, but on the contrary, frankly recognizes Russia's special interests there and her right to protect them. Japan only demanded the realization of Russia's voluntary pledges respecting China's territorial integrity in Manchuria and the freedom of residential rights and international trade therein.

The Times' Moscow correspondent says he hears the Government has claimed the services of the entire volunteer fleet.

San Francisco, Jan. 14.—A cablegram to the Pacific Mail Steamship Company to-day announced that the Japanese Government had impressed into the transport service the three steamships of the Oriental Steamship Company, plying between this city and the far east. The vessels are the Nippon Maru, Hong Kong Maru and the American Maru. They are fast boats, built in 1898, and have been under Japanese subsidy. A few months ago they passed Government inspection.

Port Said, Egypt, Jan. 14.—The Russian cruisers Dimitri Donskoi and Aurora and seven Russian torpedo-boat destroyers have arrived here. The Dimitri entered the Suez canal, bound for the far east.

The torpedo-boat destroyers will await the arrival of the remainder of the Russian Mediterranean squadron, which is expected shortly.

The Japanese armored cruiser Kasaga (formerly the Morena, bought at Genoa from Argentina), has arrived here.

London, Jan. 14.—The Seoul correspondent of The London Daily Mail cables a description of a state of panic that he says exists in the royal palace. The Emperor has issued a pitiful edict stating that the country is likely to be lost owing to the weakness and vacillation of the people, whom he counsels to act for the best in their own interests. The Emperor has also issued an ordinance warning the army not to fire in the event of a collision between foreign troops. The correspondent adds that the entire city is extremely turbulent.

Paris, Jan. 14.—The Matin claims to be authoritatively informed that France and Great Britain are contemplating a joint offer of their good offices to Japan and Russia, which diplomats believe will probably be successful. The two powers will address themselves especially to Japan.

IMPERIAL DEFENCE.

Remarks of Premier Balfour Still Discussed.

London, Jan. 14.—The invitation to a colonial Minister to take a seat on the Defence Committee while questions affecting the Canadian militia are discussed is scarcely the beginning of a movement towards Imperial unity such as the Liberals have in view. The Manchester Courier says that a casual visitor in the person of the Canadian Minister of War was welcomed to the councils of the Imperial Defence Committee, and hopes the example may spread.

The Graphic says if a Canadian Minister can sit as a member of a committee of the British Cabinet and give advice through that committee to the British Cabinet, reciprocally defined, that committee must be in a position to give advice to the Canadian Government through their Minister. To us such an arrangement appears entirely reasonable, but it is possible that an attempt to carry out the idea might be met in Canada with the cry that the colonial Government was taking instructions from the home Government.

BRITISH MISSION TO THIBET.

China Rather Approves of it as a Check to Russia.

London, Jan. 14.—The Times' Pekin correspondent says China does not oppose the British mission to Thibet, and that, on the contrary, rather approves of it as a possible check to Russian intrigues with the Dalai Lama, which are likely to be detrimental to China.

BALFOUR'S SYMPATHIES.

Kind Words For the British Cotton-growing Association.

London, Jan. 14.—Premier Balfour is said to have assured the officials of the British Cotton Growing Association, whom he met at Manchester, of his sympathy with the work they are undertaking.

THE PORTE CONSENTS.

Turkey Accepts the Macedonian Reform Scheme in its Entirety.

Constantinople, Jan. 14.—The Porte has notified the Austro-Hungarian and Russian Ambassadors of its full acceptance of the Macedonian reform scheme and of its consent to the repatriation of the Macedonian refugees, promising amnesty to all political prisoners, with the exception of dynamiters.

Clearing Sale

of Men's and Women's Fancy and Felt Slippers

We commence this week to clear out the following:

Men's Fancy Velvet Slippers, all sizes, 6-10, \$1.00 for 50c
Men's Fine Alligator, tan and black, sizes 6-10, \$1.00 for 50c
Boys' Fine Alligator, sizes 1-5, regular 75c, for 50c
Women's Fancy Felt, sizes 3-7, reg. \$1.50 for 1.00
Women's Fancy Felt, \$1 for 75c

Many others reduced accordingly.

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YOUNG'S

Try us with your next Grocery order; also try a bag of our Good Potatoes, \$1.00.

HONEY

We have some very choice last summer's Clover Honey, that is as fine a flavor as anything we ever had, and very clear. It is put up in 12c, 15c, 30c, and 50c sizes, that when you deduct the cost of the glass, makes the honey cost very little over 10c. lb., which is very reasonable for extra good clover honey.

COFFEE

Do you use Coffee, and what price do you pay for it? If about 25 or 30 cents, try ours at 25c. We have a record breaker at that price. It is something special we are getting out and we would like you to give it a trial as we think it will equal any 30 cent you have been using elsewhere.

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Up-to-date Millinery.

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These are lively times in the Jacket Section. Already fair prices are shaved off still more, and will entice any woman who wants a new coat. The variety is large enough to meet every need; and the styles are all good

A \$4.98 Special—

Of Navy, Fawn and Black Beaver or Rough Cloth, loose back, double-breasted or fly front, lined throughout.

A \$4.98 Special—

Of black with dash of white, double-breasted or fly front; collar and turn-back cuffs, strapped with plain black.

At \$6.75—

Of Fine Beaver Cloth, black or castor, trimmed around the bottom and cuffs, down the front and back with fine cording, lined throughout.

At \$7.50—

Of Grey Zebeline, collarless shaped collar, strap and cuffs of black broadcloth and trimmed down the front with black.

A Dispersal of Furs.

The following thorough reduction embrace practically every fur piece in the stock. It is certainly a time for making judicious investments for every woman who wants one of these stylish comfortable furs.

