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God's in His heaven,
All's right with the world.
—Browning.

The Dying Year.

In the year 1896, which has come to a close, there have been many noteworthy happenings. This good city has made steady progress, and today is in a position of stability such as many a corporation on the continent might well envy. Probably the most acceptable local event has been the election of the G. T. R. car shops, the operation of which in the near future will materially augment our population. In the Provincial arena, we have a new Premier, Sir Oliver Mowat's trusted lieutenant taking the chair of the chief executive in succession to the veteran statesman. The change was necessitated by the call for Sir Oliver's services as a member of the new Liberal Government at Ottawa. It is apparent from the great gains made by the new Administration in every bye-election which has taken place since the 23rd of June that the Canadian people are well satisfied with the change which was decreed. The present smooth-running management of affairs at Ottawa is certainly in marked contrast with the spectacle presented to the Dominion by the late Government when it met Parliament on Jan. 2 of this year. There are many indications that the progress and national prosperity of Canada will be much more marked in the ensuing decade than in the past ten years. For some months the business outlook has been decidedly more buoyant, and as tariffs are settled on both sides of the border profitable trade will undoubtedly increase. In Canada, too, we are expecting big results from mining development in Ontario and British Columbia. If one half what experts contend is true of our mines, we have ample mineral wealth, as well as wealth of soil, of forest, and of waters. While we in Canada have been changing our Premier, the United States has voted to change its President, and after a very lively campaign has settled down to make the most of the result. What Mr. McKinley will accomplish it is difficult to prophesy; but much depends upon the wisdom with which he and his dominant friends face the problems confronting them.

The most remarkable episode of the year, outside the Dominion, is the treaty of international arbitration agreed to between Great Britain and the United States. When the present year opened, the two countries appeared to be perilously near the verge of war over the Venezuela boundary question, but cool-headed statesmanship on the part of the republic as well as of the motherland settled the dispute most amicably, and at the same time agreed to solve all similar difficulties by peaceful arbitration. For Canada, this convention possesses momentous importance. The Monroe doctrine has been acknowledged, but not in an offensive form. Under the new treaty, the Monroe doctrine has no terrors for Canadians, for it secures for the Dominion the protection against foreign not only of Great Britain, but of the United States, which is pledged to prevent any old world nationality from getting a foothold on the much-favored soil of America.

We make history rapidly. It was only on Jan. 2 of this year that the disastrous march on Johannesburg of Dr. Jameson and his fellow freebooters was brought to an end by the attack of the Boer forces under Paul Kruger, the Transvaal President. Yet Jameson and his associates have stood their trial in England, have been in jail, and are once more free, while ex-Premier Rhodes of Cape Colony is on his way back to Britain to give evidence before the Parliamentary commission appointed to set at the foot of the "war," and the Boer President is about to formulate his demand for damages for loss through the invasion. Jameson's ill-starred attempt to forcibly add the Transvaal to Britain's South African possessions failed, but it will be productive of some good if it moves the old Boer President to agree to something like decent treatment of British settlers, who by their enterprise and money, have added so much to the wealth of his republic.

In British politics, the chief event has been the resignation of the Liberal leadership by Lord Rosebery, not because there was any radical difference between him and his followers, but chiefly in consequence of the difficulty experienced by a Liberal leader

who is debarred from occupying a seat in the popular chamber. It is scarcely probable that the British Liberals will ever again select a Lord for a leader, unless, indeed, Lord Rosebery is able to carry out his idea of leaving it, optional with a peer to seek election for the House of Commons or to enter the other chamber.

Spain has been at war with her rebellious vassals in the Island of Cuba for many months. If self-government such as we possess in Canada had been conceded by the Spanish, the outbreak could have been averted and thousands of lives and millions of treasure would have been saved and untold privation and misery averted. Cuba should not have been made to fight for her natural rights, but Spaniards have always been stubborn. Italy exhibited more wisdom in her warfare with King Menelik of Abyssinia. One good defeat of her armies led the Italian statesmen to see that there was less in colonial aggrandizement at the expense of a plucky race than they had anticipated. And in the last few days the Italian authorities have been glad to renounce all their pretensions to King Menelik's possessions, and to be contented with the control of the small colony of Erythra on the Red Sea coast.

Great Britain was more successful in her attack on the latest edition of the Mahdi, who menaced the safety of Egypt. The forces of that woful ruler were routed, and good government was once more established in Dongola. It looks now as if Great Britain were in Egypt to stay, for next spring another British expedition will go to Khartoum to complete the reconquest of the Sudan. No one need be surprised if in the near future the British possessions in South Africa are carried up to join those in the central zone, while the territory on the north is so extended that there shall be British control from end to end of the Dark Land, with railway and telegraphic communication and all the other adjuncts of civilization cementing the bond. It will be a great day for Africa.

