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JOTTINGS FROM NEAR-BY PLACES

FLORENCE.

Florence, Ont., Dec. 25.—The Christmas entertainment given by St. Mathew's Sunday school on Friday evening last, in the town hall, Florence, was attended by a large audience and was in every respect a decided success. Instead of the usual Christmas tree, an arch was formed at the back of the stage, which was tastefully decorated and laden with handsome presents. A select and highly appreciated programme was given, consisting of choruses by the Sunday school and choir; quartets, by the Florence Male Quartet; duets, solos, recitations, dialogues, tableaux, etc. At the conclusion of the programme, Santa Claus arrived on the scene and conducted the distribution of the presents much to the delight and satisfaction of the children.

Those contributing in vocal selections were Misses M. Davis, Mary Wilson, Ethel Boblin and Loe Walker, and Rev. Mr. Diehl. The male quartet was composed of Mr. Jerome, first tenor; Rev. Mr. Diehl, second tenor; Dr. McTavish, first bass; Mr. Rodkin, second bass. The accompanists were Mrs. Diehl, Miss Maud Wilson and Mr. Jerome.

BYRON.

Byron, Dec. 25.—The Byron Methodist Sunday school held its anniversary Christmas services and entertainment Sunday and Monday evening. A platform meeting was held on Sunday evening, addressed by Mr. C. E. German, of London, and Rev. T. Wesley Cosens, superintendent of the circuit. Suitable Christmas music was furnished by the choir and scholars of the school.

On Monday evening the school held its annual Christmas tree entertainment, when a splendid programme of choruses, motion songs, drills and recitations was rendered by the scholars. A large number of pretty presents gladdened the hearts of young and old, and a very enjoyable time was spent by all. Rev. Mr. Hunter occupied the chair.

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THEDFORD.

Thedford, Dec. 25.—A very successful meeting in the interests of the twentieth century thanksgiving fund was held in the Methodist Church, here, on Monday evening, Dec. 17. Rev. S. Salton, of Centralia, was present with his celebrated Scripture cross, which is a novel and has proved itself to be a very effective method of stimulating people to giving larger gifts to the cause of God.

The meeting was also addressed by Rev. R. B. Irving, of Arkona, and pastor, Rev. J. Pring, while suitable music was furnished by the church choir. Between \$500 and \$600 were raised for the fund at this meeting.

CHRISTMAS DAY ACROSS THE LINE.

Salvation Army Gave Dinner to 7,000 People—The Day at the White House.

New York, Dec. 25.—Christmas Day was bright and pleasant, and before the day was well under way the hundreds of charitable society workers were seeking to the providing of wholesome dinners for the thousands of poor throughout the city. Madison Square Garden was transformed into a gigantic dining-room, and here at night the Salvation Army fed 7,000 people. After dinner the headquarters brass band struck up "Onward, Christian Soldiers," and the great crowd joined in the hymn with vigor, and then Commander Booth-Tucker made an address, in which, among other things, he said: "Today the Salvation Army has spread the tables in the United States for 150,000 guests, and into 150,000 hearts we shall seek to send rays of Christmas gladness, tidings of new hope, harbingers of better days."

Miss Helen Gould provided the dinners to the boys at the Woody Crest Sanitarium, which she maintains, near Tarrytown. Besides the dinner, she distributed presents.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Christmas Day was generally observed here, many of the churches holding special services. At the White House the president and Mrs. McKinley dined alone, and spent a good part of the day together in their private apartments. In the afternoon several personal friends called, but remained only a short time. The government departments were closed, and until late in the day the streets presented an almost deserted appearance.

Steamship Arrivals.

Dec. 25. Reported at. From. Amsterdam.....New York.....Rotterdam
La Normandie.....New York.....Havre
State of Nebraska.....New York.....Glasgow
Fomorian.....Boston.....Glasgow
Dec. 26. Reported at. From. Majesty.....Queenstown.....New York

MOST INTERESTING THAN THE CANAL.

New York, Dec. 25.—Carnegie's contract of the delivery of the steel rails to the Great Eastern Railway excites the keenest public interest in London. The technicalities of the Isthmian Canal question, says a Tribune cablegram. It is one of many indications that American competition is becoming more formidable every year in the iron and steel trade.

COMMANDANT DEWET PRESSED

British Forces Crowding the Clever Boer
Leader in Ladybrand District.

Thornycroft Following Up the Retreating Enemy—Baden-Powell Has Places for 1,000 Canadians.

Maseru, Dec. 25.—The British are pressing Commandant Dewet in the Ladybrand district.

London, Dec. 25.—Lord Kitchener, telegraphing to the war office, under date of Naauport, Dec. 24, 9 a.m., reports: "Thornycroft's Mounted Infantry have occupied Britstown without opposition. The Boers retired to the north in the direction of Prieska. They will be followed up."

CONDITIONS IMPROVED

Cape Town, Dec. 24.—Regular railway service between Cape Town and De Aar has been restored. The report of the destruction of a bridge south of De Aar turns out to be incorrect. Only a culvert was damaged. Trains are running from De Aar to Kimberley irregularly. There are considerable delays elsewhere, as the result of heavy rains.

CAPE DUTCH NOT RISING.

London, Dec. 25.—The Cape Town correspondent of the Times telegraphs that scarcely any Cape Colonists have joined the invaders.

A Cape Town dispatch says: Fighting is going on near De Aar. Particulars are unobtainable. Two hundred Boers have left Britstown after commandeering all supplies available.

THE STRATHCONAS FIGHTING.

London, Dec. 25.—A delayed dispatch dealing with the pursuit of the Boers in the north of the Orange River refers to an all-day fight near Bethulle, in which the Strathconas participated. Soon after daybreak the Boers began firing at our outposts, says the dispatch. The enemy held a strong position north of and parallel with the road. Gen. Knox found Col. Barker holding the several positions which he had gained the previous day, but the enemy's center was a very strong, rugged kopje, traversed by a solid stone wall affording splendid cover. Along the foot of the kopje ran one of the branches of the Silk spruit, and up this a company of the Seaforth Highlanders attached to Col. Barker's Column crept in the early morning. They were warmly received by the enemy, but they ultimately gained a farm-house at the foot of the kopje, while on the opposite side the Boers were driven back to the eastern portion of which was held by Col. Herbert.

TOOK THE WRONG TRACK.

When Gen. Knox arrived he ordered Strathcona's Horse to support the Seaforth Highlanders, and they at once started off with this object. They received a heavy and continuous fire, but quickly took shelter in the spruit. Unfortunately, however, they took the wrong track, and on discovering their mistake, made a bold and plucky dash for some farm enclosures. They met with a terrible rain of fire, but gallantly persisted, galloping at full speed. They were forced, however, to return in conjunction with the Seaforths, having fought the whole day long, but having been well covered, their casualties were small.

Col. Herbert and Col. Williams had meanwhile swung round to the right with great speed, and brought the howitzers of the 86th Battery to bear upon the Boer camp. The enemy was unable to stand the lyddite shells, and retired hurriedly, but their center stood firm till nightfall, and then also retired.

DANGEROUS SITUATION.

London, Dec. 25.—According to the Morning Post's Cape Town dispatch, everything depends upon the quantity of ammunition in the possession of Dutch residents, 1,500 of whom have joined the Boers in the Philippstown district alone. Energetic measures have been taken to stem the invasion, but there is unquestionably danger that parties of the Boers will get through into parts of the colony and gradually raise the whole Cape in rebellion. Reinforcements can arrive none the less. Most of the dispatches from Cape Town describe the raiders as doing little harm, and are being rapidly inclosed by Lord Kitchener's combination.

KITCHENER IS POSTED.

Kitchener is in the heart of the disaffected districts, and has the advantage of being personally acquainted with local conditions. Last March he supervised the suppression of the rising which occurred then. He is bringing down thousands of troops from the north.

The Standard's Cape Town correspondent sent the loyalists demand that martial law shall be proclaimed throughout Cape Colony, but adds: Such a step is now impossible, owing to the lack of sufficient troops to enforce it.

The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Cape Town says: The pro-Boer newspapers are singularly quiet. They have been made uneasy by the promptness and thoroughness of the military action, but reports from various parts of the western province foreshadow perilous possibilities.

BOERS REPULSED.

Civil railway traffic has been suspended largely in all parts of the colony and movements of both Boers and British are almost unknown in Cape Town. It appears that one Boer column attacked Stensburg, but was repulsed and fled, entraining in the mountains. Another Boer commando captured a party of police at Ventersdorp. Mounted colonial troops surprised 300 Boers fifteen miles from Burgersdorp Dec. 23, and after a brisk interchange of volleys, retired with a loss of two men.

NEW ZEALANDERS TO STAY.

Wellington, N. Z., Dec. 25.—The government has asked the governor, the Earl of Ranfurly, to inform Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, the secretary of state for the colonies, that the New Zealand contingent in South Africa to be diminished, that drafts will be forwarded to fill the ranks, and that additional mounted men will be sent.

PLACES FOR CANADIANS.

Ottawa, Dec. 25.—Ever since the announcement that recruits were being sought in England and the colonies for Baden-Powell's constabulary applications have been received at the Militia Department from Canadians who were anxious to join the force. A week or two since the department brought this fact to the notice of the imperial authorities, and asked to be advised whether it was intended to enlist recruits in Canada. Mr. Chamberlain has just called the following reply to the governor-general:

"Referring to your telegram of Dec. 4, unduly delayed, but in answer to the authorities in South Africa, Her Majesty's government learn with satisfaction that recruits are coming forward in Canada for the South African constabulary, and have much pleasure in accepting up to 1,000 men, if so many are available."

"They must be good shots, good riders, single and not under 20 years of age, and must be recommended by a lieutenant's commissions will be given to Canadian officers, on your recommendation. If more or less than 1,000 men, commissions will be in proportion to number raised. For both officers and men, those who have served in South Africa preferred. (Signed) Chamberlain."

A cable received at the militia department states that Corp. George, of Strathcona's Horse, has died of enteric fever at Doornfontein. The name of George cannot be found on the nominal roll.