At \$5.00—

Eight capelines, of Astrachan or Electric seal, with Astrachan trimming; they sold at \$6.50 and \$7.00, your choice now for \$5.00.

At \$5.00—

Black Opposum ruff, 60 inches long trimmed with tails and claws.

At \$5.50—

Columbia sable flat ruff, satin lined, finished with eight large tails.

While they last you can choose from our fur jackets at the following prices—

For \$20 regular \$25 coat.
For \$22.50 regular \$30 coat.
For \$25 regular \$33 coat.
For \$27.50 regular \$36.50 coat.

At \$9.00—

Long Marten boa, heavy silk cord fastener, finished with tails.

At \$9.00—

Astrachan capeline with very long stole front, fine even curl, satin lined.

At \$12.00—

Ruffs of Sable Marten and Fox, medium and long lengths, trimmed with heads, tails and claws.

Grey lamb caps from \$1.25 to \$3.75.

Grey lamb gauntlets from \$2.00 to \$5.00 per pair.

Ladies' muffs—

From the Black Coney at \$1.00 to the best Russian Sable at \$15.00.

AUSTIN'S STORE,

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At first thought it might seem good style to call attention to what makes of corsets we handle.

First the **E. T. Corset** manufactured in St. Hyacinthe, Province of Quebec. This Company is one of the oldest corset manufacturers in the Dominion to-day. Every corset is tested by an expert, and any flaw or mistitch is cause sufficient for complaint and is thrown aside.

The E. T. and D. A., No. 511, at \$1.00 the Pair—a full gored, straight front corset with dip hip, medium height bust, made of fine cantil in white and drab, trimmed with lace and ribbon bow.

No. 323, at **75c. a Pair**, medium height bust, short, with hips made of fine cantil, in white, trimmed with lace.

Empire at \$1.00 a Pair—Suitable for any figure not requiring support at bust or hips, made of fine sateen and trimmed with lace.

No. 413, at **75c the Pair**—Extremely low bust, short hips, made of Irish tape, in white only.

Crest at \$1.25 the Pair—4 clasp straight front corset, laced over hips, only suitable for stout women

Dip Hip, 50c a Pair—Medium height, bust long over hips, made of sateen, in drab, trimmed with lace.

No. 176 at **50c. the Pair**—Medium bust, medium hips, made of sateen, in drab, trimmed with lace

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Many are, but cannot get just what they would like. Our Mackerel is delicious, it is salt, of course, but the fish is large and fine, and the flavor excellent.

12 1-2c. a Pound.

LAKE HURON TROUT, 8c. a pound.
SALT HERRINGS, 25c. a Doz
BONED HADDIE, 16c. a pound
BONED CODFISH, 8c. a pound
BONELESS CODFISH, 10c. a pound
SHREDDED CODFISH, 10c. a package.
OUR FINEST MOCHA and JAVA COFFEE, 40c. a lb.

H. Malcolmson

CHICAGO MARKETS				
Wheat	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE
May	87	87 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2
July	81 1/2	82 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2
Corn				
May	47 1/2	48 1/2	47 1/2	48 1/2
July	47	47 1/2	47	47
Oats				
May	40 1/2	41 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2
July	36 1/2	37 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2
Pork				
Jan	1315	1330	1295	1295
Lard				
May	680	680	677	677
May	697	705	690	690
Ribs				
Jan	642	642	627	627
May	670	672	660	660
Cotton				
March	1370			
May	1393			

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Most of the annoyances of cold weather are easier avoided than they once were. For those who easily take cold there are

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Dressy Chathamites.

The season is getting pretty well along and yet there are many social functions on the tapis. Chatham has had her share of these occasions, and evening dress was never more on call than this season. Morley & Co. claim a specialty in the making of these garments.

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TO-NIGHT.

Marks Bros., Grand Opera House, at 8.15.
Catholic Order Foresters, in their hall at 8.
Daughters of Rebekah, Oddfellows' Temple, at 8.
Court McGregor, No. 6. I. O. F., will meet in their rooms at 8.
"Robin Hood" rehearsal, Auditorium over Standard Bank, at 8.
Regular meeting of Wellington Chapter, No. 47, R. A. M., Masonic Hall, Fifth St., at 8.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

Will Wheeler spent yesterday in Detroit.
Old pipe or tea lead wanted immediately at The Planet Office! if a petition is being circulated for a pavement on Murray street.
Mrs. Moore, Gravel Road, Raleigh, is seriously ill with pneumonia.
Don't miss the virtuoso, Edwards, and Martin, in Auditorium on 21st.
M. J. Wilson has had a telephone, No. 887 (F) put in his residence, in Harwich.
K. Watson and L. J. Roycraft, of Ridgewood, were visitors in the city yesterday.
Mrs. La Marsh, of Wallaceburg, has entered St. Joseph's hospital for surgical treatment.
Mrs. George King, River Road, Dover, who has been suffering from pneumonia, is recovering.
Alex. Kirkwood has accepted a position as book-keeper with McDonald & Co., furniture dealers.

A beautiful cutter for sale very cheap; only been used three times. Apply to T. A. Smith.

Buy best hard coal at cheapest rate from C. R. Hancock, West street, Tel. 303, E. Marx, office, 106

David Brown, formerly of the Chatham Business College, has accepted a position in the office of the Chatham Gas Co. and will commence his duties next Monday.

Thanks are due to friends who have written to tell of the good work of Weaver's Cereals in curing crochets, humors, scald head and other skin diseases. These kind words are most encouraging.

St. Andrew's Young Men's Club contemplate having the Dramatic Club of No. 1, Harwich, re-produce the trial scene from the Merchant of Venice at an early date.