The situation on the European continent remains practically unchanged. Through lack of agreement among the Powers, the Turk has been permitted to continue his massacres of the Christian population, to the scandal of civilization, but gradually it is being made evident that the patience of Europe is exhausted, and that the day of Mussulman misrule in Europe must soon end. Partly to effect this object, partly for other reasons, a more cordial feeling has been established between Britain, Russia and France. The late tour of the Czar aided in promoting this cordiality. Bismarck's revelation of a secret offensive and defensive treaty between Russia and Germany, lasting from 1883 to 1890, has not tended to strengthen the German-Austria-Italy alliance. We in Canada can get some idea of the absolutism which prevails in Germany when we reflect that the treaty existed for seven years without the knowledge of the German Parliament or of any one but the Emperor and his Chancellor! When such things are possible, it is not surprising that distrust prevails in Europe, and that every country with frontiers to defend is piling up martial expenditures in a new frenzy of excitement. Meanwhile, Russia continues her remarkable cross continent railway from St. Petersburg to the shores of the Chinese territory of Manchuria. No country is making greater strides commercially and territorially than Russia. Let no one be astonished if the Russian Bear gulps one half of China one of these fine days.

Among the remarkable happenings of the year have been the discovery of the Roentgen rays, fraught with so much importance to the human race; the return of Dr. Nansen from his trip towards the North Pole, to which point he got nearer than any previous explorer; and the adaptation of the Falls of Niagara to the production of electricity for manufacturing purposes.

Many notable persons have fallen by the way. Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin"; Archbishop Benson of Canterbury; Lord Leighton and Sir John Millais, presidents of the Royal Academy; Wm. Morris, the author; Hon. W. D. Balfour, Provincial Secretary of Ontario; Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, the noted Presbyterian divine; Senators David Macpherson and John Ferguson of Canada are among the noteworthy dead, though the list could be very much extended.

The year undoubtedly ends with fewer specks on the horizon and brighter hopes for the future than its predecessor. May it indeed be "A Happy New Year" to all of us!

Five Unseated.
Another two members of the Dominion Parliament have been unseated—Mr. Hackett, of West Prince, P. E. I., and Mr. Marcotte, of Champlain, Que. This makes a total of five vacancies caused by the revelation of corrupt practices in the election courts. All five unseated M. P.s are Conservatives.

In the municipal government of New York city, 24,834 officials are this year employed. This is an increase of over 5,000 in the first year of Republican rule. The Democrats do not fail to point the moral.

DEPARTING LEAP YEAR.
Sighing softly, softly sighing, Almost sobbing, nearly crying, As the leap year swift is flying, With her chance a man to win, So her heart is parched and arid, And she wishes she had married, Not so tardily, had married, And she sighs "It might have been."

Passed Away.

Death of Mgr. Edward Charles Fabre.

Roman Catholic Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Montreal.

Montreal, Q., Dec. 31.—Archbishop Fabre, head of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Montreal, age 69 years, died at 11:06 last night from cancer of the liver.

The late Mgr. Edouard Charles Fabre was the third bishop of the Ecclesiastical Province of Montreal, comprising with this diocese those of St. Hyacinthe, Sherbrooke and Valleyfield. As the Catholic population of the archdiocese exceeds 400,000, it is one of the most populous in North America. The late archbishop was born in Montreal on Feb. 25, 1827. His parents had decided to give him a sound education, and at the age of 8, he was sent to the College of St. Hyacinthe.

After a classical course extending over seven years, his parents sent him to Paris in 1843. On Sept. 7, 1844, he assumed the cassock at Chateaufort, and on Oct. 18 he entered the Sulpician Seminary at Issy.

In 1846 the young ecclesiastic visited Rome, and had the honor of an audience with Gregory XVI. In later life he had the same honor conferred on him on several occasions by two other popes—Pius IX. and Leo XIII. Shortly after he returned to Montreal and became attached to the bishop's palace. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1850, and for nearly twenty years was one of the most prominent priests in the diocese.

In May, 1876, he became Bishop of Montreal. In 1886, at the time of the elevation of Mgr. Taschereau to the rank of cardinal, Mgr. Fabre was made an archbishop, and placed at the head of the Ecclesiastical Province of Montreal.

During the whole of his career he always strove to promote harmony and good-will among all classes and creeds. After many years of difficulties he succeeded in bringing to an end of the Dark Land, with railway and telegraphic communication and all the other adjuncts of civilization cementing the bond. It will be a great day for Africa.

CANADIANS IN BRAZIL.

Sold Like Slaves—Wages Very Low—Provisions High—Starvation—Dogging Every Door.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—Mr. J. O. Lefebvre, secretary of the public school board, has received a letter from his son, Mr. Euclide Lefebvre, who with his wife went with the shipload of French-Canadian emigrants to Brazil a few months ago. Mr. Lefebvre gives a bad account of Brazil, and asks his parents to warn others of the unendurable conditions of the country as a place for settlement. He says that the emigrants were almost auctioned off like slaves, going to the highest bidder. He is now working on a plantation, and receives only \$20 a month, and has to work long hours and very hard. They are allowed a room to live in, but have to furnish their own food. The necessities of life exist for seven years without the knowledge of the German Parliament or of any one but the Emperor and his Chancellor! When such things are possible, it is not surprising that distrust prevails in Europe, and that every country with frontiers to defend is piling up martial expenditures in a new frenzy of excitement. Meanwhile, Russia continues her remarkable cross continent railway from St. Petersburg to the shores of the Chinese territory of Manchuria. No country is making greater strides commercially and territorially than Russia. Let no one be astonished if the Russian Bear gulps one half of China one of these fine days.

