

CENTER YORK AND OTTAWA STAND BY THE GOVERNMENT

Former Goes Liberal By Nineteen Majority, While the
Capital Snows Under the Opposition
Candidate.

Markham, Dec. 24.—Revised returns received this morning show that Mr. MacLean's majority in Center York is 26, and not 19, as reported last night. In subdivision No. 5, Markham Township, the figures remain as at first reported, showing a majority there for MacLean of 25, but in subdivision No. 9 Mr. MacLean's majority is increased by 7, the figures now being reported as MacLean 79, Wallace 21.

The Result in Ottawa.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—The result of today's election in the city of Ottawa gives the Liberal candidate a majority of 3,319 over the Independent Conservative. The vote stood 4,470 for J. B.

T. Caron, Liberal, and 1,151 for W. D. Morris, Independent Conservative. It is true that the election was certain to go Liberal from the beginning, and that accounts for the small vote cast, but no one anticipated so large a majority. The Liberal candidate had a majority in every ward in the city. The result by wards is as follows:

Ward	Caron, Liberal	Morris, Independent Conservative
Victoria	195	13
Dalhousie	485	184
Wellington	602	310
Central	731	248
St. George	686	161
By	690	76
Ottawa	980	79

Center York.

Woodbridge, Dec. 23.—The by-election in Center York today resulted in the return of Dr. P. D. MacLean, the Liberal candidate, by the some-
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Insisted On Being Married in Church English Couple Were Particular

They Refused To Have Nuptial
Knot Tied in the
Parsonage.

The Rev. G. B. Sage, of St. George's Church, West London, was sitting last Saturday night in his den putting the finishing touches to his sermon for the morning when the telephone rang. "Hello! is this Mr. Sage?" asked the party at the other end of the line.

"Yes," replied Mr. Sage.

"Well, I have a young English couple here who insist upon being married tonight," said the voice. "No, Monday won't do. The nuptial knot must be tied tonight. They are in my office now."

The speaker was a well-known Dundas street lawyer.

The couple were Mr. Gerald James Garbett and Miss Olive Margaret Keene.

Both came over from England about

six months ago, and recently they decided to get married.

Were Particular.

Mr. Sage hurriedly made preparations for the ceremony, and had two witnesses on hand when the young couple appeared at the parsonage.

"Are you ready to be married?" asked the minister.

"Oh, we couldn't dream of being married here," the bride-to-be exclaimed.

"Oh, no," supplemented the would-be benedict, "we must be married in the church."

And in the church they were married, despite the fact that no arrangements had been made for the ceremony other than lighting the lights.

There was no fire in the furnace, but the ceremony proceeded, nevertheless, and in between sippers the couple were united for life.

The youthful benedict is a traveler in the employ of the Vega-Gaste Cigar Company, and is said to be very well liked.

Child Is Poisoned By Worm Powders

A very serious case, resembling poisoning, is reported in this city.

Not long ago a child about 5 or 6 years of age was feeling indisposed, and the mother gave her some worm powders put up by a well-known firm. In a few minutes the child was taken very ill, and a physician summoned.

It was only after very strenuous efforts that the child's life was saved. It is understood that the woman intends sending the powders to an analyst for examination, and if anything of a poisonous nature is discovered, a suit will probably follow.

The condition of the child resembled that produced by a poison.

11,972 Voters in City of London City Clerk Baker Compiles List

Very Large Numbers of Those
in the Book Are
Freeholders.

City Clerk Baker has compiled a list showing the number of voters on the city lists, and the different classes of voters.

In Ward 1 there are 2,124 voters eligible to vote in municipal and other elections, and 736 eligible to vote on municipal elections only, a total of 2,860.

There are 1,510 freeholders, who are entitled to vote on money bylaws and there are 435 women who are eligible to vote for school trustees only.

In Ward 2, 164 may vote on both municipal and other elections, and 440 may vote in municipal elections only, a total of 2,284.

There are 1,117 freeholders, 394 women voters, and 430 persons eligible to vote for school trustees only.

Ward Three.

In Ward 3, 2,575 are on the lists to vote for all elections, 715 for municipal only, a total of 3,290. There are 1,762 freeholders, who may vote on money bylaws, 450 women, and 380 who may vote for school trustees only.

Ward Four.

Ward 4 is the largest of the wards. There are 2,758 who may vote on both municipal and other elections, and 782 who may vote on municipal elections only, a total of 3,538.

In this ward there are 2,025 freeholders, 528 women and 395 eligible to vote for school trustees only.

The Totals.

Total number who may vote on municipal and other elections, 9,099. Total number eligible to vote in municipal elections only, 2,873. Grand total—11,972 for municipal elections.

In the city there are 6,414 voters who may vote on money bylaws. There are also 1,807 women who may vote.

The total number who may vote for school trustees only is 1,615.

Children Contribute To the Shelter

An important feature in connection with the closing exercises of Grade VIII, St. George's school, was the presentation of \$10 to the Children's Shelter, South London. The money donated by the children was their own and the presentation was made to the shelter through Sheriff Cameron, who was present to receive it, and who made a neat speech, thanking the children for their thoughtfulness and generosity.

Another important feature was the annual presentation of medals. The Boyle memorial medal was presented to Miss Millie Kipp by Sheriff Cameron; the Robinson medal to Miss Jean Stuart by ex-Trustee Mr. John Miss Agnes McLean by Inspector Edwards. Mr. Edwards also presented six books on behalf of Principal E. Wyatt to Misses Millie Kipp, Helen Stuart, Jean Stuart, Ethel Garner, Eva Southcott and Master Dave Lo-

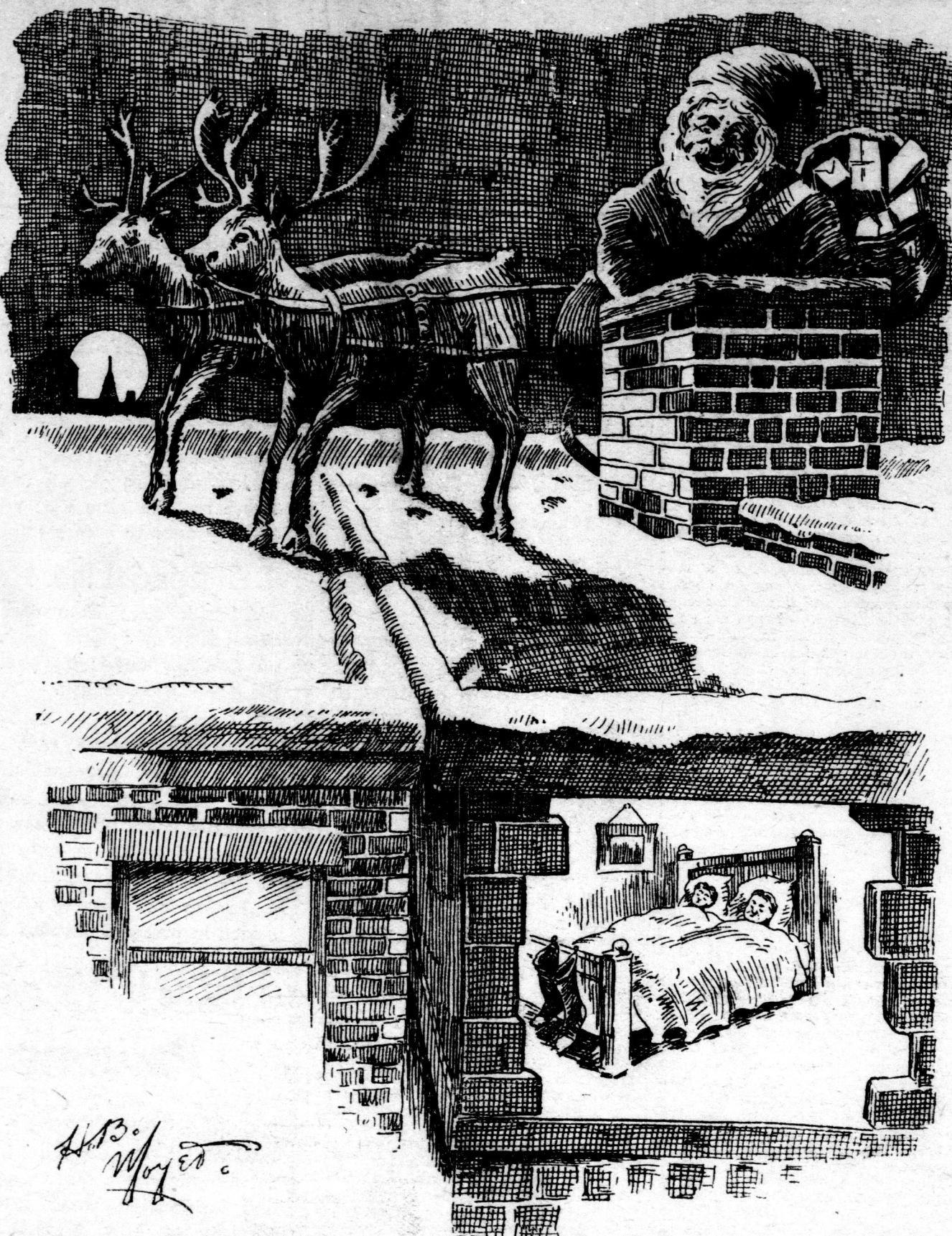
gan. A good programme of music, songs and readings was furnished by the pupils, at the close of which refreshments were served.

NO INCREASE IN LOCAL HOTEL RATES

Local hotelkeepers so far have made no movement to follow the example of a number of Toronto hotelkeepers by raising their rates, and so far as can be learned, no movement of the kind is contemplated.

All the hotelkeepers spoken to on the matter stated that the present rates were satisfactory to them.

In Toronto after the meeting held on Saturday there was a general increase, which resulted in all rates being raised 50 cents a day. Those hotels which put up the tariff issued a statement, saying that it was due to the increased cost of living in general.



"'Twas the Night Before Christmas."

Heaviest Day in Years at Postoffice English Mail Has Been Very Heavy

Clerks and Carriers Have Had
Their Work Cut Out
for Them.

"The heaviest day we have had in years," was the unanimous reply of the postmen when questioned this morning.

The day preceding Christmas is always a trying one to both letter-carriers and postoffice employees. Nearly 50 tons of English mail, consisting largely of packages, has been handled at the postoffice in the last few days.

This is in addition to hundreds of bags of Canadian mail.

Besides all this, there is the regular outgoing mail.

A Busy Place.

Last night the postoffice presented a busy appearance, and one wondered as one looked at the letters and packages piled all over, when the employees would ever get through them all. But the men set to work with a will, and in a short time every piece

had been stamped and sorted, and work was commenced on fresh bags as fast as they were opened.

A very great time-saver which is appreciated considerably by the men who used to do the stamping is the electrical stamping machine, which stamps letters and cards at the rate of 300 a minute.

For hours last night this machine was kept going at full speed, while the clerk placed great stacks of letters in it from the collecting drawers. In former years all this work was done by hand, and the job was a tedious one. The larger packages and parcels still have to be stamped with a hand stamp.

At Work Early.

Every carrier was on the job early this morning, and at his place found a pile of stuff that would make an ordinary man despair. However, with the assistance of a number of boys, who carried many of the packages in boxes on sleighs, everything was delivered after a fashion. The carriers have been quite liberal with them, and this is perhaps the one bright spot in an arduous day's work for them.

Nervy Tenant Wanted To Move In But the Landlord Blocked the Way

A Peculiar Case Being Heard
Before Squire Chittick
Today.

If the allegations of Mr. Hanna, a Westminster Township farmer, are true, Wm. Webb, formerly of Dorchester, should be awarded first prize for having the most nerve of anyone in the township.

Mr. Hanna alleges that Webb came to him on Monday last week and asked to rent a small house which Hanna has on his farm, and which is located some distance from Mr. Hanna's own home.

"You cannot rent the house," was the reply, whereupon Webb left the place.

On the very next day as Mr. Hanna was walking about his place, he was much surprised to see a wagonload of furniture pulled up to the house in question. The driver at once proceeded to unload and started to carry the goods inside the house.

Stopped Him.

Mr. Hanna broke into a run and yelled, "Hey, you stop that!"

The driver paused in his work and looked around.

Inquiry elicited the fact, so it is alleged, that Webb had instructed the driver to cart the goods to the house mentioned, and unload them inside the house, as he had rented the place from Mr. Hanna.

Mr. Hanna refused to allow the goods, which consisted of an old stove, a carpet, some bedclothing, and a table, to be placed in the house, even temporarily, and consequently they were dumped in the road, where the irate Webb found them later.

Charged With Trespass.

Then Mr. Hanna swore out an information on the charge of trespass, and this morning County Constable Coursant served the summons.

Webb appears before Squire Chittick this afternoon.

The accused is a man of perhaps 45 or 50 and is single.

He has been keeping bachelor's hall at Dorchester, where he worked as a farm-hand in the summer, and at cutting wood in the winter.

Real Estate Returns for November

The real estate returns for the month of November are as follows: Number of transfers 72, assessed value \$77,880, consideration \$150,957, percentage assessed value 51.5.

For the same month last year the total number of transfers was 95, as-

essed value \$90,198, consideration \$134,327, percentage 67.1.

There is a considerable decrease this year in the number of transfers, although there is only a difference of a little over \$14,000 in amount of consideration.

74 BODIES IN A HEAP

Ghastly Find of Rescue Party in Jacob's Creek Collieries.

Jacob's Creek, Pa., Dec. 24.—Searching parties at the Darr mine today reached entry No. 27, where they found 74 bodies in a heap. With the 46 bodies which have already been brought to the surface the total number today is 120.

The bodies found in number 27 entry are not so badly mutilated as some of the bodies previously recovered.

Today was funeral day at the mine. Twelve identified bodies were taken from the temporary morgue and placed in a line along the tracks of the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad. The last sad ceremonies were conducted in the open with hundreds of friends, relatives and sightseers as spectators. The resultant scenes were extremely pathetic. Following the services, the bodies were placed on a train and taken to Connelville, Pa., for burial.