Mr. Rosch, of the German Settlement met with a very painful accident on Tuesday. He was cutting wood in a bush, when the axe caught on a limb, and on coming down struck his foot, inflicting a nasty wound. He was taken to the offices of Dr. Rutherford & Rutherford, where the wound was dressed.

The best five cent Magazine on the Market—New Year's Number of the Four-Track News for January. On sale at all News Stands.

Rev. J. C. Tolmie, the popular pastor, who has been connected with St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Windsor, for the past 13 years, was granted a six months' leave of absence and a pastor will be secured temporarily for that time. It is the purpose of Mr. Tolmie to spend the coming summer on an extensive tour of the Holy Land and the east.

Hear Thomas Martin, pianiste, interpret Chopin in Auditorium on 21st

SPECIAL AXE SALE

We have too many axes. That is the plain facts. We want to sell them and sell them quick, too. Here is the way we do it. On

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E. G. Warwick, of Blenheim, was in the city yesterday.

Harry Smith, of Sombra, was a guest at the Rankin House yesterday.

Percy O. Slater and E. L. Wedge, of Blenheim, were Chatham visitors yesterday.

Kid glove sale—Saturday only, regular 89c. Kid gloves, black, colored and white, for 59c. at Thibodeau & Jacques.

W. K. Hickey, barrister, of Bothwell, was in the city yesterday, on legal business.

The Art Culture Club will meet to-morrow evening at the residence of A. Coltart, William street. The works of Tennyson, Beethoven and Vellini will be discussed.

Parthenon Masonic Lodge of this city were officially visited by D. D. G. M. Rt. Wor. Bro. Geo. W. White, of Windsor, and was received with grand honors by the brethren present. The work of conferring the first degree was ably done by Wor. Bro. Darling, and his officers. There was a very large attendance and all spent a most enjoyable evening.

The selection by the banjo, mandolin and guitar club, under the direction of Mr. Geo. Smedley, alternates, with the chorus and solos of the Variety Glee Club, and will add greatly to the pleasure of next Tuesday's concert.

Owing to the failure of the electric light department getting a supply of carbons that were ordered early in December, there will not be any service to-night. The carbons will reach the city this evening, but too late to be of any use.

A concert of rare artistic worth will be given in the Auditorium Thursday, Jan. 21st; Dwight Edwards, baritone, Thos. Martin, pianiste. This will be a treat that the music-loving people of Chatham cannot afford to miss.

Ald. Westman have a sleighride party last night. The young people rounded up at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Albert White, King street, where the latter part of the evening was spent.

MEAT—3 lbs. sausage 25c.; 3 lbs. pork chop 25c.; 3 lbs. beefsteak 25c.; 3 lbs. mince meat 25c.; 3 lbs. Hamburg steak 25c.; 3 lbs. headcheese 25c. E. Putnam.

About twenty young people of the city held a leap year sleighride and party last night. It was managed by Miss Cole, H. Primeau, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Ridley and Percy Morley. They went to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Edward McKerrall, up the river, and a very pleasant time was spent.

A few snaps in headwear. Green hat, \$9.00, for \$3.00; fawn beaver, \$6.25, for \$3.00; black velvet hat, \$10.50, for \$4.00; brown silk hat, \$8.50, for \$3.25; black hat, \$4.00, for \$2.00; outing hats up to \$2.00, for 19c. at Thibodeau & Jacques.

Dr. Piper, dentist, graduate of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons, of Ontario, and of the University of Michigan, is now associated in practice with Dr. A. W. Thornton, of this city. Dr. Piper was for some years with Dr. H. R. Abbott, of London, and comes to the city very highly recommended.

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The Letter-Box

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Editor of The Planet:
I noticed in your paper of yesterday that you quoted me as saying that the elections would be in June. Will you please correct the statement, as I said nothing of the kind. What I did say was, that it was possible they might not be brought on before June.

Yours, etc.,
GEO. STEPHENS.

"ROBIN HOOD"

A full rehearsal of all interested in the production of the opera "Robin Hood" will be held this evening, commencing at eight o'clock, in the auditorium over the Standard Bank. A full attendance is specially requested. Mr. S. I. Side will be present at the rehearsal. Miss Ruby Gordon, contralto, of Wallaceburg, will also be present.

THE CAST

Dramatic Director Lane has Completed Arrangements for the Macaulay Club Production of Henry VIII.

Dramatic Director J. S. Lane, B. A., who has charge of the Macaulay Club production of Shakespeare's Henry VIII. at the Grand on Friday evening, the 20th inst., in conjunction with an excellent musical program prepared by the ladies of Christ Church, has given out the final draft of the cast.

The presentation will include the two scenes from the third act, representing the banishment of Queen Katherine and the fall of Wolsey. They will be presented with handsome costume and stage effects.

The full cast is as follows:

Queen Katherine—Miss Pauline Rose.
Lady Attendants to the Queen—Misses Mary McKeough, Edith Holmes, Beatrice Ermatinger, Verna Heyward, L. Greening, Kate Campbell and Amy Boles.

King Henry VIII.—J. M. Pike.
Lovell—Chas. E. Beeton.
Duke of Norfolk—R. Will Angus.
Duke of Suffolk—J. S. Black.
Earl of Surrey—F. D. Laurie.

Lord Chamberlain—J. W. Young.
Cardinal Camperdown—S. B. Arnold.
Cardinal Wolsey—H. W. Anderson.
Thomas Cromwell—C. B. Sissons.
Gentlemen attendants, courtiers, ushers, etc.

Mr. Lane will direct and Mr. Harry Collins business manage the production.

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Glimpse of the Heart of the Mother of Parliaments—Daily Life of the House of Commons—How It Opens, Lives and Works—Some Things Strange to Canadians and Foreigners—Glimpse of the Place.