"BOBS" AT MADEIRA

Portuguese Authorities Give Him a Salute—Off for Gibraltar.

Funchal, Island of Madeira, Dec. 25.—The steamer Canada, with Lord Roberts on board arrived here last evening, receiving a salute of nineteen guns on entering the port.

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Considerable comment has taken place because, after the backbone of the rebellion in South Africa was supposed to be broken, the British war authorities arranged for the home-coming of the Canadian and Australian forces in South Africa, and also for various volunteer bodies from the Motherland. It has been assumed that because this policy was resolved on, there was an enormous depletion of the forces in the field, but the official returns, up to the 1st inst., do not bear out this view. They are interesting, and they are worth giving in detail, as showing the size of the force, the mortality, and the present approximate strength of the army left in the field to re-establish order. Here is the statement:

	Men.
Garrison, 1st August, 1899.	9,823
Reinforcements, 1st August to 11th October (outbreak of war):	
1. From home.	6,393
2. From India (some of these did not reach South Africa until after the outbreak of hostilities).	5,644
Further reinforcements, 11th October, 1899, to 31st July, 1900:	
1. From home and colonies.	149,787
2. From India.	1,739
Colonials:	
1. From colonies other than South Africa.	11,624
2. Raised in South Africa.	28,932
Imperial Yeomanry.	10,136
Volunteers from United Kingdom.	10,737
Militia.	20,829
Further reinforcements, from 1st August to 30th November, 1900:	
1. Regulars.	11,578
2. Militia.	884
Total, all arms sent to South Africa up to 1st December, 1900, including garrison on 1st August, 1899.	267,311

	Numbers:
1. Killed to 30th November, 1900.	3,013
2. Wounded to 30th November, 1900.	12,883
3. Died of diseases or wounds, or accidentally killed, in South Africa, to 30th November, 1900.	7,736
4. In hospital, South Africa, 2nd October, 1900 (latest return).	11,927
Numbers left South Africa:	
1. For England, not invalids.	7,541
2. For England, sick, wounded, and died on passage.	35,548
3. Returned to India direct from South Africa.	70
4. Returned to colonies direct from South Africa:	
(a) Regulars.	1,834
(b) Colonials.	1,172
Strength of force in South Africa, 1st December, 1900:	
1. Regulars.	142,393
2. Colonials (say).	33,000
3. Imperial Yeomanry.	8,000
4. Volunteers.	7,500
5. Militia.	15,900
Total.	210,293

The authorities state that the summation last given does not allow for the disembarkment of the colonials, etc., of which precise details have not been received. But there must now be in South Africa a British force of close on two hundred thousand, which ought to be able to close up the war, and re-establish order in the country. That they have not done so by this time is in part accounted for when we recollect that a very large portion of this force is detailed to keep open connection with the outside world, and guard the lines of railway. The fact that every now and again Boer forces crop up, and start the war anew, shows that those who thought the conflict would end with the capture of Pretoria were over- sanguine. Only when it is shown that the Boers can hope for no favorable result from Kruger's mission to Europe, and that British rule must remain supreme in South Africa, will these outbreaks be entirely suppressed. Very many of the Boers are known to be now favorable to making the best of the new conditions, which Kruger's crass persistency in un-British methods have rendered absolutely necessary, and we do not despair of their numbers being largely augmented in the near future. But it cannot be forgotten that war invariably brings in its train much ill-will and hardship, that years already elapsed before a normally healthy condition of affairs can be brought about.

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Cold Storage, a well-known United States commercial paper, speaks as follows:

"It must be going to patriotic Americans who glow over the vast strides we have made for foreign trade to learn that we are playing second fiddle to Canada in the matter of exports of perishable fruit products. It certainly moves us to wrath. That there is no sense in such a situation is apparent, except that the Canadians are beating us in the game of progressiveness. That exception is just doing the trick. If our producers must get along without any governmental aid they ought to be the first ones to interest their fellow partners in the trade, and start a concerted movement for pushing exports of perishable products. Canada now sends more butter, cheese and eggs abroad than this vast republic, and its fruit business is rapidly overhauling ours.

"With less than one-quarter of our territory, and with a vastly larger percentage against that country in the matter of production, Canada has managed, by ceaseless energy, to approach and pass us in sending abroad those products which this country is paramount in. Here is something for Americans to ponder over. Re-

frigeration is doing for Canada what it has done for Australia and New Zealand, and what it ought to do for this country. We know as much about the science as Canadians, but are not applying it to develop foreign business. We simply seem satisfied to work within our shell. Here is one sort of expansion that will meet with approval on all sides."

The Nineteenth Century and the Past.

"Our nineteenth century, now drawing to a close, has shown from the first and will bequeath to the next age a vivid taste for historical research, to which it has brought an ardor, a method crowned by a success unprecedented in former times. The story of the world and its inhabitants has been largely re-written. The pickaxe of the archaeologist has restored to light bones of the hero of Mycenae and the very features of Sesostris. Ruins explored, hieroglyphics translated, have led to reconstructing the life of the illustrious dead, sometimes to penetrating into their thoughts. This is the testimony to the nineteenth century given by a great French critic, and it calls our attention to a remarkable phase of its life. The earth has grown smaller by explorations and increased facilities of communication, but the universe has grown larger. Before the nineteenth century dawned men had realized the result of the discoveries in astronomy. The earth was seen not to be the center of the universe, but one world among many. The first feeling was that of the littleness of the earth and the insignificance of man.

In our century the extension has been in a different direction. Intelligent people no longer believe in a world six thousand years old. Our gaze has been indefinitely prolonged into the backward and abyss of time. The Darwinian theory as well as the geological record shows a long growth of life on the earth. But the teaching of the records that have been dug up is that civilized man has been at work much longer than we supposed. Much of the reconstruction of history from the remains of a long buried past is tentative and conjectural, but there are certain bold outstanding facts which show that at the date formerly set down for the creation of the world, Oriental kingdoms existed in great splendor and with high forms of civilization. New languages have been discovered, and new literatures explored, or rather opened out for exploration. And this sort of research is only in its infancy. It certainly shows that the nineteenth century, with all its modernness, has not neglected the past.

Too Much Poor Elocution.

There has been much discussion lately as to the relation of the art of "elocution" to pulpit speech. While all sensible men agree that the preacher in the delivery of his message must avoid too much display of "art," it is generally conceded that much good material is spoiled from want of more effective delivery. It is quite true that a man who has something important to say, and who is in dead earnest, will make a real impression in spite even of grave defects of style, yet that is no reason why men whose constant business it is to address the public should neglect any means of culture which will help them in their work. We are not going at any length now into this important question, but will simply notice briefly the question that is sometimes asked, How is it that so often scant justice is done to the reading of the sacred Scriptures in the regular services of the church? We hear very much today about "the Bible as literature," the commonest view of this great book that it is a revelation of spiritual truth, but it is now fully recognized that the revelation is enshrined in a great literature, which assumes a great variety of forms, history, oratory, poetry, etc. It is probable that this great literature is not read as diligently and carefully in public as it might be. Hence many people are dependent for their knowledge and appreciation of it upon the public reading.

Reading aloud with clearness of utterance and intelligence of expression is an art that is not too much cultivated. It would be well with all of us if it was more attended to in early life. Young men, especially young men looking forward to the Christian ministry as their vocation, should train themselves before they enter theological seminaries. Then after this general preparation there should be a special care in handling that which is a great literary classic, as well as a sacred book, to select the passage, or, if it is selected by the church, to read it over and understand it beforehand. As a rule, false emphasis comes from a lack of understanding and appreciation of that which is read. There are ministers who read a passage so that their reading is an interpretation, and almost an exposition, but these are too few. More might attain to this gift by giving the thought and care that the high duty demands. We cannot create great orators or brilliant elocutionists, but good readers might be more common, for surely every man should seek to understand what he has to present to others.

In the editorial, "The Day We Celebrate," in yesterday's issue, the printer made a sentence read as follows: "There is no manifestation of our nature that produces so much happiness as usefulness." What the writer said was "unselfishness." However, at Christmas time everybody has to be forgiven, even the revising compositor.

International Baby Competition.

The New York Journal challenges The London (England) Daily Mail (Mr. Harmsworth's paper) to a great International Baby Show. Each paper is to offer prizes for photographs of the finest and handsomest babies from the British Empire and United States, respectively. Impartial judges, French, German, Italian, will decide. The enthusiastic Journal considers the matter of patriotic importance, "for a winning Baby means a winning Nation." The Journal seems to us rather reckless in the scope of the competition. "Call in your Imperial colonies," it says, "Canada, Australia, and, if you chose, recalcitrant South Africa. Select the finest baby in the entire British Empire."

That would mean, of course, if there is any fair play in the judging, that the finest baby in the British Empire would come from Canada.

Will any one say why, apart from the long-windedness of members, the ensuing session of the Dominion Parliament should last longer than two months, or at the outside ten weeks?

The Hamilton Times says that the gerrymander was Sir Charles Tupper's sheet anchor in the late general election. Never were truer words penned. When the gerrymander is undone, and the discouragements which its existence caused supporters of the Government in many places are removed, Ontario will prove herself to be thoroughly Liberal in national as well as in Provincial contests.

AUSTRALIA'S COMMONWEALTH

Mr. Barton Is To Form the First Cabinet.

Twenty-Two Fishermen Perish in a Storm—Several Boats Lost—Christmas Day in Paris.

THE NEW COMMONWEALTH. Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 25.—Mr. Edmund Barton, who was the leader of the federal convention, has accepted the Earl of Hopetoun's offer to form the first cabinet of the federation. He anticipated no difficulty.

MANY LIVES LOST. London, Dec. 25.—The reports that several Shetland fishing boats were in great peril from the storm, and had probably been lost, are confirmed. Only one boat out of five has been found, and it is known that no fewer than 22 fishermen have perished.

DEATH AT OSBORNE HOUSE.

London, Dec. 25.—The Dowager Lady Churchill, senior lady of the bedchamber, and an intimate friend of the Queen, was found dead in her bedroom at Osborne yesterday morning. On retiring she complained of cold, but no alarming symptoms manifested themselves. Her disposition was not thought to be of a serious nature.