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Trains leave London for the east—3:45 a.m., 4:30 a.m., 8:20 a.m., 12:40 p.m., 2:55 p.m., 4:25 p.m., 7:55 p.m.

MAIN LINE—GOING WEST.

Trains arrive at London from the east—3:05 a.m., 11:07 a.m., 11:20 a.m., 12:40 p.m., 6:25 p.m., 9:50 p.m.

Trains leave London for the west—7:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 6:45 p.m.

Sarnia Branch.

Trains arrive at London—2:30 a.m., 8:05 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 6:35 p.m., 7:50 p.m.

Trains leave London—3:10 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 11:42 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 6:35 p.m.

London, Huron and Bruce.

Arrive at London—10:40 a.m., 6:30 p.m.

Leave London—8:45 a.m., 4:45 p.m.

St. Marys and Stratford Branch.

Arrive at London—9:45 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 6:40 p.m., 10:35 p.m.

Leave London—7:15 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 2:40 p.m., 5:55 p.m., 8:30 p.m.

L. E. & D. R. R.

Going South—Trains leave London, 6:25 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. Trains arrive at Port Stanley, 7:25 a.m., 3:38 p.m.

Going North—Trains leave Port Stanley, 7:45 a.m., 4:30 p.m. Trains arrive at London, 8:45 a.m., 2:55 p.m., 6:40 p.m., 10:35 p.m.

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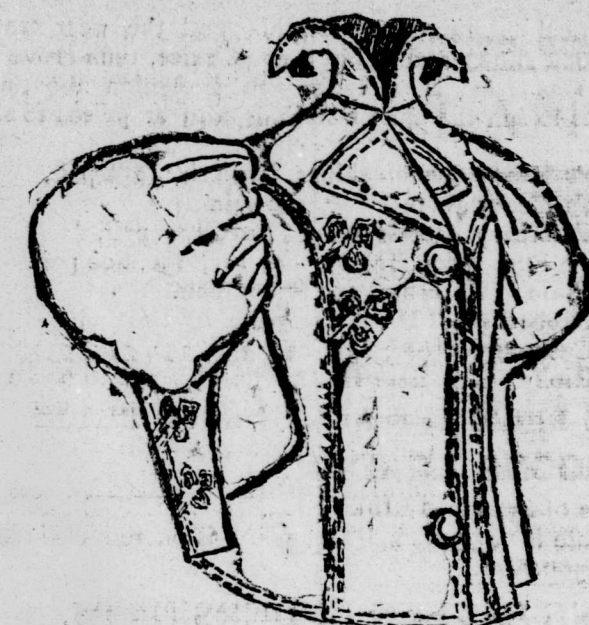
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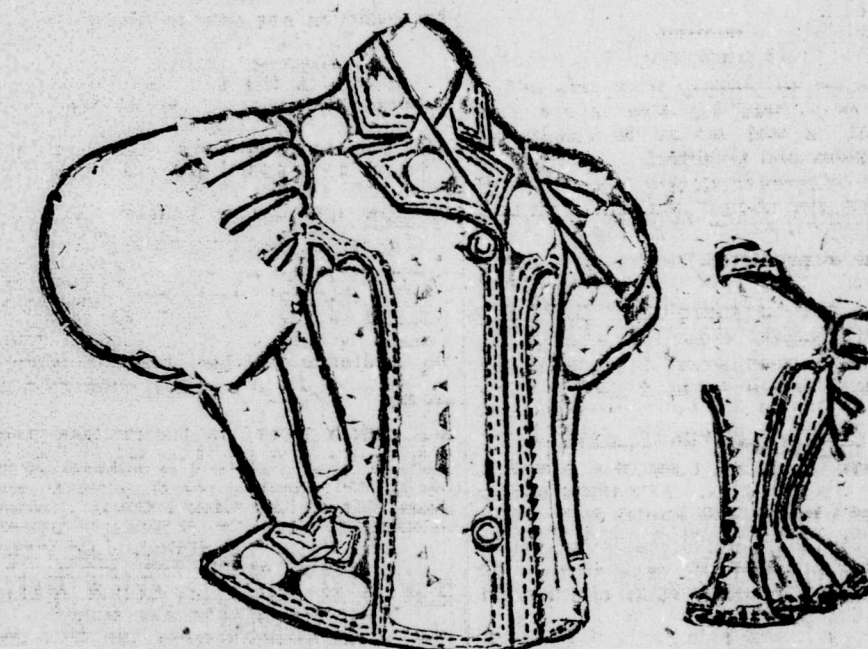
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The Old Year.