Sir Charles Barry's noble Gothic pile, pitched between the venerable Abbey of Westminster and the classic Thames, and containing the ancient Westminster Hall, stands forth an eloquent witness to the antiquity and virility of the English Parliamentary system. Now at least 650 years old, the mother of Parliaments has survived the wreck of centuries and the crash of dynasties. By a process of continuous development it has adapted itself to every vicissitude of changeable time. It has suffered temporary eclipse at the hands of despotic sovereigns and the obloquy that followed its own attempt at autocratic Government. It has witnessed the servility of the sycophant, the noble courage of the patriot. Time was when every member had his place—today the House of Commons is probably freer from political corruption than any other popular assembly in the world.

Glimpse of the Place.

The centre of gravity of the British Parliamentary system is admittedly now to be found in the House of Commons. In that respect it is sui generis. Although it has been the prototype of many popular elective bodies, none are exactly like it. All have departed more or less from it. This is not surprising. Institutions cannot be transplanted. The curious customs, the quaint ceremonies, the odd relics of a bygone time, the glamour of hoary tradition cannot survive in a different atmosphere. When they become mere anachronisms, superficial imitations without the spirit and associations which can alone render them not merely tolerable, but valuable, they are better left alone. Thus it follows that foreign and colonial visitors look with amazement at many of the usages and practices of the House of Commons. Transient impressions often lead to hasty judgments, but they are not alone in this. Many an iconoclast in the mother land has thundered against the absurdities and punctilios of the House of Commons—till he got inside himself. Then the glamour of the place seizes him. He soon subsides into acquiescence and ends by becoming the ardent defender of what he so fervently condemned, and the most merciless castigator of the knickerbocker who infringes the unwritten rules of the House. In fact, it is in the very air members breathe. All these unwritten traditional practices once mastered become the certificate of full initiation. They are the secret symbols that separate the member of Parliament from the rank of man and the House from the House.

Ball Mark of the House.

Reputations in public life never become fixed till they receive the hall mark of the House of Commons. Success on the platform avails little unless followed by achievement on the floor of Parliament. And the House of Commons is in many ways the most truly democratic assembly in the world. Rank, education, social position, personal appearance, eloquence, gifts, unaccompanied by more solid qualities, weigh little with an audience great men have declared to be at once the fairest and most critical that can be faced. What the House requires to win its approval is that the speaker really has something to say. If he has nothing but empty words, nothing can save him from speedy extinction. Many of the men who have held the listening Senate at command, have descended their nervous dread on first rising, to address the House of Commons. Even after years of apprenticeship some have confessed they never rose to their feet without a tremor. So strong and searching is the effect of the traditions and associations that cluster round the plain comfortable chamber where sit His Majesty's faithful Commons.

A Quaint Procession.

Let us imagine ourselves loitering in the inner lobby of Sir Charles Barry's \$15,000,000 creation, some afternoon just as Big Ben in his deep bass notes tells the hour. Ere the echoes have died away a stentorian roar proclaims "Mr. Speaker," and the roar is repeated down the corridors in ever receding tones. Again the terrific roar, "Hats off, strangers," and there looms into view a figure looking for all the world as if it had stepped down from one of the canvases of Reynolds or Gainsborough. Ruffles, gills, knee breeches, silk stockings, sword and twinkling buttons and buckles; on its shoulder, a huge gilded mace, two centuries and a half old, and the lineal successor of the article which vanished at Oliver Cromwell's contemptuous command, "Take away that bauble." It is the sergeant-at-arms. Captain Henry David Erskine, sometime of the Scots Guards. Then floats into view the Right Hon. William Court Gully, Speaker of the House, and the first Commoner in the land, also in full court dress, crowned with a full black robe, so preposterously long as to require the services of a skilled train-bearer. Immediately after him appears Mr. Speaker's chaplain, gowned, banded and hatted, and in rear Mr. Speaker's secretary, in the garments of the common or garden mortals. The little procession, preceded by the mace, moves slowly into the chamber.

Members Check by Jowl.

What first strikes a visitor from Canada, accustomed to the magnificent provision made for the Federal and Provincial Legislatures, is the absolute dearth of these in the British Lower House. There are no desks, no chairs, no electric bells and no cuspidors. Hon. members sit cheek by jowl and on great occasions wedged and packed together like the proverbial herrings in a barrel. There is not even room on the floor of the House for the representatives of the people—they overflow into the cross-benches and upstairs to the side galleries. Inconvenient and archaic as it all seems, it is a moot question whether it is not really an advantage in the conduct of business. There is nothing of the artificial formality inseparable from the apparatus of desks, tribunes and the like. There is a greater electrical sympathy and force generated. The House is more readily responsive to the ebb and flow of debate. It helps to foster and develop that eminently

social feeling which is one of the most distinctive marks of the British House of Commons. It has been called the best club in London, and if not quite as clubbable in these ultra-democratic days, it retains enough of the temperamental manners and habits which render it still so fascinating to all who come under its spell.

Who Goes Home.

At the conclusion of business the old cry still resounds through the corridors, "Who goes home?" reminiscent of the time when it was dangerous to walk London's streets in the small hours unaccompanied. Then the opposing whips, always the friends, hold a confidential confabulation and compare notes. Seldom, indeed, does personal animosity enter into the political life of the House of Commons in these days. The finest feature of the House is the anxious care with which all parties seek to conserve its traditions and to maintain all that makes for the firm and fair conduct of debate. They have been greatly aided in this by a succession of Speakers conspicuous for strength of character, clearness of judgment and an impartiality unquestionable and unquestioned. While this temper exists the House of Commons will remain the finest fruit of an enlightened party system and in this respect a model for popular assemblies throughout the world.

Really Antique.