NOT RESIGNING

No Basis to Rumor, Says Chief Ranger of the I. O. F.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Rumors regarding the resignation of Mr. Elliott G. Stevenson as supreme chief ranger of the Independent Order of Foresters are set at rest by a statement from Mr. Stevenson himself. Mr. Stevenson was wired to in Detroit, and told of the rumor, and this morning the reply came from him: "No basis for rumors referred to in your wire. An unqualified denial has been given also by the executive council of the Foresters."

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—SNOWFALLS.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Dec. 24—8 a.m. Fair today and tonight, with slightly lower temperature.

Wednesday—Local snowfalls.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	32	16	Fair
Winnipeg	4	14	Cloudy
Port Arthur	6	4	Clear
Parry Sound	28	28	Fair
Toronto	28	28	Fair
Ottawa	28	28	Fair
Montreal	30	30	Fair
Quebec	30	30	Snow
Father Point	30	30	Snow

The first column in the above table records the temperature at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperature during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.

The disturbance mentioned yesterday has now reached the Lower St. Lawrence Valley, and another important disturbance covers the northwestern portion of the continent.

Snow, sleet and rain have fallen heavily from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, attended by strong winds and gales.

In the Western Provinces the weather is turning colder, accompanied by light snowfalls.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 6 below 34; Alton, 6-14; Port Simpson, 34-42; Vancouver, 32-40; New Westminster, 40-48; Kamloops, 26-34; Edmonton, 22-32; Prince Albert, 12-24; Calgary, 22-34; Regina, 10-30; Winnipeg, 16-24; Parry Sound, 22-34; Toronto, 30-36; Ottawa, 30-33; Montreal, 32-34; Quebec, 32-42; St. John, 22-46; Halifax, 24-48.

Local temperatures: Highest, 36°; lowest, 28° above.

TONS OF TURKEY GIVEN AWAY TO EMPLOYEES IN LONDON

Factories and Other Places Presented Big Birds To
Men—Mr. C. R. Somerville Presents Gold
Watches To Employees.

Today nearly all the large manufacturers and other employers of this city remembered their employees.

Turkeys were given the married men, and in some instances other gifts were given faithful employees.

Tons of turkeys were distributed in this manner, and are much appreciated by the employees.

Presentations are popular everywhere. This morning Mr. C. R. Somerville, of the East End, presented Miss Lou Manley with a handsome check in recognition of her long services with the firm. Miss Manley has been with the company for nearly eighteen years, and Mr. Somerville

took this method of showing his appreciation of it.

Seven young ladies, who have been in the employ of the firm for five years, were given handsome gold watches, while every other member of the staff was remembered by a nice gift.

Hon. Adam Beck distributed 75 or 100 turkeys to his employees and others.

Mayor Judd remembered the civic employees with turkeys.

Tons of Turkeys.

The McClary Manufacturing Company this year distributed 670 turkeys among its employees.

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Niagara Power Question in London Hon. Mr. Beck and Others Discuss It

Meeting Held in East End Hall
Last Night Was Well
Attended.

A fair-sized meeting was held in the east end hall last night, when the Hon. Adam Beck and Ald. Fryer, of the Niagara Power Union, spoke upon the question which is to be submitted to the people at the coming municipal elections.

Mr. Fryer spoke principally along the lines of what power meant to Ontario, as a manufacturing center, and closed by answering as carefully and thoroughly as he could the list of questions which appeared in The Advertiser of Monday evening.

Hon. Adam Beck's speech was a review of what he has stated at other meetings.

The statement that the Westinghouse people had been able to guarantee to transmit power at 120,000 volts, which would mean to this city a line loss of 5 per cent, instead of 10 per cent, as had been calculated upon by the Government, was the only new ground upon which he touched.

Ald. Matthews' Statement.

Ald. Matthews presided, and in introducing Mr. Fryer, of Galt, said that those using the power and light will pay all the cost of the plant, etc.

People owning property and who do not use electricity for anything will not have to pay one cent. The ratepayers will pay only for street lighting. Everyone has felt that the lights at present are not brilliant enough.

The new magnetic lights will not be placed all over the city, but just as far as the present system extends, London's future as an industrial center.

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Trailed Miner's Gang Ten Weeks Ex-Londoner Tells of Hot Chase

Sergeant-Major Shoebottom's
Story of Dash After
Desperadoes.

Sergeant-Major Duke Shoebottom, of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, arrived in the city on Saturday, and intends spending the holidays with his parents here. Sergeant-Major Shoebottom is in charge of the post at Battleford, and has made for himself a reputation that covers the whole of the Northwest. One episode that made him particularly famous was the capture of the notorious Bill Miner gang after they had held up and looted the C. P. R. express.

Dash After Desperadoes.

When seen by The Advertiser this morning Major Shoebottom gave an interesting account of the affair.

"I was stationed at Banff at the time the hold-up took place," he said,

"In charge of the station there. We received word of the hold-up very soon after it had taken place, and were quickly on the scene. Learning that the three men had taken to the mountains we made a dash after them. The leader of the gang we knew to be Bill Miner, one of the oldest and most daring road agents in the west. Miner had the reputation of never having shot a man, but we knew that even if he did not the fellows who were with him would not hesitate to shoot. The gang took to the mountains, and we went after them. It was hard going and at times we lost the trail completely. It was nearly ten weeks before we finally came up with them and caught them whole and alive. They were pretty tired of the hot chase and the life they had been leading. Miner is a very clever man and later made his escape from jail. At present he is believed to be living in the mountains of Oregon, and we think he is too old and has had too much experience in Canada to ever come across the line again."

Answers To Niagara Power Questions Asked By "Citizen" in Advertiser

President Fryer of Power Union
Deals With Them Seriatim
—Points for Ratepayers

An interesting feature of last night's power meeting was the taking up of the questions asked by "Citizen," in last night's Advertiser. President Fryer, of the Municipal Power Union, dealt with them seriatim, and gave answers which Mr. Beck approved, and in some cases enlarged upon. The questions and replies are given below, as to whether the information given is satisfactory and meets the case.

1. Who pays for or guarantees the cost of providing the generating station at Niagara, and what will the station cost? Who will manage and control this?

Answer—The generating station is owned by the generating company, and is not paid for by either the commission or municipality. The commission has a contract with a private company to supply 8,000-horsepower or upwards to 75,000-horsepower at \$10.40 per horsepower.

2. Who pays for or guarantees the cost of the transmission line from Niagara to London, and what will it cost? Who will manage and control this?

A.—The cost of transmitting the power is included in the \$23, which is the price per horsepower which last year's London bylaw authorized the

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Three Months for Benj. Blackstock Penalty for Falling Off Water Wagon

Magistrate Love Had a Big Grist
of Offenders To Deal
With.

Magistrate Love made it very plain at the police court this morning that in his opinion Benjamin Blackstock would have escaped being sentenced to three months in the Central Prison if he had remained on the water wagon and had not attempted to float amateur theatrical companies and pawn gramophones belonging to other people.

His worship said he did not mean that Blackstock had fallen off the water wagon, but simply that he came

off and left his job of watering the city streets.

A strong plea for leniency was advanced by Blackstock's counsel, and the court said that had there been only one charge against the prisoner he would have allowed him to go or suspended sentence.

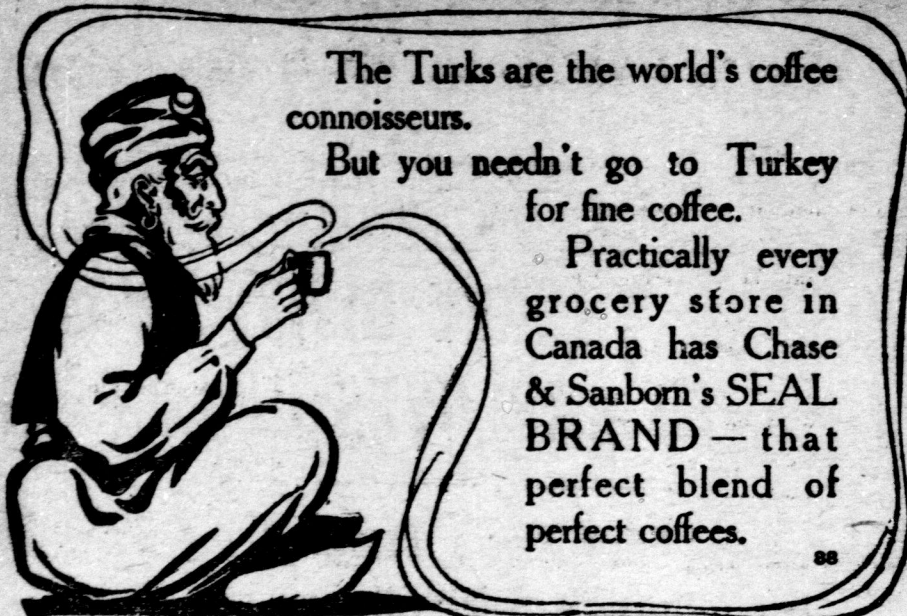
However, there were four charges, and more ready to be laid, and it was shown beyond any doubt that Blackstock was getting worse all the time.

After his term had been served his worship hoped that Blackstock would stick to honest methods of making a living and be a good citizen.

A Star Boarder.

The case of William Magee caused considerable amusement in the court.

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The Turks are the world's coffee connoisseurs.

But you needn't go to Turkey for fine coffee.

Practically every grocery store in Canada has Chase & Sanborn's SEAL BRAND—that perfect blend of perfect coffees.

NIAGARA POWER QUESTION

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ter depended upon her getting cheap power.

Mr. Fryer's Address.

Mr. Fryer reviewed the early history of the power question, beginning with its inception up to the present time. After the bill of 1906 was passed the municipalities had got estimates with the result that in January, 1907, the bylaw to enter into a contract with the Government was submitted to the people.

Many people were mixing up the 1907 bylaw with the one to be submitted at the coming election. The last bylaw was solely for the purpose of getting the power to the people. The council had absolutely no power to enter into any agreement that would furnish power at more than \$23 per horsepower. No public question in Ontario has ever created such public interest as has Niagara power. The municipalities of Western Ontario must take 8,000-horsepower, but this may be increased to 100,000-horsepower on nine months' notice. The period of the contract for power runs for ten years.

The individual ratepayer in London will benefit more than anyone else because the consumer must pay for the cost of the power. The municipality should make a profit out of the power it sells the consumer. Mr. Fryer outlined the result of gas competition in Galt, and predicted that cheapening of electricity will increase the number of its consumers. At the end of 30 years the municipality would own both the plant and the distributing lines.

Mr. Fryer then answered the list of questions, which were asked by a correspondent of The Advertiser in last evening's edition. His answers are referred to in another column.

Ald. Stevely.

At the close of Mr. Fryer's address, Ald. Stevely stepped to the platform and was given an enthusiastic reception. The popular alderman gave a short address, in which he stated he was heartily in favor of Niagara power.

It was very necessary that the bylaw should pass, as the city's contract with the London Electric Co. expires next year. He hoped the people would not regard Niagara power as a political question.

Hon. Mr. Beck.

Hon. Adam Beck said he himself often wondered if the people of Ontario wondered what his game was in going about the country, boosting Niagara power. But he stated he was not to take the initiative. His chief aim was to prevent monopolies in the shape of companies obtaining the power at the falls which belonged to the people.

So far as Niagara power was concerned the municipalities had asked for legislation to get cheap power. This was four years ago. As mayor of London then he had become interested and had stayed with it ever since. His object was to benefit his fellow citizens and the people as a whole. He had absolutely no personal object. It was a public proposition pure and simple. As a representative of the people he wished to give an account of his service.

History of the Question.

Mr. Beck then reviewed the history of electricity and Ontario's shortage of coal, quoting figures showing the cost of coal for Ontario per year. Hamilton was getting power from a company which developed it from the Welland Canal, and paid the Government 50 cents a horsepower. In Electric energy has not benefited Hamilton one bit, owing to the company charging the people \$80 per light for street lighting. Toronto was getting its lights for 75¢ and these were generated by steam. This was the

result of the companies having no competition. Every power, except water power, was exhaustible. Canadians do not appreciate their resources, especially in water power. "It is to our everlasting disgrace if we do not preserve our heritage," said Mr. Beck.

At present many of our best things were going to the United States to build up a foreign nation.

Too Great for Politics.

Niagara power is too great an issue for politics, and he had insisted, with Mr. Whitney, that it should never be used as such. Had the municipalities given the people any show there would be nothing said; but they had absolutely ignored the people. The people of Ontario are still in a position to save themselves. The commission had given the companies every show to quote figures, but they would not give any that were satisfactory.

Local Conditions.

Regarding local conditions Mr. Beck went over the figures he had given out at former meetings. It is only as possible. London cannot undertake it alone, nor can any other city. One city helps the other, and the more taking the power the better rate can be obtained.

Mr. Beck took absolute exception to the statement of some engineers that 120,000 volts. Instead of only 5 per cent, would be needed to supply the manufacturers and it would cost \$60,000 the Lucan descent lighting in the city.

London does not need to put up one cent for buildings. The Government does all this. Mr. Beck stated that to the best of his knowledge no producer gas plant in the world could produce power as cheaply as it could be produced by water. In Hamilton, as a result of the power agitation, one company was soliciting orders now at 7½ cents per kilowatt hour for incandescent lamps, as compared with 10 to 15 cents formerly. In London the taxpayer will never be taxed or assessed one dollar for Niagara power. The whole Province will be liable and the commission intend to control the rates so as to make it pay.

It is expected the street railway and the city's revenue will buy power and a handsome revenue will be derived.

Loss in Transmission.

Owing to recent improvements the Westinghouse people were able to guarantee to transmit electricity at the city a line loss of only 5 per cent. Instead of 10 per cent on 60,000 volts, as was at first estimated.

The Port Stanley Railway will be operated by electricity in a few years and will pay instead of being a drag on the city. Instead of paying the London Electric Company \$2,000 a year for power and light at Victoria Hospital, they will get it for \$1,000 or less.

Public Ownership.