Bless the old year! He's almost gone; I hear him in a dream moon.

"I'm weary—I'm lonely—I'm waiting,"

"Will no one breathe a blessing on me?"

"Thou poor old man, with the snow-white hair,

"I'll bless thee," said a lady fair:

"For thy youth still bring to me

"My beautiful babe in its purity."

"Bless the old year!" the young man cried:

"In many a spring he brought me my bride—

"The richest gift to mortal given—

"Brought her from the gate of heaven!"

"Bless the old year!" the stock one said,

"And gently raised the drooping head;

"His hours are past, and I shall be

"From pain, from grief, from anguish free!"

The mourner breathed in tones of sadness:

"Bless the old year! It brought no gladness;

"I learned on earth no home to make;

"Bless it for its lesson's sake!"

"Bless the old year!" said the child with glees:

"In many hours I was happy and free;

"It has brought me frolic for every day;

"Bless the old year ere it passes away!"

Bless the old year! Come one, and all

"Let it go be the last sound he shall

"Shall hear a blessing! Bless the old

"Year!"

—Lillian Frances Mentor, in New York Herald.

Local Brevities.

—Mrs. (Judge) Toms and daughter, of Goderich, are in the city.

—Miss Della Zieher, the well known vocalist, is visiting in the city.

—The city express drivers and other freight teamsters acknowledge the receipt of their usual Christmas box from Robinson, Little & Co.

—Miss Minnie Griffith, who was seriously ill in Detroit with typhoid fever, has returned to her home in Wootton road, and is much improved in health.

—The late Mr. J. M. McKay, of Thelma, who died here suddenly on Tuesday, was a member of King Solomon's Lodge, and his funeral, which took place last evening, was conducted with Masonic honors.

—Mr. J. M. Mayell was on Tuesday evening presented with a complimentary address and a gold-headed cane by the members of his Bible class in the Dundas Central Church.

—Mr. A. L. Eacret read the address, and Mr. J. H. Ash made the presentation.

—Edward White, for whom a peace warrant was issued some months ago, surrendered himself this morning at the police station.

—He was brought before Magistrate Parke and bailed to appear on Monday next.

—Thomas Greer charged John Hamilton with assault, but did not appear to press the charge, and the case was laid over.

—The death is announced of Ada E. Woodridge, wife of W. H. Woodridge, of Dundas street.

—The deceased was a native of Ontario, and was a valued and consistent worker in the Christian Church, where, as a Sabbath school teacher, she was highly esteemed.

—During the last year or so Mrs. Woodridge had been failing, and the trouble was her complaint of this dread disease caused her death.

—The deceased lady leaves a husband and three children.

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A Lover's Triumph.

"Shame! Where is your sense of honor, that you persist in such language to the affianced wife of another?" she panted.

"Twice you have thrown that in my teeth," he retorted, fiercely. "Have you no shame, that you confess yourself the affianced of a nameless outcast?" "He is not nameless, and you have no authority for calling him an outcast," retorted Gladys, proudly, all her spirit rising to arms at this attack upon her absent lover.

"Haven't I?" sneered the hot-headed young man. "Listen. I have been looking up Geoffrey Dale's pedigree, since I saw you last. I have traced him to his birthplace. His mother was a poor, but beautiful girl, without a home, without friends. She had a rich lover, who could not marry her without sacrificing a fortune, and he loved his money too well to do that. So he sacrificed the girl instead. He took her to a remote mining district, where, hidden away from everyone who knew her, he lived with her for one short year, and died when her child was only a month old. That child was Geoffrey Dale. His mother's name was Annie Dale, and he has no right to any other, except the one that has been given to him for that it's sake. You have a right to be proud of your betrothed, Miss Huntress."

"I am proud of him!" Gladys returned in a firm, even tone. Astonishment at Everett Mapleson's knowledge of much about Geoffrey had contributed more toward calming her excited nerves than the most skillful could have done. "Yes, I am proud of him," she repeated, with a change of emphasis, and yet with no less nothing new. Mr. Mapleson, excepting that this young girl had no home or friends, and that the man who told her to New Mexico was rich, and willfully wronged her. Indeed, I know even more than you have told me."

"More! Do you know who his father was?" Everett Mapleson exclaimed, with a start.

"No, nor do I wish to, if he was guilty of the atrocious act you have named," Gladys returned, with a rising scorn. "But the sin will some day recoil upon his own head; it can never change my regard for one who is innately noble and true."

"And you do not shrink from becoming the wife of one upon whom shame has rested the hour of his birth?" demanded Everett Mapleson, regarding the beautiful girl with astonishment.

"No," she replied, steadfastly. "no shame rests upon him; that all belongs to the person who sinned. But I should shrink with loathing from the man who betrayed Annie Dale, as you represent, were he lord or prince—he is only worthy of my contempt, and I would scorn him as I would the vilest blacking in this city."

The young man flushed hotly. It was not pleasant to listen to such words, believing what he did; they touched a sensitive spot.