An excellent plaster of Paris cast may be seen in one of the Egyptian galleries of the British museum of the "Sheikh-el-Heled," or "Village Sheikh." The original dates from 3900 B. C. and is still in perfect condition, although it is the oldest known specimen of wood carving. It represents an overseer of the workmen engaged in building the pyramids close to Sakka-rao, where it was discovered.

Killing Sharks by Electricity.

In the British navy the engineers have a curious way of killing sharks. They send up a dynamite cartridge in an empty can and put the can inside a lump of pork. The pork is thrown overboard on a wire which has been connected with an electric battery. When the shark takes the bait, the engineer presses a button, which explodes the cartridge and kills the fish.

Willing to Waive That.

"Miss Angeline," began the poor but proud young man, "if I were in a position to ask you to be my wife—"

"Good gracious, Mr. Throgson!" she exclaimed. "In a position? The ideal! Do you think I would want you to get down on your knees?"—Exchange.

When a man is determined to rise in the world, it is better not to interfere with him too much. If his purpose is right, he will be a dangerous wrestler.—Schoolmaster.

The highest shot tower in the world is in Villach, Austria. Bullets from the upper level fall 249 feet.

ALMOST AFRAID TO GO TO SLEEP FOR FEAR SHE WOULD NOT WAKE UP.

FLUTTERING OF THE HEART.

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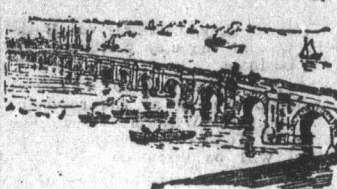
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Border Bridge to Scotland Is Creating Some Concern.

Once again the condition of the Border bridge, which crosses the Tweed at Berwick and has the distinction of joining English to Scottish soil, is creating some concern. Berwick Town Council has resolved upon temporary repairs until a report on the structure can be obtained from a competent bridge engineer. At last the historic structure would seem to be doomed; for these many years it has only had its sentimental claim of antiquity to recommend it. Commenced in 1611, it took thirteen years of great toil to build. Previous to that two bridges had been swept away, each in a memorable storm. In 1610 the civil rulers of the Border town resolved to build a bridge which should be capable of resisting the fiercest flood.



Berwick Bridge.

King James I. had a finger in the new enterprise, which, started the year following, was put to a very severe test quite at the outset. The line was scarcely dry on the foundation when there came a flood no living man had seen the like of, and a great part of the work was washed away. The masons set to work again, the King granted £3,000 more, and at last, in 1624, it was completed. The bridge consisted of 15 arches and measured in length 1,164 feet, and it is curious to note that one of the pillars divided Berwick from the county palatine of Durham. The bridge has played its part in Border history for over 270 years. It has rung to the march of rebels and royalists, and pirates and cattle lifters have used it often if not well. The Crown, not generous as a rule in such matters, has helped the bridge substantially by an annual grant in its sleepy old age.

Life in Hot Water.

The highest temperature at which a living organism can exist is probably 89 degrees centigrade, or 193 degrees Fahrenheit. This is the temperature of hot springs, in which all micro-organisms have been found by Professor W. A. Setchell. He searched carefully for life in the geyser of Sonoma County, California, which are still hotter, but was unsuccessful. The limits of life in water containing silica are considerably lower and they are lower still in water containing lime. No organisms were found in acid waters, and all the strictly thermal organisms are of very low grade. The cell structure is peculiar, and the protoplasm must be different from the ordinary kind, for that would be coagulated by the heat. The exact nature of this difference, however, is yet undetermined.

Magersfontein Memorial in Glasgow.

A replica of the monument at Magersfontein to the memory of the Highlanders who fell in South Africa has been erected in the Winter Gardens of the People of Glasgow Green. The memorial is a granite cross, with Celtic ornamentation, and stands about 20 feet in height. The inscription on it reads: "Erected by Scots the world over in memory of the officers and men of the Highland Regiments who fell at Magersfontein, 11th Dec., 1899. Scotland is poorer in men, but richer in heroes."

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Origin of the Quaint Custom of Ladies Preposing Marriage Velled in Obscurity—Laws for the Leap Year—History of Leap Year Interesting Without Reference to Its Sentimental Associations.

About leap year there clings a wealth of legend and superstition, mingled oddly with a mass of the most obscure science. The theme has been a delight to girls and astronomers for hundreds of years. The former it gave a chance of marriage, the latter an opportunity to air their knowledge. Of late, however, the popular custom of asking for husbands has been sinking into oblivion, until nowadays the eligible bachelor need not approach the year 1904 with trepidation. It is comparatively safe. In the eighteenth century his danger was real enough, although he could always escape his fair admirer by requesting his refusal with a silk gown and a kiss. He might also plead a prior engagement, and the court would accept this excuse. He could not, however, treat with contempt the young woman who laid her heart and hand at his feet. Speaking of leap year, a book published in London, 1808, says: "Albeit it now became a part of the common law in regard to social relations of life that as often as every leap year doth return, the ladies have the sole privilege during the time it continueth of making love, either by word or looks, as they think fit, without being obliged to marry; and moreover no man will be entitled to benefit of clergy who doth in any wise treat her proposal with slight or contempt."

St. Patrick and St. Bridget.