Regarding public ownership propositions Mr. Beck quoted statistics showing what Port Arthur was doing with their telephone, coffee, tea and bread, as well as plum pudding. In addition to its great Christmas dinner, the Salvation Army is collecting money for its regular work, and \$20,000 appeals sent to New Yorkers through the mails have brought more than \$15,000 into the coffers of the army.

TO DINE 125,000.

New York, Dec. 24.—More than 125,000 people will eat Christmas dinner in New York tomorrow furnished by the Salvation Army. The dinners are being put in baskets for families of five and six, and will be distributed on Christmas morning. Each basket will contain a five-pound chicken, in addition to vegetables, soup, tea and bread, as well as plum pudding. In addition to its great Christmas dinner, the Salvation Army is collecting money for its regular work, and \$20,000 appeals sent to New Yorkers through the mails have brought more than \$15,000 into the coffers of the army.

Physician's Advice Free of Charge

It is true that organic changes may be so acute that nothing but the surgeon's knife will overcome the trouble. Yet it must also be said that in many cases building up the vitality of the body overcomes the need of surgical interference. Unfortunately, by neglecting the simple rules of health man places barrier after barrier against nature's tendency, which is to heal and to cure—hence the world is full of weak, nervous men and women who enjoy but few of the pleasures of life.

It is to minister to the requirements of these sick, over-strained people that Ferrozone has been devised. It contains more nutriment and strengthening qualities than you can get in any other form. It's concentrated nourishment—that's what Ferrozone is. It enriches and vitalizes the blood, and thereby sends its uplifting influence to every nook and corner of the body. The remarkable power of Ferrozone over weakness, nervousness, lack of vitality, and general debility is the marvel of the age.

No medicine could do more than Ferrozone did for Mrs. Annie Jeffery, of Sandy Cove, N.S., whose cure is vouched for by Rev. D. C. Moore, of the Sandy Cove Baptist church.

"My condition was deplorable. Though I employed the most skillful medical aid, I grew steadily weaker. In fact, I was in such a low condition it was impossible for me to walk across the room. My heart was very weak and I suffered from terrible palpitations. Friends urged me to try Ferrozone, and I bought six boxes. When I used the third box my old-time vigor and strength returned. The palpitations ceased, my appetite increased, and I got a good, rosy color in my cheeks. It was impossible to speak too highly of Ferrozone."

Ferrozone makes healthy, virile, vigorous men and women. Try it, 50¢ per box of fifty tablets, or six boxes for \$2.50, at all dealers, or by mail from N. C. Polson & Co., Kingston, Ont., and Hartford, Conn., U.S.A.

HOW TO AVOID THE R. R. WRECKS

Roads Greatly Interested in the Preservation of Life and Property.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Every citizen of the United States is more or less interested in the question of safe operation of railway trains, and that the majority of people believe the railroads are not doing all they can to reduce the fearful toll of life which the operation of American railways exacts annually is evident from the fact that there has been an insistent public demand for the interstate commerce commission to take up the question and definitely settle it. No railway operating officer, however, spends his time hunting for excuses for the many and disastrous wrecks that occur, provided he is worthy of his position, but all are apparently united in an effort to do the best they can in making the operation of the roads as safe as it can be made under existing conditions.

Could Save Millions.

Owing to the fact that scores of inventions to promote safety of operation are granted every year, and also owing to the fact that few of them are adopted, there is quite a prevalent belief that railway managements discourage such inventions but, on the other hand, thought makes such a charge appear untenable, for it will be recognized that could the railways save the annual expense which is caused by wrecks they would have millions to spend in inventions for the protection of the lives of their patrons' property. Someone who knows the situation could write a funny book upon the inventions of any single year that are presented to railway managements as panaceas for various operating ills. Usually the man who conceives the invention knows nothing of a railroad train, and he may even procure the written opinion of mechanical experts to the effect that his invention will do just what it is calculated to do.

Having proceeded this far he takes his invention to a railway operating man who does not know much about mechanics, but who knows what he is up against when it comes to getting his trains over the road. Oftentimes a glance at the model will be sufficient to tell the operating man that the thing is absurd from a practical standpoint. Sometimes he is in doubt, and in all such cases on record the invention has been given practical trials and tests before it has been passed upon.

As a matter of fact, the railway system in the United States is constantly on the outlook for new things in the operating line. There is scarcely a day in the year, for example, that the Pennsylvania Railroad is not experimenting on some portion of its lines with one or more inventions purposed to better the operation of their trains and make them more safe. An immense amount of money is expended yearly by the railroads of the country in these kinds of experiments, and many of the railways now have an officer who is a chief engineer of tests. So eager have the railroads been in some cases to better operating conditions that they have adopted generally devised about which there has later been serious question.

One of these is the D-rail, which is generally in use in connection with interlocking plants at railway crossings. The purpose of this device is to ditch a train when the engineer disregards the danger signal and persists in passing the crossing. Many cases occur, however, where a D-rail system is installed which does not have any bad results, were it not for the D-rail wreck has been about as bad as a head-on collision could have been.

It might readily be asked why it is if the railroads are eager to procure new safety devices of practical value that they were so slow in adopting and installing the block signal system. The reason for this is to be found in the fact that even today it is not certain what is the best block signal practice, and this is one of the most important questions the interstate commerce commission is taking up on safety appliances has to take up.

Questions of Best System.

The railway world is now eager to learn if the committee will undertake to declare what is the best block signal system, and to prescribe rules and regulations governing the use of the same. That any kind of block signal system, however crude, tends to lessen the danger of wrecks is admitted, but a railroad whose traffic is not sufficiently dense to warrant an expenditure, unless it can be proved to be a permanent one, wants to know what is the best before spending large sums to block its lines.

The commission years ago recommended the use of the block signal system, and yet its defects have been self-caused many wrecks, and for these the commission should take its share of the public blame, declare the railroad men. If the commission should decide to compel the installing of the most up-to-date block signal system on all railroads a tremendous expense would be incurred, and possibly the results as to the decrease in wrecks might not be as satisfactory as desired. It is certain, however, that the railroads will be grateful if the commission succeeds in solving some of the operating problems which have been bothering them for years.

EXPEDITIONS TO UNKNOWN LANDS

Chicago, Dec. 24.—A series of expeditions, constituting one of the most extensive explorations of unknown lands ever attempted by any institution, was announced yesterday by the Field Museum of Natural History. George A. Dorsey, curator of the museum's department of anthropology, will first circle the globe, visiting many practically unknown people and mapping out the lines of inquiry to be undertaken. He will sail on the Lusitania on Jan. 11.

The museum has also set out to give to the world of science the first comprehensive exposition of the characteristics and customs of the people of Tibet, the Far East, and the South Sea Islands. For this work Dr. Berthold Laufer, a distinguished Chinese scholar, recently of the faculty of Columbia University, has been engaged. He will sail on Jan. 7 for a stay of three years in the country of the Lamas.

LEGION ALERT FOR SERVICE

Anniversary of Frontiersmen Organization the Occasion for a Review.

London, Dec. 24.—The Legion of Frontiersmen, whose chairman is Lord Lonsdale, is contemplating with pardonable pride its first three years' record.

It was on Christmas eve, 1904, that the proposal was made to raise such a corps. It was to consist of a society of veterans trained to serve as the eyes of an army in the field. The idea had the support of Mr. Haldane, the war secretary, and at the end of eight months there was a guard of frontiersmen according to the under secretary for the colonies through East Africa. General Sir Reginald Hart, on taking command at the Cape, was welcomed on land by a squadron of the same corps.

The Johannesburg command offered 1,000 men and the home commands tendered a similar number at a moment's notice in case the Natal crisis should take a dangerous form.

During the recent native unrest in a Government official who was badly wounded by a mob was rescued by the Mysore command, and a few weeks ago the members of the Thunder Bay command, on Lake Superior, engaged in rescue work after a mining accident, and one of them was killed.

Even in the far-away province of Yukon a troop is forming among the Klondike miners. From every corner of the empire come reports of the growth of the corps, and it is a point of congratulation that the legion is entirely supported by its own members, who are not rich men. The legion has never made any appeal for funds.

BANK IS SOLVENT

State National Bank, of New Orleans, Found To Be in Good Condition.

New Orleans, Dec. 23.—At a late hour last night the New Orleans Clearing House Association issued an announcement that a committee for that organization had been appointed to examine the condition of the State National Bank of this city had declared the bank absolutely solvent and that New Orleans Clearing House Association would render the bank any assistance it might need.

The examination was made at the request of the officers of the State National, following the resignation of William Adler as president. They said they wished the condition of their institution officially pronounced on.

C. H. Cuthbertson, who has for many years been vice-president and cashier of the bank was elected president to succeed Mr. Adler. The State National Bank has a capital stock of \$300,000, surplus fund of \$700,000 and undivided profits amounting to \$64,002.94. Its last statement was issued at the close of business, December 2, when it was stated that outside of the amounts subject to the check of other national and state banks, there were liabilities to foreign banks amounting to \$717,860. The bank is one of the oldest institutions of its kind in the city, being a successor to the Louisiana State Bank, founded in 1881.

GETS A PARIS HOUSE

Savage to Invaade the French Capital With Musical Comedy.

Paris, Dec. 24.—H. W. Savage, through his European representative, Herman Fellner, has concluded negotiations for the lease of a Parisian theater where American musical comedy will be a permanent feature.

"Mr. Savage, as delighted by the way 'The Prince of Pilsen' was received," said Fellner today, "that he cabled me to close negotiations as soon as possible. It is too early yet to give the name of the theater, for the papers here have not been signed, but I can state positively that Mr. Savage has come to Paris to stay."

"Our first production probably will be 'Woodland,' which we now are trying to buy back from the French manager, with whom we had arranged to produce it, but who failed to get a cast insuring its success. It will open on Sept. 1."

Another invasion by the Anglo-Saxons into the world of Parisian amusement is the acquisition by an English company of the famous Moulin Rouge. When the improvements now under way are completed the red mill, so well known to the Americans will resemble a combination of Delmonico's and Coney Island. A vast underground supper room with a cascade, a vaudeville stage, and an American bar 100 feet long will be among the features. The grand opening will be celebrated on New Year's eve.

When a train was approaching Clapham-junction station, Joseph Wilkes, a homeless laborer, threw himself in front of it. A porter named Arthur Cocker jumped after him, dragged him from the rails at great risk to himself and held him down until the train had passed. At the South-Western police court on Monday, Cocker was rewarded with a sovereign, and praised by the magistrates.

To mitigate the distress at Sunderland was announced at a meeting of the Town Council on Wednesday by Colonel Reed, chairman of the Parks Committee, that the Local Government Board had granted £5,000 to aid the West End Park scheme and £1,500 to aid the scheme for the extension of a sea wall at Roker. Both these schemes will, altogether, cost £25,320.

The struggle made by the inhabitants of the village of North against the encroachments of the sea was described by Mr. Vaughan Davies, M.P., before the Royal Commission on Coast Erosion on Wednesday. Mr. Davies had been washed away and he had seen the sea beating against the doors.

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SUFFRAGETTES' GOAL NEARER

English Political Parties Now See the Serious Side of the Fight.

London, Dec. 24.—There is no phase of English political life at the present moment more curious and interesting than the development of the woman suffrage movement. It isn't at all impossible that its clamorous adherents will bring from one party or the other within a comparatively short time the full adoption of their programme. Their agitation has pretty well survived the stage of ridicule and they have at least reached the position of a faction which compels political recognition.

The writer attended the first meeting of a league for woman suffrage held in Queen's Hall Tuesday. It was a public meeting only in a restricted sense. Admission was by ticket only and every precaution was taken to exclude the "little brown dog" agitators who copy the suffragettes' own methods and break up every suffragist meeting wherever they can gain admission. So there were no live rats or offensive chemicals to distract and terrorize the female portion of the audience.

Balfour Advised Violent Acts?

It is said the secret of militant features of the suffrage campaign, which at first amused and now compels the unwilling recognition of their claims by the leaders of both parties in England, is the advice given the suffragettes' managers by Balfour more than a year ago. It told them that only by extreme agitation at any and

all times could they hope to gain their point.

One may imagine Balfour now is sorry that he spoke. Two significant facts at the recent meeting were that, although the speakers discussed all manner of objections to woman suffrage, not one touched in the fundamental one which governs most of the objections in this country—namely, that it would fail to secure the sole object of all suffrage—the expression of the popular will.

Such a small proportion of the women would vote that the result would be grossly unrepresentative, therefore undemocratic. The suffragettes have made no attempt to prove that the English women, as a rule, want the ballot.

Zangwill's Advice Well Liked.

There were prominent speakers, but Israel Zangwill was the most enjoyed. He assured the audience that the struggle for woman suffrage wasn't a duel, but a duel. Just as a cow didn't make a priest, so petticoats didn't make a suffragette, and there were many suffragettes in trousers. He denounced the flagrant injustice of denying women equal recognition with men in their work in the professions. No matter how badly a woman might paint, she couldn't be elected a member of the Royal Academy.

The Rev. Campbell attacked the social side of the problem, arguing that suffrage for women would help to cure prostitution because the resulting legislation would tend to put women's labor on a par with man's in its financial recompense.

"It is damnable," he exclaimed, "to educate women and then deny them a living wage. It is the resulting poverty which chiefly recruits the army of prostitution."

Lord Russell criticized to some extent the tactics of the suffragettes in breaking up all public meetings, but the audience, which was two-thirds women, did not agree with him and there were many hisses. He pacified them by his assurances of sympathy with their cause.

After deserting his regiment a private named Goddard took service with a Barsley gentleman as chauffeur. By means of a bogus telegram he obtained, it is alleged, a car from the Daimler company. At Nottingham he abandoned the car and returned to his regiment. He was committed for trial at Coventry, on Wednesday.

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THE BY-ELECTIONS.