"But this man of whom I have told you is a gentleman, nevertheless," he said.

"A gentleman?" The words were uttered in the quietest possible tone, but the contempt which trembled through it was matchless, and made the young man wince as under a lash.

"Your distinctions are more nice than wise, Miss Huntress; but mark my words, you shall never marry this man's illegitimate son!" he hissed, given almost a frenzy by her words, her look and tone.

She turned upon him, her face colorless, but with eyes gleaming like two points of fire.

"You insult me sir! You insult one who is a hundred-fold more noble than yourself, by the use of such vile language. But," and she raised one daintily gloved hand to enforce her words, "were his name doubly tainted by the sin of others, it could not smirch the man I honor—the man I love. It will be the proudest day of my life when I wed Geoffrey Dale Huntress, as I shall, in spite of all that you have told me tonight, yet even though you should do your worst, and proclaim it from every housetop in this city."

She was glorious in her haughty pride and indignation, as she gave utterance to these loyal sentiments, and Everett Mapleson instinctively shrank before her with a sense of shame and humiliation. At that moment the doors behind them swung open, and Geoffrey himself entered the box.

CHAPTER XXXVII.
Gladys' first impulse, upon beholding her lover, was to spring toward him, denounce the man who had so insulted her and him, and demand to be conducted from his presence.

But her judgment told her that this would be very unwise; there must be no scene in that public place; there must be no quarrel between these two men, and perhaps it would be better that Geoffrey should never know that Everett Mapleson held the secret of his birth. She knew that he would never rest until he had wrung it from him, and that, she believed, would never be done without bitter feelings, and perhaps strife.

So, with a mighty effort, she controlled herself, drew her cloak about her shoulders to hide the heaving of her bosom, as she arose and turned a smile, though still pale face, toward her lover.

"You have come, Geoffrey; I am very glad. You will recognize an old classmate in Mr. Mapleson," she said, as she moved her chair farther into the box.

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shadow of the draperies and made room for Geoffrey between herself and her other companion.

Everett regarded the girl with wondering admiration. He knew that she was laboring under intense excitement, and that it required no light effort on her part to conceal it. He understood her motives—that she wished to avoid a quarrel and a scene, and he thought her tact inimitable.

Geoffrey greeted his former exclamation with a cold, rather supercilious bow. He was always conscious of his own moral inferiority when in Geoffrey's presence, and the feeling galled him excessively.

Geoffrey saw at once, in spite of Gladys' efforts to conceal it, that something had gone wrong with her, and he might as well confess that Everett Mapleson had been the cause of it. He gently seated her, and then placed himself beside her, while Mr. Loring and his daughter returned at that moment, and the party settled themselves very comfortably for the remainder of the evening.

Everett devoted himself exclusively to Miss Loring, much to that young lady's secret delight; her father gave his attention entirely to Gladys, and she herself to herself.

"What is it, dear? What has troubled you?" Geoffrey asked, bending tenderly toward his betrothed, as she became more conscious of the difficulty of the situation.

Gladys stole one little hand confidently under the cover of her opera cloak.

"Never mind, Geoff, now that I have you here, I will tell you another time," she whispered, as she involuntarily turned her still flashing eyes toward young Mapleson, while his slight shiver ran through her frame.

Geoffrey's glance followed hers, and his face clouded.

"Has he dared—" he began sternly.

"Hush! It is all past; he will never dare again."

She saw that Geoffrey needed but a word to make him demand an explanation of his rival, and she feared the worst from a meeting between them; so she resolved to keep her stand by him, and tell him what Everett Mapleson had told her regarding his parentage; at least, not until after their marriage; perhaps, when they were on the ocean, where it would be impossible for him to take any aggressive measures against time had served to cool his anger, she might reveal to him what she had learned.

So she tried to smile and appear interested in the opera, while every moment she wished it would end, that she might be released from that terrible constraint.

It was all over, at last, to her intense relief.

Everett Mapleson escorted Miss Loring from the building, but when the party reached the sidewalk they found such a crowd before them that they were obliged to step back and wait for it to disperse before they could get to their carriage.

In doing this, Everett Mapleson had managed so that he should stand by side Gladys, for he had determined to fire a parting shot at her.

He had been covertly watching her ever since their interview; and her attitude of trust and confidence toward Geoffrey had been almost maddening to him.

She was beautiful beyond comparison when she faced him in her indignation, defending her absent lover, and resenting the insult offered to herself; and it lent an added charm to her fascinating, while he was filled with impotent rage that he was powerless to awaken any feelings in her heart for him, save those of scorn and contempt.

"Why should he win?" he cried with himself, as he marked Geoffrey's air of tender proprietaryship. "I have not even a name to offer her, while I, who am heir to the proud escutcheon of Mapleson, and to the fortune, perhaps a triple one, if he never discovers who he is, am able to excite nothing but aversion and contempt. I swear I will not submit to it, and I will find some way to part them, even now. He has crossed my path too many times. He has attacked me on the old score, and I will never forgive him for being an interloper in my race."