PALACE OPEN TO PUBLIC.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 25.—The Prince of Oldenburg, president of the government temperance committee, at noon yesterday, declared the people's palace open to the public. After the inaugural ceremony, the prince and twenty of the higher army officers, including the commanding general, along with high officials, noblemen and ladies, dined side by side with peasants and the families of workmen.

CHRISTMAS IN PARIS.

Paris, Dec. 25.—Christmas tide was favored in France with bright, cheerful weather, and Parisians celebrated it in characteristic fashion. All the restaurants and cafes were thronged with festive supper parties, which did not disperse until early next morning. At midnight masses, with special musical attractions, filled the leading churches to overflowing. The charitable side of the festival was represented by numbers of free meals and seasonal gifts to poor families and outcasts. Madame Loubet gave 700 francs to be used for the relief of widows in necessitous circumstances.

THE HAY-PAUNCEPOTE TREATY.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 25.—The Novoe Vremya, discussing the English newspaper indictment of the United States for its unparalleled attempt to overturn the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, says: "The case is not unusual. Conditions have changed, and the treaty must change too. Russia afforded an example in 1870 in declaring that she was no longer bound by her promise not to maintain war vessels in the Black Sea. The Bourse Gazette says, 'Russia is gratified by America's diplomatic victory over England. Western Europe dislikes the Monroe doctrine because it desires to grab territories everywhere. Russia, which has sympathized with America since her independence, which liquidated American possessions to America, has nothing against the Monroe doctrine, and the old sympathies have grown more cordial in China.'

CABLE NOTES.

Sultan Abdul Hamid has delayed an order authorizing the Cramps to build a warship because Germany protested against a new ship being ordered until Turkey paid her debts to Krupp, the gunmaker.

There was a strong earthquake shock at Port-au-Prince, Hayti, on Monday, but no damage was done.

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Special line, all linen, large size Damask Table Napkins, per dozen	\$1.00
Special line, all linen, large size Damask Table Napkins, per dozen	\$1.50
Special line, all linen, extra large size Damask Table Napkins, worth \$2.75, for	\$2.00
Special line, extra heavy, Unbleached Table Damask, worth 40c, for	30c
Special line, all linen, extra heavy Half-bleached Table Damask, worth 50c, for	39c
Special line, half-bleached, all linen, 72 inches wide, Table Damask, worth 65c, for	50c
Special line, full bleached, all linen, Table Damask, extra heavy, worth \$1.00, for	79c
Special line, full bleached, extra heavy Double Damask, 72 inches wide, Table Linen, worth \$1.50, for	\$1.00

Dress Goods Specials

50c Dress Goods for 35c	
20 pieces Tweed Dress Goods, 44 and 54 inch, Amazon Cloth, 44-inch, dark colors, plain smooth finish, regular 50c; special, per yard	35c
90c Dress Goods for 50c	
40 pieces Dress Goods, in tweed, chevrons, plaid and homespun, suitable for suits and odd skirts; regular 75c to \$1.00, 44 to 54 inches; special per yard	50c
\$1.25 Dress Goods for 75c	
50 pieces 54-inch Suitings, in chevrons, tweeds, venetians and homespun, all wool, 54-inch, shrunk; regular \$1.00 and \$1.25 and \$1.50; special, per yard	75c

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CHRISTMAS CASUALTIES

The Holiday Marred by Many Accidents

And Deeds of Violence—Toronto Man Stabbed by His Father—Woman Took Paris Green by Mistake.

SHOT BY FATHER.

Freet Falls, Mont., Dec. 25.—Jacob Werten today shot and fatally wounded his son John. Werten had threatened his wife, and treated her badly, and the son interfered to protect his mother. The father drew a revolver and fired a ball into the boy's neck. The son is paralyzed, and will die. Werten surrendered to the authorities.

STABBED BY HIS FATHER.

Toronto, Dec. 25.—Wm. Lendon, an incorrigible young scapegrace, finished the Christmas festivities this evening by stabbing his father, Henry J. Lendon, 18 Woolsey street, a G. T. R. employee, with a bread knife. During the violent quarrel the boy seized the knife, and before his father realized his intention, slashed him over the left eye and nose, inflicting severe wounds.

BALTIMORE HAPPENINGS.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 25.—John Perelman, steward, and Frank W. Barenthen, cook, of the British steamship Tempeck, from Rotterdam, quarreled today on the deck of the vessel, as a result of which the former is at the Baltimore University with his skull crushed. A heavy iron poker was used by Barenthen to defend himself, Perelman having attacked him. Wm. Black, an 18-year-old boot-black, shot Abram Jones and Clarence Phillips, Jones will probably die, and Phillips lost a leg. Black claims the shooting was done in self-defense. Frank Johnson cut John R. Hawkins with a razor, and was chased several blocks by a crowd, who threatened to lynch him.

MURDERED AT HIS HOME.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 25.—Frank Richardson, a wealthy business man of this city and Savannah, Mo., was murdered at his home in Savannah last night. A stranger followed him from town and shot him in the back of the head. Richardson was a brother of John R. Richardson, general manager of the biscuit trust.

ILLINOIS TRAGEDY.

Carbondale, Ill., Dec. 25.—This afternoon, at Vegeanes, a small station on the Illinois Central Road, in this county, Joe and Jake Davidson, brothers, became involved in a quarrel with Henry Fox, a farmer. Joe Davidson emptied his revolver in Fox's abdomen. Other shots were fired, which probably mortally wounded Joe Platt, a bystander. The brothers fled, but were overtaken, and in a running fight both were wounded. Three of the injured will probably die.

A BAD INDIAN.

Moskoge, I. T., Dec. 25.—John Tiger (Indian), being taken to the Arkansas River, two miles south of Buffalo, went to Buffalo with his wife this afternoon, and while intoxicated met L. Roper and threatened to kill him. Roper struck Tiger with a board. Tiger

procured a Winchester and came back to kill Roper, but failing to find him, he proceeded to shoot everyone he saw, shooting Jesse Beck through the hips and killing him; shooting and killing Dave Porter, a nephew of Chief Porter, and a man named Johnson on his way to Missouri in a covered wagon with his family. Bud Taylor, aged 16, was shot through the shoulder, and is not expected to live. Tiger jumped on a horse and tried to escape, but was shot in the arm and captured. J. Smith, who also lives two miles south of Choctaw, became involved in a quarrel with T. Thompson over the affair at Buffalo, and being shot, Thompson being mortally wounded.

KILLED BY A FALLING TREE.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 25.—John Kager, aged 15, was killed on his father's farm in Pittsburg township on Monday. A tree fell on him.

KILLED NEAR CHATHAM.

Chatham, Ont., Dec. 25.—Johnston MacAulay, a well-known Chatham young man, was found dead west of the G. T. Station at 7 o'clock this morning. He is supposed to have been struck by a train.

TOOK PARIS GREEN.

New York, Dec. 25.—Mrs. Sarah Frank, of Brooklyn, today took what she supposed was a headache powder. Instead, it was a small paper of Paris green which she got hold of, and without noticing that it was poison, she swallowed the stuff. She died shortly after.

SUICIDED IN THE CELL.

New York, Dec. 25.—Obrecht Reiber, a prisoner charged with attempted serious assault, committed suicide in his cell in the West 20th street station house last night, by hanging himself with his handkerchief.

HIS HORSE THREW HIM.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 25.—While riding cross country to join the Chesapeake Hunt today, Henry L. Wilbur, aged 42 years, son of H. O. Wilbur, cocoa and chocolate manufacturer, of this city, was thrown from his horse and killed.

FIREMAN KILLED.

Geneva, N. Y., Dec. 25.—A fatal rear-end collision occurred on the Central-Hudson, Pennsylvania Division here tonight. The south-bound passenger train, due at 7:30 o'clock, crashed into a freight engine standing a short distance north of the station. Louis Peters, the fireman of the freight engine, was instantly killed.

SERIOUS RAILWAY COLLISION.

New York, Dec. 26.—Two passenger trains on the Erie Railway came into collision at 1:13 o'clock this morning at the station in Franklin, a town half-way between Newark and Passaic. Two men—one the fireman of one of the locomotives—were seriously injured and may die. Many of the passengers on the two trains were injured, but none fatally.

Saw Death Near.

"It often made my heart ache," writes L. C. Overstreet, of Elgin, Tenn., to hear my wife cough until it seemed her weak and sore lungs would collapse. Good doctors said she was so far gone with Consumption that no medicine or earthly hope could save her, but a friend recommended Dr. New's Discovery, and persistent use of this excellent medicine saved her life. It's absolutely guaranteed for Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma and all Throat and Lung diseases. 50c and \$1 at W. T. Strong & Co's. Trial bottle free.

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Use Big G for unnatural discharges, inflammations, irritations or ulcerations of mucous membrane. Painless, and not attractive or poisonous. Sold by Druggists. Circular sent on request.

A HOPEFUL JINGLE.

Let us bend the rainbow's ray O'er the wrecks of yesterday; Raise to Hope a temple fair In the valleys of despair; You may touch the heaven at will If you tip-toe on a hill! —Atlanta Constitution.

"Necessity Knows No Law."

But a law of Nature bows to the necessity of keeping the blood pure so that the entire system shall be strong, healthy and vigorous.

To take Hood's Sarsaparilla, the great blood purifier, is therefore a law of health and it is a necessity in nearly every household. It never disappoints.

Erysipelas.—Had a severe attack of erysipelas, suffering from dizziness and nervousness so that I could not rest at night. Tried Hood's Sarsaparilla with good results, and now recommend it to others." M. CHALMERS, Toronto, Ont.

Tired Feeling.—Was all run down and had no appetite. Was tired all the time. Hood's Sarsaparilla was suggested, and a trial proved me so much that now I would not be without it. Mrs. G. D. BURNETT, Central Norton, N. B.

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Hood's Pills cure liver ills; the non-irritating and only cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

ENGLAND HAD A GREEN CHRISTMAS

One of the Mildest on Record—Primrose, Cornflowers and Roses in Bloom.

