

Old World Topics

Discussed by Cable Correspondents--Britain's Budget Will Show a Deficit--How Is It To Be Met?--Mr. Morley's Definition of a Jingo.

The "Holy War" in England Goes On--Anglo-French Negotiations Making Satisfactory Progress--Indications of a General Desire to Slice Up the Chinese Empire--Popular Interest Divided Between the Pontiff and the Poet--Lord Grantley's Unsavory Record--Encroachment of the Sea on Several English Towns.

London, March 6.—The British budget for the first time in many years is going to show a deficit for the financial year, which ends on March 25. The receipts are already half a million pounds sterling below Chancellor Hicks-Beach's estimates, and it is evident from the departmental programme that he will have to raise three millions by increased taxation to meet the coming year's requirements. Mr. Morley's taunt that he could now define a jingo, as a man who is willing to spend £50,000,000 annually in a time of general peace on the nation's military equipment, hasn't stung the electors. It will doubtless be often repeated in the coming budget debate, but only by a dwindling group of the Manchester school. Even the moderate Spectator declares that "no one but a madman would propose to reduce either the land or sea forces at the present time," and this in a week when the army estimates are announced as nearly a million and a half above those of 1898, and the country knows that the navy will follow suit. The expenditure of the two services next year will be nearly £48,000,000. "This," says the Outlook, "is the cost of keeping the islands and coasts of the empire inviolate, and no sane man will begrudge the cost." Chancellor Hicks-Beach has not the slightest notion of cutting down the naval or military expenditure.

HOW IS REVENUE TO BE RAISED?
The problem of producing more revenue finds many suggested solutions. The Times points out that it is not merely an expedient to tide over a single year that has to be found. "The mischief goes much deeper than any casual miscalculation of this or that chancellor of the exchequer. For at least 20 years back the country has been pursuing a policy which has disturbed the financial equilibrium, and has tended more and more to alter the center of gravity in taxation. The danger is that it is so easy to get over a temporary difficulty by the simple expedient of raising the income tax of a penny on the pound. Its conclusion is that it is not wise to encourage the idea that a free breakfast table is the privilege of British subjects like the trial by jury or the writ of habeas corpus. The true policy is to extend the scope of indirect taxation by the reimposition of a shilling duty on corn, which was not felt while it was in operation, and which would bring in at present a very large sum. This is one proposition. A duty of a half-penny a pound on sugar, which would yield some six millions a year, is another. If some such measures are not adopted we will find ourselves confronted by far more serious financial problems in the immediate future."

A BREAD-AND-TREACLE TAX.
The cartoonist, F. C. Gould, has already neatly pictured this as a bread-and-treacle tax. The Speaker, in the accents of a decade ago, shrieks: "They are reviving the corn laws. If protection is good for a shilling per quarter, it is good for five. A Tory chancellor of the exchequer might as well be hanged for a sheep as a lamb." Chancellor Hicks-Beach's friends say he intends to put a tax of an additional shilling per barrel on beer, and to re-



Escaping From Himself.
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impose the sixpence a pound on tobacco, which was withdrawn in 1898.

THE "HOLY WAR."
When St. Paul's, London, surrendered before the threats of the anti-ritualists, it was thought that the holy war in the church, as it was called, was at an end. That it was not so was shown by a lively scene enacted the other night in Gorington, where high ritual is in popular favor. It was at a meeting called by the Wykliffites to protest against the introduction of ritualism into local churches. The vicar of Gorington, Rev. Forbes Phillips, himself attended the meeting, and seems to have led the disturbance. He first of all asked the Wykliffite chairman how long he and his brethren had done time. This was warmly resented, and not much of a spark was required to create a blaze, and the vicar, stick in hand, dashed to the platform, followed by his supporters. The vicar made a grand speech, and the scene was like the height of summer. Several people drove to Sandown Park from London, including the Marquis of Londonderry, who rode in an open barouche, with four horses and postillions. The cup was won by Lambay, ridden by its owner, Capt. T. H. Redland, of the Grenadier Guards.

ANGLO-FRENCH NEGOTIATIONS.
Very favorable reports were received during the week regarding the negotiations on outstanding questions between Great Britain and France. It is said that M. Dupuy, the French premier, has decided to endeavor to settle all questions, and in regard to Madagascar has made up his mind to propose important tariff modifications in favor of Great Britain, thus removing the cause of bitter British complaints that the French practically killed British trade immediately after the protectorate over the island of Madagascar was declared, by erecting a tariff barrier. It is also said that the Bah-el-Ghazal Valley question is in a fair way to settlement, France having agreed to barter her claims for a consideration elsewhere, while the Muscat (Sultanate of Oman) difficulty has been tied over by an arrangement by which France gets her coal sheds and saves her honor, but makes no territorial acquisition. Britain got her back up against the latter feature of the question, because she suspected France wanted a coaling station in Oman, not for herself, but for Russia, who would make it the terminus of a Central Asian railroad from Turkestan to the Persian Gulf.

PARTITION OF CHINA.
The political event of the week undoubtedly was Italy's demand for a "door" in the Celestial Empire. The Saturday Review says: "It can hardly be doubted that this will prove the signal for a general and final rush. Japan will advance her long-expected claim to the province of Fukien (on the mainland of China and opposite the island of Formosa), and Russia will seize a pretext for urging further concessions injurious to British influence out of the hopeless government at Peking. Italy, however, has not yet got her concession, and a dispatch from Peking says there are indications that the dowager empress is disposed to reject the demand."

RUSSIA'S ATTITUDE
regarding the guarantees of the British loan on account of the northern Chinese railroads has caused considerable anxiety among the investors, who, however, rely upon Lord Salisbury to carry out his promise, and insist that China respect her engagements and ignore Russia's protest against the terms of the railroad contract. Up to now, Lord Salisbury has taken a firm attitude, and it is generally believed Russia will not go beyond a protest.

KIPLING AND THE POPE.
Popular interest has been divided between Rudyard Kipling's struggle with death and the sick man of the Vatican. The Kipling bulletins are followed with intense interest. The Times, during the course of a long editorial, says: "The deep interest manifested in America may be regarded as a fitting tribute to the writer, who has lately done more than diplomacy, treaties, arbitration and speech-making to convince the two nations sprung from the same stock that they are still in many ways one."

The illness of the pope gives rise to speculation regarding his successor, and revives the stories of intrigues at the Vatican. But the latest favorable bulletins have dispelled the gloomy forebodings. It appears that the pope himself was responsible for the attack, as, after the audiences of Monday, when very tired, he insisted upon driving in the garden to Leo's Tower, in spite of the biting north wind. He returned to his apartments shivering with cold, and on feeling himself in pain he said he recalled the spiritualistic prophecy of Mlle. Couédon, who declared that the Archangel Gabriel had announced that the pope would die immediately after President Faure. "Perhaps," said the pope, "God's will spoke through her mouth."

THREATENED BY THE SEA.
Reports from Dunwich, Aldenburgh and Southwold, three towns on the east coast of England, state that during and since the recent hurricane the sea has made alarming inroads upon the shore. Dunwich has suffered more than any town on the coast. This was at one time one of the largest commercial cities of England, though it is now but a small village. In the last century a number of its chapels and

monastic institutions were washed away, and now many private residences have been swept into the deep, and the remainder of the village is threatened with destruction. An old chronicle records that a wood, called East Wood of the King's Forest, extended several miles southeast of the town, but many years ago it was destroyed by the sea. In an eruption of the sea in 1739, the roots of a great number of trees were exposed. The sea has made menacing encroachments on the small town of Aldenburgh. This place was also considerably larger in the last century. At Southwold, since a recent survey, the sea has gained upon the coast more than a mile. Many thousands of pounds are being spent on defense works.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.
Great interest was excited at the meeting of the Society of Electrical Engineers on Thursday night by Signor Marconi's wireless telegraph demonstration. He sent message from one end of the hall to the other by means of a small apparatus. He said that operations, which had been in progress daily for months between the South Foreland and the lights of the East Goodwin, showed that on no single occasion had communication been interrupted, despite all sorts of bad weather. Messages between the Queen at Osborne and the Prince of Wales, on the royal yacht, had been transmitted in some instances for a distance of eight miles over land. Intervening hills, although 300 feet higher than the vertical wire of Osborne, offered no obstacle. During his lecture Signor Marconi received a note conveying the permission of the French Government to establish his system between Folkestone and Boulogne. Signor Marconi states that vertical wires, rising to a height of 114 feet, will be sufficient to insure communication between the two coasts.

SANDOWN RACE MEETING.
The fashionable interest of the week centered in the military race meeting at Sandown Park. An enormous crowd was present there on Friday, when the much-coveted trophy, the grand military cup, was competed for by crack riders, representing the British army. The weather was fine, and many women wore spring-like dresses. The club lawn and park were crowded, and the scene was like the height of summer. Several people drove to Sandown Park from London, including the Marquis of Londonderry, who rode in an open barouche, with four horses and postillions. The cup was won by Lambay, ridden by its owner, Capt. T. H. Redland, of the Grenadier Guards.

KIPLING'S FIGHT FOR LIFE.
The New York Post's London cable says: Kipling and his struggle for life have held first place in every Englishman's thoughts the past week. Few men, perhaps only one other English writer, of this era, could have evoked similar national solicitude, for whether his imperialism will be judged good or bad in the light of history, he is beyond question England's supreme political poet at the present moment.