Yesterday's by-elections provide no
Christmas cheer for the Opposition.In Ottawa the Conservative organ-
ization made no pretence of fight. Mr.
Caron's opponent, Mr. Morris, entered
the field of his own accord. The result
was a foregone conclusion, hence the
smallness of the total vote. In 1904
Messrs. Belcourt and Stewart, the
Liberal candidates, polled 6,275 and
5,871 votes respectively, and Messrs.
Birkett and Champagne, the Conserva-
tive candidates, 4,818 and 4,547 re-
spectively. In yesterday's by-election
the Government candidate received 4,
475 votes and his opponent only 1,457.
The latter loses his deposit.Great interest attached to the con-
test in Center York. This riding was
created in the redistribution of 1903,
but is largely made up of the old rid-
ing of West York, the stronghold of
the late Clarke Wallace. The latter
held West York from 1878 until the
end of his life. In the general elec-
tion of 1900 he defeated Archibald
Campbell by 820 majority. In the
by-election of 1902, occasioned by
Mr. Wallace's death, Mr. Campbell
again entered the lists, defeating Mr.
Thomas Wallace, the brother of the
previous member, by a majority of 111
— a remarkable victory. Most of
the municipalities which rolled up big ma-
jorities for Clarke Wallace were in-
corporated in the new riding of Center
York in 1903, but Mr. Campbell was
again successful in the general elec-
tion of 1904, defeating Mr. Pugsley by
124. His elevation to the senate va-
cated a seat which the Conservatives
were almost confident of winning.
They nominated Captain Thomas Wal-
lace, the son of Clarke Wallace, in
the expectation that the prestige of his
father's name would be a tower of
strength. The reduction of the Liberal
majority by 100 votes may be a crumb
of comfort for the Opposition, but the
Government has solid reason for sat-
isfaction in the retention of a riding
historically Conservative.

SETTLING THE WEST.

An idea of the progress of settle-
ment of the Canadian West is af-
forded by the report of the depart-
ment of the interior which has been
laid before Parliament. The report
gives the number of homestead entries
for the past five years, but for this
year's transactions only the nine
months ending March 31, last, are
covered, the months of April, May and
June, when the greatest activity pre-
vails, not being included. The entries
for the five years total 151,791, being
distributed as follows: 1903, 31,332;
1904, 26,073; 1905, 30,819; 1906, 41,869,
and for the nine months of 1907,
21,647.From the total, some deduction
must be made for abandonments, false
entries and suchlike; but it is a
pretty fair estimate to place the
number of families which have been
established on new land never before
occupied in Manitoba, Saskatchewan
and Alberta, at one hundred and fifty
thousand. Few, if any, of these, lose
time in getting to work breaking the
ground, so that they immediately be-
come producers of foodstuffs and at
the same time customers of the man-
ufacturers. The report places the
number of souls represented in the
21,647 homesteaders of the nine months
of 1906-7 at 52,524, and estimating
the entries for the five-year period on
the same basis, it is seen that there
have been added to the population
of the three prairie provinces in that
time between 300,000 and 400,000
people.This settlement means much, not
only to the Western provinces, but
to the whole Dominion. It means
an immense annual increase in the
acreage of the most productive soil in
the world under cultivation, a cor-
responding increase in production of
wheat, etc., the building of additional
granaries and elevators and a taxing
of the constantly increasing transpor-
tation facilities of the country, and,
finally, a substantial increase in
Canada's wealth. There may be occa-
sional checks, but they can hardly be
more than temporary, and never of a
serious character; for, with such a
soil and the class of people who are
settling on it, it is evident that noth-
ing, not even trade depression in the
East, can hold back that new country.The report shows that the people
who are settling in the Canadian West,
are of the best class, the class which
make the best of citizens. Of those
taking up homesteads during the nine
months last reported on, six-sevenths
are of British or United States origin
and English speech, the remainder being
made up of Germans, Austro-Hungar-
ians, Scandinavians and natives ofother European countries. Classified
by nationalities, the showing is:
Canadians from the other prov-
inces 5,853
Canadians from the United
States 493
Persons who had previous entry 2,199
United States citizens 6,059
English 3,032
Scottish 807
Irish 252
Austro-Hungarians 1,172
Germans 352
Scandinavians 845
Other countries 583It has been, and still is, the policy
of the present Dominion Government
to make special efforts to attract to
the Canadian West the same class of
people that have had so large a share
in the building-up of the older prov-
inces. That these efforts are proving
successful, the above figures furnish
ample evidence.

THE HEALTH OF SCHOOL CHILD- REN.

The British people are being remind-
ed by new laws that they have a rad-
ical and progressive Government.
Some clauses in the Education Act re-
cently passed, which go into effect on
January 1st, are perhaps in advance of
any legislation in the same field in any
country. They impose upon every local
education authority the duty of inspec-
tion for the regular medical inspection
of children, and also empower the au-
thority to make such arrangements as
the Board may sanction for attending
to the health and physical condition of
the children. The principle is laid
down that since the subject of school
hygiene is not "a specialty or a group
of specialties existing by and for them-
selves," but an integral factor in the
health of the nation, the work of
medical inspection should be carried
on in intimate conjunction with the
Public Health authorities, and under
the direct supervision of the medical
officer of health. With this view, it is
provided that each county or borough
medical officer of health should be
given a number of qualified assistants
for the purposes of the Act, and it is
rightly pointed out that "there are
many cases in which women are espe-
cially suitable."For the present, three inspections of
each child will be sufficient. The first
inspection is to take place at the time
of the child's admission to the school,
the second at about the third year of
school life, or the seventh year of age,
and the third at about the sixth year
of school life, when the child is about
ten years old. In a memorandum issued
by the Government, it is contended
"that the justification of these clauses
is not to be measured in terms of
money, but in the decrease of sickness
and incapacity among children, and in
the ultimate decrease of inefficiency
and poverty in after life, arising from
physical disabilities."Where are the signs of reaction
against Laurier in Ontario?
This is a favorable time to weed out
some of the professional aldermen.
Next year being leap year, eligible
bachelors will be more wary than
ever.As usual, a host of people will be
doing their Christmas shopping to-
night and wishing they had done it
sooner.
Kill the Komoka blyw, and pave
the way for a spring water scheme
which will not place the taxpayers in
deep water.The west is having the mildest win-
ter in thirty years. A kindly provi-
dence is giving the people there a
chance to thaw out after last winter.
The Advertiser has received no
Christmas box from Mr. Wm. Gray in
the shape of a writ for libel. At the
same time, it is free to admit that Mr.
Gray has some reason for feeling out
of sorts with everybody. He carried
the Conservative standard in London
when nobody would undertake it, and
now he is assailed in the Conservative
household. He is certainly a victim
of ingratitude.A labor Journal, Free Speech, pub-
lished in Moncton, N. B., makes some
serious charges against George W.
Fowler, M. P., also of Moncton. Mr.
Fowler has been slandering at large
under the shelter of parliamentary
privilege. If he is getting a dose of
his own medicine, it serves him right.
Free Speech is quite circumstantial in
its accusations, whereas Fowler him-
self dealt only in innuendo.

AS TO EATING WITH A KNIFE.

[Toronto Star.]
A contemporary defends the practice of
eating with a knife. It may serve well
enough for toothless people to throw all
the work on the knife, but so long as one
has a full set of nature's masticators, the
knife should be used only to convey the
food to the mouth.

UNPARDONABLE BLUNDER.

[San Francisco Examiner.]
"I notice the De Goids don't speak to
their country cousins any more."
"No; the country cousins made a ter-
rible blunder at the swell dinner party."
"How was that?"
"Well, they asked if the family crest in
the tablecloth was a laundry mark."

RECLAIMING THE ZUYDER ZEE.

[New York Sun.]
The old Dutch proverb "God made the
sea, and we made the land," is recalled
by the news that the Dutch Governmenthas in contemplation a vast scheme of
reclamation on the Zuyder Zee, an es-
timated cost of \$11,633,332, by which Hol-
land would gain an additional province of
587 square mile, or something like 40,000
acres. Apart from the cost of pumping
and maintaining past experience of the
extremely valuable nature of the older
lands, as the reclaimed morasses are called,
in Holland, would lead to the sup-
position that the returns from the land
thus regained, the cost of which would
amount to a trifle more than \$200 an acre,
would amply repay the expenditure. More-
over, owing to its configuration and its
land-locked character, the Zuyder Zee
leads itself admirably to works of this
kind.

NATURAL.

[Judge.]
"Mornin', Parson."
"Good morning, Deacon. As I was com-
ing along just now I saw a fight between
a brindle bulldog and a mastiff. And,
upon my word, Deacon, more than fifty
men were standing round. Now can you
people take an interest in such things?"
"I dunno, Parson. Which dawg won?"

"RED-FLAGGED SOCIALISM."

[Toronto News.]
The Beck power scheme, for which Mr.
Whitney tried to dodge responsibility,
saying it is a municipal arrangement, is
so "advanced" that it uses money raised
on the credit of the municipalities, and
guaranteed by the credit of the Province,
to compete against private interests. It
is red-flagged socialism and bald confis-
cation.

BREAKING IT GENTLY.

[London Tatler.]
The flooding of a Yorkshire mine had a
tragic result, and a miner was deputed to
break the news to a poor woman whose
husband had been drowned. "Does Widow
Jones live here?"
"No," was the indignant lady's reply.
"You're a liar!" he said.

THE LYRIC OF PRAIRIE LAND.

[Winnipeg Free Press.]
The poem, "The Red River Voyageur,"
which is responsible for the regard in
which Whittier is held by the people of
Manitoba, particularly, and by the people
of the whole West and even of the Do-
minion, in general, was, in one which
deserves its popularity. It is the favorite
poem of the school children of today, and
it is extremely doubtful that any other
lyric will ever dispute its right to pre-
cedence.Some day the West may breed a poet
who will sing a song of the prairie to rival
Whittier's, but it is not likely. It is prob-
able that through the steady effort of
the Quaker poet of New England will re-
main, as it is today, supreme in the hearts
of Manitoban people as a lyric of their
homeland.
What could be more appropriate at the
close of this article, commemorative of the
anniversary of the birthday of Whittier,
than the song which has endeared him to
so many?

THE RED RIVER VOYAGEUR.

Out and in the river is winding
The links of his long red chain,
Through bays of dusky pine-land,
And gusty leagues of plain.Only at times the smoke wreath
With the distant cloud-rack joins;
Tis the smoke of the hunting lodges
Of the wild Assiniboins.Dreadfully blows the north wind
From the land of ice and snow;
The eyes that stare and growl
And heavy the hands that row.And with one foot on the river,
And one upon the shore,
The Angel of Shadow gives warning
That day shall be no more.Is it the clang of wild geese,
Is it the Indian's war cry,
That lends to the voice of the north wind
The tones of a far-off bell.The voyageur smiles as he listens
To the sound that grows apace;
Well he knows the vesper ringing
Of the bells of St. Boniface.The bells of the Roman mission
That call from their turrets twain
To the boatman on the river,
To the hunter on the plain.Even so in mortal journey,
The bitter north winds blow;
And thus upon Life's red river,
Our hearts like oarsmen row.And when the Angel of Shadow
Rests his feet on wave and shore,
And our eyes grow faint with watching,
And our hearts faint at the oar;Happy is he who heareth
The signal of his relief
In the bells of the Holy City,
The chiming of eternal peace.*Tuesday, Dec. 17, was the centennial an-
niversary of Whittier's birth.

STREET CAR ETIQUETTE.

[Ladies' Home Journal.]
There was not even standing room in the
6 o'clock crowded car, but one more pas-
senger, a young woman, wedged her way
just inside the doorway. Each time the
car took a sudden lurch forward she fell
helplessly back, and three times she land-
ed in the arms of a large, comfortable
man on the back platform. The third
time it happened he said quietly, "Hadn't
you better stay here?"

A FACE IN THE ALBUM.

[Baltimore Sun.]
I saw her last night in an album, with
cheeks of cherries ripe,
As she smiled from the eerie shadows of
an old daguerrotype;
I fancy her bright eyes twinkled, I'm sure
that her shoulders fair
Shrugged once or twice and a ripple of
sunshine wavered her hair.
And once I thought as I watched her, she
stepped from her frame in a dream
To dance in the gent dances of the days
of the old regime.I saw her last night in her mangle of
beauty and dainty bloom;
This rose, who is dust where the roses
swing sweet over her little tomb;
I thought that her lips were singing, and
somewhere a melody hissing
Thrilled mine as I lifted her lips in the
frame unto my own to kiss;
And somehow I felt her dancing in the
dances of a deathless dream.
As she danced on the hearts of her lovers
— a rose of the old regime.

HIS MISTAKE.

[Catholic Mirror.]
Mrs. De Smythe-Tommy, do you want
some nice plum jam?
Tommy—Yes, mother.
"I was going to give you some to put
on your bread, but I've lost the key of
the pantry."
"You don't need the key, mother. I can
reach through the widow and open the
door from the inside."
"That's what I wanted to know. Now
just wait till your father comes home."

THE CAUSES OF REVOLUTIONS

A Comparison of the Conditions
Existing in Russia and
Hindustan.New York, Dec. 22.—All analogy be-
tween Russia and India is drawn by
the New York Evening Post, in the
course of a well-considered article
on the causes of revolution. The
writer takes the view that as first
cause of the revolutionary propa-
ganda that for a generation or more
has been going on in Russia
must be reckoned the dense over-
population of European Russia, and
the steady increase in the birth rate.
These conditions create the impulse
of the revolutionists, whether they
know it or not; and agitation must
continue so long as the growth con-
tinues. It is satisfactory to know
that, so far as India is concerned, the
rate of natural increase is not alarm-
ing. The condition is bad, but it is
not growing worse, whereas in Russia
the pressure grows stronger year-
ly.

Land and Liberty.

In Russia the peasants want, above
all things, more land. Their cry,
to be sure, is "Land and Liberty,"
but they demand that liberty be-
cause they believe it could be used
as an instrument to give them the
land. If they had to choose between
the two, there is no question which
boon they would prefer. Russia in
Asia is a vast, sparsely settled ter-
ritory; and if only the inhabitants of
European Russia could be trans-
planted there by the million, there
would be enough land for all. It
was hoped that the construction of
the Trans-Siberian Railway would
form an outlet for Russia's surplus
population; but it has been found
difficult to start the migratory flow.
In European Russia the peasants re-
main crowded like ants.

A Teeming Population.