New York, Dec. 26.—England has had one of the greenest Christmas on record, says the Tribune's London correspondent, for the weather has been so mild that primroses and cornflowers are as far north as Liverpool and Lancashire, while Devonshire revels in a sub-tropical climate, and the Isle of Wight is a garden of roses in mid-winter. The London sky has been heavily clouded and the air filled with mist, while the weather has been unseasonably warm.

LONDON BANK TO QUIT.

London, Dec. 26.—The Cheque Bank announces that it is going into voluntary liquidation. The bank is solvent, and every creditor will be fully paid. It is stated, furthermore, that a considerable sum will be distributed among the shareholders, although some will inevitably lose. The directors say that the competition of other banks, their system of competition with the postoffice, and numerous other factors have made a continuance of profitable business impossible.

THE EMPEROR AND THE ACTRESS.

Vienna, Dec. 26.—Untraceable rumors have been in circulation for some time to the effect that a marriage had been projected between the emperor and an actress attached to the imperial theater, and finally they have reached the Hungarian newspapers. A semi-official organ indignantly denies the rumors.

REVIEW OF LONDON TROOPS.

Khartoum, Egyptian Sudan, Dec. 26.—Lord Cromer, the British diplomatic agent, reviewed today the Egyptian troops of the Sudan under the sirdar, Major General Sir Francis R. Wingate. He assured a deputation from the great Dinka tribe, which formerly suffered severely from slave raids, that the British and Egyptian flags guaranteed them against a recurrence of such raids and insured respect for their ancient customs. The chiefs departed expressing gratitude.

For Quick Perusal.

St. Paul experienced the first blizzard of the season Sunday.

It is announced that Lord William Beaconsfield's condition shows considerable improvement.

John Ayer, of Pittsburg township, aged 15 years, was crushed to death by a John Deere plow.

Frank McDonald, druggist of Minneapolis, and a partner of Dr. Roche, M.P., died suddenly on Tuesday.

A dispatch from Warsaw says 52 Poles have been arrested there, being accused of a political conspiracy.

The trial of Cornelius L. Alvord, who stole \$200,000 from the First National Bank of New York, begins today (Wednesday) in the United States district court.

William John Frame, police magistrate at Collingwood for the last eight years, died Tuesday morning. The deceased has been suffering from cancer for many years.

Mr. Wm. Oliver, who was elected mayor of Leithbridge by the casting vote of the returning officer, resigned his seat, and he and his late opponent, Mr. John Keny, were re-nominated.

The British steamer Antilla, which went ashore on Great Egg Harbor shoals Monday, during a heavy fog, was floated Tuesday. She was apparently uninjured and started for New York.

A Sacramento, Cal., telegram says: A man named H. Green has surrendered himself to the police, saying that he and his brother John murdered a man named Bill Henry at Sisseton Station, Isabella county, Mich., in 1875.

A New York telegram says: La Normandie came in two days late today, owing to the heavy weather she had encountered. She had forced her way against head winds and terrific seas all the way from Havre to the Banks of Newfoundland, and had subsequently been enveloped in a fog from Nantucket to New York.

When the State of Nebraska, of the Allen Line, reached her dock in New York on Tuesday, Commander Peters and Purser Street, declared that throughout their seafaring experience they had never encountered such tempestuous weather as they had encountered during the last nineteen days.

RICKLES' ANTI-CONSUMPTIVE SYRUP stands at the head of the list for all diseases of the throat and lungs. It acts like magic in breaking up a cold. A cough is soon subdued, tightness of the chest is relieved, even the worst case of consumption is relieved while in recent cases it may be said never to fail. It is a medicine prepared from the active principles or virtues of several medicinal herbs and can be depended upon for all pulmonary complaints.

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Our new book, entitled "Cancer: Its Cause and Cure," contains valuable information about the new, painless method of treating cancer and tumor. Sent by Stott & Jury, Bowmanville, Ont., to any address on receipt of two stamps.

SOME PRETTY TOUGH STORIES

Told in the Dispatches From China.

French Troops Said to Have Defeated 25,000 Chinese Without Losing a Man—Nineteen Christians Burned by Boxers—Prince Yu Hsien To Be Beheaded—Joint Note Sent to the Emperor.

FRENCH MEET BOXERS.
Tien Tsin, Dec. 25.—A French detachment of 1,000 men left here Dec. 20 for Hung Tsu, 20 miles westward, to search for arms. Approaching a village across a frozen creek a force of Boxers opened fire, killing Lieut. Contal and wounding another officer. The French burned the village.

DOUBTFUL STORY.
Pekin, Dec. 25.—The French report encountering 25,000 Chinese and capturing five flags and a number of guns and inflicting a great loss, 35 miles south of here. The report is generally discredited. According to the report the French did not suffer any losses themselves. It is believed, however, that the French probably met a moving band, which was dispersed, a number of the Chinese being butchered. Li Hung Chang says that he is satisfied that the story is false.

NINETEEN CHRISTIANS BURNED.
Rev. Mr. Kelly, a Presbyterian missionary, has reported to Minister Conner the burning by Boxers of nineteen Catholic Christians. He says, however, that his information has been derived entirely from Chinese sources. The Japanese who have jurisdiction over that territory will investigate the report.

ANOTHER DUBIOUS YARN.
London, Dec. 26.—A dispatch to the Pall Mall Gazette from Peking, dated Monday, Dec. 24, says much irritation has been caused by the activity of the German troops in the districts under British protection. So acute has been the feeling that there has been a question of the British seceding from the allied command.

PRaise FOR AMERICANS.
London, Dec. 26.—In a careful review published today the Morning Post of the conditions existing at Peking, Mr. H. J. Whigham, a well-known newspaper correspondent and golf player, says there are now a quarter of a million inhabitants putting their lives in the hands of the American quarters. The markets are in full blast. He says that the American and the Japanese quarters are in all respects the best managed. Continuing, Mr. Whigham says: "If the Japanese have come out of the middle with flying colors, they at least have the Americans close behind. It was worth sending an expedition to China if only to get a few hints on transport from the Americans."

TO BE BEHEADED.
London, Dec. 26.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Standard, telegraphing Dec. 24, says: The government has charged on the borders of the Shan Si and Shon Si Provinces. Yu Hsien has been ordered to return to Sian Fu forthwith to be executed. It is supposed that the imperial authorities are preparing to concede the demands of the joint note for the punishment of the instigators of the trouble.

BOXER BARBARITY.
A dispatch from Peking to a news agency here, dated Dec. 24, says missionaries state that Boxers, 35 miles east of Peking, killed twelve Catholics and burned eight in the temples.

RUSSIANS ALMOST AS BAD.
The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Times says that detachments of Russian troops in Southern and Southeastern Manchuria continue to pursue the work of exterminating disorganized Chinese troops and brigands.

THAT "NOTE."
According to a new agency dispatch from Peking, dated Dec. 24, the ministers there are unanimously of the opinion that China will accept the condition imposed by the joint note by the powers within a month. The note was started on its way to the Dowager Empress and the Emperor immediately after its presentation. The dispatch says, but wire communications have not yet probably will not reach them until Dec. 27.

PARLIAMENTARY NOTES.
Pekin, Dec. 24.—The preliminary joint-note was delivered today to the Chinese. Li Hung Chang found that he was unable to attend the meeting of the ministers, and his credentials and those of Prince Ching were presented by the latter to the foreign envoys. Prince Ching said he would immediately communicate its contents to the emperor, and assured the envoys that a speedy reply was the desire of the court, as it felt that all China wants peace and prosperity.

LONDON'S YELLOW JOURNAL.
YARN.
London, Dec. 26.—The Foreign Office informed a representative of the Associated Press today that there was no truth in the Pall Mall Gazette's Peking despatch which said there had been a question of the British seceding from the allied command owing to the activity of the Germans in the districts under British protection.

Says He Was Tortured.
"I suffered such pain from corns I could hardly walk," writes H. Robinson, Hillsborough, Ill., "but Bick's Arnica Salve completely cured them." Acts like magic on sprains, bruises, cuts, sores, scalds, burns, boils, ulcers. Perfect healer of skin diseases and piles. Cure guaranteed by W. T. Strong & Co., 25 cents.

The game of billiards first came into fashion in England and France in the sixteenth century.

THERE IS DANGER IN NEGLECTING A COLD. Many who have died of consumption dated their troubles from exposure, followed by a cold which settled on their lungs, and in a short time they were beyond the skill of the best physician. Had they used Bick's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, before it was too late, their lives would have been spared. This medicine has no equal for curing coughs, colds and all affections of the throat and lungs.

The ancient inks closely resembled black paint, and on account of the large quantity of gum employed in their composition the letters stood up in relief on the parchments as though embossed.

Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator does not require the help of any purgative medicine to complete the cure. Give it a trial and be convinced.

SCORCHER CHRISTMAS MORNING

Several of Calgary's Finest Structures Destroyed.

The Loss Will Be at Least \$100,000—Senator Lougheed is a Heavy Loser.

Calgary, Alberta, Dec. 25.—The most destructive fire in the history of Calgary raged today, and wrought damage, variously estimated, but it will not be below \$100,000. Several of the finest business structures felt a prey to the devouring flames, notably the Clarence, the Eau Claire and the new Norman blocks.

The fire broke out at 2 a.m. in the lower part of the Clarence block, and in a few minutes the huge three-story building was enveloped in smoke and flame. The fire brigade was early on the scene, and worked heroically, though hampered for the time by the poor supply of water. So great was the heat, that the Eau Claire block, on the east side, occupied by the Calgary Clothing Company, and the Norman block, on the west, occupied by Glanville & Robertson, for their immense drygoods business were soon ablaze.

The Clarence block was soon gutted. The block was full of tenants, but all escaped, though nothing whatever from the upper stories was saved.

The firemen turned their attention to saving the Eau Claire block. After a long struggle, in which the inside of the building was completely destroyed, the flames were mastered.

In the meantime a crowd of willing workers were carrying out from the Norman block on the west, the immense stock of men's furnishings, carpets, furs and other stock of Glanville & Robertson. This new block was also gutted. The loss will be over \$100,000.