The origin of this quaint custom is veiled in obscurity, but so far as we can trace it back, St. Patrick was responsible. The tradition which credits the popular Irish saint with the innovation explains that after having banished the frogs from the bogs and the snakes from the grass of the Emerald Isle, the Saint was one day walking along the shores of Lough Neagh. To him in great distress came the lovely St. Bridget, the lady superior of a convent. She explained to St. Patrick that there were great dissensions in the nunnery because its inmates were debarred from choosing husbands. (It is to be noted that at this period, celibacy, though advocated, was not insisted on among the clergy.) St. Patrick was touched by the pathos of the situation in the convent, and generously offered to set apart one day in seven years, on which women might propose. At this St. Bridget threw her arms about his neck, crying:

"Arrah, Patrick, jewel, I don't go back to the girls with such a proposal! Now, although St. Patrick was a holy man, he was human, after all, and yielding to the pleasure of the embrace he exclaimed: "Bridget, acushla, squeeze me that way again, and I'll give you leap year, the longest year in the lot."

Thus encouraged, St. Bridget, minded of her own husbandless condition, promptly proposed to St. Patrick. He, however, had imprudently taken vows of celibacy and had to sorrowfully decline. As a token of his regret, he gave to St. Bridget a silk gown.

Laws for Leap Year.

The foregoing account of the custom may not be altogether true, but it is probably as accurate as any other version. Fortunately those who believe that girls should be permitted to do some love-making "by word or looks" are not wholly dependent on tradition for precedent. In the statutes of several countries are to be found laws covering their case. One enacted in Scotland, 1288, is worthy a literal quotation. It runs as follows:

"It is statutt and ordainit that during the rein of her maiest blisset megeste, for ilk yeere knowne as leape yeere, ilk maiden ladye of bothe hiegh and lowe estat shall have liberte to bespeke ye man she likes, albeit he refuses to take hir to be his lawful wyfe, he shall be mulcted in ye summe of poundis or less as his estat may be except and avysit he can make it appeare that he is betrothit ane ether woman he then shall be free."

Not many years later a similar law was passed in France, and received the King's approval. It is also said that before Columbus set forth on his famous voyage, the girls of Florence and Genoa had sought and obtained the same privilege. In England the law was unwritten, but none the less stringent for all that. New England, too, the Quaker maidens were not averse to the leap year's prerogatives of their sex. Longfellow's heroine, who proposed, was accepted and lived happily with her husband, comes to mind. Perhaps there are scores of similar instances to be found in Canada, but the blue-books tell of them. Only a confidential talk with the blushing leap year bridegroom would reveal the fact that his wooing was not quite orthodox.

Two Great Calendar-Makers.

The history of leap year, without reference to its sentimental associations, is very interesting, bound as it is with the history of our calendar. The road of the calendar after truth in this matter, like other roads, leads to Rome, where hundreds of years before Christ, it was the custom of the priests to call together the people at the beginning of each month and apprise them of the sacred and fests days to be observed. The word calendar is plainly derived from the Latin word "calendare," to call. So badly did the priests arrange things that in the course of a few centuries their spring came in summer. Then came the wise Julius Caesar, who, looking into the future, saw the time when the 17th of March

would be celebrated on the 12th of July. He decided to reform the calendar, and with the assistance of Sosigenes, an astronomer, did so in 46 B. C. To make the civil year fit the solar year, Caesar gave February an additional day every leap year, calling the fifth day before the 1st of March a double sixth. This calendar is used even now in Russia, and was accepted everywhere until 1582, when Pope Gregory XIII. compiled the present calendar. Caesar's mistake was in giving each year an average of 365 1/4 days, which is 11 minutes too much, and would amount to 12 days by this time. Gregory overcame this difficulty by ordaining that when leap year fell in a centennial year it should not receive its additional day unless the year was a multiple of 400. Thus 1600 was a leap year, but 1700, 1800, and 1900 were not, and that those who are alive in 2000 will celebrate an event which has not occurred for four centuries. Even the Gregorian calendar is not perfect, for our civil year is 22 seconds longer than the solar year. As this only amounts to a day in 3,866 years we need not worry.

ADMIRAL ALEXIEFF.

The Czar's Mild-Mannered Autocrat of Manchuria.

A pleasing personality, with nothing in his appearance to strike terror to the world, is the man who holds the keys of peace and war in the Far East today. Admiral Alexieff, a man whom the Czar has many times been pleased to honor, is still young enough to look forward to great conquests, yet just old enough to impress us as a kindly, middle-aged man, with a patriarchal beard, whose delight is to dandle a child on his knee.

He is the first Russian viceroy in the Far East, the man upon whom Nicholas II. has imposed the momentous task of building up a new Empire. Just what part Alexieff has played in the recent moves on the great chessboard of Asia nobody outside the Czar's Empire knows. He has been in his time Governor-General of Eastern Siberia and Governor of Russian Manchuria, and he is to-day commander-in-chief of the Russian forces in the Pacific. It is an office hardly understood in England, for Alexieff has power over the forces on land and on sea.

If he has played his part in the strange developments which have brought Russia face to face with Japan, Alexieff has contributed his share also to the strength of the Russian navy. Time was when the Czar's navy was commanded and officered by Englishmen, when the sea power of Russia was not such a thing as appalled its enemies. But it is different now, and Russia's fleet stands third among the navies of Europe. With ports 9,000 miles apart, Russia has a naval position which Sir George Clarke declares "absolutely unique."

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BURIAL CUSTOMS.

The Various Methods Used in the Disposal of the Dead.

The disposal of the dead among civilized nations has usually consisted of one of the following three ways: First, of closing up the body in earth or stone; secondly, of burning the body and committing to earth the ashes, and, thirdly, the embalming of the body. The earliest form of interment of which we have any account was that of the paleolithic cave dwellers, who buried their dead in natural grottoes and crevices in the rock similar to those in which they had lived.

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FOR YOUNG FOLKS.

A CHILD'S REPROOF.

It Brought Kindness and Happiness to His Grandfather.

Once upon a time an old man lived with his son. His son became weary of him and made him eat his meals on a bench at the other end of the room. The old man let a plate fall and broke it. His son then said that he should eat out of a wooden bowl. One day



A BOWL FOR YOU TO EAT OUT OF WHEN YOU ARE OLD.