In 1861, when land was allotted
to the communes, the population
of Russia was only 75,000,000; but
even then there was hardly enough
land to go round. What must be
the situation now, when Russia's
total population is 150,000,000,
of which there are 120,000,000 peas-
ants? In other words, if five men
were crowded on a given acreage,
what word shall apply to the situa-
tion in which ten men will find
themselves? The results are increas-
ing poverty, famine, plagues, and
discontent. The wretched peasants
look to the Duma to relieve a sit-
uation that seems to have been in-
evitable. No one has yet discovered
a method of growing land, and as
the peasants continue to multiply
the problem must remain.

Mind and Matter.

Thus the peasants are goaded into
wild rebellion against a situation that
they can hardly understand; but
without intelligent leadership their
unrest would vainly spend itself
against an armed despotism. The
leadership is supplied through the
universities of the land, where the
students are multiplying even more
rapidly than the peasants in the com-
munes. In thirty years attendance
at the universities and technological
institutes has quadrupled. There are
now more than 20,000 students en-
rolled, and as the Post says: "Given
even a compact body (as the Rus-
sian 'intelligentsia' undoubtedly is)
of even a score of thousands of phy-
sicians, lawyers, schoolmasters, and
technicians working for a common
purpose, the most serious of the
and the required leadership for stir-
ring the heavy mass of the produc-
tive classes into revolt has been sup-
plied. A low standard of living and
excess of population, an undue
of ideas, famine and enlightenment
— such are generally accepted as the
two main causes of popular discon-
tent."

In India.

Turning now to India, it is found
that the situation as regards over-
population and a remarkable increase
in the number of educated persons
is the same as in Russia. As has
been noted, the difference is found
in the small birth rate of India. The
population, one may say, is almost
difficult to calculate, and may be reason-
ably calculated on for years in the
future. The task of the British legis-
lator, therefore, is not so difficult as
that of the Russian who wishes to
stop short of revolution. Moreover,
a bitter distrust between Moslem
and Hindu is a factor in maintain-
ing the equilibrium that helps in
the grand result, although it may
produce more immediate worries.
Finally, the Hindu is made of softer
stuff than the Russian peasant; the
latter may be a sheep, but the for-
mer is certainly a rabbit.

Types of Agitator.

It would be unfair to the agitators
in Russia to liken them to the Hin-
du trouble-makers. The former are
above all things in deadly earnest,
and willing enough to make sacri-
fices. Nine-tenths of the Hindu agi-
tators are disgruntled office-seekers.
Nearly every educated native is a
candidate for some Government posi-
tion, and if unsuccessful, he is very
apt to become a firebrand. In Rus-
sia the university graduates do not
look to the Government for em-
ployment, but are satisfied to go out
among the people and earn their own
living while spreading the new ideas
of land and liberty.

SAME OLD CHICAGO

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Four masked men
entered the saloon of William Wright last
night and obtained \$400 in money, eight
gold watches and other valuables.
The players were secured from
fifteen patrons of the saloon. The men
were playing cards at tables, when the
visitors, each presenting a revolver, en-
tered. The players were persuaded to drop
their game for a moment and step to the
bar, where two of the quartet accepted
their contributions, while the others stood
at present arms.
After this ceremony one of the collectors
went behind the bar and directed the cash
register of its contents. Then the four
left the saloon.

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EARLY MAN PUT UP DOWRY

Marriage Contract in Museum Shows
Woman's High Position.Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 24.—A marriage
contract over 2,000 years old, discovered
in a tomb near Cairo, Egypt, and
now in the collection of the Museum of
Art, Toledo, has been deciphered. It is
announced today, by the Egyptologists
at the University of Strassburg, Ger-
many, and found to be from a historic
standpoint one of the most important
documents brought to light in recent
years. George W. Stevens, director of
the Toledo museum, says:
"The papyrus determines two mat-
ters of great importance. It establishes
the period of an Egyptian Pharaoh
whose time of reign has been hitherto
unknown, and gives us documentary
evidence of the exact financial posi-
tion accorded to married women in
Egypt three centuries before Christ—
a position almost undreamed of and
unhoped for by the most enthusiastic
new women of these modern days. The
last Pharaoh whose period of reign is
established in Khabbasha, and the time
is 341 B.C.
"From the translation it is estab-
lished that in case the wife repudiated
the husband she allowed him to take
back half his dowry. This is the re-
verse of modern customs, especially in
European countries, where the wife is
expected to contribute the dot or dowry.
The Egyptian husband not only re-
ceived nothing from the bride but had
to put up a bonus to make himself a
barron. In case of a separation he
was allowed by the wife to take but
one-third of the moneys they should
have acquired during the time they
were married."

WOMAN FIRST IN EGYPT

Here's a Papyrus Which Says So, and
Fixes the Reign of Khabbasha.Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 22.—For several
years an Egyptian papyrus over 2,000
years old has been resting in one of
the cases at the Toledo Museum of
Art, with other antiquities presented
by President E. D. Libbey. It now de-
velops that the document is of great
importance, establishing the date of
the reign of a Pharaoh hitherto un-
known.
The papyrus is a marriage contract
and throws some light on the condi-

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tion of women in Egypt in the fourth
century before Christ. The Pharaoh
Khabbasha had been known by name,
but nothing had ever been found
which gave any information as to
when he reigned. The name of the
scribe who signs this papyrus appears
on another document in the library of
the University of Strassburg, Ger-
many, which document bears a defi-
nite date. It is consequently figured
that Khabbasha ruled in Egypt in the
year 341 B.C.

The other important matter in the
papyrus is the confirmation of a state-

ment made by the Greek historian
Diodorus in the first century B.C.,
in which he said that women were
more important in the social affairs
in Egypt than the men, and when
marrying dictated terms. Since Dio-
dorus no evidence has been turned
up substantiating his statement until
the discovery of this papyrus.

In some Viennese schools a phono-
graph which repeats speeches as re-
cited by eminent actors has been in-
troduced in order to teach the pupils
the pronunciation of the papyrus.

WINE AND WOMEN WRECK A BANK

Chicago Institution's Smash Due
To Fast Living of Young
Manager.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Following the unexplained absence of Richard Noelck, cashier of the private bank of August Saehn & Co., 2566 Evanston avenue, and the disappearance of \$65,000 of the institution's funds, it became known yesterday that the bank had suspended.

Mr. Saehn has undertaken to assume all liabilities, and depositors were being paid off yesterday in checks drawn on his personal account at the Merchants' Loan and Trust Company.

It is far more than a money loss that August Saehn has sustained. The vanished cashier is his adopted son, and the story the old man told yesterday was full of the pathos of unrequited affection. On the boy, whom he adopted when he was only five years of age, the foster father, who is a bachelor, poured out all the warmth of nature he had to give, and yet he displayed no bitterness yesterday and expressed the hope that the boy might never be traced.

"It was my fault," he said, "all my fault. I placed temptation in the boy's way. He was not used to money and yet I gave him practically sole charge of the bank here and did not supervise it as I should. It may have turned his head, and then, he had domestic troubles."

The history of the case, as given by the retired merchant who accumulated a modest fortune in the drygoods business on Milwaukee avenue, may be epitomized in a few words—fast living, automobiles and women. Mr. Saehn said that he had heard of all these things, but that his confidence in the boy would not permit him to credit the hold which they had gained upon him, for he still is a boy to his adopted father, despite his 29 years.

When the attention of the police was called to the affair by reason of the announcement of the suspension yesterday, Mr. Saehn showed reluctance to assist them in the search for the missing cashier. He said he would pay the depositors, and that should settle the matter.

The bank was opened three years ago to satisfy a whim of Noelck, who had married and desired to possess a business of his own. Mr. Saehn had retired from active business, but he withdrew sufficient money from other investments to place his adopted son in the bank.

The married life of the young man soon developed a rift, and in an attempt to re-establish calm in the family his patron built him one of the finest houses in Edgewater, for which he paid \$3,000. This failed, however. A month ago Noelck left his home entirely and had a cot placed in the bank building, where he slept. When word of this was brought to Mr. Saehn he approved.

"That is all right," he said. "It is better for him to sleep there than downtown, where there are so many temptations for young men. The night before he disappeared, a week ago Monday, Noelck placed in Mr. Saehn's hands the deed to the house in Edgewater."

"That is yours," my son told me," said the old man, "I want you to have it rather than my wife."

The bank had a capital of \$50,000, and a surplus of \$40,000, of which \$24,000 was in savings bank accounts.

DENY EVIDENCE OF WHITNEY DETECTIVES

Hamilton, Dec. 23.—The hearing of the Citizens' League liquor cases was resumed at the police court today.

William Hunter, proprietor of the Imperial Hotel, John and Hunter streets, was found guilty on the charge of selling after hours on the night of Friday, Dec. 13. He was fined \$100 and a second charge against him dated Saturday, Dec. 14. The Waldorf Hotel case was also dismissed, and the Hotel Royal case is being heard.

At the conclusion of the sessions, Magistrate Jeffries informed Mr. George Lynch-Staunton that he had decided to dismiss the case against George Case, which was heard on Friday. The magistrate stated that he would reserve his decision regarding the penalties in all the cases where convictions may be rendered, until the opinion of the license department is obtained relative to the methods of securing evidence.

There were several members of the "Citizens' League" present this morning, including Thomas S. Morris, Rev. J. C. Sycamore and George H. Milne. They did not give evidence or take any part in the proceedings, however.

The evidence in some cases was a direct denial of the evidence of the Whitney detectives, and in many cases was corroborated by the employees.

HARD ON HARDEN

The Evidence of Frau Elbe Unfavorable to the Editor.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—The hearing of the Harden-Von Moltke case was resumed here today, the morning session being behind closed doors, but in the afternoon the court was reopened to the public after the examination of Frau Von Elbe, the divorced wife of Count Von Moltke, during the course of which she made her former testimony to such a surprising degree as to influence the position of the defense to a considerable extent, many of Herr Harden's assertions against Von Moltke being based upon her previous declarations.

Frau Von Moltke withdrew some of her statements derogatory to Count Von Moltke's character and gave to other statements she had made an entirely different meaning than previously implied.

Detectives who were put on the witness stand today gave evidence to the effect that nothing definite was known against Count Von Moltke relative to any abnormality.

IS I. O. F. CHIEF ABOUT TO QUIT

Rumor Says Stevenson Will Step
Out and Be Succeeded By
Supreme Treasurer.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—It was stated today that Elliott G. Stevenson, of Detroit, supreme chief ranger of the Independent Order of Foresters, is about to resign, and that Harry A. Collins, supreme treasurer of the order, is to succeed him.

The statement comes from a man in a position to know what is being done by the inner councils of the I. O. F. The change is said to have been effected at a meeting of the executive of the order, which took place on Saturday afternoon, and which Mr. Stevenson attended. Today Mr. Stevenson is at his home in Detroit, and the local officials of the I. O. F., including Mr. Collins, declare that no change has taken place.

Another account of the change is that while Mr. Stevenson has not actually been succeeded by Mr. Collins, he has made known his intention of retiring, and all arrangements have been made for the succession, the matter remaining in abeyance until the next meeting of supreme court, probably in the early summer. Those in the confidence of Mr. Collins assert that he is quite satisfied with the position which he now holds in the order, and would under no circumstances attempt to wrest the higher office from Mr. Stevenson. It is generally known, however, that Mr. Collins would be a candidate, and would be the succeeding supreme chief as a matter of course. At the time of the death of Dr. Oronhyatekha, Mr. Collins was looked upon by many as the natural successor; but the Detroit lawyer, who had latterly been right-hand man to the supreme chief, was named by Dr. Oronhyatekha for the office, and his services were gladly accepted by the order.

The Detroit, it is said, has not found the office as satisfactory, as would warrant him in finally relinquishing an extensive law practice in Michigan, and has dropped out, or has signified his determination to do so. An endeavor was made to communicate with Mr. Stevenson this afternoon in Detroit, but without success. Mr. Collins, when seen at his office in the Temple Building, declared that the whole story was unfounded. He said he had heard it before.

"There's not a word of truth in it," said the supreme treasurer. "I don't know how the story got out, but I heard of it on Saturday. There is nothing in it."

Thomas Lawless, assistant supreme chief ranger, declared that he had not heard of any such move. A meeting of the executive was held on Saturday, but the question was never broached, and only routine matters were attended to. After the meeting Mr. Stevenson went home for Christmas.

There is nevertheless an air of "something doing" about the head offices of the I. O. F., and a general impression seems to prevail that an important change is under way. The silence of the officials would be explained by the fact of there being no meeting of the supreme court in prospect for some months.

Elliott G. Stevenson was close friend and adviser of Oronhyatekha, to whose office he succeeded. It was he who took the initiative in freeing the order from what he believed were methods of doubtful wisdom. He was one of the principal witnesses before the Insurance Commission.

KILLED BY A COW'S TAIL

Binghamton, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Wm. A. Wells, of Neward Valley, was milking when a cow wished her tail, striking him on the forehead with the fleshy part of the appendage. Shortly afterwards, Mr. Wells returned to the house, complaining of a pain in the head, which rapidly grew worse. Physicians pronounced it apoplexy, brought on by the blow from the cow's tail. Mr. Wells died the same night.

Apoplexy is the result of poisoned blood. Bowels become constipated, kidneys get weakened, skin action becomes poor, and the blood is loaded with impurities, which produces weakness in the blood vessels.

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KELVIN SIMPLE-HEARTED

Thought the World Would Lose Its
Sense of Taste.

London, Dec. 23.—A well-known man about town, referring to Lord Kelvin, says: "I met him once at Aix les Bains, doing the cure. He seemed to me in ordinary life, a quiet, unobtrusive old gentleman, who found a great deal of pleasure in innocent things. In fact, simplicity was his characteristic."

"I only remember one observation he made, that he believed pleasure in the sense taste gradually would die out. This seems probable, as the children of the upper classes today for the most part refuse to eat sweets. Most people one meets at dinner do not touch the joint. Yesterday I was at a dinner party of sixteen where there were but two entrées, a bird and no joint at all."

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The Elliott Sisters are from New York, and are funny, absolutely, the funniest yet. What they don't do to the "blues" is not mentioned in the medical manual.