A NOTABLE FEATURE.
Perhaps the most noteworthy feature of this national outpouring is the absence of any sign of sympathy for the Queen, the Prince of Wales, or any other member of the royal family, except the Princess Louise. Some suggested the Queen has not forgotten what she regarded as undue freedom with her personality in Kipling's poetic references to "The Widder at Windsor." However that may be, the Queen and the prince so closely identify themselves with the cause of the Empire that their absence now is the inevitable subject of comment.

COST OF EXPANSION.
The proceedings in the Commons when the army estimates were introduced afforded a striking object lesson to Englishmen of the stupendous burdens which the empire's expansion throws upon taxpayers. The whole world knows how smothered in debt the British Empire is. The total cost of the war, the army and navy together, for the financial year beginning next month, as Bal-four said in effect, is a threat effective. "You can't keep up a splendid empire for nothing."

Englishmen are not a little puzzled to know where the money is to come from to meet these ever-growing warlike expenditures.

RITUALISM IN ENGLAND.
Ritualists in the Church of England the past week have thrown down the gauntlet in a way most disconcerting to those who believed the ecclesiastical crisis was vanishing before the gentle persuasions of bishops, exerted individually upon offending clerics. The English Church Union, of which Lord Halifax is president, and which includes some most zealous workers of the church, has in public meeting resolved that it cannot admit the right of bishops or any sort, to decide what usages are permissible for them. In effect, they say to the bishops, "Leave us alone or we will disestablish the church." And it is certain the union, to whose ranks thousands of ritualists have been flocking of late, is powerful enough to make its threat effective. The bishops are thus face to face, not as before with individual offenders against discipline, but a strong and organized body, and will need all their tact to prevent a fresh and grievous

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rent in the establishment. Already the flat has gone forth that membership in the union disqualifies for clerical appointment.

A NICE MAN.
Mr. P. M. LeBreton, brother of Mrs. Lily Langtry, the actress, obtained a decree nisi in the divorce courts, owing to his wife's misconduct with Lord Grantley, who was mulcted in costs. They were married in 1877. Lord Grantley's wife was Miss Katharine McVickar, daughter of William H. McVickar, of New York. She died in 1897. LeBreton and Lord Grantley were almost like two brothers, visiting each other, and going about constantly together. Mr. LeBreton testified that he did not suspect anything until last autumn, when he found that the couple had been at various London hotels as Mr. and Mrs. Gray. The suit was not defended.

THE FAMILY KNOWN IN CANADA.
Some 25 years ago Captain LeBreton, a brother of P. M. LeBreton, was touring through Canada. While at the Rossin House, Toronto, he died from pneumonia, and was buried in St. James' Cemetery. He was the third son of the Dean of Jersey, and a brother of Mrs. Langtry, the "Jersey Lily." For a time his grave was unmarked, but when Mrs. Langtry first went to Toronto as an actress, she visited the cemetery, and found the grave of her departed brother. A pretty cross was erected to mark the spot. Visitors to the cemetery a couple of years ago remarked a beautiful wreath hanging over the cross on the stranger's grave. It was explained that Mrs. Langtry had been there that day and had placed this floral tribute to her brother. The French heel-marks in the sod showed that the "Jersey Lily" had climbed the iron fence to perform this sisterly function herself. She always decorates her brother's grave when she visits Toronto.

WHAT WILL CHINA DO?
The New York Commercial Advertiser's London cable says: China is rising fast again. Englishmen and Germans regard complacently the demand of Italy for a concession as strengthening the powers, who are in favor of freedom in trade, but there is an ominous likelihood that yielding by China, which seems inevitable, will provoke demands from other quarters for new concessions, until the whole coast of the Celestial Kingdom has been appropriated practically. Information from many sources is to the effect that the

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The Most Prosperous Year in the Company's History.

A large number of shareholders, policyholders and agents were present on the 22nd of February, at the Manufacturers' Life offices in Toronto to attend the twelfth annual meeting of this progressive company. The following is the directors' report:

Two thousand two hundred and seventy-four (2,274) applications have been received for \$3,758,689 of new business, and policies have been issued for \$3,454,889.

On the 31st day of December, the total insurance in force was \$13,072,724, being an increase of \$1,205,495, which is the largest gain in one year in the history of the company.

The premium income also shows a very substantial gain of \$52,970 02, the figures being \$450,726 47, as compared with \$397,756 45 for 1897. The income for interest and rents was \$65,429 86, bringing the total income up to \$516,166 33.

The total expenditure, including expenses of management, death claims, and other payments to policyholders, dividends to stockholders, and re-insurance premiums, was \$290,880 75, so that the excess of income over disbursements amounts to \$225,285 58, a very handsome sum to add in one year to the accumulated funds, which now amount to \$1,522,871 61.

The management is to be congratulated on the fact that the year's operations have merited very complimentary remarks from Mr. D. Parks Fackler, than whom there is no more eminent or independent actuarial authority on the continent.

Summary of Financial Statement.

New Premium Income	\$100,470 93
Renewal Premium Income	350,285 58
Interest and Rents	65,429 86
	\$516,166 33
Paid to Policyholders	\$116,729 68
Expenses, Taxes, Re-insurance premiums, etc.	174,151 07
Excess of Income over Expenditure	225,285 58
	\$516,166 33

Assets.	
Government Bonds and Debentures	\$328,551 87
Real Estate on Hand	864,843 74
Cash in Banks and Other Assets	329,476 00
	\$1,522,871 61

Liabilities.	
Reserve for Policyholders (Hm 4 and 4 1/2 per cent)	\$1,349,755 00
All other Liabilities	13,714 53
Surplus on Policyholders' Account	159,402 08
	\$1,522,871 61

Mr. Vivian Reeve is Manager for the London district and will be pleased to furnish particulars regarding the various forms of policies issued by this strong company.

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	Year ending Dec. 31, 1897.	Year ending Dec. 31, 1898.	Percent- age of Gain.
Applications for new business	\$2,980,219	\$3,758,689	26.12
Insurances issued	2,632,219	3,434,889	27.54
Insurance in force	11,867,229	13,072,724	10.15
First year's premiums collected in cash	75,945	100,554	22.40
Renewal premiums collected in cash	321,821	350,266	8.84
Total premium income	397,766	450,820	13.33
Interest income	50,517	65,430	29.52

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A Live Board of Trade.

When the Grand Trunk car shops removed to London, Brantford did not sit down and mope, but gathered up her energies and started to forge ahead with remarkable success. The annual report of the Brantford Board of Trade, just received, tells a tale of progress that larger and more pretentious cities may well envy. The population last year increased by 1,500, or 10 per cent, the exports by 22 per cent, the number of factory employees by 20 per cent and the aggregate of their wages by 22 per cent. It was a jubilee year for the manufacturers, no fewer than sixteen of them adding to their buildings and plant. It is evident that much of Brantford's prosperity is due to the impulse of a first-class Board of Trade, working heartily in unison with the City Council and other public bodies. The business men and municipal representatives of London should take a leaf from Brantford's book. The new president of the Brantford Board of Trade is Mr. T. H. Preston, of the Exporter, and his inaugural message is full of information and practical suggestions for the advancement of the city. An important feature is his reference to the necessity of a technical school in a manufacturing center like Brantford. Mr. Preston points out the great development of the technical school system in Germany, France, Great Britain and the United States, and urges that the matter be taken into consideration. In the course of his address he throws out a number of hints for the City Council, and alludes to the kindly spirit in which that body has received advice from the Board of Trade. There is no such co-operation in this city. In fact, in recent years the local Board of Trade has not been a very influential factor, though our business men are second to none in ability and energy. A keener civic consciousness is needed. Brantford seems to possess it in a very profitable degree and well deserves her success. It is a live city, and has a live Board of Trade with a live president.

The Manufacturers' Life.

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Observations.

All these requests from A., B. or C. for bonuses, or exemptions, are simply requests that their taxes shall be paid in whole, or in part, by the remaining letters of the alphabet.

I see that our former fellow-townsmen, Sir John Murray, K.C.B., LL.D., F.R.S., finding his many other important engagements pressing upon his time, has resigned the position of scientific member of the Fishery Board of Scotland, and Prof. D'Arcy Thompson, of University College, Dundee, has been appointed by the Queen in his stead.

At a time when the jingo and imperialistic spirit runs pretty high, and when force is being deified, voices of another sort are heard. The Christian Guardian thinks it a painful anomaly that the Toronto public school warboys should be sent off to join in a military parade at Tampa, Fla., at a time when Canada is welcoming the Russian Doukhobor refugees from "the cruelest of war centers." The Guardian goes on to say:

"The Doukhobors (spirit-wrestlers) have been led by the Spirit of God to take the same position as the Quakers. With thousands of Quakers and Menonites and Doukhobors, who are opposed to war, Canada is becoming an important center against war, and in favor of peace, as she was a great force against slavery, and for human freedom years ago. Could the Dominion of Canada nationally and openly take the same attitude towards war as she has taken towards peace? Is it not a pity that thousands of peace-loving citizens, whom we welcome? Can Canada throw away her firearms and disarm her militia, and vote no more money for military colleges or war preparations, and trust the Prince of Peace for her future? If she had faith in Jesus Christ she could, at the coming session of Parliament. If all the Methodists in Canada would take the same attitude towards war as the Quakers and Doukhobors, it would greatly assist. If the Presbyterians, Baptists and Congregationalists would join in the movement, it would be irresistible, and Canada would lead the world in peace, as well as in temperance. There is no national pride or vanity in this. It would call for humility and faith and love. The world calls for our best contribution to its welfare and progress. We have tried

to outline it. Have we sufficient faith in Jesus Christ and his Spirit to lead on by following him?"