Senator Lougheed, who built and owns both the Clarence and Norman blocks, is the chief loser. Besides the buildings themselves, the latter just completed last week, the senator loses the whole of his magnificent law library and papers.

The Calgary Wine and Spirits Company had just got in an immense stock of liquors, thus adding no little to the fury of the flames.

The Alberta Music Co. lost their stock of pianos and organs. The Watts Company, cigars, was burned out.

Mr. G. H. Mitchell's stock of groceries and chinaware lies in ashes. The stock of the clothing company's stock is destroyed.

Glanville & Robertson lose very heavily. Crispin E. Smith and H. W. H. Knapp lose their extensive law library, and many other volumes and papers. Dr. O'Sullivan's dentistry parlors suffered. Mr. Evans, Mr. Todd and a number of others lose their household effects.

WILL SAVE \$2,000,000.
Canadian Bonds Admitted to English Trust Investments.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—A cablegram has been received by the department of finance stating that official notice has been given in the London Gazette of the admission of the Dominion inscribed stocks to the list of securities in which trust funds may be invested.

The Hon. W. S. Fielding, minister of finance, explains that the difference between the selling prices of the securities admitted to the trustees' list and one shut out from the list is from two to three points.

At a later stage the difference will probably be even greater, because under the influence of the present important step the securities on Canada will approach very nearly the value of British consols. Calculating, however, at the moderate estimate of 2 per cent on the loan which Canada will have to place in England in the next ten years the saving will not be less than \$2,500,000 to the Canadian treasury.

IT WAS ALL A MISTAKE.
Richard Harris Left His Watch at Home and Thought It Was Still in Heavy Fines for Disorderly Conduct.

Richard G. Harris, the young man from the country, who had a resident of London, was charged with stealing his watch and chain, appeared at police court this morning and explained that it was all a mistake. His mother had taken the watch from his pocket, and on his arrival in the city, he concluded that he had been "touched." There accordingly being no evidence against him, he was discharged.

George Ballantyne and Rosal Niosi attended the matinee performance at the London Opera House yesterday afternoon. A dispute arose between Ballantyne and Constable Park. Ballantyne was charged with being disorderly and with assault, while Niosi was charged with assault alone. Ballantyne was fined \$10 and costs or 21 days hard labor on the first charge, and \$20 and cost or two months hard labor on the second. The aggregate amount of the fines and cost was \$30. Niosi was fined \$10 and costs or one month of hard labor. His mother paid his fine for him.

A physician and a citizen who neglected to register infants' births each paid \$1 and \$1.25 costs.

Three drunks were discharged and one bailed Jan. 1.

James Maher, a cigarmaker, was remanded till tomorrow for sentence. The charge against him was that of being drunk, but he was also shown to have threatened his family, and acting in a disorderly manner both at home and on the streets.

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CLAM CAUGHT A RAT.

Closed His Shell and Killed Rodent That Tried to Eat Him.

Freehold, N. J., Dec. 26.—James Miller, of Seabright, has discovered a queer species of live rat trap. It is a large, hard clam, between the open shells of which was tightly grasped a rat.

It is supposed that the clam had been lying in the sun with its shell opened, and that when the rat attempted to make a dinner of the clam, it closed its shell on the rat's head. The clam was still living when found, but the rat was dead, and the sand about it showed evidence of a struggle on the part of the little animal to free itself from the clutch of the bivalve.

Councilman George B. Minton, of Seabright, photographed the freak.

AROUND THE CITY.

APPOINTED A DIRECTOR.
The Hon. David Mills, Minister of Justice, has been appointed a director of the Dominion Savings and Investment Society, in place of the late Lieut.-Col. Lewis.

FAWCETT-BIDNELL.
A very pretty wedding took place on Christmas day at the residence of Mr. Edward G. Bidnell, of Mount Brydges, when his daughter Mary E. was united in marriage to Thos. Fawcett. The groom was supported by his brother William and the bride by her sister Minnie. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. Sinclair, of London, after which the company sat down and partook of a dainty repast. The many valuable gifts testified to the popularity of the young couple.

DREW CROWDED HOUSES.
Marks Bros' Dramatic and Vaudeville Company played to large crowds at the London Opera House yesterday. The offering in the afternoon was "The Celebrated Case," and in the evening "A Soldier's Sweetheart." Both performances gave great satisfaction. Some fine specialties are worked in between the acts, making the performance continuous. The company are here for the remainder of the week.

PRESENTATION.
A committee of the employees of the Wortman & Ward Manufacturing Company waited upon the manager, Mr. F. Steneman, last Saturday, and presented him with an up-to-date rocking chair and a meerschaum pipe, as a token of the esteem in which he is held by the men. The presentation speech was made by Mr. J. B. Allen, to which Mr. Steneman made a suitable reply, thanking the employees for their kindness, and wishing them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. J. B. Allen, J. Jacobs, J. De Wolf and J. Mitchell were the members of the presentation committee.

NOMINATION PAPERS.
City Clerk Kingston's opinion has been asked several times upon the necessity of the nominator and second being present at the nomination meeting. Several have mentioned to him their belief that it is only requisite to have the names of the nominator and second upon the nomination papers. This, in his opinion, cannot be done. The law contemplates a meeting of the electors, and that they choose their candidate at that meeting. In the first place, the nominator and second should be among the electors summoned to meet for the purpose of nomination, and in the second, this is necessary to prevent fraud. The returning officer must be satisfied that fraudulent names are not attached to nomination papers.

MERRET-GRAY.
A very pretty wedding took place on Christmas afternoon, at the home of Mrs. E. P. Gray, 265 Clarence street, when her daughter, Nettie, was united in marriage to Jas. T. Merrett, of the McClary Manufacturing Company, Montreal. Miss Rose Merrett, sister of the groom, ably assisted the bride, while Robert T. Gray, the bride's brother, acted as best man. Many beautiful presents indicated the esteem in which the young couple were held, among others being a magnificent marble bust and cut glass vase, presented to the bride by her associates in T. B. Scott & Co.'s warehouse, where she has been employed for a number of years, also a large silver fish set from Mr. Scott. A dainty luncheon was served, and the young couple departed on the 5 p.m. train, amid showers of rice and good wishes, to visit in Thorndale, after which Montreal will be their home.

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Those present from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hawthorne, Woodstock; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gray, Sarnia; Mr. and Mrs. Saeckel, Goderich; and Mr. Ben. Gray, Detroit.

INTERESTING SERVICES.
The services at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Hill street, yesterday morning and evening, were marked by music of a very high order, Mozart's Twelfth Mass being rendered in fine style. It was given under the musical direction of Mr. W. T. Mullins as choirmaster, and Mr. James Cresswell as leader of the orchestra. The abilities of these gentlemen are well known, but it is not too much to say that yesterday they excelled themselves. The soloists, both vocal and instrumental, did splendid work. Their names are as follows: Mrs. John Traher, Miss Berghin, sopranos; Mrs. W. T. Mullins, contralto; Mr. M. O'Hagan, Mr. W. C. Traher, tenors; Mr. Jos. Leach, Mr. Charles Povey, basses; Mr. James Cresswell, Miss Sara Gleeson, violins; Mr. Frank Abigail, flute; Mr. Clarence Robinson, cornet; Mr. John Traher, slide trombone. The offertory selection consisted of "Shout the Glad Tidings," by Wilson, the mass concluded by "Marche Exultante" (Gounod). At the evening service Miss Lenahan, soprano, Mr. John Hughes, tenor, and Mr. Jas. Connor did the solo work in a very acceptable manner. Mrs. James Murray presided at the organ in her usual efficient manner. The altar was beautifully decorated under the supervision of Father Traher by the ladies of the church, and the reverend gentleman in the course of the day preached two eloquent sermons which were listened to by the very large congregations.

Amusements.
An elaborate production of "A Female Drummer" will be given at the London Opera House New Year's matinee and night. Almost the entire great cast that appeared in the play upon previous presentations here has been retained. Whatever changes made have been to strengthen this already exceptionally strong aggregation of fun makers. The company, being a large one, the presentation is equal to the best comic opera efforts. The production is an elaborate one, consisting of three complete sets of scenery and many novel and beautiful costumes.

Winston Spencer Churchill will deliver his famous lecture at the London Opera House on Monday evening next on "The War as I Saw It."

BELMONT.
Belmont, Dec. 26.—Mr. John Stewart, of South Dorchester, who passed peacefully away recently, at the family home, was highly revered in the community and in Knox Church of this place. The deceased was born in Argyleshire, Scotland, in 1813. Mr. Stewart came here when 18 years of age, accompanied by his parents, four brothers and five sisters, and settled on lot 19, con. 7, South Dorchester. He married Miss Catherine McCall, daughter of Duncan McCall, of Westminster, and eight children were born to them, three boys and five girls, two of whom have died. The survivors are Mrs. John Campbell, of Sault Ste. Marie; Charles Stewart, of Detroit; John Stewart, Misses Bella and Jennie, at home; and Archibald Stewart on an adjoining farm. His wife predeceased him in November, 1894. Mrs. Ferguson, relict of the late Donald Ferguson, Yarmouth, is the only sister living. Interment took place Wednesday, Dec. 19, to the Stewart Cemetery. The obsequies were conducted by the Rev. John Currie. Messrs. D. F. Moore, warden of Elgin; J. C. Dance, ex-M.P.P., of East Elgin; Duncan Ferguson, ex-revive of South Dorchester; James Melkie, Jas. Campbell and William Dyre were pall-bearers. Messrs. Wyatt and Bassett are aspirants for county honors for the municipality of Yarmouth; also Messrs. J. C. Ferguson, Alex. McBrayne, Wm. Paddon and Geo. Francis. Miss McKenny, of Kingsville, has

obtained the principalship of the public school at Glen, Yarmouth. Salary \$275.

Messrs. Nichol and Cousins are looking for the Westminister reveship. William McGregor has arrived at his parental home from Dakota to pass the winter.

The Belmont public school staff consists of Mr. Walter Keist and Misses Webster and McCord.