This unkind son saw his own little boy cutting a piece of wood. He asked him what he was making. "I am making a bowl for you to eat out of when you are old," answered the child.

This pricked his father's heart so much that he brought the old man back to the table and treated him more kindly.—Chatterbox.

Keep His Eyes Open.

In the South American diamond mines the rough gems had until recently to be separated from the hard earth and other mineral substances by hand. The whole mass was dried and softened in the air and then shoveled into washing machines, where the soluble earth was removed. Among the employees in the sorting room was a young boy, who one day noticed a diamond and a garnet, both in the rough, on the end of a small board. He tilted the board, and the garnet rolled off, but the diamond stuck fast. Looking more closely, he saw that the board was greasy. This gave him an idea. He got a larger board and tried several kinds of minerals. Invariably the other stones rolled off with a shake or two, while even a thin coating of grease kept all the diamonds in their places. Then this wideawake boy went to work and invented a machine that is now successfully doing the work of diamond picking for all the South African mines, and, needless to say, the young inventor has made an independent fortune, just because he kept his eyes open and his wits about him that day when he first noticed the difference in the "sticking qualities" of the gems.

Taking a Picture.

Here is a rainy day game: Assemble your company in a darkened room, arranged for a magic lantern exhibition. You should have a camera on hand to aid in the fun.

"Who will sit for a photograph?" you must ask.

The first who volunteers is invited to sit in front of the camera and to look pleasant. A second takes his place after a minute, a third and a fourth, and so on.

When the photographer has collected about a dozen he is ready to show the "proofs." For this purpose he must have on hand the same number of comic slides and throw them in turn upon the sheet. The result will be very funny. If the pictures are especially grotesque, any number of youngsters can be amused indoors for a long wet afternoon.

A Few Word Don'ts.

Here is a list of words and phrases in common use that boys and girls should avoid. They may be easily remembered. Don't say:

Guess for suppose or think.

Fix for arrange or prepare.

Ride when you mean drive.

Real good for really good.

Not as I know for not that I know.

Try an experiment for make an experiment.

She don't read well for she doesn't read well.

Partly for person.

Issted for informed.

Depot for station.

Stopping for staying.

Like I do for as I do.

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When I go up the stairs at night And get undressed for bed, All kinds of curious ideas Come rushing through my head. I wonder if Prince Charming Will come and say "Good night." Will fairies dance before me, Then vanish with the light?


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SACHEL OF THE SATELLITE

Oh, for the January thaw.

Robin Hood Wilson is a chorus sort of fellow.

Henry Ate-Well, just go up to the performance on January 29th and see what Henry 8.

"Hello, you Guy," said Little John to Sir Guy at the Robin Hood practice. "Here now, you quit your Guying me," was the ready response of Sir Guy.

This being leap year, it has been suggested that all the girls in the city take their beaus up to Henry VIII. Manager Brisco promises a free pass and a marriage license to the girl who will bring her beau and pop the question in the Opera House.

"You Scotch claim nearly all the distinguished men on earth as your kindred," remarked a young Conservative to a Scot. "Why don't you claim Herbert S. Clements as a Scotchman?" "Well," responded the Liberal-Conservative old Scotchman, "I'll not deny that he has brains enough to be a Scotchman."

JARK IS TALKING BIG.

O. Jark, of Big Foot Prairie, talks of buying a cornhusker.—Harvard (Ill.) Independent.

Mayor McClellan has established a precedent in city offices by smoking. At the meeting of the various boards over which he has presided since his assumption of office he has smoked cigars and members of the boards have followed his example. The old "No Smoking" signs hung at former Mayor Low's order have been removed in the City Hall and now no office in the city government list is complete without a cigar smoking officer.—New York Press.

While Mayor McKeough may not care to smoke, still his aldermen and the newspaper reporters may, and it is in consideration of them that the above paragraph is respectfully submitted to his worship.

CONTRACTOR BLACKMAILED.

Paid a Heavy Price to Secure Immunity From Strikes.

New York, Jan. 12.—Testimony to the effect that Henry Hanlein, a stone contractor, was compelled to join the Employing Stone Cutter Association and to pay over to the association a percentage on the amount of his contracts under penalty of a strike on the part of his employees was given today by Hanlein at the inquiry to determine whether an alleged understanding between the association and the Journeymen Stone Cutters Union constitutes conspiracy.

Hanlein testified that he paid \$120 and gave notes for \$5,000 to the Secretary of the employing association. He understood that part of it went to the Journeymen's Association.

CHIGNECTO MINERS' STRIKE.

Two Hundred Men Refuse to Carry Their Own Picks.

Amherst, N. S., Jan. 12.—Two hundred men employed in the Chignecto Coal Mines in Cumberland county have gone on strike because the management refuse to send their picks into the pits for them. The management held that each man should carry his own pick, the same as is done in other collieries in Nova Scotia.

Good luck is the willing handmaid of upright, energetic character and conscientious observance of duty.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Annual Meeting of First Presbyterian Church Last Evening—Proposed Changes

The congregation of the First Presbyterian church held their annual meeting last evening, Col. J. B. Rankin, presiding.

Fred. Stone, for the session, presented the annual report. Despite the fact that the church had been so long without a pastor, the membership had not decreased. Twenty-one had joined the church, 18 names had been taken from the rolls, leaving a membership of 396. On motion of Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Robertson, the report was adopted.

Mr. McKeand reported for the managers, regretting that this year had shown a deficit of \$131.78. This had, however, been wiped out by the sale of the Cumming lot on Lydcan avenue. The seats in the church were all taken and it would soon be necessary to increase the seating capacity of the church. Mr. McKeand said that the most feasible plan for doing this would be to change the seating altogether, and put the pulpit and choir in the arch opposite where they now were. These changes and the improvement of the heating would cost \$3,000.