I suppose the answer of some would be that the Guardian's talk is probably all right, ethically, as Tolstoy's is, but that in a world full of imperfect people it is not practicable? What do you think?

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The German response to the request of the Czar of Russia to discuss the propriety of international reduction of armaments is the announcement that the army will be next year increased from 557,093 men to 573,000 men. It is asserted that the annual cost of the German army will be increased from \$512,000,000 to \$520,000,000 this year, and that in 1900 it will be \$7,000,000 or \$8,000,000 more. This does not lead us to hope that the European nations will at an early day reduce their armies or navies. Indeed, so far as naval preparations for eventualities are concerned, the action of Germany and Russia in increasing their navies has compelled the British Government to sanction a very large addition to the naval strength of the empire. The intention of all governments in modern times has been to keep the navy of the British nation pre-eminent over that of all other nations, and of any two nations of the first-class combined. That much is deemed requisite in the interests of all parts of the widely-scattered British dominions. It cannot be denied, however, that every nation is feeling the burden of sustaining so many non-producers in idleness.

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Everyone who knows anything about the subject, acknowledges that wide tires are very helpful in the maintenance of good roads, but the difficulty in the past has been to get owners of vehicles to adopt them. In Oregon, they hope to get over the trouble in a novel way. Those who use wide tires in that state will be rewarded with a rebate in taxes for four years.

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Colin Macdougall, Q.C., of St. Thomas, was born 65 years ago, March 3. From 1874 to 1878 he sat in the Dominion Parliament.—Prof. Bell, inventor of the telephone, has the same birthday. He is 52.—Wm. Lount, Q.C., made his earliest debut on the same day of the same month, in 1840. March 3 thus has three good men to its credit.

What Others Say

Didn't Go Far Enough.

[Parkhill Gazette.]

When in Detroit recently Hon David Mills told a reporter that the United States was no doubt "the most powerful country in America." How that reporter must have been disgusted. He would have been much better pleased if the Canadian minister had said the United States was the most powerful country in the world, and could "thrash all creation."

Better Go Slow.

[Hamilton Times.]

The London Advertiser says that the meeting of Canada Life policy-holders in London on Wednesday night "was not large." Messrs. Barker and Scott were there from Hamilton. Three London lawyers were on hand, and five policy-holders. Now that the motive of the lawyer agitators has been exposed, the "indignation" will fizzle out, and the collection of the policy-holders' dollars to fee lawyers, will become increasingly difficult.

The Cause of the Squeal.

[St. Thomas Journal.]

A simple fact of the matter is that the Conservative party are very sore as to turn the proceedings of the commission have taken. They confidently expected Mr. Laurier to bring home a treaty that they could pick to pieces and use as campaign material for their own party. He didn't do it. He couldn't get the terms he wanted and he came away without them. Canadian by attempting retaliation would only show that they were deeply disappointed at the outcome, and that they did feel more or less that they were dependent on the Americans.

Government Did Well.

[Toronto News.]

Seeing that the alleged surplus has been exposed very thoroughly, the general effect of the new bill is not calculated to injure the Government except with the liquor interest, and even possible opposition from this source has been modified by confirming the operation of the new measure to cities. Altogether, the bill is very shrewdly contrived and ably framed. As it is analyzed more closely defects which are not apparent on the face of it may be discovered, but on the first reading it does not appear to be one that lays the Government open to serious attack from any direction.

The Power of Genius.

[Cleveland Leader.]

A president of the United States or sovereign of one of the great powers of Europe could hardly have more done for him or receive greater attention from the press. And Kipling, in his fullness of success and popularity, with plenty of money and a great income from his writings, which probably exceeds the interest, at ordinary rates, on a million dollars well invested, is only 33 years old. He is sick in a land not by his own birth, parentage or adoption, and yet he is the object of more solicitude than would be felt for any of its sons, save a very small number. That is what genius can accomplish now in the field of literature when it is at its best and is most fortunate.

High Honor to Lord Herschell.

[New York Mail and Express.]

No more striking tribute to the memory of Lord Herschell is possible than that rendered yesterday in the prompt adjournment of the Supreme Court of the United States on the fourth anniversary of the death of the distinguished British jurist and statesman. This action was more significant than any similar action could have been in his native land, and was chiefly significant as being the first occasion on which our Federal Supreme

Court has ever adjourned out of respect to the memory of a man not a citizen of this country. It may be said that cause is to be found in the fact that the death occurred in our national capital, where Lord Herschell had been in the discharge of an important international commission. Nevertheless we venture to assert that there are few men, even in Great Britain, who would have been thus honored under the same conditions.

Light and Shade

In the Honeymoon.

"Sweet, do you love me as well as you did this time yesterday?" tenderly murmured the young bridegroom, leaning toward her. "Rather better, I think, dear," softly answered the young bride. "Then I'm happier than I was yesterday," he rejoined. "And I didn't think it was possible!" Whereupon the hard-featured old bachelor in the seat directly behind them went forward into the smoking-car.—Chicago Tribune.

Wiggin's Wanton Wink.

Dedicated without permission, and with apologies to the late Peter Piper, to Dr. Twing Wiggin, instructor in physiology in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, who was suspended by the faculty pending an investigation into charges of winking during lectures before a class composed partly of young women:

Twing Wiggin winked a wanton wink at which the women wondered. If Twing Wiggin winked a wanton wink at which the women wondered. Where went the wanton wink at which the women wondered which Twing Wiggin wantonly wink? —Chicago Journal.

Mottoes.

Peddler.—Wouldn't you like some mottoes for your house, mum? It's very cheering to a husband to see a motto on the wall when he comes home.

Mrs. De Jagg.—You might sell me one if you've got one that says "Better Late Than Never."—New York Weekly.

Hor Attachment.

"I married for money," said the gloomy man.

"Wasn't there a woman attached to it?" asked the cynic.

"Of course there was," with increased gloom; "no matter attached to it that she has never parted with a cent."—Life.

THE BLENHEIM BANK ROBBERY

All Carried Revolvers—The Montreal Gang Believed To Be the Culprits.

Montreal, March 6.—Chief Detective Carpenter has received a letter from Chief Detective Campau, of Windsor, Ont., asking him to send full information regarding the six burglars arrested here the other night, and who are supposed to have been connected with the Blenheim, Ont., bank robbery. Chief Carpenter had photographs taken of the prisoners and forwarded them to the Windsor authorities for their purpose of identification. The prisoners are now in the Montreal jail, and are being closely watched, as they are known to be dangerous characters. When searched at the jail, each of them was found in possession of a fully loaded revolver. Extra precautions are being taken, as it is regarded as likely they might make an attempt to escape.

Windsor, March 6.—Provincial Detectives Campau and Mahoney were at Blenheim, having an interview with Manager Powell, Cashier Peacock and Police Magistrate Gossnell, with a view to arresting some local parties who are suspected of having had a hand in the burglary of the Blenheim bank.

The authorities are satisfied that the men arrested in Montreal are the guilty parties, but there is little doubt that they were assisted by parties with local knowledge.

SATISFACTORY INAUGURATION

Of the Spring Trade in Canada.

Toronto, March 6.—Bradstreet's weekly review of Canada's wholesale trade says in part:

The past has been a comparatively busy week at Montreal. The house sales have shown a considerable increase of buyers. This month buyers from various parts of the country and many more are expected before the first of April. A particularly satisfactory feature of business is the generally firm and advancing condition of values. Active preparations are going forward for the shipping business, and an enormous movement from this port is looked for during the coming season.

Trade at the Pacific coast continues active, the prospect still holding good for a large season's business, particularly in the building trade at Vancouver, where the boom shows no sign of a relaxation.

The very satisfactory inauguration of the spring business at the warehouses in Toronto last week has been followed up by an active house trade and mail orders, which have kept the trade busy. In drygoods and millinery most of the retailers are buying a superior and more costly class of goods than in previous years, which, with the increase demand in nearly all lines, should make a large addition to the average season's turnover.

An increased amount of business is being done at Winnipeg and Manitoba points, and a further expansion of trade is confidently expected as the season advances. The demand from the retailers for spring goods is increasing, and values continue very firm. The arrival of settlers continues to have a good effect on general business and the demand for farm lands, prices for which are well maintained.

Old England's Flag Vs. Dr. A. W. Chase.

The virtues of Dr. Chase's remedies are known the world over, and like old England's flag, the sun on them never sets.

Dr. Chase's Ointment, Kidney-Liver Pills, Catarrh Cure, Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine, and Liver Cure enjoy the confidence of every doctor. They have won their way to the public favor on merit. Their sterling qualities and high standing and purity have made them the household word all round the world. All dealers sell and recommend them.

FRIGHTFUL EXPLOSION

Powder Magazine at Toulon Destroyed.

Forty Dead Bodies Taken From the Debris—Probably 100 Injured—Country Looks as if a Volcanic Eruption Had Occurred.