Mrs. Geo. Pretty died of typhoid fever in the hospital at St. Thomas, after an illness of four weeks. Her maiden name was Winnet Cole, and she was a daughter of the late William Cole, Yarmouth.

Ernest, second son of Robt. Smith, died of an attack of bronchopneumonia Dec. 12, aged 3 years, after a brief illness.

Miss Mary McDonald, of Hamilton, has returned home after spending a number of weeks among relatives and friends.

Mrs. Alfred Nevils, of Glen, Yarmouth, went to Illinois to spend Christmas among her numerous relatives there.

Miss Shnelgrove, of Orwell, has been a guest of the Misses Bingham, Yarmouth.

LYONS.
Lyons, Dec. 26.—Wilson McCredie has six men cutting cordwood.

Herbert C. Branton, of Calton, has secured the principalship of the Crossley and Hunter public school. Salary, \$325.

A successful musical and literary social was held recently under the auspices of the Crossley and Hunter Sabbath school. Rev. John Currie, of Belmont, presided. Inspiring addresses were delivered by the Rev. William Charlton, Messrs. E. McCredie, of St. Thomas, and Morley Pettit. The vocalists were Albert Campbell, of Sarnia; Miss Kate Charlton, of Sarnia; Mrs. L. Eckert and Miss Annie Moore gave a number of instrumental solos, and the Wismer Orchestra, of Hamilton, rendered choice selections. Choice refreshments were served by the ladies. Receipts, \$21.50.

Miss Tena Noble has secured the principalship of York's public school. Salary, \$300.

Miss Laura Simpson is re-engaged as principal of the public school here. Salary, \$300.

Mrs. Sturrock, Mrs. Vanderwalke and Mrs. Hillis, of Brown City, Mich., and Clarence and Austin Leam, of Chicago, came here to spend Christmas.

TESTED BY TIME.—In his justly celebrated Pills Dr. Farnelee has given to the world one of the most unique medicines offered to the public in late years. Prepared to meet the want for a pill which could be taken without nausea, and that would purge without pain, it has met all requirements in that direction, and it is in general use not only because of these two qualities, but because it is known to possess alternative and curative powers which place it in the front rank of medicines.

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The Queen's Veil.

A little tremulous sob broke from Tina's lips as she also turned and disappeared within the lace manufactory. A figure stole from behind the trunk of a tree that overshadowed the building as the door closed after her, and then stood still in the glare of the lamp, and peered down the street after the retreating form of Ernest Holborn.

The figure was that of Barbara Beza; but her yellow, wrinkled face was almost convulsed with pain, and almost ghastly in its pallor.

"I should know one of that race anywhere," she muttered, in a shaking voice. "What is he doing here, and what can he want of my gentle little dove? I told her she was too pretty to be working for her living, and it seems that more than five years have passed, and she will see to it that no harm befalls her, if it is in her power to avert it."

Lord Holborn, with his sister, mother and friend, left Brussels the next day; and Tina resumed her duties in the manufactory of Monsieur La Fort.

The design for the wonderful lace was at last completed, and, having been copied upon cloth to be reserved for exhibition, the holes were pricked in the parchment, which was divided into sections, and given to the experienced lace-makers, who were deemed fitted to work upon it.

One day, on opening his mail, Monsieur La Fort found one letter which seemed to throw him into a state of great excitement.

"The princess and some friends are coming to see the design for the royal veil," she said to Tina, a little while after, when he had recovered something of his usual composure.

"When will they come, Monsieur?" she asked, in a low, constrained tone, and her voice sounded so strangely that he turned round in his chair to look at her.

"Tomorrow at three," he replied, and watched her narrowly to see the effect of his words.

She made no answer, but he noticed that she gave a sudden gasp, as if something had pained or oppressed her, and then she tried to resume her work.

When the royal visitors called, according to appointment, Tina was not present to exhibit the designs. A sudden illness confined her to her room.

The princess was charmed with the delicate and artistic ring which she earnestly said to the proprietor of the establishment:

"Monsieur, I am in ecstasies! These lilies and tiny rock ferns, surrounding the royal crest, are my favorites in nature. How strange that I should find them woven into my wedding veil! Did Monsieur design it himself?"

"No, your royal highness, it was done by a young woman—a mere girl—in my employ," Monsieur La Fort answered, much pleased by her gracious praise.

The princess expressed a desire to see her, but on being informed that the young artist was ill, she took from her finger a beautiful ring which she placed in Monsieur La Fort's hand, with the request that he present it to the gifted young artist, as a token of the donor's appreciation of her rare skill. It was a diamond encircled with rubies.

About half an hour after the departure of his visitors, Tina made her appearance, heavy-eyed and sad-looking.

To her Monsieur La Fort dilated upon the princess's delight at the beauty of the design for the veil, and told of her surprise and pleasure at discovering her favorite flowers among the collection; and as he spoke of her praise and thanks to Tina herself, she gave her the beautiful token that she had left for her, he watched to see if those sweet brown eyes would brighten with pleasure, or her lips relax with a smile of appreciation.

But she only seemed to grow paler and more sad.

The hand that she held out to receive the princess's gift trembled visibly, and as it touched her palm, her fingers closed over it convulsively; then, with no other warning than a moan of pain, she sank back in her chair in a dead faint.

CHAPTER XII.

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As the days passed, Tina became aware that Monsieur La Fort's attentions had become quite marked. He was her constant companion, consulted her upon every possible occasion in regard to the business, daily made her a present of a fresh bouquet of flowers, which he placed in a silver vase on her table, and one day crowned his devotion by asking her to be his wife.

He pleaded with the warmth and persistence of a Romeo, but she firmly yet politely declined his offer.

He had not dreamed of a refusal, and he determined to work a change in her heart by patient affection and unrelenting attentions.

On the following day Monsieur met her as if nothing had occurred—as he was as gallant and attentive as ever, and she felt quite relieved, and believed that he had accepted her refusal as final, and would trouble her no more.

And so several weeks went by; the wedding finery progressed satisfactorily, and those graceful sprays of lilies, which had so offended Madame Fouchard and aroused her jealousy, were which Tina had reserved as her own especial share of the work, increased rapidly; for she had found among the workwomen one whom she thought she could trust to assist her, and who, with some instruction, might be able to carry on the work alone, if anything should happen to prevent her remaining until the veil was completed.

And something did happen.

Madame Fouchard had never ceased to regard her with the most bitter animosity, and from the day that Monsieur had informed her that Tina would, in a measure, supersede her, she had been determined to do her utmost to injure her, that she might prove to her master that she had prophesied truly with reference to her.

One day Mademoiselle Julie, who was in the habit of assisting Monsieur in the saleroom where there were many visitors, came to him with the information that one of the most expensive collars, one valued at 200 francs, was missing.

He paid little heed to her at first. "It must have been mislaid," he said, and will turn up somewhere."

He had never lost anything; no one was allowed in the saleroom with him save herself, and it must still be there.

But when, after a thorough search it could not be found, he began to bluster and threaten.

He swore that Mademoiselle Julie alone was responsible; that she must search until she had discovered, or, if she failed, be discharged from his service.

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THE WORLD OF SPORTS.

Berlin Hockey Team Defeated by Waterloo.

Shooting Tournament at Centralia—Racing Results at New Orleans.

THE TURF.

AT NEW ORLEANS.

New Orleans, Dec. 25.—Mint Sauce, who on Saturday placed the \$2,000 Crescent City handicap to the credit of his owner, A. K. Cowsey, today added the \$1,000 Christmas handicap to the score. The English bred gelding was always the favorite, though his price receded from 4 to 5 to 9 to 10 in response to play on Sir Florian, who was backed from 4 to 1 to 7 to 2.

The others had but trifling support. Tom Kingsley set a hot pace for six furlongs, and then, tired, relinquishing the lead to Mint Sauce, who, carefully raced by McJoyn, was never worse than third. Sir Florian took the longest route, and though he ran a very fast quarter at the end, could never reach Mint Sauce, who won easily by a length. Weather fine, track fast.

First race, 1 mile, selling.—Tim Gilmore 1, Bert Davis 2, Brown Vail 3. Time, 1:42.

Second race, handicap, 6 furlongs.—Senator Beverage 1, Isobel 2, Galopin 3. Time, 1:16.

Third race, handicap, steeplechase, full course.—Isen 1, Donation 2, Terry Rogers 3. Time, 4:06.

Fourth race, Christmas handicap, 1 mile.—Mint Sauce 1, Sir Florian 2, Fleet Wing 3. Time, 1:41.

Fifth race, 1 1/4 miles.—Sir Gattian 1, Siranest 2, Hardy 3. Time, 5:50.

Sixth race, selling, mile.—Ben Chance 1, Hood's Brigade 2, Uncle Bill 3. Time, 1:42.

TRIGGER.

MELROSE RIFLE CLUB.

The Melrose Rifle Club met Wednesday, Dec. 19. The eighth capital prize was won by J. A. Clark. Scores:

200 yards, on rest:

F. Harrison..... 9 8 8 6 10-41
J. A. Clark..... 9 8 8 7 9-41
J. Fergusson..... 5 10 7 5-38
J. T. Hennessy..... 5 10 7 5-38
J. Robinson..... 8 8 5 6-32
J. A. Clark..... 8 8 5 6-32
J. Fergusson..... 7 7 5 4-29
J. T. Hennessy..... 4 8 5 7-27
J. Robinson..... 5 7 2 6-27
J. H. Challoner..... 4 6 6 5-25
R. T. Hedley..... 4 6 6 5-25
J. Fergusson..... 5 2 3 7-23

200 Yards, on connection with the Dufferin House, Centralia, on Thursday, Dec. 20, 1900, in which a number of sports from Allis, Craig, Clendinning, Clinton, Seaton, Zurich, Exeter, Crediton, and a number of sports in that town, took part. The day was fine, and the shoot was a success from start to finish. Up to a late hour in the morning it looked as though the shoot was going to be a failure, but after the first rain had been off people began to pour in from every direction, till upwards of 1,000 people had assembled on the grounds to witness the sports. Some excitement was done at the shooting of Clinton, referred to the satisfaction of all. Mr. G. S. Grafton, the originator of the tournament, intends holding an annual shoot at that place, and also takes the opportunity of thanking the sports for their kindly patronage. The scores follow:

Event No. 1, 15 live birds.—J. Dodds 11, S. Ketchum 10, J. Hovey 10, M. Mahler 12, A. Campbell 10, Sheardown 10, W. Spall 9, R. Samuels 10, F. Kerr 10, D. Kennedy 9, L. Hicks 9, F. Kerr 10, T. Atchison 9, Ogden 8, W. Yearly 8, A. Whelan 8, G. H. Hovey 8, M. Mahler 12, A. Hicks 9.