William Foreman, for the Sunday School, reported a balance on hand of \$53.12.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society reported that \$221.52 had been raised during the year.

Spencer Stone, treasurer of the mission funds, reported that \$192.10 had been devoted to missions during the year.

The Ladies Aid Society reported that they had raised \$554.10 and had a balance on hand of \$168.34.

The Church Building Fund Committee reported that during the past year, \$1,650 had been paid on the mortgage, and that at present the mortgage amounted to \$1,350.

A committee composed of P. D. McKellar, John McKerrall, Sam Glenn, and William Robertson, was appointed to obtain subscriptions with a view to paying off the mortgage in five years.

The Mission Band presented a very favorable report.

The following officers were then elected:

Managers—P. D. McKellar, W. R. Phillimore, E. D. Laurie and E. R. Smith.

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Treasurer of Missionary Funds—Spencer Stone.

DISTRICT DOINGS.

BLENHHEIM

Jan. 14.—Scarletina has broken out in town. The little child of Mr. Sutor, the agent for McCormick Implements, being sick with it, the school is closed by order of the Board.

W. Eardley, of London, was in town on business on Tuesday.

R. L. Gosnell is confined to the house, having been taken sick again on Monday.

A sleigh load of young people went to Mr. Leslie English's, near Chatham, last night.

The regular meeting of Kent Lodge No. 274, A. F. & A. M., was held on Monday evening.

A leap year party will be given in the near future by the young ladies of Blenheim. It is rumored that Zieckles' orchestra will furnish the music. Those that get an invitation may rest assured there is a good time in store for them.

Monday, Jan. 11, 1904, was the day set apart for the formation of the different councils of our municipalities. Harwich Council, comprising—Reve, C. Buchanan, Councilors, Bentley, Clark, Campbell and Huffman were sworn in, and formed at once a council for business.

Miss Nellie Halleck is quite sick with pleurisy.

The installation of the officers of the local Tent of Lady Macnebes took place last Monday evening.

Mrs. James Henneker has bought the property owned by the E. Coburn estate on Hall street.

The Town Council for 1904 met on Monday at the Clerk's room. All present except C. Echlin, who failed to receive notice. Some of the older members had a slate ready for the several committees. The following gentlemen, after being sworn in, were struck off into the following committees, the first named being chairman.

Board of Works, S. H. Bacon, A. E. Young.

Finance, J. H. Ferguson, C. Echlin, Fire and Light, A. Byram, J. H. Ferguson.

Property, S. H. Bacon, J. H. Ferguson.

Cemetery, A. E. Young, A. Byram, Charity, C. Echlin, J. Henneker.

A motion was made by S. H. Bacon and A. Byram, to have all paid officers of the municipality declared vacant and said offices be filled by vote of the council at the first meeting in February.

The first meeting for 1904 of the Ladies Aid of the Presbyterian Church, was held on Monday, at the home of Mrs. W. D. Samson, and reported a very successful year financially, over \$500 being raised. All the last year officers were re-elected.

A very successful pigeon shoot was held at the race track yesterday.

A very enthusiastic farmer's meeting was held at the Township Hall yesterday, when the Kent Co-operative Produce Co. was formed into a joint stock company.

Two gleighs of young people from the R. V. Dr. Jamieson's charges at Bridge End and 10th Concession, met at his residence on Tuesday evening, where a pleasant time was spent.

Mr. C. Wyman received word from Stratford last week, of the death of his brother's wife, and left for that place.

The regular weekly meeting of Rouleau Lodge No. 40, I. O. O. F., met to-morrow, Friday night, when the officers for the ensuing term will

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We are clearing some lines of Underwear at prices that can't help but make you think of buying, even if you do not need it immediately. Underwear is staple, there being no style to change each year, so that it will more than repay you to lay in a year or two's supply—when you can buy in some instances, away below mill prices.

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EXTRA HEAVY RIBBED WOOL SHIRTS, all sizes, regular 75c, now **60c**
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Mr. and Mrs. Milton Shaw were Chatham visitors on Tuesday.

J. A. McGregor, of Tilbury, was here on Monday.

Mrs. Forbes entertained a sleigh-load of Tilbury young folks on Friday evening.

J. Jubanville is getting sand on the ground for a brick residence.

Jos. Gibson has bought the Larose property.

Jas. Gibson left for Hamilton on Friday.

Miss Shaw and Messrs. J. and A.

Shaw, of St. Catharines, spent New Year's day with relatives here.

Miss Field was a Tilbury visitor on Tuesday.

Mrs. Bath left for her home in Crompton on Wednesday.

Miss Drage, of Prairieiding, was a guest of Miss Kontze last week.

Miss Traver, of Owen Sound, has taken charge of the Separate school at St. Peter's.

Mrs. and Miss Field and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Shaw left on Thursday for Chatham, where they intend to reside in the future.

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1st.—We will give you the choice of any overcoat in the store for \$10.00, regular prices were \$12.50, \$15.00, \$17.50 and \$18.50. You know what kind of overcoats the 2 T's keep—best that money can buy. Think of the price—\$10.00 for your choice. One hundred and seventy-six to pick from. First come, first served.

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Pants come third. Choice of any pair of pants for \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$4.50 quality.

Underwear comes fourth.—50c quality for 37c; 75c quality for 55c; \$1.00 quality for \$1.00; \$2.00 quality for \$1.25. Everything in the underwear department goes at nett wholesale prices. Remember these prices, this is a genuine sale, no humbug, stock is too high, we must reduce it.

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