Toulon, March 6.—The naval powder magazine of La Goubarn, between La Seyne and Toulon in the department of Var, Southern France, exploded at 2:30 yesterday morning. All of the soldiers on duty at the magazine were killed, and a number of inhabitants of the surrounding district, the buildings in which were razed, also fell victims. Forty corpses have already been recovered. The cause of the explosion is not known.

Fifty thousand kilograms of black powder exploded. It looks as though a volcanic eruption had occurred, the country being swept almost bare within a radius of two miles, houses destroyed, trees overturned and distorted, fields devastated and covered with stones and impalpable black dust. Some of the stones are enormous, one weighing 50 kilograms fell in the suburb of Pone de Las. Signs of the explosion are evident in all the suburbs of Toulon and in the city itself. Even at St. Jean Devar, five miles distant, windows were shattered and doors battered in. Later reports show that of the seven sentries four were killed outright, and the others severely injured, the corporal being literally scalped and the scalp overhanging his face like a veil. A large number of soldiers are now employed in clearing away the debris, but the work is very difficult.

It is impossible to ascertain accurately the number killed, but it is believed no fewer than 100 were injured. Although it was a clear night, the explosion was so terrific as to produce a slight rainfall.

Fortunately the neighboring magazines escaped. It is now believed that the explosion originated in the chemical decomposition in smokeless powder. There is no suggestion of foul play.

The whole city is in mourning, flags at half-mast, theaters are draped and casinos closed.

Both the government and municipal authorities are forwarding relief funds. M. Lockroy, minister of marine, has telegraphed 10,000 francs, towards the maintenance of the families of the victims, and ample subscriptions are being opened here.

Four of the injured have succumbed to their injuries. It is believed that fifteen are still buried in the debris. All the bodies found or recovered are terribly mutilated. Sixteen were found in the rocks near the shore, and it is feared that others were precipitated into the sea.

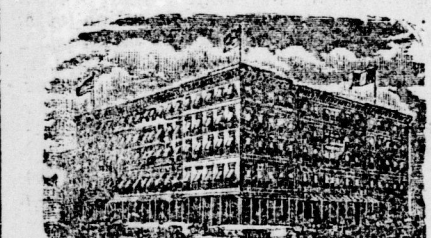
A vehicle moving along a road near the sea was lifted bodily into the water by the force of the explosion, two of its occupants being drowned. The scene at the village of La Coubarn was appalling. Telegrams from Dawson state the explosion was distinctly felt there.

A \$7 BEEFSTEAK

Detroit Man Paid It for a Christmas Dinner in the Klondike.

Detroit, March 6.—Charles L. Kelsey, of 44 Charlotte avenue, left here a year ago for the Klondike. A letter, written two days before Christmas, from Dawson, has just reached his home here. He has his headquarters at Homestake Gulch, 18 miles from Dawson, and the day he wrote he had worked on his claim from 6:30 a.m. until after 1 o'clock p.m., and then walked to Dawson. He states that the mercury was 65 degrees below zero, when he reached the end of his walk, and promised to go lower. He expected to remain in Dawson until the afternoon of Dec. 24, and then to hasten to his camp, to be present at a grand Christmas dinner, for which the following bill-of-fare had been arranged: Beans soup, boiled beans, baked beans, boiled bacon, cold and hot, and fried bacon. He regaled himself at Dawson, before writing, with a beefsteak, for which he paid \$7.

The Rossin House, Toronto.



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Labor is the greatest producer of wealth; it moves all other causes.—Daniel Webster

REVOLVER FOR A PLAYTHING

A Warton Boy Shot in the Hand—Sudden Death in Guelph—Killed by a Snowslide.

FATAL FALL.

Guelph, March 6.—Mrs. Mitchell, mother of Mr. W. F. Mitchell, local manager for the Good Bicycle Company, met with a terribly sudden death in Guelph Saturday afternoon. While crossing the floor of her kitchen, the aged lady's dress tripped her, and she fell, striking her forehead with great force on a chair. She remained unconscious for some time, and was removed to the hospital, where she died a few hours after her fall.

TONAKA WASN'T SAVED.

Antlers, I. T., March 6.—Walla Tonaka was shot to death on Monday, despite the report that the reviver arrived just in time to save his life. The statement went out from here, saying that Tonaka was not executed has been denied by the following message from Judge Clayton: "Tonaka executed according to law. Courier failed to arrive with reviver."

DROPPED DEAD.

Montreal, March 6.—Dr. Adolphe Pich, of 1529 Ontario street, dropped dead on the street Saturday morning.

KILLED IN THE DARKNESS.

Detroit, March 6.—Two bicycle riders, Dave Aratio and Dan Murphy, collided on the country road between Mayfield and Mountain View, Col., while riding in the darkness, in opposite directions at a high rate of speed. Aratio was killed almost instantly. Murphy was cut and bruised, and had all the fingers of his left hand broken.

THE LAMP EXPLODED.

Chatham, March 6.—What may prove to be a fatal accident occurred Friday night at Blenheim. Mrs. P. Clarke, a young Thamesville lady, visiting her aunt, Mrs. James Bell, while there contracted pneumonia. During the night a lighted lamp in the room exploded, igniting the curtains and bedding. The invalid jumped from her bed and attempted to put out the fire, and in doing so her nightdress caught on fire, and she was severely burned. The injuries and excitement have placed Miss Clarke in a precarious condition.

KILLED BY A SNOWSLIDE.

Denver, March 6.—Advices from Tomichi indicate that a snowslide on Granite Mountain has killed Mrs. Alta Stout and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Swaze, and one of their children, besides destroying \$200,000 worth of property of the Granite Mountain Mining Company.

PLAYED WITH A REVOLVER.

Warton, Ont., March 6.—While C. Ames, son of G. W. Ames, banker here, was playing with a revolver on Saturday the instrument exploded, and the ball passed through his left hand, narrowly escaping his chest.

ENGINEER AND FIREMAN KILLED.

Huntingdon, Pa., March 6.—The first section of the fast newspaper train, due here at 7 a.m., was wrecked a mile east of this place yesterday by a land-slide. Engineer Robert McCutcheon and Fireman J. Troche, both of Harrisburg, were instantly killed. The passengers on the train were unhurt.

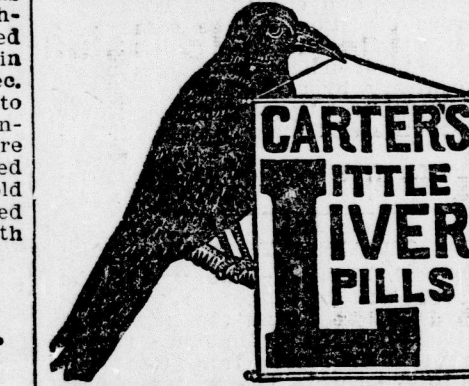
MISERY IN A HOSPITAL.

Rheumatism Made Life a Burden—South American Rheumatic Cure Lifted It—A Permanent Cure.

The life of John E. Smith, of Amasa Wood Hospital, St. Thomas, was one long round of misery, he was so afflicted with rheumatism. He tried all manner of cures without much benefit. After having taken half a bottle of South American Rheumatic Cure he found great relief and four bottles cured him permanently.

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A burning Boston tenement claimed Mrs. Elizabeth Walker and Mrs. Mary H. Perkins as victims.



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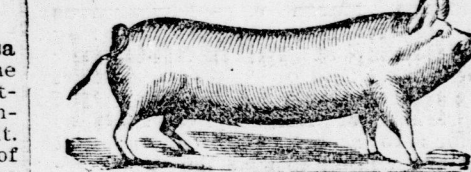
One to three of Radway's Pills, ones in twenty-four hours, will secure regular evacuations from the bowels. Persons who, for 20 years, have not enjoyed a natural stool, and have been compelled to use injudicious laxatives, have been cured by a few doses of Radway's Pills. Persons advanced in life often suffer from indigestion, and from paralysis or inability to evacuate from the bowels, likewise from urinary difficulty. We have the evidence of a large number of aged persons, from 70 to 80 years of age, who have been cured of this defect (who were compelled to resort to injections to empty their bowels) by the use of Radway's Pills. Two or three pills every night, in all cases insure a natural evacuation from the bowels and a regular flow of urine. In cases where there is irritation of the bladder, the Resolvent should be used alternately with the pills. If these organs are kept regular, life may be extended to a much longer period. By keeping the Liver, Stomach, Bowels, and Bladder in a healthy condition, the blood will continue pure and dissolution checked. This great desideratum is within the reach of all by the use of Radway's Pills and Resolvent. The Resolvent should be used alternately with the pills. In persons of advanced age, hasten dissolution; irritates and wears out the bowels and costs of the stomach, destroys the absorbents, so that these vessels are incapable of assisting in the repair of the body's waste. If Radway's Pills and Resolvent are used by the aged, life will be prolonged to the full measure of time. Another great end is secured by nourishing the body with these remedies—the faculties will remain in a healthy condition. A weak, feeble and decaying body enfeebles the intellect and clouds the brain.

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To Whom She Said "Yes."

Eden had no sooner spoken than she retreated in the deepest confusion. Might not Captain Vinson, who knew so much of her, be with some allusion to his brother officer, and make her regret more than ever her folly in loitering in the cove and listening to him?

"I will most willingly consult my magic crystal again for you, fair maiden," he said, in his most oracular tones. "Pray, draw nearer. You know that I may be able to show you in his depths the lineaments of your future husband."