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Western Ontario.

Mr. Messner Meets His Creditors at Formosa—A Statement.

Mrs. Curry of Windsor Wins Her Suit—\$194,000 Involved—\$4 13 for a Kiss.

The St. Andrew's Skating Rink Co., of Barrie (Limited), has been organized, with a capital of \$3,000.

At the Brantford police court Tuesday, John Barrett, a sneak thief, for five cases of larceny, was sentenced to two years and six months in the Central Prison.

Miss N. M. Harding, B.A., St. Mary's, has secured the position of modern language teacher in Welland High School. Miss Harding taught in St. Mary's public school for three years, and was very successful.

Miss Eustice, the most accomplished nurse that the Stratford Hospital has had, died Tuesday morning from an attack of typhoid fever. The body was taken to Toronto for interment. She was only 22 years of age.

In Stratford railway circles it is stated that Mr. Robert Patterson has been appointed mechanical superintendent of the C.P.R. work shops at Port Huron. Mr. Patterson served his apprenticeship in the Stratford shops.

So many appeals have been filed against the voters' list for Stratford that the coming elections will be postponed to the fall of 1897. The matter is causing a good deal of talk and charges of political partisanship are freely made.

Mr. L. C. McConnell, of Port Burwell, had the misfortune to lose one of his horses on Sunday. He let it out in the yard to exercise, and a few minutes afterwards found it dead, having accidentally struck its head against a tree, breaking its neck.

Mayor Ferguson, of Blenheim, has been notified by Solicitor J. W. White of a claim for \$200 damages for injuries received by Mrs. Emma Elliott, in falling over a bundle of wire fencing left lying on the sidewalk. Mrs. Elliott had to go to Chatham Hospital as a result of the fall.

Chief Skirving, of Ingersoll, on Tuesday arrested Peter Ross, a farmer of East Nissouri, on the charge of having "unlawfully" made a fraudulent assignment with intent to defraud Christina Ross, a creditor, and that he did make a transfer and delivery of his personal property contrary to the statute.

Adam Ross has been committed for trial at Ingersoll on the charge of feloniously entering a church in West Oxford, stealing a Communion table cloth, and other things, and maliciously damaging church property. His accomplice, a man named Shide de Wolfe, who got away when Chief Skirving was in chase of the pair, has not yet been heard of.

Eugene Labutte was brought before the magistrate at Windsor Wednesday morning on the charge of kidnapping Mrs. Alice Robert. There was no attempt to deny the offense, but it appeared to have been done in a frolic, and the magistrate let Labutte off on his payment of the costs, which amounted to \$4 13.

Mrs. James R. Curry, of Windsor, has won the last point at issue in her lawsuit with her brother-in-law, John Curry, this achieving complete victory all along the line. The case, in the form of an appeal from the magistrate, was heard by Judge Street in Toronto, Oct. 20, and for several weeks. Opinion is much divided as to the value of the two estates, the properties have never passed out of the hands of the family, but it is generally believed that they are worth at least \$120,000.

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Don't forget when in want of furniture that our prices are as low as the lowest, while in quality nothing better, at WM. TRAFFORD'S, 55 and 57 King street.

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With its superb and magnificent through car service is now acknowledged to be the most perfect railway system in America. It is the great winter tourist route to the South and Southwest, including the famous Hot Springs of Arkansas; Old Mexico, the Egypt of the new world; Texas and California, the land of sunshine and flowers. Passengers going via the Wabash reach their destination hours in advance of other lines. The Wabash Santa Fe special, leaving Chicago every Wednesday and Saturday at 6 p.m. and St. Louis same evening at 9 o'clock, reaches Los Angeles in just three days. This is the best California service in existence. Tickets and all information from any railroad agent, or J. A. Richardson, Canadian passenger agent, northeast corner King and Yonge streets, Toronto.

LADIES, LOOK!

Feather and down cushions 50c each. Large stock of feather pillows; ticks filled with feathers on shortest notice. Telephone 997. We will deliver them to any part of the city. JAMES P. HUNT & SONS, 53 Richmond street north.

Smokeless powder, made of ammonia and two forms of potassium, has been invented by a Californian.

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

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Though we have been sacrificed heavily on Xmas goods, we are prepared to sacrifice still further to clear out balance of fancy goods before New Year's.

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The balance of our E. V. importations we will clear regardless of cost for the next 10 days. Come early for bargains.

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isn't complete unless you own a Dress Suit. This is a garment that ought to last for years—you cannot afford to have anything short of the best. Better let us make it—then you'll be sure of tailoring excellence. Moderate prices. Best workmanship—smartest style.

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FAIR AND COLDER.