Kate Ellmore, an Irish maid, with a make-up that is a "creation," is talkative, and soon gets into touch with the audience. As soon as she gets that close, the audience immediately start to laugh—there's nothing else to do, and only the advice of the doctor prevents calamities.

She is assisted by her sister, May Ellmore, May sings well, and offers one of the prettiest Irish songs heard here in many a long day.

If it is not whistled and sung by every good son of Erin during this week, it will only be because his health's bad. This pair of girls should be seen.

Hubert Cyril is from England, and does his share towards the laughing business by singing some very clever songs in a way distinctly his own. He made the crowd come his way last night, and they will come his way all the week, for he is a clever entertainer, one of the best seen here lately.

Hymer and Kent have a very appealing sketch entitled "At Jintown Junction." The story is about a stranded actress in a little hotel far from New York. The old colored waiter comes to her assistance and loans her money, and the climax is worked up intelligently. Mr. Hymer, as the old colored man, is exceptionally clever, and gave one of the most pleasing character interpretations seen here in some time. He formerly played a similar character in "The Clansman," in fact he created the role. His work last evening was good, and he was capably assisted by Miss Kent. There are opportunities for real acting during the sketch, and every opportunity is made the very best use of. This sketch is good.

Jupiter Brothers, real cowboys from Oklahoma, with a set of cabinet tricks, completely mystified the audience. The act is somewhat different from any seen here, and is a distinct novelty. One of the brothers is securely bound in a cabinet raised from the floor, and he does all manner of tricks in this cabinet. Bushels of flowers are brought from the recesses of the cabinet, and hands pop out of every corner. It is a good act, and will keep the audience guessing.

Robertson and Franchette have a comedy skit that is good. The Kemps are a clever colored team.

Rossi and his musical pony were unavoidably detained, owing to the sickness of the trainer. Manager Elms is attempting to secure another act, but it is probable that he will succeed. Without another act the bill is big enough and one of the best laugh producers given here in some time.

PREMIER FIGHTS A DUEL

Head of the Austrian Government and
Polonyi Fight With Swords.

Budapest, Dec. 22.—The duel between Premier Dr. Wekerle and ex-Minister of Justice Polonyi, growing out of a speech made by Dr. Wekerle in the Diet, in which the prime minister attacked Polonyi, was fought today. Dr. Wekerle was larger and stronger than his opponent and pressed him from the beginning. Swords were used.

In the second bout Dr. Wekerle got through his opponent's guard twice, and dealt him two blows on the body with the flat of the sword. The seconds stopped the duel, but finding Polonyi was not wounded they ordered the combatants to proceed.

The third bout was about to begin, when Polonyi, realizing Dr. Wekerle's superiority and magnanimity in not inflicting a wound, gave up his sword, and with a voice shaking with emotion, begged the premier's pardon for insulting him in the lobby of Parliament after his speech in the House. A reconciliation was thereupon effected.

Dr. Wekerle telegraphed an account of the duel to the Emperor, who had given his permission that it be fought.

According to official statistics furnished by Consul W. T. Gracey, of Tsingtau, there are now 34,469 Japanese subjects in Manchuria. Of these about one-third are in the leased Liaoting district.

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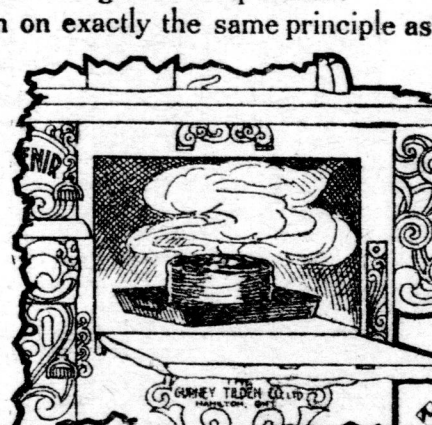
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Arrive—*3:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 6:35 p.m., 11:10 p.m.
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Latest News From
Far and NearTom Phillips at Ottawa
In His Hockey UniformWanderers Met Him at North
Bay and Tried To Get Him
To Go Back With Them.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Tom Phillips, one of the most famous and undoubtedly at the present time the most-talked-of of Canada's hockeyists, has arrived from Kenora to play with the Ottawa team. Phillips attended his first practice at the Arena Saturday night, and considering that it was his initial workout of the season he made a remarkable showing.

Sherlock Holmes of Hockey.

When the train from the west rumbled in Saturday afternoon two figures bundled in furs dropped off and were immediately the center of much attention. They were John Dickson, who has earned the appellation "Sherlock Holmes of hockey," since he did that little turn in the west last week, and Thomas M. Phillips, of Kenora. There were a hundred or so enthusiastic club friends down to meet the arrivals, and of course, both men were warmly welcomed.

Phillips looked lighter than when here last winter, but he is in splendid health, and, as Saturday night's practice proved, in pretty fair shape for hockey.

Phillips Easily Signed.

Mr. Dickson said that he had not had a great deal of trouble in signing Phillips. "I did not think any people in the east would know where I had gone until Phillips had attached his name to our contract. We thought it best to keep our arrangements a secret, for Wanderers and other clubs were hot after him. I arrived in Kenora a week from today and immediately set out to find Phillips. I knew Tom, and as soon as I found him we got down to business. I made him our terms at once and he said he would consider them. I went to Winnipeg, but kept in touch with Phillips all the time. The Kenora people knew what was going on, and

All Kinds of Sport

THE BIG FOUR INTENDS to expand next year, and take in all the Rugby football clubs in Ontario and Quebec.

IN HIS FIRST ATTEMPT as a hockey official, Eddie Groux, of Kenora, formerly of Toronto, got in wrong, and is now blamed for the slaughter at Winnipeg last week, in the professional game.

EASTERN CANADA hockey discipline is a rare joke. For jumping his contract, Pud Glass was suspended from "championship games" until Jan. 19. The first "championship game" takes place on the 11th of January. What a farce!

THE MANITOBA Professional Hockey League has expelled Joe Hall and Harry Smith for brutal conduct on the ice, but this cannot be taken too seriously, as these fly-by-night leagues always have the privilege of changing their minds.

THE PRESIDENT-ELECT of the Interprovincial Union is Percy Molson of the Montreal Club, one of the members of the champion team of Canada. Mr. Molson is not only an excellent player, but a splendid type of young Canadian manhood, and the affairs of the union could not be in better hands.

THE WILLSON MENTIONED in the press as point for Guelph professionals was formerly—three years ago—a player on Ayr team, but last year was unable to even get a place on the team playing in the little Oxford-Waterloo League. It seems strange professional teams will pay \$15 a week to discard in a county league. Willson is a grocer in the village of Ayr.

CHAMPION GEORGE S. LYON, when asked for a Christmas message, responded as follows: "I send greeting to all the golfers of Canada. May the coming season be one of joy and happiness for each one. May they all and all drive far and sure, approach dead and never exceed the regulation two cuts on the green. May abundant success attend the next meeting of the Royal Canadian Golf Association at the Montreal golf course at Dixie, and may each club be represented by its best players. This is my Christmas message, and the sincere wish for every lover of the royal game."

Latest British Sporting Gossip
What Is Doing Across the Pond

M. C. C. Match Draw.

The M. C. C. got out of the tight corner when the match with "An Australian Eleven" was abandoned as a draw. In the first innings M. C. C. scored 228 and the Australians 239. In the second innings the Australians had scored 110 for two wickets.

A Referee Mobbed.

During a Rugby match at Newton Abbot on Saturday between the local club and Exetermouth, Abbot, hostile demonstrations were made against the referee. He was followed off the ground by a hooting crowd. The officials endeavored to protect him from violence, but the mob seized him and rolled him in the mud. He was in a pitiable plight, and on coming to himself he discovered his assailants had stolen his bicycle. The outrage is to be followed by legal proceedings.

Wooden-Legged Goalkeeper.

Gyngell, the much-debated wooden-legged goalkeeper of the Maldenhead Norfolks, reappeared in a Cuptie on Saturday at Windsor, but the ground being a heavy condition after a night's rain, the one-legged custodian found that he could not skip about his goal as he did last season. On one occasion Gyngell was able to snatch his stump out of the slush and let drive with it at the elusive ball, but the leather spun round like a billiard ball off a cue and landed in the net, much to the surprise of the clever custodian. Windsor and Eton won by 8 goals to 3.

Ken's Golfing Fortnight.

Between May 21 and June 3 next four of the chief golfing events of the year will be decided in Kent.

were sorry at the thought of losing their favorite. It was not until Monday that Phillips signed with us, but I do not think he ever seriously considered the proposition to play with Wanderers. He signed the contract and we bound him over on Monday, and then I wired the club that Phillips would play with us."

"How about the Wanderers charges that the Ottawas induced Phillips to break a contract?"

"It's ridiculous Tom told me that the Wanderers contract was not satisfactory. It did not provide for a season's engagement, and the club could have let him out with two weeks' notice. Phillips would not sign with them. He told them to forward their contract, but it did not suit him. We offered him better inducements than Wanderers and he accepted. Phillips would rather play here than in Montreal, anyway. He has told me this often."

Met the Wanderers.

Passing through North Bay early Saturday morning Messrs. Dickson and Phillips ran across the Wanderers, who were on their way west. Art Ross, Pud Glass and Ernie Johnson had been at North Bay for a couple of days and were joined there by the other members of the team. Phillips was standing on the platform when Wanderers started out on their private car. Paul Lefebvre and Riley Hara were on the rear end of the coach and Phillips was immediately hailed.

"Hello, Tom," shouted Lefebvre, "turn round and come west with us."

"Sorry," said Phillips, as the train pulled out, "I am going the other way."

The other members of the team waved to Phillips, and at the station Ross, Johnston and Glass signaled to him.

Played Left Wing.

Phillips played at left wing in the practice and showed sensational speed, several times going from goal to goal with the rubber, shooting by Moore and Pufford and sidestepping Lefebvre and Johnson. Marty Walsh also did good work and seems assured of a place on the team.

dental, but as the contest progressed blood entered into it, and the referee, Mr. Hamilton, of Glasgow, ordered a Glentoran player off the field. The referee was immediately struck on the jaw, and fell in a heap in the mud, and the officials of both teams rushed to pick him up the ground, where he lay for a few moments unconscious.

Some Rough Play.

In the course of a melee which followed, the spectators having broken into the field of play, the Distillery line-man was four times knocked down. There were dozens of policemen on the ground, and they eventually checked what had all the appearance of developing into a serious riot. The full-time had not been played, only four minutes remaining to decide the issue, but Mr. Hamilton very naturally declined to countenance the resumption of the game.

In the same competition in the game between Linfield and Belfast Celtic, a member of the latter team named Diamond collided with a Linfield player and had to be carried to the pavilion, where it was ascertained that both bones of his leg had been badly fractured. This match, the final stages of which were played in complete darkness, ended in a series of free fights.

On the preceding Saturday a player named Bill and the line-man of the team playing in the junior cup competition were chased for their lives for a distance of fully two miles, finally reaching the pavilion of the club. Blood was streaming from the line-man's face owing to the severe mauling to which he had been subjected.

PETE CHARLTON'S
TEAM A WINNER

Lyceums Defeated Bankers in
Extra Time, 2 Goals to 1,
at Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 23.—In the first overtime game of the season in the Western Pennsylvania Hockey League in Duquesne Garden Saturday night, the Lyceum team defeated the Bankers 2 to 1. Fast and furious was the playing for two periods of 20 minutes each. The score stood a tie, 1 to 1, at the end of this time, and two five-minute periods, with a change of goals, and no intermission between, was started.

Not until late in the second five minutes was the tie broken, Mallen scoring the goal that brought Lyceum their first victory.

Rough work was again the feature of the contest. Both halves and the overtime period found the players of both sides hard at it. Trapping, slashing, and rough work in general brought forth many penalties. The rivalry was keen between the two teams, and they were not slow to go after each other in a strenuous manner. Two thousand people saw the contest.

Lyceum (2)—Goal, Toozie; point, Charlton; cover, Burgoyne; rover, Smith; center, Men; right wing, Mark; left wing, Thompson.

Bankers (1)—Goal, Donnelly; point, Povey; cover, Dorian; rover, Sixsmith; center, Young; right wing, McGuire; left wing, Bennett.

CHICAGO INVASION
A BIG FEATURE

Chicago, Dec. 24.—The most remarkable feature of the last week in the world of sports and one of the most important things that has happened in sports in this country for many a day, was the practical decision of the American association to place a team in Chicago next season.

In order to do this and still retain such presumed protection as the national agreement gives it, the association will have to have the sanction of the national body and in the absence of this would probably find itself, if insistent in its position, outside the so-called protection of the agreement. Whether or not the association will be given the sanction of the national body is a question of some importance, and it is to the everlasting credit of Charles Comiskey who was once himself in the identical position of the association, that he not merely remembers his own experience, but sees the advantage of the proposed move.

FRED J. ROBSON FOR
THE EASTERN MEET

Fred Robson, the crack Toronto sprint skater, will go to Montreal for the skating association meet Feb. 1. This will be the Olympic tryout for skaters. Robson is already working to get into shape for the struggle, and unless some of the eastern youngsters have come along rapidly Robson should easily make a place on the Canadian skating team. Heffernan will also go down. He is doing well at the mile, two, and five-mile distances.

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SPORTING GOSSIP

BY SOUTHPAW

ALTHOUGH ARRANGEMENTS have not yet been completed, it is practically assured that the City League will obtain ice at the Princess Rink.

Mr. W. J. Reid, the proprietor of the rink, seems very favorable toward the movement and has promised to send his manager around to see Mr. Barney Vining, vice-president of the league today.

THAT WAS AN AWFUL JOLT the C. A. A. U. handed the O. R. F. U. when it reinstated the suspended football players, who played against Ernie Russell.

THE CONSTITUTION of the new Garrison League has been drawn up, and all would seem to be in readiness for a successful season. The annual meeting will be held in November each year, and the membership fee will be \$15.

The league cups will be of the challenge variety, unless otherwise stipulated, and the winning team must put up a forfeit of \$50 for safekeeping.