"Thanks, but I would rather hear no more," cried Eden, hastily, and she made her escape, but with such flushed cheeks and perturbed looks, that Captain Lyssenden muttered something beneath his breath not very complimentary to the wizard; and even the headless major looked grave, and felt afraid that his conjuditor had carried the fun too far.

While Eden, who had returned to Flip's stall, was restoring to their places some dominoes that had been thrown out of their box, she found Frank Lyssenden beside her. But she did not look up, till, in vexed tones, he addressed her.

"Those idiots have been annoying you, Miss Aubrey, with their confounded rubbish." "Oh, no," she replied, her smiles returning. "But if they had it would have served me right for rejecting your advice, wouldn't it? I was surprised, or, I may say, perplexed, that was all. I cannot understand how anyone could have known—"

"Known what? That I walked home with you the other evening? If you have been subjected to any impertinence, and through me—"

"Gently, pray!" cried Eden. "You are speaking so loud that Mrs. Merstham is looking this way. Will you tie this piece of string round this packet for me, while I hold it. Thanks. The wizard did not make an allusion to you; the only person he professed to see in the crystal beside myself was a gentleman with whom you are wholly unacquainted."

"A gentleman? humph! and a stranger to me? But you believed what you heard?"

"How could I help it, when part of it was correct; and the other will come to pass, I suppose?" Then Eden sighed, for though she practised diligently at the exercises Monsieur Valmont had sent, she had not yet reconciled herself to the prospect of singing in public.

"But what did you hear that concerns yourself and this certain someone else? You will tell me, will you not?"

But Eden interrupted him with a quick "No, no; why should I? What can my future signify to anyone here?"

She turned away, and just at this moment Frank Lyssenden's attention was claimed by Major Halliss. The business of the day was over; the bandmen had played the "National Anthem," and were packing up their music and getting ready to march to Aldenby; the last customer had departed, and the stalls were pretty well dismantled, with the exception of Mrs. Merstham's, and she, in answer to the inquiry what was to be done with the articles upon it, had proposed that a lottery should be instituted.

The proposal was received with acclamations, and Major Halliss was deputed to manage it. This he did in a style peculiar to himself, and after having, with a little help from Captain Lyssenden, divided the collection into lots, he invited those present to draw tickets from the bag with which H and P provided him.

But the folded papers it contained were scrawled with hieroglyphics, and, therefore, their educations having been very much neglected, the major told them, and on one but himself being able to read Sanscrit, it was he who glibly announced the number of the lot that fell to the holder's share.

By this little bit of maneuvering every person received these articles most likely to please her. Venetia and her sisters found themselves the owners of more elegant trifles than they knew what to do with; Lotti became the delighted recipient of a work-box, and a complete set of dolls' furniture almost too beautiful to use, while Eden was as much bewildered as gratified at the profusion of charming things that fell to her share. Here was that dainty glove-box well filled with gloves which were precisely the right size; hers the toilet-case of ex-

quisite perfumes from Rimmel's; hers the fan of delicately-carved ivory, how often she had wished for just such a one!—and nestling in the folds of an embroidered velvet amouneire, she found a bunch of charms so quaint, so pretty, that she eagerly called to Flip and Lin to admire them with her.

While the heads of the three girls were all bent together over the gold and coral and enamel trinkets lying in Eden's rosy palm, Mrs. Merstham looked over her shoulder, and her fine face grew pale with rage, for she had recognized them. They were the charms she had sold to Frank Lyssenden, and at all events by his connivance, that they were bestowed on Eden Aubrey.

Was it possible, she breathlessly asked herself, that she was going to find a rival in the insignificant country girl whom she had hitherto despised? She could have entered the lists with a woman of her own rank and her own claims to wealth and beauty, and borne a defeat with some semblance of fortitude; but to be despised, neglected, for an ignorant rustic, a mere child, in whom she could see no charms, was too galling to be tolerated.

CHAPTER XII.

Happily unconscious of the ill-will which she was regarded, Eden carefully placed all hers and Lotti's treasures in a basket, which Rifles promised to bring to the cottage presently, reserving only a flagon of Eau-de-Cologne to carry in her pocket to her mother, and the bunch of charms, which, little dreaming how much evil they would entail upon her, she fastened to the chain of her mother's hair, from which hung a little gold watch, one of the few treasures, prized beyond its worth because it had been her father's.

This done, she was gratefully declining Mr. Stretby's offer to send her and her sister home in the phaeton, when Mrs. Merstham swept across the room, leaning on the arm of Frank Lyssenden, whom she had invited to lead her to her carriage.

She beckoned the wondering Eden to approach, and accosted her with an unusually gracious mien, the young girl, in the gale of her heart, giving her smile for smile, and little thinking how those baleful, bright eyes were watching the while to try and discover some sign of intimacy betwixt her and Frank Lyssenden.

"Miss Aubrey, a few friends will dine with me on Wednesday, and in the evening we may indulge ourselves with a carpet dance. Will you come? If you will, the carriage shall call for you at the same time as for the Misses Tibbets. I shall be much disappointed if you refuse me."

[To be Continued.]

FOUND A SAFE AFTER 3 YEARS

Queer Freak of the Detroit Journal Explosion—It Threw the Safe Across the Alley.

Detroit, Mich., March 6.—A few minutes before 9 o'clock on the morning of Nov. 5, 1895, George J. Hillier sat in his office in the rear of the old Journal building, on the second floor. A small safe, bright, new, and filled with valuable papers, stood in the corner of the room, two yards from Hillier. The safe had not yet been opened for the day.

A few minutes before 9 o'clock on that day, one of the most horrible boiler explosions in the history of Detroit, occurred below, and a little forward of the room in which Hillier was sitting.

Among the torn and dismembered bodies there were found in the hot ruins the remains of George J. Hillier, the bookbinder. But the safe was not found in the ruins.

It was found this week in a dark, deep hole in the rear of 123 Jefferson avenue. It was covered with rust and slime, but looked as tightly as it was on the last morning of the owner's life. For more than three years it had stood on its side in the dark, dank hole. It was hurled through the air from the second floor of the old Journal building, across the alley, describing a downward course, and it crashed into the dark, unused hole in the rear of 123 Jefferson avenue, a building now occupied by the Norris Collar Company.

The safe shot into this hole through a window hardly a foot larger than itself on either side. So cleanly did it cut its way through the planking which was nailed across the window, that only four or five bricks were torn away from the right hand side.

The safe was found when preparations were made to start a laundry in the Norris building, and the cellar had to be cleaned out to make room for machinery.

There was no cash whatever in the drawers, but beads and mining stock to the value of \$25,000 were found. All the property in the safe was in the name of George F. Hillier.

There were scores of papers in the safe—notes long gone to protest, private and personal communications. The property will be turned over to the Hillier estate.

Almost in Despair.

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CHEESEMEN IN CONVENTION

London Board to Apply for Incorporation.

Sale of Cheese on the Local Market Characterized as a Farce—Rules Broken With Impunity—Death-Blow to the Half-Pound "Up Beam" Custom.

The members of the London Cheese Board and men interested in cheese in the district surrounding London, gathered at the county buildings, on Saturday to discuss questions relating to the disposal and sale of cheese. The attendance was large and the proceedings were carried on with a spirit of enthusiasm.

Mr. Gideon Decker, of Delaware, was elected chairman, and Mr. Ezra Hunt, of North Street factory, secretary.

Mr. S. H. Nagle, Muncey Road, was called upon to explain the objects of the gathering. Speaking from 25 years' experience in the dairy business, Mr. Nagle said he had concluded that dairymen all the country over lacked interest in the business, and allowed people who knew nothing about the business to run them, and just about everything in the dairy line. It was needless to speak of the gross impossibilities to which salesmen and makers of cheese had been subjected for a long time, but the schemes of the buyers of last year had capped the climax. The rule compelling salesmen to sell on the board only, he said, was demonstrated by last season's work to be simply a scheme to corner factorymen. The board was all right. If the rules were adhered to it would be a convenience to both buyers and sellers. Last year the rules had been violated, the penalty was applied, and offenders laughed, because they knew there was no way of enforcing the rules by law. The question of cheese inspection would have to be considered, and also the half-pound "up-beam" matter. In order to protect themselves, something would have to be done. He advised that the meeting follow in the steps of the Listowel district makers, and apply for the incorporation of five members. If incorporation were secured both buyers and salesmen would be amenable to the law in case of violation of the rules of the board.

Mr. Decker spoke of the one-half pound "up-beam" weights, and advanced the opinion that under the present system factorymen were being docked considerably more than half a pound. In most cases it was about one and a half pounds per box.

Discussion followed these remarks, and the general opinion was that it would be more satisfactory if the cheese were paid for according to the weight, even if the price was a fraction less per pound. The speaker under this system was "the average number of pounds of milk required to a pound of cheese was made higher, and it was a great injustice to the maker. Many of the members were willing to concede the half-pound, but objected to the concession of anything over that.

Mr. John Geary explained that the half-pound "up-beam" system had never been adopted by the London board. It had been forced on them by the buyers, who always bought subject to this rule, and the salesmen allowed them to do so, with little or no objection. He thoroughly understood the position of the buyer, who wanted to make all he could, but he knew also that the buyers had never acted squarely with the salesmen, and the schemes of last summer were the most iniquitous he had ever seen employed.