Toronto, Dec. 30—11 p.m.—The high pressure over Assiniboia and Alberta yesterday has moved quickly eastward, and is now central to the north of Lake Superior, accompanied by somewhat colder weather there. Pressure about the same over Southern Ontario; is increasing in the northern portion, and has decreased in Eastern Canada. In the lower lake district and east to the Atlantic it remains mild. In Manitoba colder weather prevails, but further west a depression is getting in over Alberta and Assiniboia, accompanied by higher temperature. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Edmonton, 12-28; Calgary, 14-36; Qu'Appelle, 2 below-16; Winnipeg, 6 below-6; Port Arthur, 25-32; Parry Sound, 34-40; Toronto, 34-42; Ottawa, 34-38; Montreal, 34-40; Quebec, 28-33; Halifax, 28-44.

PROBABILITIES.

Toronto, Dec. 31—1 a.m.—Probabilities for 24 hours for lower lake region: Northwest to northeast winds; fair, turning colder.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the observatory yesterday were 49 above and 33.5 above.

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At home than ours. We're sure of this, because we use only the best ingredients and employ skilled bakers. There's a big saving of time and trouble and labor if you have us send all the BREAD you require.

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COURT OF REVISION.

Applications for Remission of Taxes Dealt With.

The Court of Revision held its final meeting yesterday afternoon, to discuss the question of remitting taxes. A little over \$100 was struck off, all told, as follows:

James A. Mann said his two houses on Horton street had been vacant for a whole year. They were assessed at \$1,000, and only rented for \$750 per month. Ten dollars remitted.

Wm. Skaskerville appealed on his property, 109 Mill street, which had been vacant six months. It was assessed for \$1,200, and rented for \$13 per month. Five dollars remitted.

Mr. V. Cronyn asked that his taxes be reduced on the store, 123 Dundas street. The store had been vacant 21 months. Reduced \$50.

Mrs. Wm. Crittle asked that her taxes be remitted on the two brick houses, Nos. 559 and 601 King street. They were assessed at \$1,700 each, and had been vacant ten and twelve months, respectively. Taxes lowered by \$10.

Fred A. H. Pysh appealed in case of a house on Elmwood avenue, which had been vacant for three years. The place was assessed for \$2,000. Ten dollars remitted.

Mrs. Brophy, 108 Clarence street, appealed on her house, which had been vacant since April last. She was assessed at \$800. Five dollars remitted.

E. W. Scatcherd, for James Gilean, appealed on the store, 122 Dundas street. It had been vacant for nearly a year. It was assessed for \$5,500. Reduced \$20.

Mrs. Rebecca Adams applied for remission of the taxes on 44 Miles street. Reduced \$5.

10 to 12 Weeks.

There will be about that much time in which you can wear Furs. There's nothing more fashionable and we have all the very latest styles. See those short jackets, with box fronts that are worn so much this season. We have supplied a good many ladies with them. Have some very nice ones yet. Come in and see them. The prices are very reasonable.

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Old Year, Good-Bye.

Good-bye, old fellow! Now your race is run. I cannot let you go without just one kind word at parting—'tis the last, I know.

Why should I not a kindness round it throw? For all the joys you've brought and gracious given, I'll call your grace a messenger from heaven.

And sorrows? Yes, you brought them to me, too, But still I thank you that they are so few.

A few are needed on Life's traveled Smooth seas never helped the sailor's skill to gain—

Take, then, my wishes breathed with tender sigh, And take, old fellow, take my last good-bye.

—Joseph Whitton.

London and Environs

—The London West school will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 5.

—Assistant Superintendent Williams, of the Canadian Pacific, was in the city yesterday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ad. Lind, of Detroit, formerly of this city, are on a visit to friends here.

—Masters Harter and Herbert LeBel, of this city, are visiting Mr. E. A. LeBel, of Seattle.

—Programmes of all kinds printed neatly at The Advertiser Job Department. Prices very low.

—Miss Eva Roche, 514 Maitland street, has returned home after a visit to her friends in New York.

—Mrs. C. M. Greenway (nee Jennie Manville), of Bay City, Mich., is visiting with friends in London West.

—A. J. Watson, merchant tailor, of East London, leaves on Jan. 11 for a purchasing trip to the old country.

—The bargain year for husbands closes tonight. There are still a few bachelors left. Be brave and spry, ladies!

—Mrs. Chadwick has resigned the position of organist and choir directress of the Memorial Church, to take effect March 1, 1897.

—Wm. Moore, of London West, having dropped out of the contest for the position of reeve, W. J. Saunby is elected by acclamation.

—Mr. W. Colgrove, of this city, will leave shortly for a seminary in Lima, N. Y., where he intends studying for the Methodist Episcopal ministry.

—Mr. D. Morrice, of Toronto, formerly of London, is laid up with a severe attack of rheumatism. His telephone has been placed at his bedside.

—Last night the officers and teachers of the London West Methodist Sunday school spent a very sociable evening at the home of Mr. James Elson, assistant superintendent, Oxford street.

—Mr. J. A. Nelles, secretary of the Board of Trade, has received word that Hon. J. Israel Tarte, Minister of Public Works, will be in the city next month. He will, in company with several prominent merchants, visit Port Stanley and consider the many repairs that are needed.