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M.P. on behalf of the committee having the matter in charge. He said it was proposed to raise \$500 for the boys. Several prominent ladies in the city have secured \$200. Another \$200 is to be raised by subscriptions, and the council was asked for the balance. The sixteen soldiers who survived the war will receive a gold watch, each costing \$30, and the equivalent will be given to the parents of Barre and White, who died on the field.

SUSPECTED KIDNAPPER

Arrested at Fort Dodge, Iowa—Had a Pile of Gold in His Possession.

Fort Dodge, Ia., Dec. 25.—D. Allie, of Omaha, loaded with a large amount of gold coin, for the possession of which he gave no satisfactory explanation, is under arrest in this city on suspicion that he is one of the kidnapers of Edward Cuddey, Jun.

He has been identified as a former employee of the Cuddey Packing Company at South Omaha, and the Omaha police have sent urgent messages insisting that he be detained until they can investigate his movements.

Allie got off an Illinois Central train at midnight, Thursday, having left Omaha at 7:50 o'clock. He claimed to have been injured while attempting to pass between two seats in the car, and pretended to be suffering great pain.

He went to Station Agent Evans, who sent him to the General Hospital and notified the company's surgeon here. His actions were suspicious from the start, and the doctor made a thorough examination of the man. He could find no injuries such as would necessitate treatment.

The result of the investigation was that the Illinois Central Railroad refused to do anything to do with the case, and the hospital closed its doors on him. On examination by one of the nurses it was found that the man had, in different pockets, several thousand dollars in gold and bills. Allie refused to tell where he got the money.

One Third of Eau Claire, Mich., Destroyed—Several Other Conflagrations.

Eau Claire, Mich., Dec. 26.—A \$20,000 fire wiped out one-third of this village early yesterday morning. The fire started in the store of Arthur Dean, and it quickly carried it to adjoining buildings.

Rowland, Man., Dec. 25.—Early yesterday morning fire destroyed the store and stock of Cameron & Co., furniture warehouse; also the general store of Shilson & Co., about two-thirds of whose stock was lost. Shilson's loss is fully covered by insurance, but Cameron & Co.'s loss on stock and building will be heavy.

St. Catharines, Ont., Dec. 26.—About 9 o'clock yesterday morning the two-story frame residence of Mr. Henry Wilson, Henry street, took fire from a defective chimney, and before the fire was got under control the house was damaged to the extent of \$900; contents, \$200. Fully insured.

Stevensville, Ont., Dec. 26.—The general store and dwelling, combined, owned by Dr. Colver and occupied by C. C. Harris, was completely destroyed by fire last night. Loss about \$5,000. Origin of fire, explosion of lamp.

Ca' In as Ye Gae By!

Our house is sma', but snod and clean,
Yit rin an' set ye cosy chair;
Her scoonin'-things shine like a preen—
Aye, ca' in as ye gae by!

Chorus:
We'll mak' ye welcome, Jean an' I,
Aye, ca' in as ye gae by;
Tho' ye be hungry, wat or dry,
Aye, ca' in as ye gae by!

Our bonnie weans, like staps-an'-stairs—
Will no' sit on dour, saucy airs,
But rin an' set ye cosy chair;
Aye, ca' in as ye gae by!

We'll sing a sang, or hae a crack,
O' sense an' wit we'll hae nae lack,
To pit in min' the days gae back—
Aye, ca' in as ye gae by!

We'll crack o' fre

Choice collection of PICTURES

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Art Store, 443 Richmond.

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Electricity is the light that will eventually
light the entire world. Select it to
light your home and place of business.
Gives out a steady white light that never
varies in power or brilliancy, and cost
less than other lighting would. We supply
the current at a slight cost. Phone
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London Electric Co.,
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CHRISTMAS WEEK:

We are offering a full line of Carvers,
Table Cutlery and Pocket Knives, at re-
duced prices. Also

Air Rifles.....\$1.50
Hockey Skates.....40c to \$2.00
Spring.....50c to \$1.25
Hockey Sticks.....10c to 40c
Hand Saws.....25c to \$2.00
Baby Carriage Runners, pair.....\$1.00
Meat Choppers.....\$1.50 to \$3.00
Carpet Sweepers.....\$2.00 to \$3.50
Wringers.....\$1.90 to \$4.00
N. B.—See our Ball-Bearing Bob Sleighs
for boys at \$1.50.

236 Dundas Street,
Next T. A. Row's Grocery.

IT DOES PAY TO

The Best

and many of the former pupils of the
CANADA BUSINESS COLLEGE
CHATHAM, ONT.,
who have stopped directly from the college to
some good position in a business office, or to fill
some vacancy in a commercial school as teach-
ers, are ever ready to testify to the fact that **IT**
DOES PAY TO ATTEND THE BEST.

The following extract from a letter received
from a Massachusetts business college a short
time ago is only one of scores of a similar kind
that we have received from other business col-
leges, asking us to supply them with teachers.

"Nov. 6, 1930.

Dear Mr. McLachlan—I am again looking for a
commercial teacher, and would be pleased to
know if you know of one. We want a young
man, single, not under twenty-five, of good ad-
dress, neat in appearance, thoroughly alive,
and well up in bookkeeping, arithmetic and
English.

Letters such as the above tell for more than
pages of idle claims to superiority.

There may be business colleges more con-
venient to you than Chatham, but that should
be no reason for you attending anything but
the best.

We pay the railway fare of students from a
distance, up to \$4, and can secure good board
for gentlemen at \$2.50 per week, and for ladies
at \$2.

For HANDSOME CATALOGUE, issued
by any business school in Canada, write
to **McLACHLAN & CO.,**
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On All Fancy Goods
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N. W. Emerson, Druggist,
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Feather and Down Cushions 50 Cents
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Large stock of Pillows and Mat-
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Fare same as other lines from Cana-
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England, 360 pounds.

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Wool or Fleeced, \$1 Per Suit.

Heavy Cloth Caps, 25c and 50c.
Heavy Mitts or Gloves, Wool or Leather, 25c
or 50c.
Heavy Wool Socks, 15c, 20c, 25c per pair.

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Is brightened and the home beautified
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METEOROLOGICAL

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 25—8 p.m.—The
weather has become unsettled in On-
tario, attended with light snow falls,
and colder conditions are now gener-
ally indicated from the lakes to the
Atlantic. In the territories and Mani-
toba the cold has moderated. Mini-
mum and maximum temperatures:
Victoria, 42-46; Kamloops, 26-36; Cal-
gary, 16-32; Qu'Appelle, 12-36; Winni-
peg, 16 below-12; Port Arthur, zero-
18; Parry Sound, 24-32; Toronto, 26-34;
Ottawa, 28-34; Montreal, 30-34; Que-
bec, 30-34; Halifax, 36-42.

Local temperatures, Tuesday, Dec.
25: Highest, 30; lowest, 19.5 degrees.
Today (Wednesday) the sun rose at
7:50 a.m. and sets at 4:46 p.m. The
moon rose at 10:32 a.m. and sets at
10:22 p.m.

London Advertiser.



A LOCAL BUDGET.

"Yule's come, and Yule's gone,
And we have feasted well;
Sae Jock maun to his flail again,
And Jenny to her wheel."

—Mr. Arthur Wilson, of the Bank of
Toronto, spent the holiday here.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. Farrel, of this
city, spent Christmas in Brantford.

—Mr. W. A. Thompson, of Texas, is
visiting friends at his home in this
city.

—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Merritt, of
Chatham, spent Christmas in this
city.

—The only offender at the police
court yesterday was a drunk. He was
allowed to go.

—Captain and Mrs. White, of Detroit,
are guests of Mr. Joseph Smith, of
Princess Avenue.

—Miss Annie Alexander, of this city,
is visiting her sister, Mrs. Geo. Ged-
des, at St. Thomas.

—Miss Ada C. Hodges, of the staff
of the West Side Hospital, Chicago, is
home for the holidays.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Savage, of this
city, were at Brantford on Monday on
their way to Waterford.

—Miss Mabel Bennett, of Chatham,
spent her vacation with her cousin,
Miss Flora Merritt, in this city.

—Police Magistrate Morrison, of In-
gersoll, spent Christmas with his
daughter, Mrs. W. L. Underwood, in this
city.

—Mr. John Bray, of the Bank of
Montreal, spent Christmas with his
parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Bray, at
Chatham.

—Mr. Andrew Lamb, of the A. K.
Melbourne Company, Hamilton, spent
the Christmas holidays at his home
in this city.

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jewell and
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jewell, with their
families, are holidaying with their par-
ents in this city.

—Mr. Harvey Farrington, of Nor-
wich, purposes taking a course at the
military school here during the early
part of the new year.

—Mr. J. F. Sherlock, of South Lon-
don, has been in Ingersoll, where he
purchased Mr. Jas. Davies' bay pacer,
for which he paid \$200.

—Mrs. Clara Barnes-Holmes, the
popular contralto soloist, of Buffalo,
N. Y., who has delighted so many
audiences in London during the last
five years, will sing at the regular
monthly organ recital to be given by
Mr. Hewlett in Dundas Center Church
on Thursday afternoon next.

—Mr. R. H. Welburn, electrical su-
perintendent of London street rail-
way, was the recipient on Christmas
Day of a valuable pipe and a box of
choice cigars from the members of the
car barns staff. Also from the power
house staff, another pipe, silver-moun-
ted, accompanied with a nicely-worded
address.