Mr. John Guest, North Middlesex, asked if there was no way of getting some honest man in England, to whom the cheese could be consigned, and who would render a fair commission. Then the factorymen would know what they were getting.

Mr. H. J. Smith, Delaware, thought there should be a definition of what "up-beam" should be.

Mr. J. C. C. Northwood, said he had never considered the one-half pound "up-beam" a thing of very great importance.

James Glenn, of Glanworth, thought cheese could be sold to better advantage if shipped in consignments by the London board to some honest commission merchant on the other side.

Samuel Dart, Westminster, who has had experience in shipping consignments, said so far as he was concerned, it had proved most satisfactory. He thought if some of the moneyed people could be induced to come over here and buy up the factories and hire good men to run them, it would be a good scheme. His reason for giving the board the go-by was certain actions of the buyers.

On motion of S. P. Brown, Maple Grove, and Mr. Conklin, it was decided that in future the London board will not give the half-pound "up-beam," but simply beam weight.

The matter of selling on Saturday only was thoroughly thrashed out. Mr. Ezra Hunt pointed out that this was one of the rules the buyers had asked for, and had been the first to break.

On motion of S. H. Nagle and S. P. Brown, the following resolution was passed: "That the salesmen of the London board do not concede to sell-

ing on market day, nor to sign any agreement to that effect."

The question of cheese inspection was warmly discussed. Mr. Decker spoke strongly in favor of cheese being inspected before being sold.

Mr. Lee, of West, Missouri, thought great injustice was the only way that accrued to makers by the present system. The sale of cheese on the London board he characterized as a farce. Others were of the same opinion.

Mr. John Geary thought that was carrying the matter a little too far. It would not be possible to inspect the cheese before buying.

Mr. J. S. Pearce pointed out the impracticability of the suggestion. Buyers would only be satisfied with their own inspection. To inspect the cheese in every factory before the sale was impossible, and unless a buyer inspected all, he might better inspect none, because the chances were that he would not get any of the cheese he had inspected when he came to the board, and the few factories was valuable. Under incorporation this would be fair to all. In case of any dispute between buyer and seller the arbitration committee would have to decide, and both parties would be obliged to abide by their findings.

A motion by Mr. Lee and Mr. Sanderson to make all sales on the board bona fide, not subject to inspection after sale, was voted down.

Mr. E. S. Hunt and J. C. Dance moved for the appointment of a committee to secure the incorporation of the London Cheese Board, and this carried.

The committee appointed were: G. Decker, Delaware; S. H. Nagle, Muncey Road; J. C. Dance, Northwood; S. P. Brown, Maple Grove, and James Crinkshaw, White Oak. At a subsequent meeting of the committee Mr. Decker was elected chairman and Mr. Brown secretary. The committee will meet on Saturday next.

WESTERN ONTARIO

G. T. R. Engine Crashes Into a Farmer's Rig at Burgessville.

Cowal Family Have a Close Call From Being Burned Alive—Walkerville Council After the Bell Telephone Company.

H. W. Allen, collector of customs for Windsor, is confined to his home with a severe cold.

E. J. Wigle, Kingsville, has imported five Clydesdale horses from Scotland, for breeding purposes.

Mrs. Irene Wallace, of Windsor, received word Saturday that her father-in-law had died, leaving her \$3,500.

Mr. W. H. Kirkland has sold his 100-acre farm on the Sparta road to Mr. A. Adkins for \$5,000. Mr. Kirkland will remove to the city.

The following are the customs returns for Woodstock during the month of February: Value for duty, \$21,342; duty collected, \$5,856.66; free goods, \$19,484; exports, \$16,000.

Mrs. James Bayne, wife of James Bayne, of the firm of Bayne & Cartwright, Kingsville, died on Saturday, in her 43rd year. Besides the husband there remains five small children.

Henry Conroy, of Sandwich, is dangerously ill from concussion of the brain, and the physician has slight hopes of his recovery. It is said that he was injured in a boxing match a few days ago, receiving a fall on a hard floor.

Solicitor for Samuel Hilton, Sparta, has issued a writ against Chas. Stafford and the other executors of the late William D. Hilton, who died in Detroit in August last, to get aside deceased's will. The plaintiff and other members of the family were not mentioned in the will.

Mrs. Mary Jane Sinclair, wife of Mr. James Sinclair, North Yarmouth, died Friday morning after an illness of two weeks from pneumonia, aged 31 years. The demise of the lady is rendered all the more sad from the fact that she was married on Feb. 15 last. She was a daughter of Mr. John McGregor, of Shedden.

The Windsor board of health held a meeting Friday night in regard to the case of Ferris, who was taken to the pest house last Thursday, supposed to be suffering from smallpox. After some discussion, a resolution was passed, appointing Dr. Coventry to make the diagnosis of the case. If he cannot attend, some other doctor will be called, probably Dr. Duffield, of Detroit.

The Walkerville council is preparing a bylaw to fetch the Bell Telephone Company. It is claimed by the town electrician that the wires of the telephone company are not sufficiently insulated to protect the buildings in town, and that, although the company has been repeatedly asked to place its lines in better shape, all of the requests have been ignored. Now it is proposed to pass a bylaw which will compel the company to do so.

The death is announced at Mersea, Essex county, of Isaac Hartwick, aged 73 years, from the grip. His was an interesting life. He was born in a log cabin on the spot where London now stands, there being no other dwelling in sight. From there, when he was a youth, his parents moved to Ridgeway, where, at the age of 25, he married Miss Caroline Everly, daughter of Joseph Everly, of Ridgeway. Shortly after their marriage the young couple removed to Zone township, Kent.

The residence of Andrew McFarlane, near Cowal, was destroyed by fire the other morning, and the family had a narrow escape with their lives. All were sound asleep upstairs, when Miss McFarlane, hearing a noise below, went to the door, and found the lower portion of the house almost enveloped with flames. She quickly aroused the rest of the occupants, who were entirely ignorant of the devouring element. They had scarcely time to snatch a few scanty articles of apparel and flee before the house was completely enveloped. As it was, Miss McFarlane, who had to assist her father, who is well advanced in years, was badly burned. Everything was lost, including two gold watches and \$20 in money.

On Thursday morning, when a G. T. R. train, running at a high rate of speed, was about two concessions south of Burgessville, a slight jar was felt by the passengers. Some of them looking out the car windows as the train crossed the concession saw a team of horses tearing madly down the road. Then they knew something must have been struck, and when the train stopped they expected to find the mangled remains of a man. The train backed up, and the passengers and trainmen were gratified to find Samuel Casley gathering himself together, but almost entirely unharmed. "I thought I had plenty of time to get across," said Casley, "before the train got through the cut. When a

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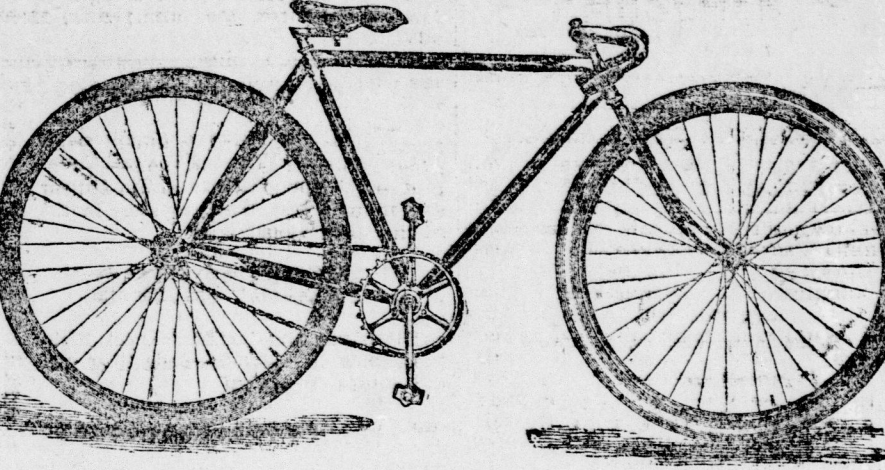
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few feet from the track, however, I found out my mistake. The engine was bearing down on me, and I still thought I could pass. The engine struck the back wheel of my wagon, and I was thrown out." Other than this Casley did not exhibit any great concern about his narrow escape. The wagon was badly smashed, and how the driver escaped is what the passengers could not understand.

CIRCUS COMBINE

How the Old-Time Antagonists Have at Last Got Together.

New York, March 6.—The concentration of the circus business in a few hands has reached an astounding point. The Barnum & Bailey show became the property of James A. Bailey, the surviving partner, by payment to Mr. Barnum's heirs a sum said to have been \$700,000. They have been in England over a year, and now the news is that they are to remain there. Mr. Bailey has merged them into a limited liability company. The particulars are given by the trustworthy London correspondent of the Clipper. Mr. Bailey sells the property and trade mark for \$2,250,000, of which he gets two-thirds in money and one-third in stock. The rest of 400,000 shares, of the par value of \$1 each, will be offered to the general public, and options are now quoted on the stock exchange, at an advance of 25 per cent. Vast buildings are to be put up in London, and Mr. Bailey will be the managing director. The coalition of circuses in this country has been remarkable. The late Adam Forepaugh was, for many years, Barnum's only considerable rival. The Forepaugh menagerie especially held its own against the king of showmen. After a while the two ended their fight

with a treaty, under which they divided the country, and their routes no longer conflicted. After the death of Forepaugh his shows were bought by Bailey, and were operated under the Forepaugh name.