—This is the time of bargains. The Christmas season always leaves large quantities of desirable goods in the great stores, which merchants gladly dispose of at prices very below their market value. Watchful housewives are always on the lookout for these attractive sales, and they find their safest guides in the advertising columns of The Advertiser.

—The engagement is announced of Mr. James R. Taylor to Miss Katherine A. Fisher, of Villa Park, Mount

Get Even With Your Friends.

If you feel that you ought to have given your friends a slight token in commemoration of the festive season, you had better go directly to

Barkwell's Drug Store,

where you will find a number of dainty articles and exquisite perfumes to select from at very low prices today.

DON'T DELAY. GO NOW.

For Breakfast:

Ralston Health Club Food.

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Our goods are always fresh and reliable. Our prices are the lowest.

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Vernon, N. Y. Mr. Taylor is a native of London, son of Mr. Wm. Taylor, of 880 Tabbot street. He is connected with the Standard Oil Company in New York, and is also assistant secretary of the Evansville and Terre Haute Railroad Company.

—The annual meeting of the King Street Presbyterian Sunday school was held on Monday evening, when the following officers were elected for 1897: James McKay, secretary; Thos. Moffat, assistant secretary; D. J. Saunders, treasurer; Miss B. Marriott, organist; Miss A. McIndoe, assistant organist; D. McKay, librarian; Jas. Mutch, assistant librarian; J. B. Saunders, musical director. Since Mr. A. E. Fasmore became superintendent, the Sunday school has been steadily increasing, and its promoters feel that he deserves every encouragement in his untiring efforts to make it one of the foremost Sunday schools in the city.

—The anniversary services of Grace Church Sunday school took place on Sunday last. The services were conducted by Rev. E. B. Lancelley, of London. His sermon in the morning was addressed particularly to the children, whose attention he held most completely. In the evening the pastor spoke a few very appropriate words to the children, and Rev. E. B. Lancelley followed with a very eloquent and beautiful address. The reverend gentleman seemed to have a thorough acquaintance with the beliefs of "Bob Ingersoll, and in no measured terms he exhibited the fallacies of his arguments and non-fulfillment of his prophecies.—Brampton Conservator.

BROKE THROUGH THE ICE.

A number of small boys were playing on the ice in the river at the Forks on Tuesday morning, when young Robert Glass, son of Samuel Glass, 66 King street, broke through the ice and was being carried down stream. Lewis Peddersen, the 8-year-old son of Mr. L. Peddersen, Ridout street, was the hero of the hour. He waded in and rescued young Glass, and then helped him home.

THE COUNTY COUNCIL VOTE.

It has been some time misapprehending still concerning the modus operandi of voting under the new act for county councillors, perhaps it would not be out of place to again explain it. Section 25 of this act reads: "When county councillors are to be elected, and the voter desires to give two votes for one candidate, he shall place two crosses, thus, X X, on the right hand side opposite the name of the candidate; but no person is allowed to give two votes for one candidate except two county councillors are to be elected." This means that each voter is entitled to two votes; he may give one to each of two candidates, or he may give both to one candidate.

A Hustler.

The Salmon River district, about 20 miles northeast of Rossland, is likely to prove one of the richest localities in British Columbia.

Mr. Joseph Powell, C.E., the engineer of the London Gold Mining and Development Company (Limited), has just gone out there to inspect and negotiate the purchase of five mining claims there. Now is the time to buy. With the twelve propositions which he has already purchased, the company is getting well loaded up for the boom which is sure to come in the spring, and is sure to reap enormous profits.

The company is to be congratulated on having the service of a man of Mr. Powell's shrewdness, judgment, skill and energy. Now is the time to get stock. See their ad. on page 7 of this issue.

Merry-go-rounds for bicyclists

are built so that each rider can furnish his own wheel if desired. These are clamped into position on a frame and run on a circular track.

—There is not a more dangerous class of disorders than those which affect the breathing organs. Nullify this danger with Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil—a pulmonary acknowledged efficacy. It cures soreness and lameness when applied externally, as well as swelled neck and crick in the back; and, as an inward specific, possesses most substantial claim to public confidence.

Tool bags for bicyclists are now made with separate compartments for each tool, thus preventing all rattling of the tools when traveling over rough surfaces.

The great lung healer is found in Bickel's Anti-Consumptive Syrup. It soothes and diminishes the sensibility of the membrane of the throat and air passages, and is a sovereign remedy for all coughs, colds, hoarseness, pain or soreness in the chest, bronchitis, etc. It has cured many when supposed to be far advanced in consumption.

Extension curtain rollers which can be used as spring rollers are being made.

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128½ and 130 Dundas Street,

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Men's Sewed Boots.....\$1 25

Men's Waterproof Boots.....1 50

Men's Genuine Kip Boots.....2 00

Men's Casco Calf Boots.....2 00

Men's King's \$3 Tan Boots.....2 50

Men's Tan Calf Boots.....1 50

Women's Dongola Button Boots.....1 25

Women's Kid Button Boots.....1 50

Women's Chrome Kid Button Boots.....1 75

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Toes, Light or Heavy Sole,

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