ONLY SEVEN PLAYERS were badly injured in that recent "rough-house" hockey game at Winnipeg. As a result Harry Smith, of Ottawa, and "Rowdy" Joe Hall, of Brandon, have been expelled.

The entire Maple Leaf team was also declared suspended, but this action was rescinded later, and held over until tomorrow, when another meeting will be held.

The list of injured in the brutal contest was as follows: Harry Kennedy, deep gash over eye (requiring ten stitches); Bert Boulton, nose badly cut (stitches); Percy Brown, face badly cut; J. Milner, face badly injured, nose split, injured jaw, and black eyes (stitches required); Billy Keen, cut over eye (may require stitches); Charles Tobin, deep wound in temple (many stitches); Joe Hall, cut over left eye.

"RUB" ROBERT Fitzsimmons is playing in Hamilton this week. Rumor has it that despite the fact that Jeffries knocked off about 417 freckles from Fitz's body in their last battle there is still a comfortable surplus remaining.

Bob wants to fight again. Yep, 'e is willin' to meet enny bloomin' bloke what thinks he knows 'ow to put up 'is fins.

"Bob" is surely talking for publication; but, strange to say, the Times hasn't interviewed His Freckles up to date.

DAME RUMOR has it that the Londons (Hortons) intend to play but two new players. This rumor cannot be verified, nor contradicted. As a matter of fact the Londons don't know themselves just who will play.

However, the rumor has caused lots of comment, and it is not all favorable to the prides of Horton street.

A prominent member of the Orientals, who has been connected with local hockey for years, stated yesterday that in his opinion if the "old gang" was kept on the Londons would get nothing but snowballs and lemons.

"That has always been the Hortons' mistake," said he. "What they need is new blood, and lots of it."

When George Powell, secretary of the club, was called up recently, he stated that the lineup was not decided upon, and wouldn't be until the night of the first game, so there is no use of crossing the bridge until it is reached.

ROB PEARSON, perhaps the greatest inside wing man that every played Rugby in Canada, dropped into town from Calgary yesterday.

Pearson is an all-around athlete, and although he is now a Methodist minister in Calgary, still finds some time to devote to hockey and curling.

Mr. Pearson will be in the city visiting friends for several days.

He is well known to Duke Shoenobian, an old London boy, who was stationed with the Mounted Police for some time at Calgary, and who is at present visiting relatives and friends in London.

The pair have had many a battle royal at curling.

JOE HAYS, the Toronto News sporting writer, has the following comment to offer on the Canadian hockey situation:

What are the senior hockey prospects for the coming season? Well, so far as the O. H. A. is concerned, the outlook does not appear to be the brightest imaginable, and it looks from this distance as if the promoters of the new professional league, comprising teams in Berlin, Guelph, Brantford and Toronto, have the chance of a lifetime to put the pro game on a firm footing in Ontario. Whether they will make the best of their opportunity remains to be seen.

It looks like they will have little to compete against in the amateur line, and if the league does not make good it will be because of mismanagement and internal dissension.

The O. H. A. had ten senior teams, five in the west and five in the east. Of this number five teams, Midland, Peterboro, Argonauts, Marlboro and Guelph are out of existence for one reason or another, Guelph, of course, only lasted part of last year before the O. H. A. got after Buck Irving and threw his whole team out. Marlboro has died a natural death. Argos, owing to the Rugby middle, were not eligible, while Peterboro and Midland are out of the running for other reasons.

Two of the five vacancies have been filled by Parkdale and Preston, making seven teams in all, St. George's, Parkdale, Kingston, Berlin, Preston, Galt and Stratford, and with the season only two weeks away it does not look as if more than two or three of this number will amount to a hill of beans from a senior standpoint. Two of the known exceptions are the new St. George's and Kingston.

WOODSTOCK EXPRESS: "Hippo" Galloway, the mulatto athlete, who has played baseball and hockey in Woodstock for the past couple of years, leaves at the beginning of the year for Wingham, where he will chase the puck this winter. Galloway is a good hockey player, and should prove an addition to the Wingham team.

FRANK ERNE, of BUFFALO, former lightweight champion of the world, is the latest of the Yankee boxers to invade England in quest of battles. Erne, who has been out of the game for many moons, following his sudden defeat at the hands of Terry McGovern, thinks he still has a lot of good fights left, and intends to make a thorough campaign of the British ranks.

ROWDY PLAYERS
ARE EXPELLED

Joe Hall and Harry Smith Put Out of the Manitoba League.

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—Harry Smith, of Ottawa, and Joe Hall, of Brandon, playing hockey with the Maple Leaf team, were expelled at a meeting of the Manitoba Professional Hockey League, held here Saturday afternoon, and which continued in adjourned sessions for 24 hours.

The meeting was called to consider the question of rough play in the match last Thursday night, between the Maple Leafs and Winnipeg. In which several members of the latter team were seriously injured. A resolution was also passed expelling the Maple Leafs from the league, but later it was decided to reconsider this move at a future meeting, which will be held Christmas Day.

The Winnipeg players have decided that they will not press further for admission to the Manitoba League. The match played last Thursday was one of a series of two which were to decide whether the Maple Leafs or Winnipeg should be admitted to the league.

Mr. James A. Moore, of St. Thomas, a well-known hide merchant, was arraigned yesterday on a charge of forgery. He pleaded not guilty, and his preliminary hearing was set down for Friday next. He was admitted to \$10,000 bail.

PROSPECTS FOR
NEW RUGBY SERIES

Hamilton, London, Peterboro and West End Y. M. C. A. Fall in Line.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—The News says: Peterboro, Hamilton and London Y. M. C. A.'s and West End Y. M. C. A. of Toronto have all written Edward Pyke, who proposes a Y. M. C. A. rugby league, endorsing the proposal and promising teams, Hamilton and Peterboro suggest Y. M. C. A. jurisdiction, and from down the proposal to make it a branch of the Ontario Rugby Football Union. The Central Y. M. C. A. of Toronto has not been heard from yet.

WOOD AND WILSON
MAY SOON MEET

Minneapolis, Dec. 24.—Minneapolis skating enthusiasts will probably see at least one great race for a championship on New Year's day. Morris Wood, amateur champion, who has turned professional, is entered in the main scheduled for this city, and it has leaked out that Johnny Nilson is in training and is out to beat the eastern crack. Nilson has already been a world's champion but retired from the game a year or two ago.

SUSPENDED MEN
ARE REINSTATED

The C. A. A. U. Takes Back
Argonauts Who Left the
Rowing Club.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—The Argonaut football players, suspended for playing against a man under the C. A. A. U.'s displeasure, who have severed their connection with the Argonaut Rowing Club, were reinstated. Banty Russell and Soldier Bill Grant are the only players still out, and they did not apply.

The list is as follows: George H. Barber, the Central Y. M. C. A. jumper; Julian Sale, Jun., Leslie Crooks, Clifton Johnson, Arthur Hewitt, O. W. Baycroft, Marion Kent, Guy Clarkson, Alex. Sinclair, W. L. Ross, L. E. Wood, Colin Shirriff, George Mara, W. G. Wood, A. C. Hannaford, Walter Flett, Keith Balfour, and Roy Russell. All these athletes are members of the newly-formed Toronto Amateur Athletic Club, and Sale, Ross, Kent, Shirriff, Sinclair, Maguire, Mara, Wood, Clarke, and Flett will be among the candidates for the T. A. A. C. intermediate hockey team. They were out to play Saturday night at Mutual Street Rink. Len Morrison, who has put on some weight, was also out, and the Toronto bid fair to have a dangerous seven.

Walter R. Knox's inquiry about his chances of readmission to amateur ranks received scant consideration.

Harry Cody, suspended by Y. M. C. A. League till February for making a false statement of age in order to compete in boys' skating races, will remain out till the term of his suspension.

Thomas P. Gorman, of Ottawa, who played a game of lacrosse in prohibited company, was reinstated.

Like action was taken in the case of James Bulger, of Cobourg, who played in a baseball game where the standing of all the other players would meet the amateur qualification.

Ralph Bearlston, of Brandon, Man., wanted permission to play on a professional hockey team as an amateur, without impairing his standing. He will be informed that this could not be done.

H. C. Henry and Tad Groulx, of Ottawa, were reinstated. Fred Loucks, who was a member of Hamilton professional lacrosse team last summer, was refused.

The cards of boxers J. H. Carroll, Dick Foster, Charles Christie, and J. Trayling, which had been withdrawn for failure to make certain declarations, had since been restored when they fulfilled the requirement. This action was approved.

The cases of Bert Brown, of Toronto, who played a game with the Toronto professional hockey team last winter, and Lieut. Constantine, now of Kingston, who played with Quebec in the Eastern League, were referred to the Ontario Hockey Association.

NO RACING DATES
ALLOTTED YET

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Secretary W. P. Fraser, of the Ontario Jockey Club, stated yesterday that dates had not yet been allotted for next season's meetings.

"A meeting will be held in January for that purpose," said Mr. Fraser. Mr. Fraser knows nothing of the reported intention of the club to extend the autumn meeting longer than the customary seven days. The usual 13-day meeting will be held in the spring.

Mr. J. A. Coulter, manager of the Ingersoll screw works, was presented with an address and a handsome French marble clock by his employees yesterday.

Well-Written and
Breezy GossipBILLY LAUDER
RETAINS TITLE

Calgary Lightweight Boxer
Defeated Kid Howell of
Minneapolis.

Calgary, Dec. 23.—Billy Lauder, the Canadian lightweight champion, retains his title. He was on for a 15-round contest with "Kid" Howell, of Minneapolis, Friday evening, and got the decision in the tenth round, though the general impression is that Howell deliberately fouled Lauder twice in order to save a knockout.

The fight was fairly even until the sixth round, when Lauder got his man going with a fierce left to the body, and for the next three rounds he played with the Minneapolis man until the two fought fairly justified Referee Smart in awarding the decision to Lauder. Both weighed in under 130 pounds.

Dave Max knocked out "Kid" Merino in the first round of one of the preliminaries.

JOKE PENALTIES FOR
MONTREAL HOCKEYISTS

Montreal, Dec. 24.—At the meeting of the Eastern Hockey League Saturday, the cases of Pud Glass and Ernie Johnson, who had broken their contracts with the Montreal team, and joined the Wanderers, were disposed of by fining Glass \$50, and suspending him till Jan. 10, and by fining Johnson \$25.

It was also provided that both men must pay the fines themselves, and not permit the team to do it for them. How that is to be carried out nobody knows.

The Wanderers are not scheduled to play Ottawa till Jan. 11, so that the suspension of Glass till Jan. 10 is a joke, like the rest of the decision.

A resolution was also adopted calling for the recognition of existing contracts, and the penalty for violation hereafter will be expulsion from the league.

A ROMANCE OF THE SEA

Wrecked in the Pacific, But Gets Home
in Time for Christmas.

New York, Dec. 24.—With a tale of hardship and privation that adds another chapter to the romance of the sea, Mate Donald Morrison, of the long-lost bark Alexandria, has arrived at his home in Southampton, L. I., in time for Christmas. The vessel was wrecked in the Pacific, and the crew put off in two boats. One reached an uninhabited island, where he and nine others remained for five months, until they were rescued by the schooner, by the sailors who had put off from the bark in the other boat, and who finally reached the mainland.

During this time they lived on turtles and lizards, and all the water they had was from a small brackish spring.

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BEER* IS GOOD FOR MOST FOLKS
(HARDLY ANOTHER BEVERAGE FEEDS SO WELL)

BEER really excels milk as a food-drink for most grown people. And many, many people cannot digest milk easily, because it is so lacking in solid food-contents. Moreover, milk is so liable to contagion that it is seldom pure when we get it in the cities. But Ontario-brewed beer is really pure,—brewed in cleanliness, of sound materials, in a sanitary way, and brought to the user in the same fit-to-drink state.

Beer Is No Stimulant

Drink beer with meals and at bedtime, as an item of diet that will help the stomach do its work better, and will feed the body besides. Don't choose beer as a stimulant, though,—it does not contain enough alcohol for that. Use it as a food-drink that induces lazy stomachs to do their work well, and so helps them get more good out of all food.

Beer Makes Better Nerves

Ontario beer is not only deliciously appetizing and refreshing, because brewed of pure malt and hops only; but, besides, all the power that hops possess to repair nerve wastes is kept in these brews. That is what makes beer so particularly good for women to drink regularly. Ask your own doctor what he thinks of beer for your household.

*BEER is a term which covers lager, ales, porter and stout; and, in the practice of Ontario brewers, implies beverages made under most hygienic conditions from Ontario barley (the best in the world) malt, hops and pure water.

BAD WEATHER POOR MARKET

LOCAL MARKET.
London, Thursday, Dec. 24.
The market today was a small one. The unfavorable weather of yesterday prevented the farmers from preparing their turkeys for today's market.

Those who delayed purchasing their turkeys until today were compelled to pay from 2 to 3 cents a pound more than was paid at Saturday's market. The buying today was mostly of a wholesale character, as the dealers and grocers, who have taken orders from their customers for turkeys and other classes of fowl had to pay the price demanded by the farmers or go without them. There were several hundred turkeys offered for sale. Otherwise the dealers would have had some difficulty in securing a sufficient number to fill their orders.

With the exception of poultry, there was not a great demand for any other class of farm products offered. There was a brisk demand for everything that was offered, and there was no hagglng about prices, as the buyers were anxious to purchase.

Grain—About ten of a dozen loads of oats were offered, for which there was a good demand at \$1.45 to \$1.48 per cwt.

Hay and straw—As was predicted in yesterday's issue of this paper, there was a good demand for what hay was offered today, and there was not a sufficient number of loads offered to supply the wants of the buyers; sales were made at \$16 to \$17 per ton. There should be a demand for at least 30 or 40 loads on Thursday. Straw sold at \$8 per ton.

Poultry—Those who had turkeys to sell were right in front of a financial standpoint, for prices were considerably higher. The farmers are not slow to take advantage of the brisk demand at any time, and they did not hesitate to do so today. Seeing that there was not any great quantity of turkeys on the market, they boosted prices up to 16c and 17c per pound, but there were not many sold at these figures. The bulk of the sales were made at 14c and 15c per pound. A few turkeys went at 13c. Ducks sold at 10c per pound. Geese at 10c and 10c per pound. Chickens, 9c to 10c, and old fowl at 7c.