But there was a third concern, hardly heard of in the east, but renowned in the west, that of the Sells Bros., who kept up a strong opposition. But they and Bailey have coalesced, and now the only big circus and menagerie in America is lettered on the fences along its tours as the Sells Bros.-Forepaugh shows.

The history of the three Sells brothers is told interestingly by a correspondent of the Dramatic News. They started in 1871 as travelling auctioneers at Washington's Court House, O. Heming & Cooper's circus was exhibiting there the day they came to town. They concluded to follow the show a few days, and take advantage of the crowd to sell their goods. Violent opposition from the show people intensified the determination of the brothers to keep along with them during the season. The auctioneers secretly laid plans for embarking in the circus business the following year. They made large fortunes. James A. Bailey was the advance agent of Heming & Cooper at the time the Sells so vigorously asserted themselves as auctioneers. Now, after the lapse of more than a quarter of a century, during which Bailey and they have been continuously in the circus line, the old antagonists find themselves in the closest business relations.

GEN. GOMEZ'S PLAN

Asks That 10,000 Cubans Be Enlisted in the Service—Agoncillo's Rescue.

Havana, March 6.—Gen. Maximo Gomez asks Governor General Brooke to reduce the American army of occupation to 10,000 men, retaining 10,000 Cuban soldiers in the service of the military government. At least, so says Senor Manuel de Cespedes, who acted as interpreter at yesterday's council, adding that Gen. Brooke took the proposition under consideration, and promised to consult Washington. Gen. Brooke himself says nothing on the subject.

If any Cuban soldiers are enlisted, it will be under American officers, and the old organizations will be broken up. Were 10,000 enlisted, this would allow \$300,000 to be divided among the remainder, less those already employed on the streets and the rural police, about 1,500.

AGONCILLO'S RESCUE.

Senor Agoncillo and the twelve other passengers of the wrecked steamer Labrador, who were confined on Skerryvore Rock, have been rescued by the Hesperia, and landed at Oban. The rescue of the shipwrecked party was accomplished with the greatest difficulty in a driving snowstorm with a high sea running.

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METEOROLOGICAL.

Toronto, Ont., March 5, 8 p.m.—An important low area which is now over Central Quebec is moving rapidly northeastward, and is causing a gale from the lakes to the Atlantic. High pressure and cold weather prevail over the Northwest, and these are spreading eastward to the lake district. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Calgary, 10 below—10; Battleford, 22 below—zero; Qu'Appelle, 22 below—8; below; Winnipeg, 28 below—0 below; Port Arthur, 10 below—20; Parry Sound, 22—24; Toronto, 34—40; Ottawa, 32—36; Montreal, 30—42; Quebec, 28—34.

Local temperature—The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the observatory on Saturday, March 4, were 28.5 above and 24.5 below; on Sunday, March 5, 35 above and 23.5 below. Today the sun rises at 6:46; sets at 6:12. Moon rises, 3:05 a.m.; sets, 12:09 p.m.

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A LOCAL BUDGET

—Community services were held in the city Presbyterian churches yesterday.

—Miss Maud Van Zandt, of Leamington, is visiting friends in Detroit and London.

—Miss H. M. Fuller, of Leamington, is the guest of the Misses Sutton, Talbot Street.

—Mr. J. L. Johnson leaves on a business trip today for Ottawa, Montreal, and Halifax.

—Miss Shepherd, of Clinton, is visiting her sister, Miss Grace Shepherd, at Glen Villa, Arva.

—Mr. Dan McKenzie, traveler, of Butte, Montana, is on a visit home in South London at present.

—The many friends of Agnes M. Templeton will be pleased to know she is recovering from her recent illness.

—The street railway company are putting new machinery worth between \$2,000 and \$3,000 in their power house.

—Plunket Greene signs a return engagement in Toronto tonight, and will reach London tomorrow afternoon.

—Mr. F. C. Dickerson, of Niagara Falls, has removed to this city, his old home, where he has been appointed to a good position.

—There is now some prospect of Rev. Andrew Cunningham, of Kinross, formerly of this city, recovering from his severe illness.

—The East Middlesex Farmers' Institute on Saturday decided to run their annual excursion for the coming summer to Niagara Falls.

—Capt. McLeod, of the steamer Shenango, No. 1, and Superintendent Woollett, of the L. E. and D. R. R., were in the city on Saturday.

—Rev. Dr. Carman, general superintendent of the Methodist Church, is to preach anniversary sermons at the Askin Street Church next Sunday week.

—Mr. J. C. Watson, for some time past book-keeper for the Stratford Gas Company, has accepted a similar position with the Knowles Lithographing Company, of this city.

—Miss Bernie, of this city, head trimmer in Ryan Bros. millinery department last season, has accepted a similar position in a large establishment in Galt. Her successor is Miss Hersey, also of this city.

—Niagara Falls Review: Mr. Garrett O'Connor has received official notification of his appointment to a position

in the railway postal service of Canada, with orders to report to Superintendent McWhinney, of London. Mr. O'Connor has been an official in the G. T. R. freight office here for over fifteen years, and from his education and training will, we are assured, make a most efficient officer. Just after the change of government at Ottawa he successfully passed the necessary civil service examination and received his certificate.

—A party of over 100 St. Thomases will visit London tomorrow evening, to take in the Plunket Greene concert. The M. C. R. will run a "special," leaving St. Thomas at 6:45, and return after the concert is over. The party will include 50 ladies from Alma College.

—Lieut.-Col. Henry Smith, formerly D. O. C. military district No. 1, and commandant of Wolseley Barracks, delivered a lecture, the last of the course, in the Lindsay Collegiate Institute on Friday evening. His subject was "Some Thoughts on Canadian Defense." The audience was a large and enthusiastic one, testifying by the liberal applause bestowed upon the speaker's remarks their keen appreciation of the many new and interesting points brought to their notice by the talented lecturer. Col. Smith will give a lecture on general militia matters at the drill shed, St. Thomas, tomorrow evening.

—The barometer at the local observatory yesterday morning registered the lowest point in its history, 29.384. The promise of a severe storm was fulfilled a few hours later. The storm was accompanied by a fall of snow, and the street railway company was obliged to keep eight cars moving all day and last night to prevent the slush freezing on the rails. West of London the fall of snow was much heavier than here, and the G. T. R. had considerable difficulty at the Sarnia tunnel. Saturday night's rain caused the Thames to rise about two feet, but the ice jam did not break up.

—Richard McGill, father of Mrs. (Dr.) J. D. Balfour, died at 6 o'clock last evening at the residence of his son-in-law, 245 South Street. Mr. McGill was in his 81st year, and enjoyed good health until the recent severe weather, when he contracted pneumonia. He was a native of Ireland, and came to Canada when a young man, settling in the wild forest where he later the township of Osborne, Huron county, where he spent most of his life, a busy and prosperous farmer. He was widely known and highly respected. His death severs one of the few links with pioneer life in the township. A family of five sons and three daughters survive. The remains will be taken to Exeter this evening, thence to the old homestead for interment. Mrs. McGill died some years ago.

THE FORMOSA MISSION HOMES WRECKED.

Rev. Dr. G. L. McKay, writing from Formosa, says: "Storms have been raging on sea and land. Chinese junks, sailing vessels and steamers have been wrecked, and hundreds of houses leveled to the ground. Two chapels have in the wild forest where we later the township of Osborne, Huron county, where he spent most of his life, a busy and prosperous farmer. He was widely known and highly respected. His death severs one of the few links with pioneer life in the township. A family of five sons and three daughters survive. The remains will be taken to Exeter this evening, thence to the old homestead for interment. Mrs. McGill died some years ago.

HON. DAVID MILLS TO SIXTH WARD LIBERALS.

In response to a request from the executive committee of No. 6 ward Liberal Club to Hon. David Mills, minister of justice, to address the members of that club, Mr. Philip E. Mackenzie, the club's president, received a telegram on Saturday evening from the honorable gentleman appointing next Saturday evening, March 11, as the date most convenient. Mr. Mills is a resident of South London, and has always shown an interest in the club, which is one of the liveliest organizations in the province.

"HELP UP" NEAR PORT STANLEY.

Mr. Joseph Baldwin, who lives on the Union road, about three miles from Port Stanley, was driving to the village with his niece to attend the revival services in the Methodist Church, when he was surprised and somewhat frightened by two men, who stopped his horse. Mr. Baldwin spoke to them and received the answer, "Hold up your hands," and a revolver was held close to his nose. Firmly believing he was in actual predicament, he shouted to the horse, and it jumped forward. Several revolver shots were fired at him. Mr. Baldwin came on to Port at a faster rate than usual. He left his niece, Miss Stacey, and went to Union, where he secured a warrant for one young man, returned to the Port and secured the services of Constables Stanton and Going, and started out to locate the parties, but made no arrests, although having an interview with the parties he suspected. General belief is that it was done by two young men as a lark. On the evening of March 2, Mr. Charles King, ex-alderman, underwent a similar experience.

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—The barometer at the local observatory yesterday morning registered the lowest point in its history, 29.384. The promise of a severe storm was fulfilled a few hours later. The storm was accompanied by a fall of snow, and the street railway company was obliged to keep eight cars moving all day and last night to prevent the slush freezing on the rails. West of London the fall of snow was much heavier than here, and the G. T. R. had considerable difficulty at the Sarnia tunnel. Saturday night's rain caused the Thames to rise about two feet, but the ice jam did not break up.