—Special Christmas services were
held at St. Paul's Cathedral, the Me-
morial Church and Christ Church, yes-
terday by the rectors. Rev. C. H. Yat-
man addressed a meeting at the First
Methodist Church, reciting various
incidents of his evangelistic trip
around the world. There was a good
attendance.

—Mr. F. James Lowry, of Maymore,
Killybegh, county Down, Ireland, se-
cond son of the Rev. Mr. Lowry, 317
King street, this city, arrived home
Christmas morning after an absence
of nearly eight years, in response to
a cablegram sent him some time ago,
calling him home to see his mother,
who is lying very ill at her residence.
He sailed on the steamer Vancouver.

Cook's Cotton Lint Compound
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pound, and use it. All mixtures, pills and
imitations are dangerous. Price, No. 1, 50c
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\$37 Nos. 1 and 2 sold and recommended by all
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Scottish exiles in Liverpool are dis-
satisfied with the brand Scotch
music purveyed by the Sassenach vo-
calists, and they are now busy ar-
ranging for the formation of a Scottish
choir.

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NEYS BEEN SICK?**—Here's the South
American Kidney Cure evidence that's
convincing: "I am a new man—three
bottles cured me." "Five bottles cured
me of Diabetes." "I never expected
to be cured of Bright's Disease, but
half a dozen bottles did it." "I thought
my days were numbered, but this
great remedy cured me." It never
fails. Sold by C. McCallum & Co.—134
There is no no saloon open in Mas-
sachusetts between the hours of 11 p.m.
and 6 a.m. Such is the decision of the
full bench of the supreme court of that
state.

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This signature is on every box of the genuine
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Our Porter is especially recom-
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Boxes, Smoking Sets, Cigar Cases,
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These are handsome goods and must
be cleared out.

All the New Goods on the counter.
Prayer and Hymnals, at all prices;
Bibles, from 25c up to \$5; Catholic
Prayer Books, from 10c up; Methodist
Hymn Books; Presbyterian Hymn
Books; Papereries, latest imported
styles; Big Books, in cloth, 2 for 25c;
Christmas Calendars, Booklets and
Cards galore.

We give Trading Stamps.

which reached Portland on the 23rd,
having made the voyage in about ten
days.

Toronto Mail: The marriage of
the Rev. Donald Macdonald, principal
of St. Andrew's College, to Miss Pat-
terson, of London, will take place in Mon-
treal on Wednesday, Dec. 26. The
ceremony was arranged, when it was
hoped that the bride's brother, Dr.
Parfitt, formerly of Toronto, who is
now at Saranac, would be able to be
present, if it were held in Montreal.
Unfortunately, however, his health has
not been so good during the last week,
and it is now feared he may not be
able to take the journey after all.

BLAZE IN A PAWNSHOP.
The firemen were called to a small
blaze in the pawnshop of Jos. Fox,
King street, last night. Some fur-
niture near a stove became ignited.
Damage \$5.

GOOD SKATING.
The skating rinks were largely pat-
ronized yesterday. The cold snap
made the ice excellent. Music was
played by the skaters at the Princess
Jubilee and Westminster rinks.

JUDGMENT GIVEN.
Police Magistrate Davidson, of St.
Thomas, has delivered judgment in
the charge against Duncan Campbell,
of reckless driving and maliciously
damaging the wagon of George Gill,
of this city, by colliding with one
Kain's Hill. The magistrate imposed
a fine of \$1 and \$15 for damages.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE.
The East Middlesex Farmers' In-
stitute will have meetings in January, 1931,
at Lambeth and Iderton, on the 16th
and 17th respectively. They expect ex-
cellent meetings. The delegation con-
sists of Dr. Mills, of the O. A. C.,
Guelph, and Mr. W. N. Hutt, Southend,
a specialist in fruit-growing questions.
Messrs. W. E. Grive, of Wilton Grove,
and James E. Orr, of Tempo, will as-
sist at Iderton, and Messrs. Thomas
Knapp, of Masonville, and T. B.
Scott, of Vaneck, will assist at Lam-
beth.

VETERINARY ASSOCIATION.
The annual meeting of the Ontario
Veterinary Association was held at
Toronto on Friday, Dec. 21, and was
opened by Mr. W. J. Wilson, V.S., of
this city, who gave a short and in-
teresting address. The usual routine of
business was then called for. Some
new members were elected. A com-
mittee on the revision of the bylaws
was appointed, and the meeting ad-
journing for luncheon. After luncheon
an animated discussion took place in
connection with some alleged viola-
tion of professional ethics, in which
many members participated. Cases of
interest were described and discussed;
also the pathology and therapeutics of
some well-known diseases, on which
different views may be held, and the
meeting adjourned. The following is
list of officers appointed for the
coming year: H. S. Wende, presi-
dent; J. H. Tennant, London, first
vice-president; W. Steele, second vice-
president; C. H. Sweetapple, secre-
tary-treasurer; directors, F. G. Hut-
ton, J. H. George, J. Wagner, W. Shil-
linglaw, F. J. Gallanough, W. Law-
son, D. H. McMurtry and S. E. Boul-
ton; auditors, C. Elliott and J. H.
Reed.

THE ONLY HELP.
**A Victim of Bright's Disease for Many
Years—Cured by Dodd's Kid-
ney Pills.**

Neepawa, Dec. 24.—Mrs. T. H. Mc-
Kee formerly of Listowel, came here
as a last resort. Had suffered ten
years with Bright's Disease. Reported
to be past help and dying, her re-
appearance on the street in apparent
good health was a pleasant surprise.
The explanation given was that her
little boy had insisted that she should
use Dodd's Kidney Pills and prophe-
cy of the day was that she would be
cured. "From the first few doses I
began to feel better, and after taking
four and a half boxes, I say it with
heart-felt gratitude, I am perfectly
cured." Dodd's Kidney Pills is the
only medicine in the world that has
ever cured a case of Bright's Disease
at such a stage.

Scottish exiles in Liverpool are dis-
satisfied with the brand Scotch
music purveyed by the Sassenach vo-
calists, and they are now busy ar-
ranging for the formation of a Scottish
choir.

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There is no no saloon open in Mas-
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them?" are ones that are now upper-
most in the minds of many of our
citizens.

These questions are not, however, so
difficult to decide if we would but re-
member that presents or gifts at this
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tiful and more welcome when they are
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THE JOYOUS HOME-COMING

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thoughts, and through many weary
nights have cried to God
would hold his hand as a shield over
you and keep you in the darkness of
the night, the storms of battle and
the troubles that have beset you, to
hold it as a direct answer from God
that you have been brought back to
us in peace and safety. We desire to
thank him for his gentle mercy in
withdrawing you by sea and by
land. In the great war in which you
have taken part, he shielded you when
others were laid low. One thousand
may have fallen at your side and ten
thousand at your right hand, yet
death had not come nigh you, for the
great arm of God was strong to pro-
tect you.

"It is a good thing to give thanks
unto God and to show forth his praise.
This Christmas morning we wish to
lift up thanks to God the Father for
his mercy and goodness to you and to
us.

"The empire is grateful to you for
your noble answer to the call which
came to you. The nation rises to
thank you and to say that it is
unmindfully, and today we rejoice
in the goodness of God to you all.

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vot and Botha are making a last ef-
fort. They are all desperate now. They
are outlaws. Their farms are gone.
Their business is spoiled. They don't
know where their women are, so they
have decided to fight. They have no
other way of making a living. I be-
lieve that it will last six months yet."

IN OLD LONDON.
Speaking of the welcome accorded
them in England, he said: "It was a
remarkable and wholly unexpected de-
monstration. Lord Roberts led us to
believe that after the march-past in
Pretoria was over, and we had started
for home, we would go to England, and
right on to Canada. We believed that
there would be no formal reception."

Lieut.-Col. Buchan.
Lieut.-Col. Buchan, the gallant gen-
tleman from this city who shared the
honors of the command with Col. Otter,
and who won the affection of every
man in the regiment, was met yester-
day afternoon by an Advertiser repre-
sentative. He had just issued trium-
phant from a struggle with the nearly
forgotten intricacies of civilian's dress.
"I've just got into this suit," said the
colonel laughingly. "I've almost for-
gotten how to put it on. It's a welcome
change, though, after living in khaki
for fourteen months."

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know what happened. They simply
overwhelmed us with kindness. Right
from the Queen and the Prince of
Wales down they all tried to make us
enjoy ourselves as much as possible. I
thought they were overdoing it, but
they all seemed to think that we had
done something to deserve it. One ova-
tion followed another until we were
simply tired out. There was absolute-
ly nothing that was too good for us.

IN LIVERPOOL.
"The same thing happened in Liver-
pool. When we left London, we
thought that we would go straight
from the Liverpool station and get on
the ship. When we got off at the Lime
street station we found the streets lit-
erally packed with people. It was es-
timated that there were at least a
quarter of a million people on the
streets. They all had flags and were
cheering and waving and blowing
horns, just like the people here did to-
day. We had four or five receptions
before we reached the boat. It was
simply indescribable. When we
got on the ship we found that it
would not be able to sail until Wed-
nesday. That left us there all day
Tuesday. The enthusiasm was won-
derful, when a Canadian walked along
the streets a cheering crowd would
follow him. If an officer stopped on
the street to look in a window, a crowd
would gather that would block the
street and stop the traffic. Everything
was free to Canadians. Some of the
British officers warned us of the trou-
ble we'd have getting the men on the
ship. When a British regiment em-
barks they generally have to take the
men down in carts. We didn't have
the least trouble. Although everything
was free to our fellows, they were re-
markably well-behaved. In fact, only
two or three needed any help at all
when they were getting on the boat."

LEAVING LIVERPOOL.
When we started down the Mersey
another wonderfully enthusiastic de-
monstration occurred. The docks were
cramped with people, waving and
cheering. All the ships in the place
were decorated. Whistles were blown
continuously, and when we were final-
ly off the ships, with thousands of peo-
ple on them, followed us down the
river. It was simply overwhelming,
and more particularly since we didn't
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