Dressed Hogs—There was a good demand and prices were at \$7.50 to \$8.00 per cwt. Nearly all of the sales were made at \$7.75 per cwt.

There were not many vegetables, apples or butchers' meat offered. Sales were brisk and prices steady.

DAIRY MARKETS.

ELGIN, ILL., Dec. 23.—Butter—Firm, at 29c per lb; output for the week, 624,000 lbs.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Butter—Firm; creamery, 26c to 28c; dairies, 18c to 22c.

CHEESE—STRAW.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Butter—Strong; receipts, 5,126 packages; creamery specialties, 20c; dairies, 18c to 22c; to 28c; held, seconds to specialties, 22c to 28c; state dairy, common to finest, 20c to 28c; imitation creamery, 18c to 22c; process, common to special, 15c to 20c; western factory, common to finest, 15c to 20c.

CHEESE—FIRM. receipts, 1,610 boxes; state full cream, small colored and white, 15c; do, large, 14c; do, to 15c; do, to 16c; do, to 17c; do, to 18c; do, to 19c; do, to 20c; do, to 21c; do, to 22c; do, to 23c; do, to 24c; do, to 25c; do, to 26c; do, to 27c; do, to 28c; do, to 29c; do, to 30c; do, to 31c; do, to 32c; do, to 33c; do, to 34c; do, to 35c; do, to 36c; do, to 37c; do, to 38c; do, to 39c; do, to 40c; do, to 41c; do, to 42c; do, to 43c; do, to 44c; do, to 45c; do, to 46c; do, to 47c; do, to 48c; do, to 49c; do, to 50c; do, to 51c; do, to 52c; do, to 53c; do, to 54c; do, to 55c; do, to 56c; do, to 57c; do, to 58c; do, to 59c; do, to 60c; do, to 61c; do, to 62c; do, to 63c; do, to 64c; do, to 65c; do, to 66c; do, to 67c; do, to 68c; do, to 69c; do, to 70c; do, to 71c; do, to 72c; do, to 73c; do, to 74c; do, to 75c; do, to 76c; do, to 77c; do, to 78c; do, to 79c; do, to 80c; do, to 81c; do, to 82c; do, to 83c; do, to 84c; do, to 85c; do, to 86c; do, to 87c; do, to 88c; do, to 89c; 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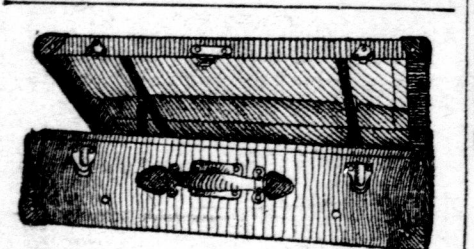
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Every sort that's liked by the men—brand-new kinds—specially ordered for Christmas. Stylish and prosperous looking—not a few, but hundreds of them—modest ones, as well. Can't name them all, but here are some:

\$3.00 Fine Soft Kid Slippers. In 25 the high-cut styles there are 200 Romeos, Nullifiers and Jesters; in the ordinary low-cut kinds there are Everetts and Operas. All shown in the new shades of chocolate and brown, also in black.

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\$1.25 A variety at these prices, comprising warm slippers, 75c fancy velvet styles, colored 65c leather, plain or embossed. In fact, all shapes and designs suitable for Christmas.

Women's Slippers

This has always been a good store for Ladies' Slippers, but just now our shelves are loaded with all the new and fetching styles, suitable for gifts, with stacks of the ordinary kinds, too. Here are just a few:

\$3.00 Women's Evening Slippers—some very catchy creations in patent leather, with extremely high heels, medium high heels, and heels of 2 1/2 inch modest height for comfort.

\$2.50 Styles with fancy straps, 25c beading and ornaments. Pumps, with silk bow, and Pumps with a strap.

\$2.00 Dancing Slippers in white, blue and pink kid.

\$2.00 Warm Slippers for house wear, in the Juliet (high-150 cut) style, and in other 150 sorts and designs, with fur trimming, soft, flexible soles, red, brown, green, brown, gray and black.

75c Women's Warm Felt 65c House Slippers in black and 50c other colors.

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Women's Black Jersey Leggins, \$1.25.
Women's Black Cloth Leggins, \$1.00.

Women's Black High-Cut Over-gaiters, 90c, 75c and 65c.
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Spats

Women's Black Spats, \$1.00, 85c, 75c, 65c and 50c.

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Women's Gray, Drab and Fawn Spats, 85c.

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Morning Paper Christmas

Christmas Day there will be one edition of the Advertiser. It will be issued at 4 a.m. and will be delivered to all subscribers.

City and District

—Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Dunn, Woodstock, will visit for a week with London friends.

—Mr. T. Percy Slack, of Sarnia, has been spending the past few days in the city.

—Miss Sarah Paladino and Mrs. Frank Fenech are visiting their sister, Mrs. M. Carvell, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

—Word has been received that Mr. Freeman H. Talbot, formerly of London Junction, is ill in Chicago with diphtheria.

—Miss Mary Henderson, of this city, is spending the Christmas vacation at her home on Buller street, Woodstock.

—Mr. J. Green, of this city, and Mr. Charles Green, of Toronto, are visiting at their home in Beachville over the holidays.

—Miss Lillian Wilson, of the New York Hospital, New York, is spending her vacation with her parents on Piccadilly street.

—Mrs. A. Tyckman, of London, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. M. Shoebottom, Graham street, Woodstock, for a couple of weeks.

—Dr. A. W. Winnett, of Kingston, is spending the Christmas holidays in the city with his parents, ex-Ald. and Mrs. Winnett, King street.

—Mr. and Mrs. Sankey, of this city, are in the city for the holidays, visiting Mrs. Sankey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenning, Suffolk street.

—Messrs. J. Darch & Sons have followed their usual Christmas custom by presenting their married employees with turkeys, and the unmarried ones with seasonable gifts.

—Christmas services in St. James' Church, South London: Holy communion at 8 a.m., also, after morning service at 11; special Christmas music. The rector will be assisted by the Rev. L. E. Davis, M. A.

—The employees of the London Soap Company presented their foreman, Mr. Thomas Lawless, with a silver-mounted set of carvers and a neatly worded address. Mr. Robert Morris read the address, an Mr. Walter Gowers made the presentation. Mr. Lawless made a very neat reply, after which he thanked all and wished them a merry Christmas.

—Open This Evening.

The Pere Marquette city ticket office will be open this evening for the sale of excursion tickets.

Remembered the Firemen.

Brener Bros., the well-known cigar manufacturers, have sent 30 boxes of cigars to the members of the fire department, a box for each man. The gift is much appreciated.

Home From the West.

Mr. T. Wentworth Stewart, of Moose Jaw, formerly of this city, is spending the holidays here. He reports that conditions are improving in the west, and trade is picking up. "The losses by frost were greatly exaggerated in many parts," declared Mr.

Stewart. "The west is rallying splendidly."

Annual "At Home."

The sergeants of the Seventh Regiment will hold their annual "At Home" this evening at the messrooms. It has been the custom to hold this function on Christmas morning, but it was decided to hold it on Christmas Eve this year. The rooms have been splendidly decorated with bunting, flags and evergreens, and are exceedingly pretty. They are most inviting and will be the scene of a very pleasant evening. The sergeants are always good entertainers, but at no function are they seen to better advantage than at their "At Home." A fine programme of songs, stories and everything necessary to make a pleasant evening will be provided. Greetings from other regiments have begun to arrive, and there are some pretty cards among them.

Married in Detroit.

A wedding of interest to Londoners took place in Detroit on Nov. 23, when Miss Ruby Hart, trained nurse, of Lansing, Mich., sister of Mrs. J. T. Gleason, of this city, was united in marriage to Mr. Louis Elden Lounsbury, of Mason, Mich. The bride was given away by her father, Mr. Hubert Hart, of Petrolia. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Warren. The bride was assisted by her cousin, Miss Anna Carr, of Buffalo, and the groomsmen being Mr. Byron Lounsbury, brother of the groom. Immediately after the ceremony the guests adjourned to the residence of Mr. H. A. Hart, 2323 1/2 Arnold street, where a very sumptuous wedding breakfast was partaken of. The happy couple left on the evening train for Chicago and points west. The bride's going-away gown was of green broadcloth, with hat to match. Guests were present from Buffalo, London, Detroit, Lansing and Sandwich. The bride will be at home to her many friends after Jan. 15, 1908.

Died in the West.

The death occurred at Bratt's Lake, Sask., last week of Mr. John Stratten, formerly of Strathroy, and well known in this neighborhood. He was only 39 years of age, and his untimely death is much regretted. The Regina Leader has the following: Mr. John Stratten, of Bratt's Lake, a brother of the late Mrs. John Reynolds, and son-in-law of John Carruthers, died yesterday morning at his residence, after an illness of about one week's duration. Mr. Stratten formerly came to this neighborhood about fifteen years ago from Middlesex County, Ontario, and since that time the deceased had become well known as a successful farmer. He acted for some time as trustee of the Buck Lake school, and made his last visit to this city about a week ago to transact some school business. At that time he appeared to be in sound health, but the development of an abscess on the brain on his return caused him to take to his bed, and the trouble terminated fatally. His passing away at the early age of 39 is much regretted, and sympathy is felt for the widow and five children who survive him. The funeral took place from the residence of Mr. T. J. Little, 1850 Hamilton street, Regina.

LONDON WOMAN

PLEADED HER CASE

Mrs. Anna K. Daniels, Formerly of Strathroy, Appears in Court.

Mrs. Anna K. Daniels, daughter of the late Alexander Johnston, of Strathroy, who has been stopping at the Tecumseh House in this city for several weeks, created a mild sensation in Toronto yesterday when she appeared before Justice Falconbridge, and argued a case on her own behalf. Mrs. Daniels, who has been residing in New York, came to London perhaps six weeks ago. Since that time she has visited every lawyer in the city in an attempt to interest them in a case which she alleges to have against the London and Western Trust Company as liquidators of the defunct Birkbeck Loan Company, which she claims caused her to pay a mortgage twice.

Took Up the Case.

At least three different lawyers took up Mrs. Daniels' case, but dropped it shortly, because they claimed she refused to take advice of any kind.

Mrs. Daniels recently created a sensation at the local court house by giving Judge Talbot Macbeth a piece of her mind.

Later, it is said, that admission to the judge's chambers was ordered to be denied her, as his honor did not care to argue the case over again.

Sheriff Cameron has also been interviewed by Mrs. Daniels.

Mrs. Daniels is a large, well-dressed woman, and is said to have inherited a big estate in New York.

Of Mrs. Daniels' latest escapade the Toronto Star says: "A decidedly novel occurrence took place in the court of King's Bench before Chief Justice Falconbridge this morning. A Mrs. Daniels, of New York, appeared on her own behalf in court and applied to his lordship for a mandamus directing the county judge of the county of Middlesex to order a reference into a dispute between herself and the London and Western Trust Company, regarding a certain mortgage on No. 72 Admiral road, this city. She claims that a mortgage for \$1,100, executed in favor of the London and Western Trust Company, which the trust company is acting, has been paid twice over. The lady, who informed the court that she was a lawyer of New York State, was most voluble in stating her case, and at times even became vehement, some of her accusations against the various parties connected with the defense being exceedingly strong. After listening to her case for something like an hour, his lordship reserved his decision, pending a reply from the other side. She announced her intention of remaining in Toronto till she heard it. Mrs. Daniels was a Miss Johnston, and was born in Strathroy, Ont., and is a sister of Mr. Frank K. Johnston, who used to practice law here, but removed to New York, where he has recently been elected an assemblyman.

The New story varies slightly. After Chief Justice Falconbridge had risen in single court at Osgoode Hall this morning, and had retired to his room, a visiting lawyer-at-law from New York City appeared with a case to present. The chief justice returned, and Mrs. Anna K. Daniels, 308 West Fifty-eighth street, very

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ceedings will be brought, was averse, of course, to discussing the case. His nephew, a civil lawyer, learned in the jurisprudence of the church, is J. Ashton Devereaux.

"I think it will not be successfully converted," said Mr. Devereaux, "that Osborne became a Catholic after the wedding. Upon that ground his marriage with Miss Maloney may be annulled. There is the additional ground that they never lived together. Which may prove the most effective in setting Miss Maloney free remains to be decided upon."

What Osborne's attitude is now on the Maloney side is willing to say. It is expected that Mr. Maloney will arrive in this city in a few days, when the initial steps in the proceedings for annulment will be taken. Miss Maloney will remain in Italy until her presence is necessary for the trial of the civil action.

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THE MALONEY MUDDLE

Sever the Marriage Ties Is Now Plan of Philadelphia Heirs.

Philadelphia, Dec. 24.—The first light from an authentic source cast upon the status of the marriage ventures of Helen Maloney, daughter of Martin Maloney, the gas and oil millionaire of this city, and of her flight to Europe with a man not her husband was supplied today in a statement in which it was said an effort to free her from her husband would be made.

First of all, the question was set at rest as to the whereabouts of Miss Maloney, as Andrew P. Maloney, brother of the young woman's father, still calls her, despite his admission that the family does not deny the validity of Helen's marriage to Arthur H. Osborne, late of Pittsburgh, now of New York. It was said that Miss Maloney had never been to this country since she sailed from Montreal last October in the company of Samuel Clarkson, the Englishman with whom she was reported to have contracted a second marriage. Until a few weeks ago she was in Paris, it was said, but at present she is in Italy, not a hundred miles from the Eternal City.

Until recently her father was with her, but he is now on the ocean bound for this country. He, too, it was said, has not been in this country since October last.

William J. Fanning, of New York, and William F. Harrity, of Philadelphia, are the lawyers who have undertaken the task of setting free Miss Maloney from Osborne. Although in 1905 they were made man and wife, they have never lived together. It is upon this fact that the demand for annulment will be made. Archbishop Ryan, through whom the church pro-

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