—Richard McGill, father of Mrs. (Dr.) J. D. Balfour, died at 6 o'clock last evening at the residence of his son-in-law, 245 South Street. Mr. McGill was in his 81st year, and enjoyed good health until the recent severe weather, when he contracted pneumonia. He was a native of Ireland, and came to Canada when a young man, settling in the wild forest where he later the township of Osborne, Huron county, where he spent most of his life, a busy and prosperous farmer. He was widely known and highly respected. His death severs one of the few links with pioneer life in the township. A family of five sons and three daughters survive. The remains will be taken to Exeter this evening, thence to the old homestead for interment. Mrs. McGill died some years ago.

THE FORMOSA MISSION HOMES WRECKED.

Rev. Dr. G. L. McKay, writing from Formosa, says: "Storms have been raging on sea and land. Chinese junks, sailing vessels and steamers have been wrecked, and hundreds of houses leveled to the ground. Two chapels have in the wild forest where we later the township of Osborne, Huron county, where he spent most of his life, a busy and prosperous farmer. He was widely known and highly respected. His death severs one of the few links with pioneer life in the township. A family of five sons and three daughters survive. The remains will be taken to Exeter this evening, thence to the old homestead for interment. Mrs. McGill died some years ago.

HON. DAVID MILLS TO SIXTH WARD LIBERALS.

In response to a request from the executive committee of No. 6 ward Liberal Club to Hon. David Mills, minister of justice, to address the members of that club, Mr. Philip E. Mackenzie, the club's president, received a telegram on Saturday evening from the honorable gentleman appointing next Saturday evening, March 11, as the date most convenient. Mr. Mills is a resident of South London, and has always shown an interest in the club, which is one of the liveliest organizations in the province.

"HELP UP" NEAR PORT STANLEY.

Mr. Joseph Baldwin, who lives on the Union road, about three miles from Port Stanley, was driving to the village with his niece to attend the revival services in the Methodist Church, when he was surprised and somewhat frightened by two men, who stopped his horse. Mr. Baldwin spoke to them and received the answer, "Hold up your hands," and a revolver was held close to his nose. Firmly believing he was in actual predicament, he shouted to the horse, and it jumped forward. Several revolver shots were fired at him. Mr. Baldwin came on to Port at a faster rate than usual. He left his niece, Miss Stacey, and went to Union, where he secured a warrant for one young man, returned to the Port and secured the services of Constables Stanton and Going, and started out to locate the parties, but made no arrests, although having an interview with the parties he suspected. General belief is that it was done by two young men as a lark. On the evening of March 2, Mr. Charles King, ex-alderman, underwent a similar experience.

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To be ignorant of one's ignorance is the malady of the ignorant.—A. Bowman Alcott.

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Religious Notice.

Hear Dr. Munhall at Dundas Center Church at 3 and 7:30 p.m. every day.

WESTERN FAIR SEPT. 7 TO 16

Directors Decide the Date of London's Great Exhibition for 1899.

And Elect Strong Committees for the Different Departments.

Buildings To Be Moved and a Number of Other Alterations Made—Will the Fair Stock Show Come to London?

The board of directors of the Western Fair Association met in session on Saturday afternoon, and elected committees for the year, and also set the date of the fair for 1899. A number of other matters of business were also transacted. The members present were: Mr. J. W. Little (vice-president), in the chair, Col. Leys, M.P.P., Ald. Winnett, Ald. Plant, Ald. Reed, John Laidlaw, Charles Trebilcock, Wm. Moore, John Durand, J. H. Brown, W. M. Spencer, George Taylor, A. Bogue, R. Shaw-Wood, and Secretary Thos. A. Browne. Following is the list of committees and those who compose them:

Finance—A. M. Smart, chairman; J. W. Little, W. J. Reid, Col. Leys, Ald. Winnett, Mayor Wilson and John Bowman.

Grounds and Buildings—J. H. Brown, chairman; W. M. Spencer, George Taylor, John S. Pearce, C. E. Trebilcock, Ald. Carrothers, Ald. Wilkey, John Laidlaw (Wilton Grove).

Gates and Tickets—W. M. Spencer, chairman; A. M. Smart, J. W. Little, Ald. McPhillips, W. R. Hobbs, Dr. Teasdale, and Mayor Wilson.

Printing—W. R. Hobbs, chairman; Ald. Plant, A. St. Lawrence McIntosh, Ald. McPhillips, W. A. Hunter and D. McKenzie.

Special Attractions—W. J. Reid, chairman; D. Ferguson, Adam Beck, John Bogue, T. H. Smallman, R. J. McRobert, George G. McCormick, M. W. Moore (St. Thomas), and S. H. Palmer (St. Thomas).

Horses—Col. Leys, chairman; J. H. Brown, John Kennedy (Idleton), Dr. O'Neill (city), Dr. J. H. Tennent (city), James Henderson (Belton), C. E. Macfarlane (Idleton), John Murdoch (Brucefield), Peter Stewart (Alisa Craig), L. Fortner (Strathroy), Alex. Innes (Clinton), Henry Wade (Toronto), Thomas Skinner (Mitchell), R. McKeown (Byron), O. Sorby (Guelph), A. G. Bowker (Woodstock), W. R. Jackson (Arva), D. N. Lindsay (Woodstock), Thomas Steele (Arva).

Cattle—C. E. Trebilcock, chairman; Wm. Moore, John O'Brien, J. W. Humphreys, R. Gibson (Delaware), Capt. T. E. Robson (Idleton), Thomas Russell (Exeter), G. Scatcherd (Wilton), Henry Smith (Hay), C. M. Simmons (Ivan), A. Kaine (Byron), J. W. Johnston (Sylvan), Ed. Scatton (Wilton), R. E. Brooks (Brantford), A. Stone (Guelph), A. Rollings (Forest).

Sheep and Swine—John Laidlaw, chairman; R. Shaw-Wood, John Durand (Dorchester), Alex. Smith (Maple Lodge), R. H. Harding (Thorncliffe), Wm. Kelley (Shakespeare), W. Oliver (Arva), George Green (Fairview), D. De Corsey (Barnholm), John Hord (Parkhill).

Poultry—A. Bogue, chairman; Ald. Reed, Wm. McNeill, Wm. Moore, R. Oke, J. H. Saunders, Dr. Niven, W. C. (Toronto), W. Fox (Toronto).

Horticultural and Honey, including the Indian department—J. S. Pearce, chairman; Ald. Winnett, R. Shaw-Wood, T. H. Race (Mitchell), J. S. Scarf (Woodstock), Wm. Gammage (city), J. R. Langford (Kent Bridge), A. Dinmore (Stratford), J. F. Roberts (Parkhill), R. C. McCormick (Warwick), R. H. Smith (St. Thomas).

Agricultural and Dairy—John Kennedy, chairman; Allan Bogue, H. Hardy (Strathroy), R. M. Piper (Lambeth), Thomas Ball, Thomas Wistow, Jos. Hall (Arkona), D. McKenzie (Hyde Park), J. Dolphin (Strathroy), T. B. Miller, S. G. Kichen (St. George), J. M. Dillon (city), C. A. Mayhew (Thamesville), Thomas Lockhart (Walmere).

Main Building, Manufactures and Arts—George Taylor, chairman; Ald. Plant, J. W. Jones, Dean Innes, R. W. Puddicombe, Wm. Gray, K. Davidson, John Durness, W. E. Saunders, Mrs. C. W. Leonard, Mrs. J. I. A. Hunt, R. B. Rland, George A. Reid (Toronto), C. M. Manley (Toronto), John Callard.

Machinery and Carriages—Ald. Carrothers, chairman; John Durand, Ald. Wilkey, Ald. Reed, W. Bursleigh, and A. B. Greer.

A communication from Hon. John Duden, in relation to an exhibit of fruit trees that had been under the spraying process, was referred to the horticultural committee.

The Ontario Short-horn Association again communicated with the board to see whether London could do better than Toronto to secure their annual show.

The Shropshire Society reported that a grant of \$35 to the prize list had been passed. The London Foundry Company will give a special prize in the dairy department, and the Windsor

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Salt Company will probably give medals. The Cotswold Society reported the usual grant to the prize list for sheep of that class.

PAT STOCK SHOW.

Secretary Browne stated that a committee of the Pat Stock Association had been in the city, and looked over the buildings, and reported general satisfaction. They would ask the board to supply buildings, light, heat, fodder and water. The board will endeavor to get this show for London this year. A committee, composed of Secretary Browne, Col. Leys, Vice-President Little, W. M. Spencer and James Brown, was appointed to interview the city council, with power, and see what grant the civic body would be willing to make if the show comes here.

The next item was the setting of the fair date for 1899. For a number of reasons it was decided to hold it from the 7th of September to the 16th. The Western will open just at the close of the Industrial at Toronto.

On recommendation of Secretary Browne and James Brown, chairman of the grounds committee, a number of alterations will be made. The road on the west side of the horticultural and poultry buildings has been practically useless, and the recommendation was made that the dairy, horticultural and poultry buildings be placed against the west fence, combining the three buildings for a grant to the fair. The cheap rates of last year were in great measure responsible for the gratifying success of the Western for 1898.

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